



# The Patriot Press



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## From the District Chairman

It's time to register! After over three years of planning, the Trout-o-Ree/Fish-O-Ree/Spring Camporee is here. It will take place on Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Graves Mountain Farm and Lodge at 205 Graves Mountain Lane, Syria, Virginia 22743 (540) 923-4231. This is a joint camporee with Prince William and Patriot Districts, with Prince William District having the lead. The Trout-O-Ree flyer published by Prince William District is included in this issue of the Patriot Press on page 20.

Register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDTrouutoree2022>. The cost before March 28 is \$25 for Scouts and adults and \$30 for each after that date. The cost for Webelos Scouts and Webelos Scouts adults is \$5. Unfortunately, Webelos only can visit for the day – they cannot camp overnight. All Scout BSA unit leaders are asked to notify Pat Ring by email at [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com) if they are attending the Trout-O-Ree or not. Units attending please give Pat an estimate of how many are attending. Units that do not plan to attend, please let us know so that we are not looking for you. Thanks.

The camporee program consists of fishing and fly fishing from streams and ponds. There will be instruction for Scouts learning how to fish on all aspects, including how to clean and cook a fish. The camporee is also sponsoring a fishing derby. Additionally, Scouts can participate in adventure activities such as archery, sling shot, the climbing wall, trebuchet firing, gaga ball, volleyball, and pancake flipping. (You get to eat the pancakes and it is free.)

**Special note; All people fishing the main river, the Rose River, that are 16 years or older must have a fishing license with TROUT Stamp which can be purchased at most sporting goods stores or on-line at <https://dgiflicense.virginianteractive.org>. The Syria Mercantile sells licenses but the lines are very long so it is suggested that you purchase fishing licenses before you arrive.**

Looking ahead to summer camping activities, please note that camperships are available. NCAC is committed to making sure that every Scout who wants to can attend a Cub Scout Day Camp or an overnight camp at Camp Goshen or Camp Snyder can do so. Every year, donors give funds through Friends of Scouting and the Endowment Fund to support scholarships for summer camp attendance. It can make a difference. Sixty years ago, the company my father worked for was in a merger, his position was eliminated, and he was let go. However, my younger brother and I were still able to go to Scout camp. The experience was memorable, and we both enjoyed ourselves. Years later, I learned from my mother that we attended on camperships. Unit leaders can apply for camperships from the Patriot District DE, Bobby Walker, at [Bobby.Walker@scouting.org](mailto:Bobby.Walker@scouting.org) or (434) 429-4112.

**Special Service Project Opportunity.** A local community neighborhood association is looking for help in cleaning up a small cemetery dating from the 1700s. A piece describing this need was originally published in the Patriot Press last spring; it is being republished in this issue on page 18. **Help is still needed.** The site is believed to contain the burial site of a Revolutionary War soldier. The plot was last cleaned up ten years ago in 2012 by a Scout unit. The point of contact is Pat Tarasek at [tarasekpat@msn.com](mailto:tarasekpat@msn.com).

Bill Dexter  
Patriot District Committee Chair





## From the District Commissioner

Good news! March is hopefully the last month with an entirely virtual District Roundtable on Zoom. Our April Roundtable will be in person at the [Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge](#) on Arlington Blvd. in Fairfax, with a streamed simulcast on Zoom for those who cannot make it in person. In the meantime, come celebrate the last Zoom Roundtable with us from the comfort of your own home on March 10<sup>th</sup>! As always, our fantastic Roundtable staff has a fun and informative program planned. [Register here.](#)

On Saturday, I was at our first District Pinewood Derby championship since the pandemic hit. Watching the excited and happy faces of our Cub Scouts as cars they built raced down the track was a great reminder why we do what we do as Scout leaders. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, commented that “Scouting is a game with a purpose.” Today we saw the game. The purpose, which the Cubs may not fully realize for many years, involved learning sportsmanship, following rules and principles of fair play, learning how to design and build a car with their own hands in partnership with a parent or other adult, and most of all, having fun while doing so. I hope that many years from now some of them stumble across an old Pinewood Derby car or two that they made and it brings a smile to their faces. That happened to me (although when I lubed the wheels and raced it in the “masters” race in my sons’ Pack, it still didn’t win, just like in when I was a Bear Cub). 😊

Looking forward to other live events coming up, we’re holding our first-ever spring Scouts BSA recruiting event, called “#AdventureON 2022” at Burke Lake Park on March 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. We will be heavily advertising it throughout the community between now and the 20<sup>th</sup> to reach Scouting-aged youth who are not already in the program, and of course we’re looking forward to all our Webelos Scouts attending. It’s a great opportunity to not only build enthusiasm about all the adventures that await them in Scouts BSA, but also gives them a head start in thinking about Troops they might want to join when they cross over next year. If every Scout and Webelos Scout invites just one friend who’s not currently a Scout, it will be an incredible success. We’ll have a lot more information about this program at Roundtable.

We’re going to have an incredible spring “Trout-o-Ree” Camporee with the Prince William District on April 1-3 at Graves Mountain in Syria, Virginia. It’s the beginning of trout fishing season, there’s one of the best stocked trout streams in the state on-site (a great way to earn the fishing merit badge in a single day!), and we have lots and lots of other fun activities. I recently toured the site, and I am really looking forward to a unique and memorable camporee. I hope every Troop will participate. [Registration is open.](#)

The acclaimed Patriot District Day Camp, in partnership with our friends in the Old Dominion District, is back again this year at Occoquan Regional Park from July 11-15. The theme is Superheros, and the Cubs may get to meet some real-life superheros from right here in our own community! [Registration is now open.](#) Register soon to get the discounted early bird rate.

When you deliver the promise of Scouting, you’re changing the world one child at a time!

*Ken Gaul*  
*Patriot District Commissioner*  
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### Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)



#### March 2022

- 5 Patriot District Pinewood Derby
- 5 BCOLS Training, Part 1
- 8 Commissioner Meeting (*Remote*)
- 10 Roundtable (*Remote*)
- 12 NCAC Commissioner College
- 12-13 Wilderness First Aid Training (Camp Snyder)
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20 Scouts BSA Recruiting Event (Burke Lake Park)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 26-27 BALOO (Camp Snyder)

#### April 2022

- 1-3 Spring Camporee (Trout-o-Ree)
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 22-24 Family Camping (Camp Snyder)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-May 1 OA Ordeal (Camp Snyder)
- 30 NCAC Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training

#### May 2022

- 8 Mother's Day
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting – Welcome New Members
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 20-22 Family Camping (Camp Snyder)
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 27-30 Goshen Family Camp

BALOO	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association







All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

**The Purpose of the Roundtable:**

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

**Remote Meeting via Zoom:** Connection instructions will be sent via email.

**Midway:** 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

**Topics:** Annual Planning, Camp Coordination, Summer Planning

**Word of the month:** Thrifty

**Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!**

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
[cweskrige@gmail.com](mailto:cweskrige@gmail.com)



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

**Remote Meeting:** Connection instructions will be sent via email.

**Social:** 7:30 PM (get signed in to Zoom)

**Midway:** 7:45 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:00 - 9:00 PM

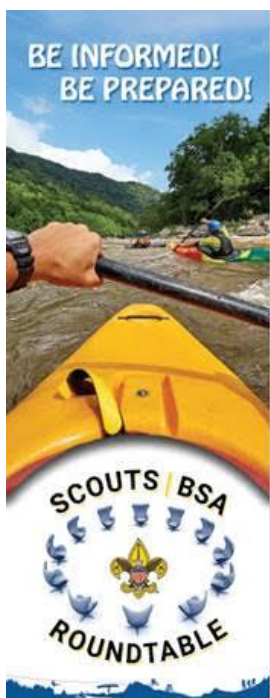
**Please invite another leader from your Troop to join us at Roundtable!**

**Topics:** Games – Virtual and In-Person, AOL to Scout Transition  
PLC Meetings – SM Guidance and Coaching

*Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner*

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*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest*



## Scouter Interview: Bob Phillips

Patrick Ring

Bob Phillips is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1533G and was one of the 2021 Patriot District Outstanding Scoutmaster awardees. He was a 2021 National Outstanding Eagle Scout awardee for the NCAC. When he's not providing leadership for the Troop, Bob is the Director of the Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care in Washington, DC, and a practicing family physician in Fairfax. His favorite Scouting activity is Pioneering, particularly building things with lashings.



**Patrick Ring (PR):** How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later as Scoutmaster of Pack 1533G?

**Bob Phillips (BP):** I joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in Ft. Bliss, Texas, in 1977, where I enjoyed cross-border camporees with Scouts from Mexico. As my family moved with the military, I was fortunate to experience Scouting in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, where I earned my Eagle Rank in 1982. I became a Scout leader again during my two sons' Scouting careers, first as a Den Leader in Pack 1533 and then an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of 1533B. So it was no question, as Scouts BSA began to welcome girls, that I would help stand up our Girls Troop. Thankfully, I was joined by my wife, Kathy, and several other 1533B parents whose daughters wanted the same great Scouting experiences that their brothers had enjoyed. Seeing my daughter, Juliet, join her brothers as an Eagle Scout, and she and Kathy elected to Order of the Arrow, were wonderful moments.

**PR:** What are some challenges you faced as a Scoutmaster and how did you meet those challenges?

**BP:** Not everyone has been welcoming to girls in Scouts BSA, but the bigger issue has been raising awareness about language that is not inclusive but not intentional. Our young ladies responded by stepping up to challenges with pride. They came in second for troop honors in their first summer camp at Camp Olmstead in 2019, and this past year received top honors. My job as Scoutmaster has been to help coach changes in language to acknowledge that girls are part of Scouting. Rarely, I've called out slights as not fitting the Scout Law.

**PR:** Did you experience any surprises as Scoutmaster?

**BP:** Hearing regularly, "Dr. Phillips, we've got this." Girls generally have more executive function earlier than boys, so the adults have worked at pulling back to let the girls lead themselves and focus on coaching about Scouting principles and resources. It has made me a better Scouting adult leader.

**PR:** What has been your unit's recruiting experience and do you have any recruiting recommendations?

**BP:** Most of our recruiting success has been Scouts bringing friends. The girls are often drawn to our outdoor program and intrigued about the relatively new opportunity to be an Eagle Scout. The other main route has been through BeAScout and older girls looking for Troops for the same reasons. As we enter our fourth year, we finally have our first class of AOL Scouts visiting. Pack feeders and direct recruitment in elementary schools had been our lifeline in the Boys Troop, but it has not been that yet for the Girls Troop.

**PR:** Do you have any tips for a new Scoutmaster?

**BP:** My two main tips are: (1) Coach, don't solve – help the girls prepare for success but avoid the temptation to solve their problems; (2) recruit other adult leaders into specific coaching roles and model tip #1 for them.

**PR:** What are some of your most memorable experiences as a Scouter?

**BP:** Eagle Scout ceremonies, to be sure, but I also treasure each instance of a Scout smiling after a successful leadership moment and each squeal of pure joy – on a river, a rock face, or around a campfire.

**PR:** Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Patriot District Scouters?

**BP:** I am grateful to be part of a group of adults who, despite considerable challenges over the last few years, are working to keep Scouting alive and well. I believe that now, more than ever, Scouting is one of the best programs for helping youth become good citizens and valuable leaders. Registered female Scouters remain a precious resource in Scouts BSA, and I hope we can focus on helping them feel welcome and respected.

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*Patrick Ring is a Member at Large of the Patriot District Committee*



*“Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is.”*

*~ Jessica Harrelson, Author*

## Friends of Scouting Campaign Status – March 5, 2022



As Patriot District Committee Chairman, I am responsible for the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign for our District. In this letter I want to give you my personal views. I believe in Scouting in NCAC, and I understand that organizations need funds to operate. I feel I must lead by example and last December 2021, I made the first pledge in the name of Patriot District for the 2022 Campaign.

I believe NCAC is a good steward of our funds. During the previous two years, Council reduced their expenditures to conserve resources. Additionally, Scouters and Scout families continued to generously support NCAC with donations to the Friends of Scouting Campaigns and to the Endowment Fund. NCAC also applied for and received over \$1.8 million in government pandemic relief funding to support continuing operations. All of these funds were used to maintain a strong Scouting program in the National Capital area.

At our last Council wide Key 3 meeting, we declared, “We are ready to move from Survive mode back to Thrive mode”. At Council level and in Patriot District we are on the go. The last District event before the pandemic was the district level Pinewood Derby in March 2020. This Saturday, we just concluded the 2022 Pinewood Derby in person and our Cub Scouts loved it.

The Patriot District FOS campaign goal for 2022 is \$68,000. This is our plan to meet it: Members of the District Staff and Commissioner Corps will donate \$16,000. They have already donated/pledged over \$10,000 this year. The remaining \$52,000 in funds will come from units, primarily Troops and Packs. We need the largest 12 troops to raise \$3,000 each and the largest 5 packs to raise \$2,000. The remaining Troops and Packs need to contribute at least \$1,000 each in donations.

People often question, “How much should I donate?” Here are some suggestions. If every family donated \$35, we would make our goal. Unfortunately, we know many families cannot afford to donate anything at this time due to financial difficulties, so this is what we ask:

- Each family that is able to do so, please donate \$20 to \$35.
- Families that are in better shape, please donate \$50 to \$100.
- Families that strongly believe in Scouting, please donate \$20 a month for a total of \$240.
- Fortunate families, please donate \$500 to a \$1,000.

There are several ways to donate. You can mail in a check or give it to you unit FOS coordinator. Another way is to pay on-line using an electric check or credit card. Additionally, NCAC has the capability to accept donations from the United Way or the Federal Combined Campaign. NCAC also accepts donations of appreciated stock, and donations made from IRA required minimum distributions or from a Donor Advised Fund. **No matter how you donate, please make sure to notate that you are part of Patriot District so that we get credit for it.**

If you have any questions about FOS and its critical importance to funding the NCAC Scouting program, please contact our District Executive, Bobby Walker, at [Bobby.Walker@Scouting.org](mailto:Bobby.Walker@Scouting.org) or (434) 429-4112. You may also contact me by email at [wt Dexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wt Dexterjr@gmail.com) or by phone at (703) 978-2632.

*Bill Dexter*  
*Patriot District Committee Chair*





## Patriot District Pinewood Derby 2022



After a one-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 5, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. It was a beautiful day for racing, and once again the event was a great success. 119 Cub Scouts, from 17 Patriot District Packs, registered to compete. Along with the Scouts, we had many parents, siblings and friends join in the fun. It was a memorable and fun-filled day for all!

For those that may not be aware, the District PWD was the very last event prior to the COVID-19 shutdown in March of 2020. It seems fitting somehow that the first unrestricted District event AFTER the shutdown would end up being our 2022 Pinewood Derby!

For the tenth consecutive year, the event was organized and led by Pete Griffiths, Patriot District PWD Chair, who also served as the Race Director. He was assisted by numerous Scouters and young Scouts BSA volunteers who helped to ensure everything went as smoothly as possible from start to finish. The leadership team consisted of several returning veterans including, our MC's Joe Margraf and Justin Day, Bill Dexter (various duties including supervision of registration), Steve Smith (venerable Pit Crew Boss and fix-it man), Pete's sons Peter, Jr. (registration) and Max (start sequencer). Several new members of the team included Brian Roethlisberger (our race starter), Gary Black (photographer), and Pete's "Best Girl" Terry Dykeman (who helped throughout and provided emotional support to the Race Director!). Also with us throughout the day were Dan Lotz and Mike Gertz, who assisted in many ways, but especially in providing Derby setup and teardown help. A special thanks to Rob Irvine, our new official PWD DJ, who gave us music and audio throughout the day (awesome addition this year!).



PWD 2022 MC's

As in previous years, our PWD MC's provided all in attendance with non-stop, always-stay-on-your-toes entertainment. While providing heat-by-heat announcing, our MC's contended with a number of odd visitors this year, including Iron Man, Spider Man, Black Panther, and an elderly gentleman looking for directions to some other derby. Amazingly, they all sounded like Joe Margraf, but who really knows!

Participating Cub Scouts competed in either Speed or Show categories within their respective Dens: Lions, Tigers, Bears, Wolves, Webelos Scouts, and Arrow of Light. Throughout the day, our Cub Scouts exemplified good sportsmanship, and it was inspiring once again to see these amazing future leaders together competing with fairness and respect.

For the speed competition, each car raced on the three lanes in use, with the lowest average time used to determine first, second, and third place winners. During the races, the Cub Scouts enjoyed cycling through as "starters" of each heat using the venerable PWD "plunge-o-matic," an indestructible(!) TNT detonator-like device that triggers the start-gate when the Cubs push down on the handle. The plunger, unofficially named "Go ahead and try to break me" has been with the Patriot District for many years now, but suffering no scars from our sometimes-overly-energetic Scouts!

For the second time, in the decade since Pete has been recording times, there was a no-kidding tie (for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Bear Den)! With a time of 3.1750, after averaging the three heat times together, with




measurements out to the ten-thousandths place, a tie-breaker heat was run. The results of the runoff was within 30 thousandths of a second; these are some seriously close times!

In addition to the strong support provided by the core PWD team, invaluable assistance in a number of important areas was provided throughout the day by Scouts BSA from Troop 1346 and Troop 1345G. They helped with registration, moving cars from the registration site to the show table or the racing cars Impound Lot, and also shuttling cars from the finish line back to the start between races. The Scouts also judged the Show competition, making their decisions based on demonstrated creativity and car craftsmanship. A hearty thank you to all of these assisting Scouts for their invaluable contributions.

Once again we extend our appreciation to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track and hardware/software system. Lastly, a special thanks to everyone who participated in the setup on Friday evening and to those who stuck around for teardown and clean-up late on Saturday afternoon after the roar of the races had subsided and the crowd was gone.

The 2022 Patriot District Pinewood Derby again provided all participants and spectators with an extremely rewarding day marked by a steady stream of excitement, laughter, and typical Scouting goofiness. Overall, we were all also blessed to witness frequent reminders of the ideals and values that make this thing known as Scouting such a powerful and lasting growth medium for our young men and women. We look forward to seeing you all again in March of 2023! Cub Scout trophy winners in the Speed and Show categories are listed in the following table.

			
<i>Speed</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
Lion Den	<b>Nate L.</b> <i>Pack 698</i>	<b>Caleb S.</b> <i>Pack 1865</i>	<b>Ella Y.</b> <i>Pack 1965</i>
Tiger Den	<b>Kyle C.</b> <i>Pack 50</i>	<b>Teddy C.</b> <i>Pack 1965</i>	<b>Eli B.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>
Wolf Den	<b>Deacon L.</b> <i>Pack 698</i>	<b>Quinn L.</b> <i>Pack 1968</i>	<b>Brennan T.</b> <i>Pack 1131</i>
Bear Den	<b>Leo S.</b> <i>Pack 1968</i>	<b>Zachary P.</b> <i>Pack 1864</i>	<b>Daniel H.</b> <i>Pack 873</i>
Webelos Den	<b>Riley H.</b> <i>Pack 1967</i>	<b>Jackson L.</b> <i>Pack 698</i>	<b>Garrett S.</b> <i>Pack 1346</i>
AOL Den	<b>Emma Y.</b> <i>Pack 1965</i>	<b>Derek R.</b> <i>Pack 1865</i>	<b>Paddy F.</b> <i>Pack 1344</i>
<i>Show</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
Lion Den	<b>Matthew V.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>	<b>Oliver T.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>	<b>Jasper K.</b> <i>Pack 41</i>
Tiger Den	<b>Henry S.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>	<b>Cooper H.</b> <i>Pack 1967</i>	<b>Jeremy K.</b> <i>Pack 1347</i>
Wolf Den	<b>Gavin C.</b> <i>Pack 1131</i>	<b>Nathan K.</b> <i>Pack 1347</i>	<b>Max K.</b> <i>Pack 41</i>
Bear Den	<b>Logan G.</b> <i>Pack 1968</i>	<b>Collin F.</b> <i>Pack 1967</i>	<b>Matthew V.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>
Webelos Den	<b>Connor S.</b> <i>Pack 1346</i>	<b>Drew G.</b> <i>Pack 1967</i>	<b>Randolph S.</b> <i>Pack 1864</i>
AOL Den	<b>Braden H.</b> <i>Pack 1344</i>	<b>Bennett K.</b> <i>Pack 1865</i>	<b>Connor J.</b> <i>Pack 1345</i>

<http://PatriotPinewoodDerby.us>

*Pete Griffiths*  
District Pinewood Derby Chair





PWD 2022 in Pictures

Speed and Show Winners and Friends



Lions



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos Scouts



Arrow of Light



Registration and PWD Visitors



The Registration Crew



Spiderman



Darth Vader



The Commish

### Patriot District Program News

#### Family Camping Dates: Camp Snyder

- April 22 – 24
- May 20 – 22

Program elements include shooting sports, archery, arts and crafts, climbing wall, and more.



#### Goshen Family Camp

- May 27 – 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

#### Wilderness First Aid

As of late January, all **Wilderness First Aid Classes** scheduled are “Sold Out.” However, they are looking into finding more ARC WFA Certified instructors. Any adult Scouter certified to teach Red Cross Wilderness First Aid is encouraged to contact Stephanie Messenger ([Camp.Snyder@scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@scouting.org)) or Eric Smith ([eric.smith@scouting.org](mailto:eric.smith@scouting.org))

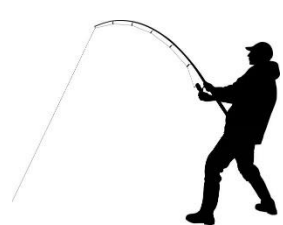
#### COPE Game Days

Are you looking for ways to get your youth working as a team? Have they had leadership training, but when the time comes to get something done, no one steps up? Are they focused only when there’s a clear task? When the task is done, do they chat or pull out their smartphones? You could use COPE.

The Council COPE committee is hosting monthly Games Days, once a month, from 9:00 AM to noon. The games on a Game Day will focus on a purpose for that day, such as problem solving, self-esteem, decision making, communication, planning, leadership, teambuilding, and trust. You’ll see the game, play the game, then reflect on what happened, why it happened, and what you could do in the future. Then we’ll play the game again (to cement what was learned) or play another game. The registration link is [https://scoutingevent.com/082-Game\\_Days](https://scoutingevent.com/082-Game_Days). Older youth are welcome.



#### Prince William / Patriot District Trout-O-Ree April 1 – 3



Start Spring Break out with a weekend of fun, adventure and learning. The Trout-O-Ree is opening weekend of fishing season when the Commonwealth of Virginia restocks many of the rivers with Trout and other fish. Learn to Fish, or if you are already a fisherman, enter the contests to see how many you can “Catch and Release.” Other activities include Climbing wall, Dodge Ball, GaGa Ball, Archery, and selected merit badge offerings. See full set of instructions sent to all units by our Grand Master of Camporees, Mr. Dexter.

#### Service Opportunity for Older Scouts and OA Members – Be a Super Hero

The Theme for Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp, July 11 – 13, at Occaquon Regional Park is Super Heros. Older Scouts and OA Members are welcomed and encouraged to be a Superhero to the Cub Scouts this summer. Help with Scout skills areas, arts and crafts, sports, climbing wall, archery and slingshots, nature, and possibly a special event. Please let us know by sending a note stating your name, days you can help, and areas where in which you would like to help to [patriot-program@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-program@ncacbsa.org).



## **Climbing Certification**

Become a climbing mentor for your unit and give Scouts the adventure of climbing on nearby natural rock. The NCAC Climbing Committee will offer April 2022 Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Devil's Kitchen climbing area on Maryland's Sugarloaf Mountain. Contact the Course Director at [ncac.climbing@gmail.com](mailto:ncac.climbing@gmail.com) for details and to register for the event.

## **Climbing Wall**

Are you looking for a "hands-on" way to promote your programs? Consider using our 24' mobile climbing tower, the Scouterhorn. Unit leaders can become trained tower operators, then rent the Scouterhorn for unit and District events. Contact [NCAC.COPE@gmail.com](mailto:NCAC.COPE@gmail.com) for details. Please put Scouterhorn in the subject line.

## **Camps at Goshen and Camp Snyder Still Have Opening for Counsellors.**

Applicants must be at least 14 to apply for positions as Counselors in training(CIT), 15 for most paid counselors positions, 18 for positions as Commissioners and some Director positions and at least 21 for some Program Director positions, such as Aquatics and Shooting Sports. More information can be found at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/> and <https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>.

## **Near-Term Calendar**

- April 10: OA Chapter Meeting
- April 29 – May 1: Order of the Arrow Ordeal, Camp Snyder
- May 8 – Patriot OA Chapter Meeting: Welcome new members

*John Merchant*  
*Vice Chair, Program*







## OA NEWS ITEMS



### Patriot Chapter Meeting, Sunday, March 13 3:00 – 4:30 via ZOOM

We are meeting again this month via ZOOM, because we do not have much on the agenda. Next month we will have a service project on the Second Sunday. Details will be sent to members in a separate email next week. Our youth leadership is still working on the final agenda but the primary topic will be finishing up some last few elections, information about the service project for the April Meeting and , and planning for our Spring Ordeal – April 29 – May 1. We may also invite a Lodge Officer for some words of wisdom and inspiration. All OA Members are welcome to join us. Unit Leaders: Please ask your UOAR to be present, if possible.

### Last Call for 2022 OA Dues

The time is closing in that our chapter can get a \$2.50 credit per member who renews their dues before April 1. The dues also increase on April 1 from \$14 to \$16 for the year. You must be current on your dues in order to wear the sash or participate in OA activities or be considered for OA leadership positions or awards. You get a lot for your inexpensive dues, especially if you are active. Dues can be paid at <https://wipit470.org/dues.html> **NOTE:** For those who completed their Ordeal in Fall 2021: Your dues through 2022 are already paid, it was part of the cost of the Ordeal.

### Election Season is Well underway

As of March 4, we have completed eight unit visits and have seven scheduled in the next few weeks. We are making great progress! Visiting a Unit that is not yours as an OA representative, is a good experience: you can see how other units work, and you may learn something. So come to the OA Chapter meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and volunteer to help with an election.

### NOAC 2022

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is scheduled for July 25 – July 30, 2022. It will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. The conference is a week full of training, shows, making connections with members from across the country, and a lot of fun and games. The Lodge is organizing buses, patches, and other things for the NCAC's Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. If interested, check the Lodge web site for more information at <https://wipit470.org/noac.html>. You can also download a brochure from there. Financial help is available for those who need it, and spots are being reserved for those inducted in the Spring. I understand that one of two busses is already full and the second bus is starting to fill.



### Near-Term Calendar

- March 12: OA and Older Scouts help with Commissioner's College
- April 1 – 3: Lodge Spring Fellowship
- April 29 – May 1: Patriot/George Mason Spring Ordeal



## Patriot District Training Updates

Happy March to everyone. I can almost smell Spring and I hope you are all excited for a bit of warmer camping weather! The big news this month is that BALOO is coming up at the end of the month on March 26-27. Remember that it is always wise to have multiple BALOO trained people in your pack. If your pack has not registered anyone yet, the registration is at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PATRIOTSPRING22BALOO>

For the Scouts BSA program, IOLS will be on June 4-5 with the cost of the course again being \$30. The registration for the course is at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PATRIOTSPRING22IOLS>

Continuing on the adult training continuum, registration for the Spring 2022 Wood Badge course is now open and filling fast. If you have not taken Wood Badge before, now is the time to do it! If you haven't considered taking Wood Badge, I would encourage you to learn more about the opportunity. It is well worth the time to attend and will make you and your unit all the better for it. The course will be held April 29-May 1 and May 14-15. Registration can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

For those of you who have attended Wood Badge, the training opportunities don't stop there! The next step is to attend Leadership Challenge. The Leadership Challenge takes the concepts introduced in Wood Badge and has you apply them in real-world scenarios set in the outdoors. It is also a fantastic opportunity to network with Scouters from all over the country as these are national courses. There are two courses a year, with one being offered at Summit-Bechtel and one at Philmont. In 2022, the Summit's course will be June 19-25, and Philmont's course will be September 18-24. If you have any questions about this course, please reach out to me; I will be happy to share my experience regarding the course.

**Summit Leadership Challenge:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/summit-leadership-challenge-2/>

**Philmont Leadership Challenge:** <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/plc/>

As we all know, training isn't just for the adults. Our youth deserve amazing training opportunities as well and I am happy to say that the council is busy putting together 4 courses of NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). Registration for the Summer '22 courses opened on March 5 and can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49373> I'm also very excited to say that one of Patriot's own Scouts is the Senior Patrol Leader for one of the courses this summer.

As with the adults, the training opportunities don't stop with NYLT. The youth also have a course similar to the Leadership Challenge called NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience). NAYLE takes the concepts introduced in NYLT and challenges participating youth with real-world scenarios to practice those leadership concepts. As with the Leadership Challenge, it is offered at both The Summit and Philmont. For 2022, The Summit is running two courses: June 19-25 and July 3-9. Philmont is running six courses weekly from June 19 to July 24. For more information on NAYLE, the links are:

**Summit:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle>

**Philmont:** <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

Finally, don't forget that you can attend training put on by any district, so if one of our training sessions doesn't work for your schedule, be sure to check out the Council's calendar to see what is available. The calendar can be found at the following link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar/>

Yours in Scouting,

*Justin Day*  
Training Chair  
[patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com](mailto:patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com)



## One Scout's Experience: Cold Winter Camping

Reid Arbes, Tenderfoot Scout, Troop 1523

Our Troop recently went on a very cold, two-night campout in January in Pennsylvania. There were 23 Scouts and 9 adults on the campout. The temperatures got as cold as -2 degrees. We couldn't have food that had to be boiled, because it would just cool down again. My group and I made the mistake of not bringing boil-free food. Eventually though, we got the water boiling. Thanks to Odin Hirsch for making dinner!

Winter camping is hard to do and some could underpack. I shared a tent with two others. I brought a sleeping bag and three blankets to keep me warm while sleeping. At night, though, the temperatures got even lower than they were during the day. The frost leaked in and melted, so all of my belongings exposed to the air were drenched by morning.

Some bad things about the campout were that you moved very slowly and could fall and trip very easily; it was very cold and you could get hypothermia or frostbite. Thankfully, no one got hypothermia or frostbite during the campout, which was definitely one of the better things that happened.

Some of the good things about winter camping are that you can slide on a pond if it is frozen enough, and you can do orienteering or hiking. You have time to spend with friends, and you can talk about stuff at the campfire.

Overall, I think the campout went well. The parents said that we could have had better teamwork and cooperation. Another thing that could have been better was that we all could have been a little more prepared. I could probably have thought of more things to take with me, like a chair. Since the parents decided to let us have some free time on the pond, we didn't get to do the fire-building competition. When I got home, I had many great Scouting memories.



Hiking in the Snow



Finally Getting Warm!



A Bit Cold for a Swim



Thorns and Roses

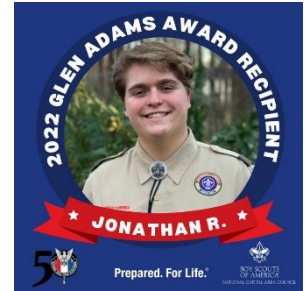


Frigid Fun!



## Patriot District Scout Wins Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award

Eagle Scout Jon Rummel of Troop 1346 was recently named the winner of the 2022 Glenn A. And Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award for the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). The project involved building and deploying artificial fish habitats, also known as fish attractors, at six different locations at Burke Lake. Jon deployed three different types of artificial habitats at each of the six sites: wood pallet, bucket trees, and hose matrix types. He created and established a total of 18 fish habitats in the lake, which serve to help bait fish repopulate and thus provide more food for larger predatory fish.



Jon recognized that during the COVID-19 pandemic people had more time to fish, and many more became interested in this outdoor hobby. As a result, fishing pressures greatly increased. He worked with a Virginia State fisheries biologist to approve the plan and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to deploy the habitats. His fishing habitats will provide areas for bait fish to thrive and give the predator fish good forage.

As the NCAC awardee, Jon will go on to compete against other Eagle projects on the regional level in hopes of eventually representing our Council at the national level as well! He will receive his award and recognition at the March 23rd NOESA Awards Dinner.



Pallet Type



Bucket Tree Type



Hose Matrix Type



Ready for Deployment



Deploying One of the Artificial Habitats at Burke Lake



## Seeking Scout Help for a Special Project

The Fairfax Villa Neighborhood Association in Fairfax is seeking the help of Patriot District Scouts for a special project in their neighborhood. The project involves clean up and restoration of an historic cemetery dating back to the late 1700s. The Neighborhood Association is working with the DAR and the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association to delve into the history of the plot and to bring some attention to its significance in area history. The cemetery, located at 4422 San Carlos Drive in Fairfax, has previously had work projects conducted by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in years past, although nothing has been done there since 2012 when Scouts from a local troop did cleanup work.

The cemetery is very overgrown, although volunteers from the neighborhood have recently completed the first stage of clearing the lot. The next stage, where Scout participation would be very helpful and much appreciated, is multi-faceted and will include additional clearing of the upper section of the lot, removing many stumps of small trees, and perhaps adding some steps and benches. The Association is working with an historic arborist and putting together a Preservation Plan.

This effort would be a great community service project for a Patriot District Scouts BSA troop, or it could also serve as a worthwhile Eagle project. Please contact Pat Tarasek at [tarasekpat@msn.com](mailto:tarasekpat@msn.com) to learn more about this project and to volunteer to help. The Neighborhood Association would like to complete this project soon. The work can be done anytime that is convenient for the Scouts.



Scouts Working at the Cemetery in 2012



Historic Cemetery in Fairfax

**Ed. Note:** This article and request for Scout help was originally published in the April 2021 issue of the Patriot Press. Due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, the work was not completed. Help is still needed, and Scouts BSA units are urged to consider responding to this request and need as a special community service project. The



*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”*

*~ Mahatma Gandhi*



# Michael's Woodshop News Spring 2022



## Upcoming Events



**Woodwork Merit Badge Sessions** (monthly): Michael's Woodshop offers "Classroom Sessions" focused on shop safety, first aid and other non-tool requirements and "Shop Time Sessions" for Scouts to work on their project requirements in the shop. Sign up early - sessions fill up quickly!



**NEW: Woodshop Specialty Classes** (monthly): Build skills and have fun with Woodworking 101, Tool Restoration Class, Router Skills Workshop or a project class like building a Classic Doll Bed. [Learn More...](#)



**Hit a Bull's Eye!** (April & May): A stop in Michael's Woodshop is just one of many enjoyable family activities during the Spring Family Camping weekends. Available spaces are filling up quickly - [Register Now...](#)



**Baloo the Builder & Webelos Build It Workshops:** Two popular workshops designed to help youth complete these electives. **NEW:** Baloo the Builder Workshops are being offered in an Open Registration format for individuals/small Dens. For more details, see the [Baloo the Builder](#) and [Built It](#) workshop descriptions.



**Schedule Your Own Event:** Units may schedule one of our workshops, merit badge classes or other project activities in Michael's Woodshop. The woodshop is also a great venue for Eagle Scout and Summit Award Projects. The shop is available on weeknights and weekends. [Reserve Michael's Woodshop](#)

## Plan Now for Summer Camp at Camp William B. Snyder



**Passport to Adventure:** Day Camp & Resident Weekends (June & July dates): Enjoy all the summer camp fun and activities at Camp Snyder, including a visit to Michael's Woodshop! [Learn More...](#)



**Scouts BSA Specialty Week, July 17-22:** Woodwork Merit Badge is just one of many merit badge opportunities being offered during Camp Snyder's second Scouts BSA summer camp program. [Learn More...](#)



[Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar](#)



[View our Activity Slideshows](#)



[Click here to see Shop Use Measures](#)

## Recent Activities in Michael's Woodshop

**1307 !**

2021 was a great year for Michael's Woodshop, with 1,307 youth attending sessions in the shop! Please click on the Shop Use Measures link above to see how the shop is being used.



Our 4th Annual Pinewood Derby Days season was a huge success with 449 cars built! (use the Activity Slideshows link above to see the fun). We hosted 24 Pack/Den sessions and 6 Open Registration sessions and [Celebrated Our 1000<sup>th</sup> Pinewood Derby Car](#) in Michael's Woodshop.

To learn more about upcoming events, planning an event or reserving the wood shop, please visit the [Michael's Woodshop web page](#) or email us at [MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com)



# 2022 Trout-o-ree April 1-3

Graves Mountain Lodge  
3626 Old Blue Ridge Tpk  
Syria, VA 227433



## REGISTRATION

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDTrouutoree2022>

Make your plans now to attend the 2022 Prince William and Patriot District Trout-o-ree!! This event is open to all Crews, Ships, Troops, and Webelos Patrols (day visits only).

This year's Trout-o-ree takes place in conjunction with Virginia Trout Heritage Day at Graves Mountain Lodge and will feature a number of demonstrations, vendors, and related activities.

Before March 28: \$25  
per Scout/Venturer/  
Sea Scout or Adult

After March 28: \$30

Day Visit only \$5  
for Webelos/  
Webelos Adult







**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

## 2021 Highlights

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

<b>Service Hours</b>	379,358 total hours of community service
<b>Hours per Scout</b>	11.6 hours per Scout
<b>Eagle Service Hours</b>	228,932 (included in total hours)
<b>Value of Service Hours</b>	\$10,826,877 – based on data provided by Independent Sector at \$28.54 per hour
<b>Scouting For Food</b>	667,632 pounds collected and donated to local food banks

### ADVANCEMENT & RECOGNITION

<b>Cub Scout Ranks</b>	11,944 (Includes Bobcat through Arrow of Light)
<b>Scouts BSA Ranks</b>	9,241 (Includes Scout Rank through Eagle Scout)
<b>Eagle Scouts</b>	1,331 – Including 62 new female Eagles
<b>Merit Badges</b>	45,937 earned including 1,254 badges through remote merit badge at home program
<b>STEM</b>	Provided programs to 15,820 participants including Inventing MB day with USPTO
<b>STEM Supernova Awards</b>	82
<b>Silver Beavers</b>	30
<b>Outstanding Eagle Scouts</b>	9

### CAMPING

<b>Goshen Scout Reservation</b>	4,594 youth & adult in-person summer campers
<b>Camp William B. Snyder</b>	1,035 youth & adult in-person day & overnight summer campers – 13,500 annual total

### TRAINING

<b>Wood Badge</b>	76 participants in two courses
<b>University of Scouting</b>	752 remote participants
<b>NYLT</b>	147 participants

### FINANCIAL

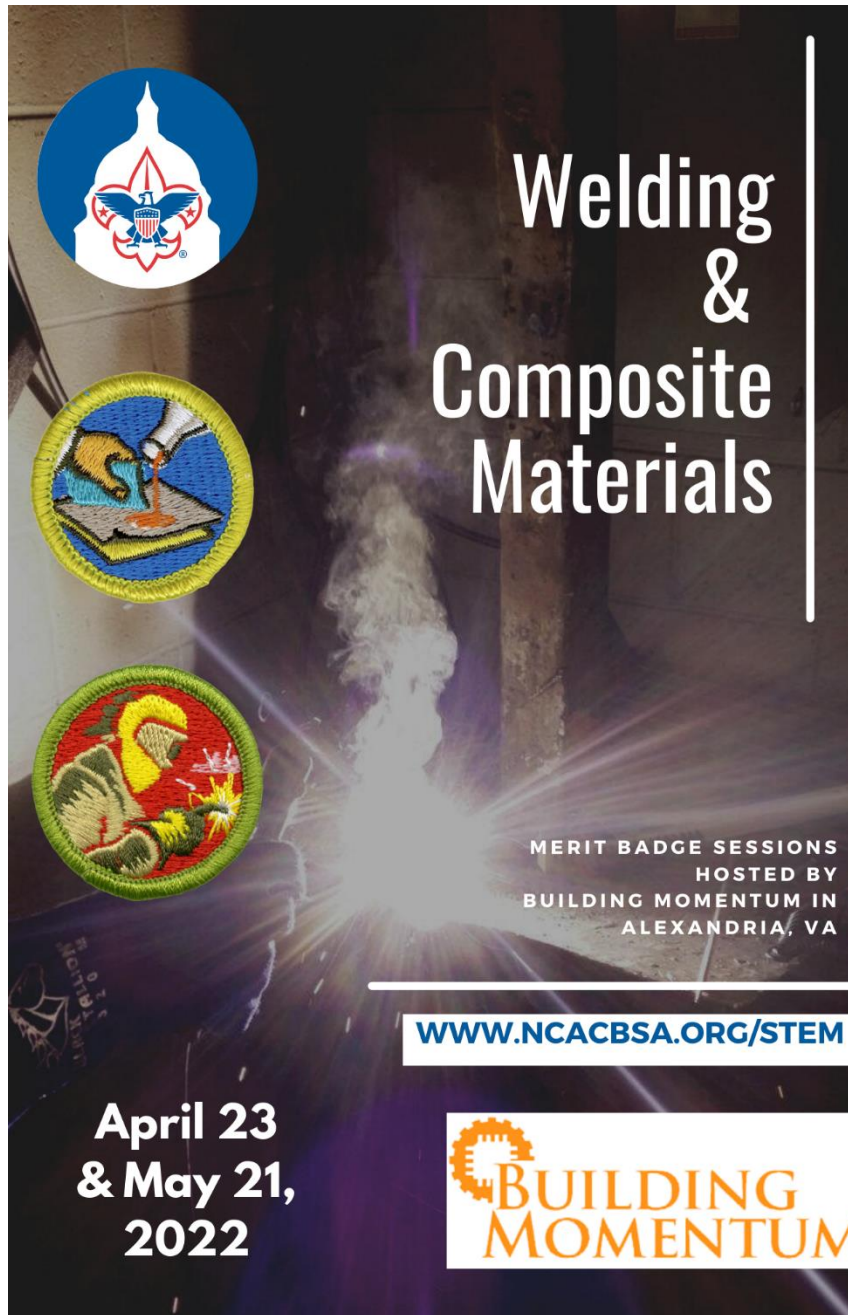
<b>Popcorn Sale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$1,776,445 raised for local Scout units despite continued Covid restrictions!</li> <li>● 263 Scouting units selling</li> <li>● \$56,000 of product donations for the military</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Generated nearly \$3.2 million in Council/District Fundraising</li> <li>● Safe, in-person Council Special Events raised \$986,000</li> <li>● Raised over \$873,000 through District Family and Community campaigns</li> </ul>
<b>Endowment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$289,378 in new cash gifts to the endowment fund</li> </ul>

### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Membership Highlights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Largest youth membership Council in the nation!</li> <li>● Recruited 5,778 new youth in fall – 1 of only 24 Councils (9.6%) to reach goal!</li> </ul>
<b>Total Youth Served</b>	32,645
<b>Youth Retention Rate</b>	71.5 % of youth members renewed their membership despite Covid
<b>Total Units</b>	1,037 – second most in the nation. Unit retention rate of 91.7%
<b>New Units</b>	27
<b>Total Volunteers</b>	14,429



## STEM Flyer: Merit Badge Opportunity



The flyer features a dark background with a bright welding spark in the center. On the left, three circular merit badge patches are stacked vertically: the top one is blue with a white torch and eagle, the middle one is yellow with a blue background showing a hand welding, and the bottom one is green with a red background showing a yellow swan. The text 'Welding & Composite Materials' is written in large white font. Below it, smaller white text reads 'MERIT BADGE SESSIONS HOSTED BY BUILDING MOMENTUM IN ALEXANDRIA, VA'. At the bottom left, the dates 'April 23 & May 21, 2022' are listed. At the bottom center, the website 'WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/STEM' is provided. At the bottom right, the 'BUILDING MOMENTUM' logo is displayed, featuring an orange gear icon. On the right side of the flyer, there is a circular logo for the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, with 'SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS' around the perimeter and a central graphic of a blue and white figure.

Building Momentum is hosting four sessions in April and May providing an opportunity for Scouts BSA to earn Welding and Composite Materials merit badges!

The sessions will be held on Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, May 21, at the Building Momentum workshop/facility in Alexandria, VA. Details are available at the following link: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-buildMoSTEM>



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Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Bill Dexter: [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com)

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## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT**

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.
2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
  - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: [www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/)
  - The Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16)
4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
  - Unauthorized fundraising activities
  - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
  - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:
  - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
  - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
  - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
  - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
  - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
  - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection



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## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
And to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

## SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent

