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Spring 2015 Camporee

New Market Battlefield
New Market, Virginia
April 17 – 19, 2015



As of March 1, 2015

The following troops and crews from Patriot District have registered for the New Market Battlefield Spring 2015 Camporee; Troops 50, 114, 1131, 1346, 1347, 1412, 1524, 1525, 1533, 1535, 1818, 1865, 1966, and crews 114 and 698. Units registered online at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/newmarket>. If there are any additions or subtractions to this list contact Joe Casey at jmccasey@verizon.net. He will answer every e-mail and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. Units need to pay for the camporee online. Instructions will be provided this week. The cost of the camporee is twenty dollars (\$20) per participant that are camping. There is no charge for people that are just visiting for a day. Staff members and OA members that are paying with the headquarters need to pay Joe Casey or Bill Dexter by March 24, 2015 since the headquarters must pay as a unit. Headquarter staff members make checks out to NCAC for twenty dollars.

Troops also need to decide if they want to participate as Union or Confederate units. Troops can split their scouts with part of the unit participating on both sides. Units desiring to order from the Virginia Museum of the Civil War Store at New Market Battlefield must place their order immediately. The museum on the battlefield sells many items that can enhance scouts understanding of the battle and the Civil War. The staff is prepared to support troops/units for the camporee. We recommend Troops pre-order items for use at the camporee. The museum store can ship them to your home address or have them available for pick up upon your arrival. The store has several hundred items for sale to include four that pertain directly to the camporee. They are Confederate and Union Kepi military hats and two books. The store stocks two books directly supporting the battle and the Bushong farm. *Valley Thunder, the Battle of New Market and the Opening of the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, May 1864*, written by Charles R. Knight, is considered the best account of the battle – its ISBN is 978-1-932714-80-7. *Mother Bushong's Sponge Cake and other 19th Century Recipes from the Bushong Family and Farm* authored by Stacey R. Nadeau contains several recipes cooked on the farm that can also be prepared by scouts over a gas camp stove or in a Dutch oven. Its ISBN is 978-0-615-96166-8. Both books will support a strong understanding of the battle and the farm it was fought on. The POC at the store is Tammy M. Oden. Her phone numbers are toll free (866) 515-1864, office (540) 740-3101 and fax (540) 740-3033. Her e-mail is odentm@vmi.edu. Her address is Virginia Museum of the Civil War, 8895 George Collins Drive, PO Box 1864, New Market Virginia 22844. Prices for the kepis are cotton – one size fits all, \$5.95 and for wool with different sizes, \$10.50. The price for the book, *Thunder Valley*, is \$29.95. A limited number of copies signed by the author are available at no extra charge. The price for the cook book is \$14.95 and copies signed by the author are available.

The camporee will be held on the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia on April 17 – 19, 2015. Join 2,000 scouts and scouters as we re-enact the Civil War battle of New Market, Virginia. Scouts will be the participants in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. The camporee director is William T. Dexter at wtdexterjr@gmail.com, phone number is (703) 978-2632.

Bill Dexter, wtdexterjr@gmail.com



From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Wow! It's March and we're still digging out from another snow storm. Stay safe, and use your best skills.

The Friends of Scouting campaign is kicking off, so talk to the Finance committee and the FOS team if your troop has not scheduled their visit. Try to have it at some time when lots of parents will be around, like a Court of Honor or blue and gold Banquet.

We still have time to honor some great Scouter for their service to youth. Think about writing someone up for an Award. Patriot had two Silver Beavers selected by NCAC, and we have three nominees for the District Award of Merit, but we still need to get more nominees for the Patriot Distinguished Scouter and Spirit Awards.

Our Spring Camporee is just around the corner, and it's gonna be HUGE!!! So far, almost 2000 Scouts from at least four Districts are coming to OUR Camporee. The theme is the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Come out with your troop, and call Bill Dexter if you can volunteer for the staff.

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

Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for Patriot District's program.

Get ready for Spring!!!! It's right around the corner...

Yours in Scouting, Jack

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
wjcampbell1@verizon.net



Whenever the white man treats the Indian as they treat each other then we shall have no more wars.

~ Chief Joseph (b. March 3, 1840)



From the Commissioner

Congratulations and thanks to the Scouters who attended the University of Scouting. Over 1000 Scouters participated or instructed! The courses' variety and scope increases each year. I watched as one of our Patriot Scouters stood on the platform to receive her PhD in Scouting. It was impressive. You should plan to attend next year.

As I'm writing this, the District Pine Wood Derby is drawing near. As you read it, you'll already know the champions. Congratulations to all of the participants. The Derby is a great example of one of the services the District provides. It's a grand opportunity to show Scouts and parents that Scouting is bigger than their unit. Scouting is actually an international movement of which we are a part. Scouting is growing youth around the world to be self-confident, successful citizens.

Another great service from your District is the Camporee. Our Spring Camporee promises to be like no other. We'll be joined by units from across NCAC and from other states. I look forward to seeing Scouts and Webelos from across the Patriot District. See you there!

As you plan your summer activities (yes, summer will eventually come), let your Unit Commissioner know when and where you are going to camp. We keep track for Journey to Excellence purposes and to share your experiences with other units.

We've had a few Unit Commissioners who have completed their service or who are relocating. We're looking for some new Unit Commissioners. No prior experience is required; just a sincere desire to help units be successful and to make Scouting's benefits available to more eligible youth. We have great training which will make you comfortable and confident. Please talk to me or any Commissioner and see if being a UC is the right next step in your Scouting progression. It's a great way to be well connected but manage your time and commitments.

As a reminder, Commissioners want to help get all of your youth and adult applications processed effectively. So turn in all applications to your Commissioner: Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, or me. We'll do an initial quality control check and be prepared to follow up for you if there are any complications. We'll get all applications to Council through our District Executive or VA Central Field Director.

*Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner
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“An elective despotism was not the government we fought for; but one in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among the several bodies of magistracy as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others.”

~James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)



Patriot District Events

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

March 2015

- 7 District Pinewood Derby
- 7 BSLST
- 10 District Commissioners Mtg.
- 12 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner College
- 20 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20-22 Wood Badge Part 1 of 2
- 21 NE Region Area 6 Key Leader Workshop
- 21-22 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Big Mac)
- 24 PD Committee Mtg.

- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – April

April 2015

- 9 Roundtable
- 11 COR Training
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 17-19 Wood Badge Part 2 of 2
- 17-19 Spring Camporee
- 24-26 OA Spring Ordeal
- 28 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 Council Court of Honor

May 2015

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 15 Last day for Cub Scout Day Camp registration at \$195 (then \$215)
- 17 OA Chapter Meeting
- 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

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



Take Flight!!!
Patriot District
Summer Day Camp 2015

- Who can attend?** All registered Cub Scouts (rising 1st 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 available online at: 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!

For more information

Parent information meetings will be held once dates and locations have been determined.

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).



Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

~Andrew Jackson (b. March 15, 1767)



OA –Order of the Arrow

Welcome to 2015, the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Many fun events will be going on this year, so make sure you check our webpage

http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074
and Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803282496406037/> for information.

- Mar 20 Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's
 - Apr 17-19 District camporee New Market Battlefield
 - Apr 24-26 Spring Ordeal Verdun Adventure Bound
 - May 8 Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's
 - May 15-17 Conclave at Camp Rodney in MD
 - May 23-26 H.O.S.T. trail
 - Jun TBA Chapter Banquet
 - July Arrow Tour at Camp Snyder
- To join our new email list: patriot-oa-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Kristin Chioma



Recruiting SCOUTING FOR FOOD Coordinator



We are in need of a coordinator(s) for the 2015 Scouting for Food (SFF) campaign. This is an important 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 in the Safeway parking lot on Burke Centre Parkway. For the 2015 SFF activity, bag distribution will be on Saturday, November 7; bag/food pickup will be on Saturday, November 14. This is a great way to serve the Scouts and local community in our District. You will have lots of help from previous coordinators. Please email or call me if you have any questions or want to volunteer. SFF coordination can easily be shared if there are 2-3 folks who want to take this on. Thanx!!

Mark Greer, Patriot, Activities and Civic Service Chair
mfgreer@verizon.net, 703-300-4876

"Be thankful for problems. If they were less difficult, someone with less ability might have your job."

~James Lovell, Eagle Scout (b. March 25, 1928)



PRIZES

We want
YOU
to attend



GAMES

Cub Scout Roundtable

When: Thursday, March 12, 2015

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

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm



FUN



FELLOWSHIP

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

Greg Wagner

Wagner89usna@verizon.net, 703-426-2597



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, March 12, 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.

Steve Smith, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-1016, smithfamilyzoo@cox.net

Dave Sharp – 703-328-2525, sharpd77@gmail.com

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



Concentrate all your thoughts on the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought into focus.

~ Alexander Graham Bell (b. March 03, 1847)

Upcoming BALOO March 28th

What: VA Central/VA West BALOO (host: George Mason District)

When: Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m. (registration) – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Barcroft Bible Church, 9401 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Cost: \$15.00 per participant (includes handouts, Cub Scout breakfast, and Foil-Meal Lunch).

To Register: Send check payable to NCAC-BSA to Course Director Julia Farr, 10002 Blackthorn Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030. Any questions, contact Julia Farr via e-mail farr.scouts@gmail.com or via phone (c) 703-965-7013.

Bring: Pen and notepad, and camp chair (optional).

Uniform: Wear your “Class A” uniform (preferred)

Course Description: BALOO is an outdoor skills training program for the Cub Scout Leader or Parent - no camping experience required. BALOO training teaches Cub Scout Leaders and Parents the essential organizing, planning, campcraft and outdoor safety skills to enable a Pack to go camping as a Scouting group. BALOO training program topics include activity planning, program ideas, campfire planning, equipment, cooking and sanitation, safety and first aid. BSA policy requires at least one leader with BALOO training on all Cub Scout Pack campouts.

Class Size is Limited and Advanced Registration Required by March 23 (No Walk-Ons).

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

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Membership Corner: JSN Training



**Growing your Pack
Maximizing your Join Scouting Night**

Who: Pack Membership Chair, Lead Recruiters, Cub Master, Committee Chair, Committee Members, Den Leaders and Assistants

When: 7-8 PM, prior to Roundtable, Thursday, 12 March 2015

Where: St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Why: Strengthen your Pack. Help achieve BSA's Vision: "The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law." . . . and it's Free with Prizes and JSN materials!



Troop 1131 Fund Raiser Dinner



When: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 20 March 2015

Where: Stephen's UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA

Who: All Troop 1131 Scout Families, Guests and Friends

What: Please join us for a great Spaghetti dinner at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The dinner is to help raise funds for scouts to use to help pay the cost of activities. Please let us know how many people will attend the dinner by sending a message to the contacts below, or by signing up at a Troop Meeting.

Cost: The dinner includes spaghetti with/or without meatballs, a salad, rolls, desert and a drink. The cost of a dinner is \$5.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a family of five.

Contact: Carol Harrity-Tun, charrity@cox.net, 703-321-1404
Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205

**Venturers: Improve Your Spy Craft Skills at
Phenomenon 2015!**



April 10-12, 2015 at Camp Horseshoe, Chester County Council

Are you a Spy Unlike Us? Are your spy craft skills up to par? Can you act like a spy and uncover secret clues? Get ready for friends, fun, and a PHENOMENAL weekend! A Venturing Event!

The Northeast Region Area 6 VOA is looking for hundreds of good women and men to attend a fun filled, jammed packed, Phenomenal weekend. If you accept this assignment, you will be put through the paces and will have many opportunities to write home and share your excitement. www.ne6venturing.org

Find out at Phenomenon 2k15! Phenomenon will take place April 10 - 12, 2015 at Camp Horseshoe, Chester County. The cost is \$45 for tent camping per person, and \$55 for cabin camping per person. The participant fee covers food, lodging, flush toilets, showers, an event patch, and all entertainment/activities.

Camp Horseshoe in Chester County Council.
1286 Ridge Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911.

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"Be thankful for problems. If they were less difficult, someone with less ability might have your job."

~James Lovell, Eagle Scout (b. March 25, 1928)

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

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN NOW.

For units with older Scouts (i.e., 14 and older)

FLORIDA SEA BASE: Want to sail on a 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht for a week? Want to learn navigation, fishing and sailing in the Florida Keys? NCAC has openings for just seven more youth and two adults **this summer!** Contact Dana Abrahamsen, Sea Base program liaison (dabrahamsen@ftc.gov, 703-280-9782) with questions.

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH: Want to go backpacking in the New Mexico high country on a 12-day backpacking expedition? Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high! Opportunities are still available for units and provisional participants for **this summer!** Questions? Contact the Philmont program liaison, Ed Graydon (ed.graydon@verizon.net, 703-680-6550).

NORTHERN TIER: Want to go canoeing deep in the wilderness of Canada? NCAC is starting provisional treks to Bissett, Manitoba, in **July 2016**. Sign-ups are now being accepted for 12 youth and 4 adults to experience the "Most extreme High Adventure in Scouting." Be a part of NCAC's inaugural provisional treks to Manitoba. Questions? Contact Craig Reichow, Northern Tier program liaison, (sctmstr@verizon.net, 703-478-0660),

Space is limited and first-come, first served basis, so sign up now. See the NCAC High Adventure Committee web site for sign-up forms.

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

~ Albert Einstein (b. March 14, 1879)



The NCAC Islamic and Jewish Committees on Scouting are pleased to present the

2015 Space Derby



Sunday March 22, 2014

hosted by

Pack 114 and Pack 1818

Location: Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax, VA 22031

Check-In: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Pre-Register at: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/SpaceDerby>

Registration Ends: March 15, 2015.

Cost: \$8.00 per entrant

Refreshments will be provided.

Please do not bring any food or drinks to the event.

Space Derby Patches and Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers for each Cub Scout rank.

This Space Derby is open to all interested Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that all entrants will receive Patches and Ribbons at the Space Derby. Pre-registration should be done individually. Participant must purchase kits.



Space Derby Kits are available from the Bethesda or NOVA Scout shops. Scouts must build, decorate, and race their own Space Derby Rocket.

This will require some time to assemble so please allocate sufficient time.

Rules and additional information about the Space Derby can be found at www.ncacbsa.org/SpaceDerby.

For further information, please call 703-638-8220 or email derby@muslimscouting.org