



# The Patriot Press



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## SCOUTING FOR FOOD



This is an annual event where scouting units from across the NCAC, including the Patriot district, collect food for those in need. The food the Patriot District collects goes directly to the Capital Area Food Bank for distribution to various other food banks and pantries. Historically we have faithfully filled three huge trucks with the food we collect. Our drop off point is the Safeway at the Burke Centre Parkway. We will be there from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates:

**October 15<sup>th</sup>:** At roundtable, we will have the SFF bags for unit representatives to pick up for distribution in their areas. *It is imperative that a representative from every unit attend this Roundtable.* At Roundtable you will receive your bags and be assigned an area to cover. Please ask your scout parents if they have seen SFF bags in their neighborhoods in previous years. Every empty door is a missed opportunity. Please let us know on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> of any neighborhoods that have been inadvertently missed in recent years.

**November 7<sup>th</sup> :** Units distribute the bags to their designated neighborhoods, beginning no earlier than 9 AM.. With a knock and a call out of "Scouting For Food", a scout leaves the bag on the door with the hopes of finding a bag of food next week. If you run out of bags, you may also tie a note to the door as a reminder of the date for SFF pick up. You may also call Miklos Kiss to see if there are any extra bags left over.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>:** Scouts begin picking up the food at 9 AM and deliver the bags to the Safeway located at Burke Center Parkway Shopping Center. We do not take glass jars- please leave them behind if possible. We will ask each unit to stop by the **SFF table** to identify the unit dropping off and give a bag count.. Each bag we estimate as approximately 5 lbs. OA Scouts will diligently be waiting to assist, often with the help of a crew from GMU, and some very reliable dedicated adults.

**Volunteers Needed:** On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we need volunteers to collect and sort the food, direct traffic, and many other duties that are much appreciated. Our volunteers sign in at the SFF table where they can have service hours validated. If you are an OA member and plan to attend the event, please try to bring an orange or yellow safety vest to wear over your official BSA OA uniform. If it is cold, please dress accordingly. We will provide hydration and nutrition. Please contact Miklos Kiss or Rob Cain if you or your unit can help at the collection point on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

Your 2015 SFF Coordinators:

Miklos Kiss  
[sff@cox.net](mailto:sff@cox.net)  
703-975-7928

Rob Cain  
[sff@cox.net](mailto:sff@cox.net)  
703-298-6737



### **From the District Chairman:**

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Labor Day is over and school has started! Now, we can expect to see some really warm days as we head into Fall.

In the meantime, we need to have you document your Summer Camp and out High Adventure Bases days for the record book. It leads to a better Journey to Excellence score for you unit and out District. It was a great Summer for the books!

We've got a lot going on this Fall, and you're a part of it.

So....

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

**Join Scouting Night!** Help us ensure that Scouting continues with a new generation of Cubs! There is a box for each unit to help them with JSN, and the Membership Committee will provide it at Roundtable.

**Get ready for Fall Camporee!** Inside, there are details on the Fall Patriot District Camporee, which will focus on shooting sports.

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

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

**Did I mention Popcorn????** Find that Popcorn Kernel quickly. The first pickup has already been completed. Your Kernel is critical to having a successful sale. As last year, the prizes are worth the effort. Last year, the Council gave out thousands of dollars' worth of iPads, iPods, and other exciting gifts. Now is the time!!!

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

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

Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement.

*Jack Campbell, District Chairman*  
[wjcampbell1@verizon.net](mailto:wjcampbell1@verizon.net)



## From the Commissioner

Welcome back to School Days.

As you know, Scouting happens at the unit level. In fact, the friendship, fun, and learning actually happen in the den, patrol, team, and crew. As Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder said, "The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method." The unit such as the pack or troop provides the cohesion of leadership, planning, resources, and recognition that allow the den or patrol to focus on fun and learning.

Patriot District and the Council exist to support the unit. In fact the Commissioners Corps, which preceded the professionals, have the specific mission to support units. The Commissioners try to maintain regular contact with unit leaders. We're trying to build relationships and to understand what units need. Commissioners identify units' needs and report them to the District Committee as part of our Units Service Plan. The Committee then can develop or devote resources to meeting those needs. For example, units may need help with recruiting, retention or with training. If that is the case with your unit, talk to your Commissioner. We may be able to help and allow you to stay focused on delivering a fun learning experience that will grow our youth.

Charter Renewal season is upon us. Now is the time to complete a membership inventory. Compare your roster to the people listed in my.Scouting Member Manager. If someone is not in my.Scouting, submit their application now. Ask adults to retake YPT if it will expire before 31 March. Renewal packages will be sent to your Committee Chair this month. Please let your Commissioner know when you receive the package and tell your Commissioner who will process the package. The window for Internet Rechartering will open on 1 October. The deadline for completed packages to be given to your Commissioner by 8 November.

Charter Renewal processors, Committee Chairs, and Unit Leaders should attend Recharter training at 7:00 prior to the 10 September Roundtable to get the latest updates on changes to the process.

2016 Journey to Excellence goals and scorecards are out. You can find them under JTE resources on the bottom left part of your myscouting homepage or use this url: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2016.aspx>

Unit Key 3 leaders should discuss what goals they intend to achieve and review the goals with senior youth leaders as they complete their calendars and planning.

*Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner*  
703-503-5123, [jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com](mailto:jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com)



## HELP WANTED!

Our Patriot District Webmaster Rashid Abdullah is looking for help to maintain the Patriot District calendar on our webpage. No experience in "web-nology" is needed. Rashid will train you in the step-by-step process for entering and updating new events on our calendar.

If interested in helping us keep Patriot District members better-informed, please contact Rashid directly at [abdulrashid.abdullah@muslimscouting.org](mailto:abdulrashid.abdullah@muslimscouting.org)

## **We need *YOUR* Troop!**

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

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

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

**WHERE:** Church of the Good Shepherd

9350 Braddock Rd. Burke, VA 22015

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

Reserve your space? Questions?

**CONTACT:** John Stewart, [john.r.stewart@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart@mail.mil) Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)



### **Last Call to Register for the 6th Annual Patriot District Golf Outing!**

All,

We are two weeks away from the 6th Annual Patriot District Golf Event! Join us on Monday 14 September at Prince William Golf Course. We still have space available! All the info about the event and a link to register are in the attached flyer. If you do not have a foursome, no problem; just sign up and we will pair you up with others interested in playing golf, supporting Boy Scouts and having a good time.

We will be having a raffle and a silent auction with some great items such as a Hockey Puck Autographed by Washington Capitals Troy Brower, A learn to Ski Package form Liberty Mountain, Two sideline tickets to a DC United game and many other wonderful items.

**Unit Leaders, Unit Committee Chairs and Commissioners**, please get the word out ASAP. We are excited about another successful event and look forward to seeing many of you on the 14th!

Patriot District Golf Committee

## **Patriot District Events**

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

### **September 2015**

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

### **October 2015**

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

### **November 2015**

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – November
- 6 Final popcorn order due
- 7 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 8 Unit recharter turn-in to Unit Commissioner (last date)
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-15 SPST / IOLS combined session
- 14 Scouting for Food Collection
- 21 Final popcorn distribution
- 21 Pow Wow
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – December

## **Patriot District Fall Camporee**

October 16 – 18, 2015  
Verdun – Adventure Bound

As of July 30, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**9 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Location: TBD**

Hosted by Bob Brese

Advisor, Venturing Crew 1346

Eagle Scout Program Coordinator and Former Scoutmaster, Troop 1346

And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults

Ready to Answer All Your Questions!



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

RSVP requested - contact Bob Brese at [rfbrese@gmail.com](mailto:rfbrese@gmail.com).



*When the government violates the people's rights, insurrection is, for the people and for each portion of the people, the most sacred of the rights and the most indispensable of duties.*

*~ Marquis de Lafayette (b. September 6th, 1757)*



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

- WHAT:** Patriot District “Road to Scouting”  
(Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)
- WHEN:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- WHERE:** Church of the Good Shepherd  
9350 Braddock Rd. Burke, VA 22015
- WHY:** Learn what Boy Scouting is all about! Meet area Troops and Boy Scouts! Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting. Boy Scouting is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail. Come learn about the fun of Boy Scouting, how it’s different from Cub Scouting, and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each boy.

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Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)*



### Agenda for Road To Scouting Patriot District

09/12/2015

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

Advance equipment suggested for units:

1. Unit flag
2. Tables for displays (provided by church)
3. Activity display (e.g., camping or cooking setup) for outside (optional)
4. Handouts or flyers about your Troop
5. Display items – photo board, etc.
6. Activity items (optional)
7. **SOME BOY SCOUTS!**

#### AGENDA

12:30 pm: Hall opens. Setups begin

1:00 pm: Webelos arrive; initial open time (flexible depending on crowd interest)

- Opening Flag Ceremony (participating Scouts); Scout Oath/Law
- Welcome (Ken, John, Catherine)
- Introductory “What is Boy Scouting .ppt presentation (Ken)
- Boy Scouts from participating Troops tell what they’ve gotten out of Scouting; what sort of activities they get to do in Scouting.
- Open time to visit Troop displays and answer questions

2:30 pm: Program ends

3:00 pm: Clean-ups end



**Roundtable! Roundtable! Roundtable!**  
**Come out and Attend Roundtable!**



**WHAT IS ROUNDTABLE?**

Roundtable is a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. The objectives of roundtables are to provide leaders with program ideas; information on policy and events; and training opportunities. It is a forum for sharing experiences and enjoying fun and fellowship with other Scout leaders. When skillfully executed, the roundtable experience will inspire, motivate, and enable unit leaders to provide a stronger program for their Scouts.

**September Point of Scout Law:** Brave / **Theme:** Super Cub!

**Topics for September:** Character Compass

**When:** Thursday, September 10, 2015

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

**Midway:** 7:30pm – 8 pm

**Roundtable:** 8pm – 9pm

*Brian Behlke, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
*bbehлке@hotmail.com, 662-812-3496*



**Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, September 10, 2015

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

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

Bring your Rechartering POCs. Open discussion will be Troop Organization.

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

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

## Training

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

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

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

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

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



### Patriot District

#### Scout Leader Training

##### SMPST and IOLS

**Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and  
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills  
November 13-15, 2015  
Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA**



The Patriot District's Scout Leader Training will include two courses: Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training (SMPST) and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). The training starts Saturday Morning and ends Sunday afternoon, 14-15 Nov 2015. Participants need to register for the course by sending the registration fee and the information requested below. The fee is **\$55.00** per participant for *both courses*, (\$25.00 per participant for SMPST only, and \$45.00 for IOLS only). The fee covers camping at Big Mac, course supplies and meals for participants. IOLS attendees will camp as a troop in patrols. Attendees taking only SMPST will not camp.

The two training courses are required to qualify as “fully trained” Boy Scout leaders. Completing these courses satisfies a **prerequisite** for attending the top training for Scout leaders, **Wood Badge**. This is a great training opportunity for Venturing Advisors, 2nd Year Webelos Leaders, Troop Committee members and others who desire to improve their ability to help run Boy Scout Troops and learn basic outdoor skills.

Participants will learn about the Scout Program, and will practice hands-on skills like first aid, camp set-up, cooking, woods tools, knots and lashing, campfire programs, map & compass skills, hiking & packing, leaf identification, leave-no-trace. Most importantly, participants will learn how the boy led troop and the patrol method work in the outdoor program - necessary outdoor leadership skills in a Boy Scout troop. The goal is that participants will know about the basic Boy Scout outdoor skills needed to fulfill rank requirements through First Class.

**Register** by sending your check made out to “BSA Troop 1131” to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Registration deadline is **19 Oct 2015**. Also send an email message to [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com) with your full name, mailing address, home and cell phone numbers, primary email address, and unit type (e.g. Troop, Crew, Pack), unit number, your Scouting Position, and your Personal ID number (on your BSA membership card).

Philip Sternberg, [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com)

**Because Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!**

**Cub Scout Leader  
Specific Training**



**Cub Scout Leader Specific Training**

These courses are intended to provide **Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Committee members** with the information and tools they need to conduct a successful Cub Scout Program. Leaders who complete their position specific training and Youth Protection training are considered trained. Courses are being offered on both days to provide an opportunity for greater flexibility in getting trained. A \$5 fee will cover materials, facility costs, and snacks.

**Two days to choose from:**

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 8 AM-11 AM  
Islamic Center Northern Virginia, Fairfax, VA

Sunday, September 27, 2015, 2 PM-5 PM  
Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fairfax, VA

**For more information and to register visit:**

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotCubScouts>

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<http://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>

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**New Boy Scout Requirements**

A new set of Boy Scout requirements will become effective on January 1st, 2016.

- Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:
- Who are working on the Scout badge **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.
- Who are working on Tenderfoot through First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
- Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the existing requirements, but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/programupdates.aspx>



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### Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics

**What is the purpose of this class?** The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have *at least* one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

**Who should attend?** Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

**What will I learn?** This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

#### 2015-2016 Program Year Course Offerings

<p>Location: Germantown MD                  Fall 2015: Oct 9 (5 pm) to Oct. 11 (10 am)                  Spring 2016: Apr 8 (5 pm) to Apr 10 (10 am)                  Cost: \$38, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included.                   Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069. Sunday Friendly accommodation may be possible; contact Paul before enrolling.</p>	<p>Location: Northern VA                  Fall 2015: Oct 16 (indoor) + Oct 24-25 (outdoor)                  Spring 2016: Apr 8 (indoor) + Apr 16-17 (outdoor)                  Cost: \$75, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are</i> included.                   Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)</p>
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Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website

NCAC OE Information: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OutdoorEthics>



### Advancement Corner

For all things advancement please check out  
[www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates)

It always has the latest updates and the new information coming. All of the Cub Scout Pack meetings are available from here. You can learn all about the changes coming to Boy Scouts starting Jan. 1, 2016.



### OA schedule 2015-2016

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

*Kristin Chioma*

## LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP



Waterskiing and other outdoor activities  
 —  
 Great food  
 —  
 Ceremonies competition  
 —  
 Brotherhood Ceremony  
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 Cheerful service!  
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 Training and a show  
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 And much, much, more!

At the beautiful Goshen Scout Reservation

September 18–20, 2015



Amangamek-Wipit Lodge's Centennial Fall Fellowship is a great opportunity for all Arrowmen in the lodge to enjoy a weekend of recreation, service and fellowship at Goshen.

Additional event information and online registration is available until September 16 at: <http://tinyurl.com/2015fallfellowship>. The early bird price of \$30 is available until September 8. Passport holders should indicate their attendance at the event by completing the online registration process and selecting the no-charge Passport holder registration option.

Transportation is not provided. Attendees are encouraged to arrange car pools with other members of their chapters.

Attendees will be camping and should bring a tent.

Snacks will be available Friday evening, but attendees are encouraged to eat dinner on their way to Goshen.

If you have questions, please contact the Virginia Central Area at: [KidwellNate@gmail.com](mailto:KidwellNate@gmail.com) and [senglund@jenner.com](mailto:senglund@jenner.com)



### Come back to Gilwell

Have you earned your Wood Badge Beads? Do you wear two, three, or four beads? Do you remember the selfless service a fellow Scouter gave to help you reach that height?

Well, now it's time for you to have an opportunity to "Pay It Forward"...

If you are INTERESTED in the possibility of serving on a Wood Badge Staff in the coming year, please let me know as soon as you can. I will need to know the number of beads you wear and any specific role you have an interest in serving. As the acting Patriot District Training Chair, I will forward this information to the Council Training Committee.

Gratefully Yours in Scouting,

Robert Cohn, Patriot District Training Chair (Acting)  
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## District Training Committee

As we begin a new year in Scouting, I would like very much to make this a year remembered for training. There are many recent changes that have been made in the Scouting Program and even the most trained and experienced Scouter has opportunities to learn, experience, and share. At the same time, the Patriot District has been blessed by the willingness of new Chartered Organizations to join BSA.

This year, therefore, there are three goals I have for our District Training Committee:

- 1) To identify who has what training and who needs what training – yes, this means a push to conduct the Training Inventories that we've heard so much about in the past. I will be reaching out through the Commissioner Staff to help us complete these inventories as part of the Recharter Process starting in October.
- 2) I would like for the training committee to become a more cohesive and coherent and organized team. While in the past we have enjoyed the privilege of individuals deciding to conduct training, this year that training needs to be organized and scheduled through the District. As such, if you have, plan to, or are willing to help conduct training, please e-mail me at [rhcohn0@gmail.com](mailto:rhcohn0@gmail.com) with your name, the course(s) you would like to help teach, whether you would like to be the course director or an instructor of specific topic(s), any training background you may have, and the date you last took EDGE or other Council Train the Trainer Training.
- 3) I would like to hold training committee meetings throughout the year so that we can openly discuss training related issues.

Again, if you are willing to serve others and help them become the best they can be, please seriously consider joining the District Training Committee. Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, thoughts...

*Robert Cohn, Patriot District Training Chair (Acting)*  
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## RECHARTER TRAINING



**(Not yet – but rechartering is coming.)**

A training session on the rechartering process will be held at the September Roundtable – Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

Plan ahead for your rechartering

Now – designate the unit representative for rechartering

By the end of September – complete the membership inventory, including submission of registration forms for anyone not properly registered

October 1<sup>st</sup> – on-line access to the rechartering software begins

October – complete the on-line rechartering process

No later than November 8<sup>th</sup> – submit the completed, signed rechartering package to your Unit Commissioner

### Burke Centre Festival Sept 12th & 13th District Booth

Come one, come all to support our Cub/Venture/Explorer/Boy Scouting booth at the Burke Centre Annual Festival held at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway in Burke, VA.

Our booth hours are 9:30am to 5pm on Saturday Sept 12th; and 10am to 5pm on Sunday Sept 13th with our own Patriot District Executive (DE) Kyle Mollidene in attendance. We would like Scouters and a few our Youth hanging the booth to answer any questions about the program that visitors may have. Please wear your uniform and come on down. If you can spare a few hours to serve at the booth let our John Stewart know or just show up.

Admission is FREE to this fun-filled family oriented event. The event's website can be found at [http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub\\_category\\_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival](http://www.burkecentreweb.com/sub_category_list.asp?category=37&title=Annual+Festival). We want to get Scouting represented at as many community events in the District area as possible, so if you know of an event that we can have a booth drop an email with the event info to our DE at [kyle.mollidene@scouting.org](mailto:kyle.mollidene@scouting.org) and/or our membership vice-chair at [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil).





### **New Guide to Advancement for 2015**

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

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

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



### **Unit Leader Roster**

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

*John Stewart, Vice Chair Membership*

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

*The Patriot Press* is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Boy Scouts of America. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or the Boy Scouts of America. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

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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# 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

**Monday**  
**September 14, 2015**

**Registration 8:00 AM**

**Shotgun Start 9:00 AM**

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



**The Honorable David Bulova**

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



**The Honorable Pat Herryty**

Honorary Event Co-Chair  
Fairfax County Supervisor,  
Springfield District



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

**Raffle/Silent Auction/Goodie Bag Donations**  
We welcome any gift certificates, discount coupons or other fun items. Receive recognition as the donor for your donated item.

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 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CID# \_\_\_\_\_

Golfers: (if club pro, please indicate for insurance purposes)  
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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  
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