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## Spring Camporee 2015 Extravaganza Reenactment of the Battle of New Market

More than 1500 Boy Scouts, Webelos, and adult Scout volunteers from across the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), as well as more distant locations, participated in a special Spring Camporee held in New Market, Virginia, on April 17-19. Highlight of the event was a Grand Review and reenactment of the Civil War Battle of New Market, which occurred on May 15, 1864. The battle opened the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, and it was particularly noteworthy for the active participation by more than 250 cadets and instructors from Virginia Military Institute as part of the Confederate forces. The event served to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of that war in April 1865, marked by the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant, the commander of Union forces.

A majority of the participating Scouts were members of BSA Troops and Packs from 13 of the 23 Districts within the NCAC, which includes parts of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Most of the Scouts were from BSA units within Northern Virginia Districts, including Bull Run (Manassas area), Colonial (Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Fort Belvoir Area), George Mason (Vienna area), Goose Creek (Ashburn area), Patriot (Burke, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Annandale area), Occoquan (Dale City, Woodbridge), Old Dominion (Springfield, Falls Church, Annandale, Lorton), Piedmont (Warrenton, Culpeper area), and Powhatan (Herndon area). Participating Maryland Districts included Potomac, Seneca, White Oak, and Zekiah. In addition, BSA troops from Massachusetts (Troop 54, Boston), New York (Troop 45, Port Jefferson), New Jersey (Troop 226, Teaneck), and West Virginia (Troops 76 and 83) also traveled to New Market for this special event. Troop 50 of New Market served as the official host. In all, the event involved participation by Scouts from more than 90 Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Webelos Packs.



**Scouts and VMI Cadets at the Shenandoah River Overlook on the New Market Battlefield**

The Troops from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and West Virginia represented specific military units from their respective states that participated in the 1864 Battle of New Market. Troop 54 represented the 34th Massachusetts Regiment, which suffered 215 casualties (killed,

wounded, or missing) in the battle. Troop 45 represented the 1st New York (Veteran) Regiment, which suffered 47 casualties (killed, wounded, or missing). Troops 76 and 83 represented the 1st West Virginia Regiment, which suffered 76 casualties (killed, wounded, or missing) at New Market.

The Camporee, Grand Review, and New Market Battle reenactment, organized by members of the Patriot District Committee, was held in partnership with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and Virginia Military Institute (VMI). VMI manages the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park, which is an historic American Civil War battlefield and national historic district located near New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The district encompasses the site of the Battle of New Market and includes the Virginia Museum of the Civil War.

Scouts and adult leaders arrived on Friday afternoon and evening and set up camp around the battlefield in preparation for the weekend's activities. The formal opening on Saturday morning was led by Scout Beckman Hollis of Troop 150 in Annandale, Virginia, who served as the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader. The ceremony included short inspirational remarks by Major Troy Marshall, VMI Site Director for the Virginia Museum of the Civil War, and Kevin Walker, CEO of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, which has its headquarters in New Market. Each was presented a 35-star flag, the official United States flag in May 1864, and a special patch commemorating the Camporee for their respective roles in supporting Camporee planning.

Following the opening ceremonies, Scouts participated in separate training sessions for Union and Confederate forces, walked the battlefield, toured the Virginia Museum of the Civil War, and visited the Bushong house and farm. The Bushong house, which is located in the middle of the battlefield, was used by both Union and Confederate forces as a hospital during the battle. Saturday afternoon featured rehearsals for the Grand Review and the New Market Battle Reenactment. At dusk, five individual outdoor church services were held on the battlefield, including a Protestant service, a Catholic mass, observation of the Jewish Sabbath, a Muslim call to prayer, and a non-denominational gathering. A late evening campfire featuring Scout skits, VMI cadets, a cadet bagpiper, a Mountain Man singer, and a remarkable story regarding the legend of Taps provided by Dave Super closed out the day.

More than 200 people gathered along the ridge above the battlefield on Sunday morning to observe the Camporee's main events. A prayer for the safety and well-being of American military forces was read by a Scout Chaplain from Troop 54. The Grand Review, a parade of all participating BSA units in front of the reviewing stand, followed. During the Civil War, commanders often held such reviews of their troops to ascertain the size, health, equipment, and morale of their soldiers. The reviews gave the soldiers an opportunity to show off their units and impress the commanding officer. This tradition continues today. Scout Izziddin Abdul Rashid of Crew 114, Herndon, Virginia, served as the lead narrator for the Camporee Grand Review, with other Scouts from six NCAC Districts announcing the passage of each Scout unit in turn.

On completing the Grand Review, the two Scout armies formed on opposite sides of the field of battle. Scout Declan Deady of Troop 1346 in Burke, Virginia, presented a detailed narration to inform the audience and direct opposing armies during the reenactment. Union forces were commanded by Major General Franz Sigel, played by Scouter Jack Oliva of Troop 1100, Burke, Virginia. Confederate forces were led by Major General John C. Breckinridge, played by Brian Weinschenker, a Social Studies and English teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools; prior to the Civil War, MG Breckinridge had served as Vice President of the United States under President James Buchanan. Both Scout armies comprised more than 700 Scouts. As the battle commenced, Union forces were quickly

in disarray and forced to retreat as Confederate forces rapidly advanced and claimed victory. The battle at New Market was the last major Confederate victory in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Scout reenactment of the Battle of New Market particularly highlighted the contributions and sacrifices made by the VMI cadets in May 1864. Chris Wallace, Troop 1131 Scoutmaster, played the role of Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shipp, who commanded the VMI Corps of Cadets at the Battle of New Market. To honor and respect the 57 cadets who were killed or wounded at New Market, 57 Scouts fell to the field in remembrance. Four cadets from the present VMI corps also performed a ceremonial demonstration on the field, fixing their bayonets and mounting a charge.

The Camporee and New Market Battle reenactment closed with a recitation of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Scout Max Wohlleben of Troop 993, Alexandria, Virginia. These words were considered to be just as relevant at New Market as they were at Gettysburg, reflecting our nation's commitment to freedom and democracy across the centuries, from the Revolutionary War to today. A solemn playing of Taps echoed across the valley as Scouts drifted from the hallowed ground of the battlefield to break camp and return to their homes.

A new and unique element of this Camporee was the creation and deployment of a "press corps" comprised of eight Scouts from various Districts. Sporting red "PRESS" caps, these Scouts served as on-the-field reporters and photographers, taking notes and pictures and conducting short interviews with Scouts and adult leaders throughout the event. With unrestricted freedom of movement, their efforts helped to collect detailed information and document the Camporee as never done before. One Scout reporter provided a detailed accounting of Union forces training on Saturday afternoon, noting how the Union General explained the overall force structure, described battlefield tactics, demonstrated the movement of Union forces, discussed the importance of protecting the flanks, and reviewed the principal reasons for the Union defeat.

One Scout showed great enthusiasm for having the opportunity to "learn military strategy for the battle," noting that the battle reenactment "was really great fun." A Scout from Troop 1966 stated that he was "...very excited to be here; I'm learning so much. I really like this Camporee." Commented another, "This is a fantastic event... and it is very informative." Although some Scouts found the Saturday heat and the long walk to the Bushong farm and the museum a bit grueling, most of them were able to summon new energy and rise to the occasion as they participated in the battle reenactment. One Scout summed up his feelings this way: "This is a great Camporee; it rates a 10 out of 10."

Once again, members of the Order of the Arrow provided invaluable assistance in many areas in helping to make this special Spring Camporee a great success. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader, Beckman Hollis, is a member of the OA; assisted by other OA Scouts, he provided exemplary Scout leadership throughout the event. OA Scouts also organized and executed the Opening Ceremony, prepared the Friday night "Cracker Barrel," and planned and led the Saturday night campfire. All of these activities were well organized and effectively conducted. As always, the OA transported, set up, and organized the camporee headquarters, to include preparing and serving five meals to more than 30 people during the weekend. The OA also set up and manned the Camporee first aid station. Additionally, during the camporee, OA Scouts conducted internal business activities that included holding troop elections and calling out new members at the Saturday night campfire. In recognition of 2015 being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Order of the Arrow, many Scouts and adult OA members wore their white OA sashes throughout the weekend.

Planning efforts for this Spring Camporee extravaganza, led by Patriot District Camporee Director Bill Dexter, extended over two years. The great success of the event is attributable to his

leadership and the great efforts of many volunteers who assisted in both its planning and execution stages. Jae and Jackie Engelbrecht, together with Lee Cass, served as Camporee Commissioners. Dave Astle, Kristin Chioma, Paul Hoffman, and Greg Wagner served as Patriot District Commissioners. Registration duties were competently handled by Carol Cass. Administration and logistics functions were managed by Joe Casey. John Merchant, Kristin Chioma, and Pat Ring served as advisors to the OA throughout the event. [Pat Ring's long service in supporting camporee headquarters setup and cooking activities over many years, as well as OA Ordeal and Brotherhood events, came to a close with this event. Thanks, Pat, for your long and commendable record of service to Scouts.] Religious services on Saturday evening were led by Doc Johnson, Mark Greer, Howard Spielman, and Rashid Abdullah. Bill Snowden, Patriot District Vice Chair for Program Impact, provided comprehensive assistance in planning the event, in organizing and guiding the Scout press corps, and in working with the Scout narrators for the Grand Review and Battle Reenactment. Headquarters support was provided by John Cavan, Howard and Susan Lichtman, Jennifer and Abigayle Allred, and Alex Greer. Kelly O'Malley, Greg Wagner, and Dave Astle assisted in organizing the Grand Review. Bill Edmunds served as VMI Liaison.

National Capital Area Council was well represented at the Camporee. Participating for the entire weekend were Sue Hart, Central Virginia Field Director; Kyle Molldene, Patriot District Executive; Justin Mawsdley, Old Dominion District Executive; and Joel Jackson, Colonial District Executive. Also attending for selected events were Dan Hogan, NCAC Director of Field Services; and Garry Lewis, Council Commissioner. Rick Hillenbrand, a member of the National Commissioner Support Staff, camped with Troop 76 from West Virginia.

*Bill Snowden  
Vice Chair – Program*

**Spring Camporee 2015 in Pictures**



**Preparing Friday Dinner**



**Friday Evening Sunset**



**Pat Ring: One Last Time**



**Scouts Preparing Breakfast**



**Participating Scouts Ready for Opening Ceremony**





**Camporee Opening Ceremony**



**Drummer and Bugler**



**Camporee Opening Ceremony**



**Veteran Scouters at Camporee**



**MG Sigel (R) and Friend**



**Preparing the Press Corps**



**Bill Dexter, MG Breckinridge,  
and SPL Beckman Hollis**



**Scouts Visiting the  
Bushong Farm**



**Scouts Visiting the  
Bushong House**



**Scouts Visiting the Virginia  
Museum of the Civil War**



**Scouts Touring the Virginia  
Museum of the Civil War**



**Demonstration of Musket  
Loading and Firing**



**Scouts at the Shenandoah River Overlook**



**Camporee Director Bill Dexter with VMI Cadets**



**Camporee Director with SPL Beckman Hollis**



**Confederate Army Training Session Saturday Afternoon**



**Veteran Scouter Observer**



**OA Scouts Lighting Campfire**



**OA Arrowmen at Campfire**



**Camporee Commissioner**

### **Praise for Spring Camporee 2015 from Visiting Troops**

Troops from distant states participating in the Spring Camporee Extravaganza included Troop 54 from Boston/Brookline, Massachusetts, and Troop 226 from Teaneck, New Jersey. Following the Camporee, complimentary messages of praise and thanks were contained in messages directed to Phil Sternberg, who coordinated the participation of these Jewish troops. Selected comments are provided below:

*From Daniel Thumin, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 54:*

On April 16-19, 2015, our Boy Scouts of Troop 54 traveled to Gettysburg, PA; Harper's Ferry, WV; and New Market, VA to learn about the U.S. Civil War and participate in a camporee and battle re-enactment. We were accompanied by guests from Troop 613 of White Plains, NY and Troop 226 of Teaneck, NJ. With some generous accommodations from the camporee committee (including provision of a synagogue tent, and a repetition of the Saturday morning training for our group in the afternoon), we were able to observe Shabbat on the battlefield and fully participate in the events, along with two other Jewish troops from VA and MD. We had many guests come to visit us in the synagogue tent during the camp-wide chapel service time on Saturday afternoon (mincha) and at other times, and a Jewish VMI cadet who had previously served

in the Israeli Defense Force camped with us. One of our Scouts acted as chaplain for the re-enactment, by reading the Jewish prayer for American military forces at the opening convocation.

The highlight of the battle of New Market was the participation of VMI cadets, the most prominent of whom was Moses Ezekiel, who was not only Jewish but proudly identified as such. Our presence at this battlefield was tremendously educational for us, and also for many others who participated in the event. We all learned about Moses Ezekiel and his fellow cadets, and our presence demonstrated how Jews continue to carry on our traditional observances while participating along with the other Scouts, wearing the same uniforms, and together re-enacting this important event in American history in which Jews fought side-by-side with their compatriots on both sides.

Participating in the camporee was a tremendously inspirational and educational experience.

*From Daniel Chazin, Scoutmaster of Troop 226, Teaneck, New Jersey:*

Thank you so much for inviting us to participate in the New Market Battlefield Reenactment Camporee... I found it to be an inspiring experience that I will never forget. To begin with, I want to thank Scoutmaster Howard Spielman of Troop 54 in Brookline, MA, who arranged for a four-day trip for the Scouts of his troop (with which we joined). Our trip included a visit to Gettysburg and to Harpers Ferry, thus enabling us to obtain contrasting perspectives on the Civil War and its effect on the Nation.

Our experience at New Market was special in a number of ways. First of all, this is the first time I've participated in a Camporee that extended over our Sabbath in which we were able to participate fully. We were able to attend the opening ceremony on Saturday morning, as well as to participate in the tours of the Bushong home and grounds on Saturday afternoon. We were also able to visit the Civil War Museum and hike to the monument on the other side of I-81, as all the other troops did. And, of course, we could participate in the reenactment on Sunday morning, with one of our Scouts proudly marching in with our troop flag.

Because we were holding our religious services on Saturday morning, we were not able to participate in the discussions of the Civil War battle that took place at that time. But instead, the Scouter who gave the presentation in the morning (as General Franz Sigel) gave a special presentation to our group in the late afternoon. His presentation was one of the most interesting and effective that I have ever attended. All of the Scouts listened intently to the presentation and asked many good questions.

There were several moments during the weekend that were particularly inspiring. To me, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the opening ceremony on Saturday morning was a special experience. Of course, I've recited the Pledge many, many times, and I usually don't think much about it. But here we were on a Civil War battlefield – and on a battlefield where we commemorate the victory of the Confederates and honor those who fought for the Confederate cause – especially the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Cadets. Yet now, 150 years later, we could all join together and recite the words "one Nation, under God, indivisible." I don't think that the recitation of the Pledge ever meant as much to me as it did on Saturday morning.

Then, on Saturday afternoon, during our tour of the Bushong House, we visited one of the rooms that had been set up as a makeshift hospital for those wounded in the battle. The guide explained to us that the local residents opened their homes to the wounded soldiers and cared for them. One of the Scouts (from another troop) asked which soldiers were cared for – Confederate soldiers or Union soldiers. The guide answered that, here in New Market, the residents cared for all the wounded soldiers – both Confederate and Union. She then continued that when, later in 1864, General Sheridan of the Union forces recaptured the Shenandoah Valley, he adopted a "scorched earth" policy and destroyed everything in the valley. But when they reached New Market, he remembered how the local residents had cared for the wounded Union soldiers after the battle, and his forces left the town alone and did not destroy it. Again, this is a really inspiring story that I will always remember.

Another special feature of the Camporee for us was the participation of a Jewish VMI cadet who had spent two years serving with the Israel Defense Forces. His participation at the Camporee established another link between the Jewish people and the battlefield site, which commemorates the bravery of the VMI Cadets (including the Jewish cadet Moses Ezekiel) in the battle. During our Sabbath afternoon service, we gave the Cadet an aliyah (calling him to read the Torah), and we later remarked that this was almost certainly the first time that a VMI Cadet had received an aliyah on the New Market Battlefield.

And then, during the Sunday morning reenactment ceremony, a Scout from Troop 54 was called upon to read a special prayer for the American Armed Forces. This prayer has particular meaning to me because it was composed by a member of my synagogue in Teaneck, N.J. Yesterday morning, I saw Moshe Markovitz, the author of the prayer, and told him how it been recited before a group of over 1,500 people at the Camporee. He responded by pointing out that he had deliberately composed it as a non-denominational prayer so that it could be used for all audiences.

I have been a Scoutmaster for 37 years. I've attended eight National Jamborees and have been on 14 Philmont treks. This Camporee ranks as one of most outstanding experiences of my Scouting career, and it is an event that I will never forget. I'm sure that the Scouts from my troop who attended will also remember their experiences at the Camporee. Thank you so much for organizing this wonderful event and inviting us to participate.

**BE THERE – BE SEEN – CELEBRATE!**

**BE PART OF THE EVENT  
AND  
COME TO OUR  
P.A.D.  
(PATRIOT AWARDS DEDICATION)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015  
TIME: 6:30-8:30**

**CONTACT CYNTHIA YELLEN  
TO VOLUNTEER  
[CNYMSW@VERIZON.NET](mailto:CNYMSW@VERIZON.NET)  
AND KRISTIN CHIOMA TO REGISTER  
[CHIOMA@MSN.COM](mailto:CHIOMA@MSN.COM)**







**From the District Chairman:**

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Was that a great Spring Camporee or WHAT!?! There’s nothing like seeing some 1900 Scouts demonstrating the history that made our Nation great. A BIG “Minuteman Sam” thanks to Bill Dexter and his Camporee team for putting on an outstanding Spring Camporee at the site of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of New Market, VA.

This month’s Patriot Press describes all the many opportunities for advancement, service and growth for the Spring and Summer. Please read it from cover to cover.

Since May has arrived, that means it’s time for the Patriot Awards banquet. So, come on out to support your fellow adult Scouters that have served their unit and the District over the last year. It’s really a lot of great food and the opportunity to see your Patriot District friends receive awards for all the wonderful work that they do for our youth. We have the District Award of Merit to present; the Distinguished Patriot Scouter; and, the Patriot Spirit Awards. So, come on out on the 27<sup>th</sup> to St Stephen’s Methodist Church in Burke, to cheer your friends and family on. Check out our Facebook page and the see a lot more about the happenings of the District.

Our Cub Scout Day Camp is scheduled for 29 Jun to 3 July and there are a few slots left. Check on line and register for one of the more enjoyable events for Cubs in the entire Council.

Also, start planning your unit program for the Fall! The Council Calendar is in final stages, and the District Calendar is on the street. Get ready for the Camporees, Scouting For Food, and Popcorn.

Did I mention Popcorn???? 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!!!

Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement.

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](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net)) or Doug Hess ([dbhess1@verizon.net](mailto:dbhess1@verizon.net))

Have you decided on your contribution for Friends of Scouting? Have you made the commitment? Well, there is still time. Reach out to any one of the Committee members if you have not. Call your friends, too.

And...don’t forget to Recruit for the District. Take the time to talk to the parents or our Cubs. Use the Spring Join Scout Nights to recruit parents and other adults into our wonderful program.

And thank you for your support to our program.

*Jack Campbell, District Chairman*  
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***United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs.***

*~ Patrick Henry (b. May 29, 1736)*



### From the Commissioner

Wow! What an awesome Camporee. A special thanks to Bill Dexter and his District Camporee Team for its inception, planning and execution. And thanks to all the Commissioners and leaders from other Districts who played key roles.

An important date is approaching for Cub Packs interested in a strong Journey to Excellence program. To earn Silver in the Volunteer Leadership category, a Pack must “Achieve Bronze, and by May 31, the pack committee identifies pack and den leadership for the next year.” You can change leadership later, but you’ll need a plan by May 31<sup>st</sup>. As you identify those leaders, I hope you’ll encourage them to attend the Midway Session of this month’s Roundtable (7:30 – 8:00, May 14<sup>th</sup>) for Program Launch. There should be plenty of materials to finish planning out your next year’s program. Sometimes new leaders don’t realize there are resources beyond the unit. Program Launch brings those resources together in one time and place.

Our Commissioners have noticed that there is a lot of activity focused on advancement. Cub Scouts are finishing up their ranks. New Boy Scouts are working hard to complete many requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Scouts are also picking their merit badges for summer camp. As leaders, we know advancement is important because it can help build character, citizenship and fitness. Yet, in the 1936 version of the *Handbook for Scoutmasters*, we are reminded that “To a boy *Scouting is a game*, a magnificent game, full of play and full of laughter, keeping him busy, keeping him *happy*. That is the strength of Scouting! A boy becomes a Scout for the sheer fun there is in it. The *action* in Scouting appeals to the boy’s impulse to be doing something... There is *adventure* in Scouting. There is adventure in tackling a job alone—all by oneself, or with the gang... There is always present an *urge to achieve*. A harder task, a higher rank always looms ahead; there is distinction to be gained.” The trick is to provide the opportunity to achieve while masking it in the language and experiences of game, action and adventure.

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**Patriot District Events**

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

**May 2015**

- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 15 Last day for Cub Scout Day Camp registration at \$195 (then \$215)
- 23 VAPST/VCPST (by Colonial District)
- 26 District Awards Dinner (change)
- 28-30 Wood Badge Part 2 of 2
- 29 Registration Deadline Goshen
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – June

**June 2015**

- 5-7 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- 6 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 7 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 OA Chapter Banquet
- 11 Roundtable
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-Jul 3 Cub Scout Day Camp

**July 2015**

- No Patriot Press
- No Roundtable (see you in August)
- 1-3 Cub Scout Day Camp continues
- 12-17 IMPEESA (NYLT)
- 26-31 IMPEESA (NYLT)

**Legend**

BSLST Boy Scout Leader Specific Training	OA Order of the Arrow
CSLST Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	RT Roundtable
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venturing Advisor Position Spec Trng
JSN Join Scouting Night	V-RT Venturing Roundtable
NLE New Leader Essentials	VOA Venturing Officers Association



*This country cannot afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor*

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

## PROGRAM LAUNCH 2015-2016

**ROUNDTABLE MIDWAY: 7:30-8:00 Thursday, May 14**



For all Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Program Launch. Get the latest information for Program Planning:

- Council Calendar
- District Calendar
- Annual Program Planning for Units
- Anti-Bullying Video Program
- Aquatics
- Camp William B. Snyder
- Day Camp 2015
- Goshen Scout Reservation
- High Adventure
- Journey To Excellence
- Membership
- Popcorn
- Religious Committee Information
- STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math)
- Training
- Venturing

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/ProgramPlanning.aspx>

**Your Annual Troop Program Plan = Satisfied Boy Scouts and families = A lifelong love of Scouting!**

A new electronic [program planning conference guide](#) is available for troop use to hopefully add some color to the process. Basically, it is a narrated PowerPoint that takes the troop step by step through the planning process. The result is an annual calendar and plan that all parties agree upon.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA\\_Troop\\_Annual\\_Program\\_Planning\\_Conference\\_Guide.zip](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA_Troop_Annual_Program_Planning_Conference_Guide.zip)



## Order of the Arrow

Starting in July, 2014, registered members in good standing with the BSA, their local council and their Order of the Arrow lodge will be able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration.

Get the form at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3>

Turn in completed forms to Kristin Chioma [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com)

### Upcoming events:

- May 8 Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's
- May 15-17 Conclave at Camp Rodney in MD ( a centennial event)
- May 23-26 H.O.S.T. trail
- June 6-8 Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder (a centennial event)
- June 10 Chapter Banquet
- July 26 Arrow Tour at Camp Snyder (a centennial event)

To get the latest information please join our email group [patriot-oa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:patriot-oa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Check out our web site for information:

[http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group\\_content\\_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074](http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074) and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803282496406037/>

Kristin Chioma



*Our forefathers came to our rugged shores in search of religious tolerance, political freedom and economic opportunity. For those fundamental rights, they risked their lives. We well know today that such rights can be preserved only by constant vigilance , the eternal price of liberty!*

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



### SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award gets updated

Is snacking smart, drinking right and moving more a priority in your Scout unit? It should be. And it's time to get the patch to prove it.

The Boy Scouts of America, in collaboration with Healthy Kids Out of School, has launched a new edition of the **SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award**.

Originally a pilot program in the northeast, the SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award is now available nationwide in a new edition. More than 9,400 Scouts earned the original version of the patch. That includes units in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

How do you earn the patch? It's easy, fun and — most of all — good for you and your Scouts! See <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/21/scoutstrong-healthy-unit-award/> for details.



### Take Flight!!!

### Patriot District Summer Day Camp 2015

- Who can attend? All registered Cub Scouts (rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders, new Tigers, may attend but a parent must accompany him the full week)
- When is it? Monday, 29 June to Friday, 3 July (8:30 am until 3:20 pm)
- Where is it? Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax, VA 22030 (off Shirley Gate Road)
- What activities? The Patriot District Day Camp Staff are pleased to offer another week of outdoor fun: shooting BB guns, making Arts and Craft projects, shooting arrows, playing athletic games, shooting wrist rockets, learning about nature, and many other activities.
- What to bring? Wear the Camp T-shirt (included in registration fee) and swim trunks each day, close toed shoes, bring a bag lunch, lightweight carry bag, towel.
- What is the cost? Early registration = \$175 (on or before April 18) Regular fee = \$195 (April 17 – May 15), Late registration = \$215 (After May 15)  
Camperships are available – please see the NCAC website for details.
- Parent Participation Each Pack must provide 1 adult (known as a Den Walker) per 5 Cub Scouts. A Tiger Cub Partner cannot count towards the 5 to 1 ratio for the Pack. All adults must take the Youth Protection Training at [www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx)
- Registration Your Pack Coordinator will gather all registration information and fees and will register everyone from the Pack online when the registration site is available on the Council web site (<http://ncacbsa.org/>). Register early as we tend to sell out early!

**Join our Staff!** All of our staff members are volunteers. Would you like to have your son attend camp for free? All staff members are eligible to have one family member attend camp for free. Contact the Camp Director to learn how you can be a staff member ([DayCampPatriot@gmail.com](mailto:DayCampPatriot@gmail.com)).



PRIZES

We want  
**YOU**  
to attend



GAMES

**Cub Scout Roundtable**

**When:** Thursday, May 14, 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**

Greg Wagner

[Wagner89usna@verizon.net](mailto:Wagner89usna@verizon.net), 703-426-2597



FUN



FELLOWSHIP



**Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*  
Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, May 14, 2015

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

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

The Roundtable staff looks forward to seeing all of you at the next roundtable.

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*The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse.*

~ James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)

## 2015 Eagle Career Day



### Christian D'Andrea, Keynote Speaker

Save the Date, Saturday, May 30, 2015, 1:30pm - 4pm

Every year, Gathering of Eagles offers young Eagle Scouts the opportunity to be mentored by a professional in an industry or career field they are interested in pursuing. We are pleased to announce this year's Keynote Speaker is Christian D'Andrea; Producer-Director, The Storyfoundery. Mentors from a variety of businesses, social and civic organizations are needed to help familiarize youth with their workplace and industry

Register at: [www.NCACBSA.org/ECD](http://www.NCACBSA.org/ECD)

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

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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](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net).

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# Patriot District

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Event

*Heavy hors D Oeuvres' and Dessert*



**Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

We will recognize and honor our Unit and District volunteers at the 17th Annual District Recognition Event on Tuesday, May 26 at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd, Burke, VA 22015. We are planning a great evening of food, fellowship and recognition of Patriot District’s outstanding volunteers.

Please make your reservations for this significant annual event of the Patriot District. This year’s event will be **\$20 per person for all who register before Wednesday, May 14**. To encourage early registration, we will charge \$25 per person for anyone registering after May 14. To make sure we have enough food for all those who register, we will not be able to accept “walk-ins.”

Please send the registration form and checks payable to “NCAC- BSA”, to Kristin Chioma, 4030 Pickstone Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032. You may also turn in your registration at the May 14th Roundtable.

For questions, contact Kristin Chioma email, [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com) or (703) 539-6888. If you are able to assist with food prep or setup, please contact Cynthia Yellen at [cnymw@verizon.net](mailto:cnymw@verizon.net) or (703) 425-6468 (home) or 703-731-3839 (cell), it would be greatly appreciated.

### Patriot District 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Event Reservation Form

Enclosed is a check (made payable to NCAC-BSA) for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at **\$20 per person.**  
\$25 after May 14

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Add'l Guests' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #:      Pack \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form and check payable to “NCAC-BSA,”  
c/o Kristin Chioma, 4030 Pickstone Dr., Fairfax VA 22032



## **BSA and the VFW: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships**



**Background:** The **mission** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The **vision** of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. The VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide.

### **VFW-Sponsored Scholarships**

#### **VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program**

<http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

#### **The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post:**

##### **Scout of the Year** <http://www.vfw.org/Scout>

High school students who are at least 15 years of age; registered, active members of a Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew; have received either the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award; and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply.

##### **Voice of Democracy** <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/>

The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. It is open to students in ninth through 12th grades and provides more than \$2.5 million annually in awards and scholarships. Created in 1947, it gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting

##### **Patriot's Pen** <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>

The VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest is for students in grades 6-8 and challenges them to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

**More Information:** Use the links to get full details about each program, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winners.

### 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. If you visit them often, they will start to show up in your news feed, which is a great way to make sure you stay informed. Here is a short list you might be interested in:

- 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.



### Trail Maintenance Day

Saturday, May 16 9-12 PM

Rain Date: Saturday May 30 9-12 PM

Educational Activities for Kids to Adults

Location: Woodland Way, Yellow Section Phase II

(Between Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Canterbury Woods Elementary)

### Be a SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR at Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia!

Seeking friendly, outgoing, fun and responsible individuals age 18 and up to direct our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are looking for age 21 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges, Waterfront and Pool activities.

- Counselors attend camp June 28 – August 16, 2015
- You will work with Cub Scouts (ages 6-11) • Lead fun activities
- Gain valuable work experience • Make lifelong friends

[www.GoToSnyder.com](http://www.GoToSnyder.com) for application. Contact Shirley Couteau for more information, phone: (571) 248-4904, e-mail: [Shirley.Couteau@Scouting.org](mailto:Shirley.Couteau@Scouting.org)

# Registration Form

This version for Wash, D.C. Area -OF- In-Council Only

## History Of Scouting Trail H.O.S.T.

### James E. West Hike Inaugural Weekend

5.5 miles, 2-5 hours May 23, 24 or 25, 2015 - Sat or Sun or Mon  
Special OA Certificate & Display Reception on Saturday  
**!! Open To All !!**

Those desiring the OA Reception & 100th Ann. OA-West Innaugural Medals should register for May 23rd time slots.

**Only 1200 NCAC Spaces Available!**

*Hike Inaugural Weekend, May 23-25 can be completed by Lodge or Unit or Patrol or Individual*

**REGISTRATION is \$10 per person plus one donated Scout uniform part.**  
(This includes - Scout shirt, pants, belt, hat, tabs, backpack or usable camping item - Boy or Girl Scout - any age)

**Each paid participant will receive 2 elegant restricted patches plus materials.**  
(Additional restricted patches & medal bars will be available at medal purchase)

**List 1st, 2nd & 3rd Choice - Your assigned time will be emailed April 1, 2015.**  
*This form is for James E. West Inaugural Hike ONLY B-P Livingstone & History Hikes can be registered online*  
Scouts & Leaders should be in uniform. Cash, CC or Checks OK for Medal purchase at Hike Completion.

**\*\* Max number of hikers per time slot is 150 (every 20-30 mins) - You will be sent your assigned start time \*\***  
*- Groups will be released every 20-30 mins each day -*

**Sat. May 23, 2015:** [Closed]7:30, [Closed]7:45, [18:00, [19:00, [110:00, [111:00, [112:00, [11:00, [12:00  
**Sun. May 24, 2015:** [19:00-10:30, [110:30-12:00, [112:00-1:30 **Mon. May 25, 2015:** [19:00-10:30, [110:30-12:00, [112:00-1:30

**HISTORY OF SCOUTING TRAIL**

**NCAC or GSCNC UNIT: ( -or- Register online at: [www.NCACbsa.org/HOST](http://www.NCACbsa.org/HOST) )**

Type <sup>Patrol</sup> <sub>etc</sub>  No.  (or Public)  is Registering for: Please enter 1st, 2nd and 3rd Choice Time + Day:

Departure Time+Day (1st) :  (2nd) :  (3rd) :

Registration Quantity: Adults  and Youth  = Total

Leader Name:  Position (?)

Contact Info: email  cell phone

Other phone (W or H)

We wish to Register for:  Sat. May 23 , or  Sun. May 24, or  Mon. May 25, 2015

We have enclosed payment of \$  (\$10 x people) to NCAC, BSA - HOST

PAYMENT METHOD  Cash (NCAC desk only)  Check (Make payable to NCAC, BSA - HOST) Check Number:

VISA  MC  AmEx  Dis  Card Number:

Exp. date:  CCV #  Name on Card:

Signature  Today's Date:

Billing Address (if different)

Mail to: **HISTORY OF SCOUTING TRAIL, National Capital Area Council, BSA, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814**  
For more registration information email Mr. Mark Crotzer, HOST Vice-Chair, at [HOST.BSA.info@gmail.com](mailto:HOST.BSA.info@gmail.com)

Other Unit Info (optional):

National Capital Area Council, BSA | Patriot District

# 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Herrity**  
 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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**Please register your foursome by going to:**  
[www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf](http://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](mailto:Susan.Hart@Scouting.org)



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