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## From the District Chairman

**It's time to register for Cub Scout Day Camp; please reserve a place for your Cub Scouts now. The "Early Bird Special" registration fee ends on May 15, 2022. After that date the cost increases from \$190 per Scout to \$230. Camperships still are available for Scouts that need one. (For details regarding Day Camp please see the flyers on pages 11 and 12)**

Cub Scout Day camp is one of the biggest events of the year in our District. For 2022, Day Camp is scheduled to run from Monday, July 11, until Friday, July 15, at Occoquan Regional Park. The theme for the camp is "Superheroes." Major activities are the climbing wall, archery, sling shot, STEM experiments, arts and crafts projects, and other special activities. The camp has 140 slots and registration is open. If your Pack is planning to attend but is not ready to register, please contact the Day Camp Director, Zohra Sharief at [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com) or (202) 810-5843. Zohra also is recruiting adults and Scouts to staff the camp. Please come out and help. The staff always enjoys camp as much as the Cubs.

Program Launch for the rest of 2022 and 2023 will be held at the Patriot District Roundtable on Thursday, evening, May 12. There are two programs that I would like units to check out and plan early for because they take place in September 2022. The first of these events is Cub Scout Adventure Day and Cub-O-Ree. The second event is a Welcome and Orientation for Women Scout Leaders.

The Cub Scout "Adventure Day/Cub-O-Ree will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Camp Snyder. It will feature all the events Cub Scouts enjoy including rifle marksmanship, archery, sling shot, climbing wall, gaga ball, STEM activities, and arts and crafts. The event is open to all Cub Scouts, family members, and potential recruits. Cub Packs are encouraged to use this event as a recruiting opportunity and invite prospective youth who may be interested in joining Cub Scouts. Youth do not need to be registered Scouts to attend this event. Packs or families that would like to camp over Saturday night will be able to do so. Additionally, we will show a "Movie under the Stars" at sunset. Camp sites include access to bath houses that have separate facilities for adult males and females and separate boys and girls facilities for attending youth.

Patriot District also plans to hold a Welcome and Orientation weekend event at Camp Snyder in September for experienced, new, and potential female leaders; the date has not yet been set. The event will start on Friday evening with a social event and continue Saturday with a combination of fun events and discussions of what Scouting is all about and how it is organized. The weekend will conclude on Saturday at 4:00 PM. This will be an event for women, planned by women, and used to promote female adult leadership at the unit and District level. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

**Friends of Scouting (FOS) Status.** For 2022, Patriot District has a goal of \$66,000. To date we have raised half of it from 86 donors. The campaign is half over and we need to make the final push so we can fulfill our goal by the end of July. To meet our goal, we need to increase donation participation from 86 to 400 donors. Patriot District has over 2,000 families; with 400 donors we would achieve a 20% participation rate. Unit FOS coordinators need to follow-up with families and encourage them to donate. We can make our goal with increased participation.

*Bill Dexter  
Patriot District Committee Chair*





## From the District Commissioner

By the time you read this, it will be the eve of the Patriot District's annual **Program Launch**, on **May 12 at 7:00 PM at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station**. Program Launch is your Pack, Troop, or Crew's opportunity to get information, materials, and tips about how to plan your unit's 2022-2023 program. There will be information tables, electronic and paper handouts to take home, and lots of people to share ideas with. Weather willing, Program Launch will be outside (we'll be inside if it's raining). It is critically important that EVERY unit in the Patriot District be represented at Program Launch to receive the important information that will be available to help your unit provide the best possible program for your Scouts in the Scouting year ahead.

All units should hold a program planning meeting for the upcoming Scouting year before school ends and everyone disperses for the summer. This means our Troop PLCs and Crew Officers should meet to make major decisions about their units' activities from August through at least the end of the next school year. Likewise, our Pack and Lab adult leaders should meet to decide on the basic content and timing of major program events for the upcoming Scouting year.

Why is it important to do at least high-level planning for the upcoming Scouting year by June? Because if you wait until the end of the summer to figure out campouts, meeting dates and locations, as well as other major activities, all the best venues and dates may be full. Having a well-planned program calendar helps your Scout families with their own planning. And having major events decided well in advance gives both leaders and PLCs enough time to do further detail planning to make events and activities a success. Other useful discussions during a unit program planning meeting can include leadership succession planning, committee assignments for the next Scouting year, and a review of things the unit would like to do better in delivering the promise of Scouting to its youth members. (We strongly recommend using the [2022 Journey to Excellence scorecard](#) as a roadmap for discussing areas for improvement.) It's also good to invite your Unit Commissioner to the planning meeting, because our UCs have a wealth of experience and know how to find answers to all your questions.

Furthermore, as Benjamin Franklin said, "*If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.*" None of us want to fail our Scouts, so PLEASE come to Program Launch on May 12 and hold a unit annual program planning meeting this spring!

Finally, a word about our District **Cub Scout Day Camp, which will be held the week of July 11 at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton**. It's going to be a *fantastic* camp. The theme is *Superheroes*. The Cubs will get to meet some real-life community superheroes, and maybe even become superheroes themselves (or at least get to make and wear a nifty cape). **Early Bird Registration closes May 15**, so it's important to get your attendees registered ASAP. We also have volunteer opportunities – any parent who works on staff for the week gets free camp registration for their Cub Scout. Any Scout age 14+ who volunteers for the week gets (in addition to service hour credit for Troop and school) a \$100 voucher to put toward attending NYLT or summer camp at Goshen (either with their Troop or in a provisional program). To volunteer, please contact Camp Director Zohra Sharief at [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com).

Ken Gaul  
Patriot District Commissioner

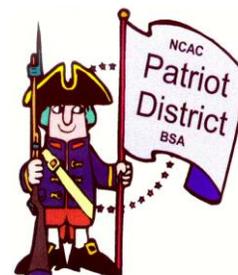


### Patriot District Events

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

#### May 2022

- 8 Mother’s Day
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable: Patriot District Program Launch
- 15 OA Chapter Meeting – Welcome New Members
- 20-22 Family Camping (Camp Snyder)
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 27-30 Goshen Family Camp
- 30 Memorial Day



#### June 2022

- 4-5 IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 9 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 Father’s Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

#### July 2022

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting
- 11-15 Cub Scout Day Camp (Occoquan Regional Park)

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



*“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”*

*~ Harry S. Truman (b. May 8, 1884)*



## **PATRIOT DISTRICT PROGRAM LAUNCH**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00PM**

**Living Savior Lutheran Church - 5500 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station**

**AND we will be OUTSIDE!**

*(weather permitting - will move in doors if needed)*

*The Patriot District's Program Launch is our annual showcase of Scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Patriot Scouters and our Council. It is where your Pack, Troop, or Crew have a great opportunity to get information, materials, and tips about how to plan your unit's 2022-2023 program. There will be information tables, electronic and paper handouts to take home, and lots of people to share ideas with.*

**Together, we hope to offer your unit great ideas and resources to help provide your scouts a great 2022-2023 scouting program!**

***Isn't Program Launch Just Another Roundtable?***

***NO.*** *Even though Program Launch takes place on Roundtable night. There are no chairs for you to sit in (unless your get worn out from all the excitement).*

***Who Should Come to Program Launch?***

Every unit should have at least one leader at Program Launch.

**But don't stop there!**

Cubmasters, Den Leaders and Committee Chairs should attend too!  
Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors & Assistant Scoutmasters, bring your Senior Patrol Leaders!

*The more leaders that attend, the more you'll be able to bounce ideas around.*

**Hope to see you on Thursday @ 7:00 PM!**

## Scouter Interview: Ben Schultz

Patrick Ring

Ben Schultz is Cubmaster of Pack 1818, one of the 2021 Patriot District Outstanding Cubmaster awardees. He is a software engineer at CACI, where he supports the defense industry.



**Patrick Ring (PR):** How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later as Cubmaster of Pack 1818?

**Ben Schultz (BDS):** I first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in Bethesda, MD, rising to Bear rank. I still have the pocket knife I earned as a top fundraiser for my pack. As an adult, when my older son wanted to join Scouting in fall 2019, my wife Talya and I learned that for him to have a Lion den in Pack 1818, I would have to lead the den. Since the current leader's son was in his AOL year, my wife and I knew we needed to step up to be the next Committee Chair and Cubmaster, respectively.

**PR:** What are some demands you face as a Cubmaster and how do you meet those demands?

**BDS:** I thought I knew how being a Cubmaster works, even though I had less than a year as Lion Den Leader before I took over. However, I discovered that I needed more training to know enough to guide the pack. I took BALOO, watched the online modules, and attended the virtual University of Scouting. I continue to learn from the roundtables, other Cubmasters, and from my own Scouts.

Pack 1818 is the only Jewish pack in Northern Virginia. As such we follow Jewish practice: We have only kosher food at our events, and we do not hold events on Friday night or on Saturday during the daytime. This limits our ability to take part in regional events and who is likely to join our pack. We gladly accept Scouts of all backgrounds, from non-Jewish to strict Orthodox. Our members consist of families from all over Northern Virginia. We do our best to use Jewish values to enhance our experience, and to provide a welcoming Jewish place in Scouting. Recently, we became a family pack, and our daughter was the first female Cub Scout to join.

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

**BDS:** The Covid pandemic! When I first joined Pack 1818 in fall 2019, Covid was not on the radar. We were not able to meet at our charter organization at all last year and limited times this year, so we had to adapt to being outdoors most of the time.

**PR:** How is Pack 1818 doing in the COVID-19 environment?

**BDS:** We've been growing! We went from two Scouts when I started as Cubmaster (early in the pandemic) to 11, including those who joined as secondary members. We have also welcomed our first two girl Cub Scouts. The Scouts have been thrilled to run around together, and to explore several area parks.

**PR:** What is one challenge facing Pack 1818 and how can the Patriot District help Pack 1818 respond to that challenge?

**BDS:** We have had a major challenge recruiting more leadership. We have parents willing to lead specific activities or help out for time-limited task, but we need other adult volunteers willing to take on bigger jobs. The District can help us with how to encourage people to take more active roles.

**PR:** What has been your Pack’s experience with recruiting new members?

**BDS:** Building up the pack has been a major demand. In the fall of 2020, I described Pack 1818 as “a new pack with 20 years of history” due to the complete turnover from the previous fall. Several of our newest Scouts joined by word of mouth, and I’ve been thrilled to hand out recruiter strips. My wife has advertised on local Jewish mom groups and at the Jewish day school, which has also helped raise interest.

**PR:** Describe one of the service projects your Pack has completed.

**BDS:** In September we went to the Buddie Ford Nature Center for a stream cleanup. It is a Jewish tradition during Rosh Hashanah to throw bread or leaves into flowing water as symbolically casting away sins in a ceremony called *tashlich*; instead, we removed “sins” (trash) from the water as a “reverse *tashlich*.” We hauled away several bags of trash. My youngest child enjoyed riding on my back, as you can see in my photo.

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

**BDS:** Don’t be afraid to reach out for help from other Cubmasters/leaders. We were lucky that the outgoing Cubmaster and Committee Chair were willing to offer help. Also, the Cub Scout pack at my children’s school has been a great source of knowledge and advice.

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

**BDS:** Running the Pinewood Derby on our driveway because we couldn’t do it indoors or find an outdoor location that was suitable. Luckily our driveway is flat! We have also held campfires in our own backyard, without a full campout. I have enjoyed the spirit the Scouts share around the fire.

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

**BDS:** We would welcome opportunities to join other packs in the Patriot District for activities on Sundays. We do not do activities on Friday night or Saturday before evening, as we are a Jewish pack.

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



***“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”***

***~ John F. Kennedy (b. May 29, 1917)***

## Patriot District Program News

### Family Camping Date: Camp Snyder

- May 20 – 22
- Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-BullsEyeFamily>

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

### Goshen Family Camp

- May 27 – 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51073>



### May Program Launch

The May Roundtable will primarily consist of Program Launch for Program Year 2022-2023. The various Patriot program committees have been encouraged to develop a display for your program and to be available to encourage others to not only participate in the many offerings, but to help develop and deliver them, and to answer questions. We expect to see displays about **Training, Camping, Aquatics, COPE/Climbing, Health and Safety, Shooting Sports, Religious awards programs, STEM programs, and our Council Camps – Goshen and Snyder.** Please let us know if there a program area you would like to see more of.

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



The Theme for Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp, July 11 – 15, at Occaquon Regional Park is Superheroes. 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 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/>.

**Camperships are still available for those who need them to send youth to camps:**

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#camperships>

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp-campership-application/>

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/> then click on Camperships

*John Merchant  
Vice Chair, Program*



**OA NEWS ITEMS**

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge



**Patriot Chapter of the Order of the Arrow inducted 35 New Members**

Patriot joined Old Dominion and George Mason Chapters to conduct an Induction weekend, commonly called the Ordeal, at Camp Snyder on April 29 – May 1. Patriot inducted 35 new members, among a total of 79 new members. The weather cooperated and we got a lot of service work done. We also elevated five members to the Brotherhood Honor. Congratulations, to all of our new members.

**OA Chapter Ice Cream Social May 15, 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

- Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd., Burke, VA 22015.
- Welcome New Members (and distribute handbooks, if we get them).
- Play games – we have Chapter T-Shirts for prizes.
- Eat Ice Cream.



## **Patriot District Training Updates**

Happy May to everyone. I am happy to report that we had a very successful BALOO in March with 14 newly trained Scouters ready to help their packs put on great camping weekends. We will be offering another BALOO in the Fall, but don't forget you can always take it with another district or council if you still need to find a course.

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>

We are also happy to announce that there will be an in-person Scoutmaster specific training on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The training will be in the afternoon starting at 1:00 PM and will last a couple hours depending on how many questions are asked! This is a great opportunity to learn from experienced former scoutmasters and share ideas and questions with fellow scouters. The course is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Scouts BSA program and registration will be going live soon!

Don't forget that many summer camps will often also offer training opportunities for adults so if you are heading to camp, check to see what may be on offer.

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 four courses of NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). 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. Registration for the Summer '22 courses opened on March 5<sup>th</sup> and can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49373>

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 the youth with real world scenarios to try and 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 on 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 trainings 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*  
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## Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp

**JULY 11 – 15, 2022**

Occoquan Regional Park  
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Archery, Slingshots, Climbing Wall, STEM, Scout Skills,  
Nature, Arts & Crafts AND much, much more!

**Camp Staff Incentives**  
(Must camp five days)  
14+ Youth – \$100 Camp credit  
toward Goshen, NYLT  
Adult – **FREE** with registered  
Cub Scout

**Register at:**  
gotodaycamp.org  
Click: "Patriot/Old  
Dominion"

**Early Bird Registration**  
Ending May 15 - \$190  
**REGULAR REGISTRATION**  
May 16 until online  
registration closes - \$230  
**Late Registration**  
July 04 - \$260

Contact: [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)



**BE A SUPERHERO  
STAFF AT**

**Patriot/Old Dominion  
Cub Scout Day Camp**

**JULY 11 – 15, 2022**

**Occoquan Regional Park  
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA**

Contact: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

**Lead & INSPIRE**  
*Activity of your choice*

Archery\*, Slingshots\*,  
Climbing Wall\*,  
STEM, Scout Skills,  
Nature, Arts & Crafts  
AND much, much  
more!

Camp Staff Incentives  
*(Must staff 5 days)*

14+ Youth - \$100  
Camp credit towards  
Goshen, NYLT OR  
earn service hours

Adult - One **FREE**  
registered Cub Scout

**TRAININGS**  
\*Additional required  
training available

**STEM Flyer: EXPO and Pinewood Derby**



**STEM EXPO &  
PINEWOOD DERBY**

**COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**JUNE 4, 2022**

[www.ncacbsa.org/STEM](http://www.ncacbsa.org/STEM)

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/082-STEMPWD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-stempwd)

## **Council Pinewood Derby & STEM Expo**

Race your car in a Council Pinewood Derby Championship race and explore a wide-range of STEM stations at Camp Snyder on June 4, 2022!

The NCAC STEM Committee (and friends!) will host a myriad of stations targeted to Cub Scouts to include underwater ROVs, robotics, chemistry and physics.

The Championship race welcomes: winners of a NCAC District championship of the last 2.5 years (2020 - 2022). Didn't place in a district race, but want to compete in the Council Championship? Great! We have a track for you too! Select your choice of race upon registration.

### Schedule

- 9:45** checkin
- 10 - 12** STEM station rotations  
*[assigned rotations: robotics, underwater ROVs, chemistry, physics]*
- 12 - 2** Council PWD Championship races + lunch + STEM midway [myraid of demos]
- 2 - 2:15** Awards Ceremony
- 2:15 - 3** STEM station rotations  
*[assigned rotations: robotics, underwater ROVs, chemistry, physics]*

### Who can attend?

Cub Scouts. older youth, friends and family --- join us!

### **FAQ**

Rules of the Race: Check [ONLINE ATTACHMENT](#) for detailed rules of the Council PWD.

Can I build a new car?: Yes! The scout advances, not the car. Meaning, if you're participating in the Council PWD Championship race as a district winner, you can build a new car!

What if I didn't win in a district race before? You can join us in the general race! Perhaps your district didn't have a PWD in the last couple years, perhaps you're no longer a Cub Scout (maybe a few or more than a few years have passed since you were Cub age...) everyone is welcome to enter a car! **We will offer speed and design awards for participants in the general race.**

Covid Guidance: We will follow all Council and local government guidance for covid mitigation. Details will be provided via email by mid-May.

May I just race in the PWD and skip the STEM Expo? Yes.

May I just participate in the STEM Expo rotations and skip the PWD? Yes.

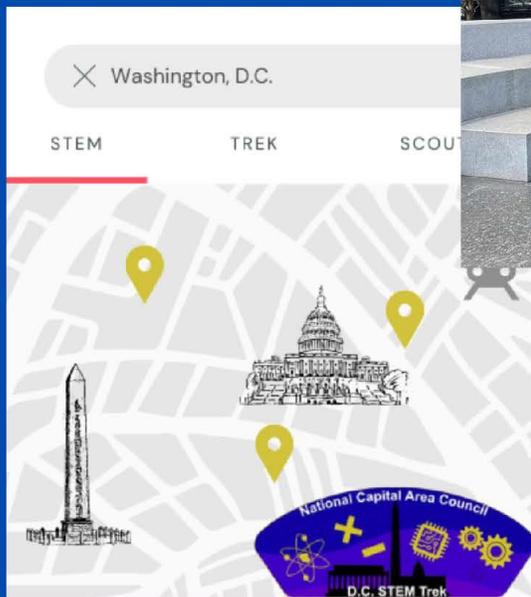
I can't be there, can I send my car? Yes! Proxy racing is possible. Please mail drop-off your car to the NCAC HQ between May 15 - 27.

Since we're going to be at Snyder all day... can we camp overnight? Sure! Campsites are available for rent - please email [Camp.Snyder@scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@scouting.org) to book your overnight experience.

## DC STEM TREK

This TREK was launched by GTroop 1853 in 2021. The trek quiz identifies a STEM question for Cubs and SBSA; and an on-site only question for each stop.

The full hike crosses 24 stops in the nation's capital and is 10.57 miles. There is also an abbreviated 4.75 mile hike for newer trekkers (cubs)!



**JOIN US!**



# DC STEM TREK



## 4 MILE & 10 MILE OPTIONS

Explore the Nation's capital with a STEM perspective and earn the patch!

Answer a STEM question at each of

**24**

locations in DC

to see the Trek guide & all the stops:

[WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/STEM](http://WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/STEM)

# B-P Wants and Needs You!



## To Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

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)

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

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Deadline for articles to be included in *The Patriot Press* is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at [bsnowden419@gmail.com](mailto:bsnowden419@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

## 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

