

District Classified Ads

The mission of the Nickolas Demidovich Memorial Fund is to raise funds and distribute money to disadvantaged Boy Scouts in the Huntington, New York area, in order to allow them to attend Boy Scout camp and participate in all the activities offered that would otherwise be unaffordable for them to attend. We have money available to help kids out with. If you know of a scout who we could help with some financial assistance, please make them aware of the fund, and have them contact me for an application. Peter Demidovich, peterd1@optonline.net.

Do you have an upcoming event (scouting or community) that is relevant to the Matinecock district? Send an email to the editor for posting.

Important links to sources of information:

Matinecock District Website: <http://matdistrict.org/>

Matinecock District email: matdistrict@gmail.org

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbsa.org>

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: www.seascout.org

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: www.jewishscouting.org

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: www.ccos-drvc.org

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to www.nccs-bsa.org

Shinnecock Lodge web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

December Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Respect Webelos Activity Pins: Craftsman, Scientist
Boy Scout: Tracking From: <http://www.boysscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2014.asp>

“What’s the Point” is a publication brought to you by the Matinecock District Roundtable Staff: Edited by Mimi Puttre’ If you would like to contribute a news item please email it to Mimi at David.Puttre@verizon.net, deadline: Tuesday before roundtable.



What’s the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



November 13, 2014

What’s Up (Coming)

November 2014

- November 14&15 – Popcorn Pickup
- November 22 – University of Scouting

December 2014

- December 9 - Popcorn payment due to council
- December 13 – Roundtable & OA

Links:

www.matdistrict.org for instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources.

www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. **Check Out the Training Events, too!**

For more useful links to scouting information, see the last page.

As we wrap up the first quarter of our scouting year I’d like to take a moment to thank you all for the work you’ve put in. We had a tremendous Webelos Woods event with over 1,100 Matinecock scouters present at Cathedral Pines. Popcorn has just ended and Matinecock is leading the charge with over \$184,000 in sales for a Suffolk County council high (see high sellers below). While we have essentially wrapped up all of our events for the 2014 calendar year, we are fast approaching our events for the 2015 year. January will see our first ever Cub Scout Olympics and the kickoff to our 2015 Friends of Scouting Campaign. February will see our Polar Bear Camporee return to Schiff Scout Reservation and also the Pack Pinewood Derbies and Blue and Gold events. This year in January and February we will also be running our Camp Card fundraiser again. In April, Matinecock will be hosting both the Boy Scout Spring Camporee and the Cub Scout Fun Day in back to back weekends. All great events planned, promoted and carried out by our volunteers. Let’s take this time to encourage our boys to participate and to get out there and support our district.

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2014 Popcorn Report & District Top Sellers:

Matinecock District: Traditional Sales: \$178,398 Online Sales: \$5900
 A district total of \$184,298 as part of a council wide sale of \$599,000
 At a 70% return, that’s over **\$129,000** that has been earned to support scouting!

Units selling over \$5000 (in traditional sales):

Boy Scouts:	Cub Scouts:
Troop 410: \$11,156 (+78%)	Pack 406: \$17,844 (+9%)**
Troop 8: \$9,951 (-11%)	Pack 312: \$17,771 (+62%)**
Troop 5: \$9,609 (+64%)	Pack 66: \$16,345 (+83%)
Troop 12: \$9,083 (+17%)	Pack 329: \$9,433 (+13%)
Troop 322: \$7,600 (-37%)	Pack 589: \$8,257 (+30%)
Troop 406: \$6,311 (+91%)	Pack 403: \$7,140 (-27%)
	Pack 322: \$5,451 (+6%)

** exceeds previous district high sale (of 2013)

“Get in on the Adventure”



Cub Scouting

84 Years of Wolves and Tigers and Bears! Oh, My!

Journey to Excellence

So what is the big deal about JTE anyway?? Why as a leader should I be bothered with the whole thing? Besides, the scorecard is so intimidating looking.

Journey to Excellence is really not that difficult and the benefits are greater than you might think. When done in conjunction with the planning process, JTE helps a unit make the most of their year. At the end of the year, the leadership feels like they have really accomplished something special by attaining the goals of JTE, and parents in your unit know that they are a part of something great. Parents of incoming Scouts know that you run a quality unit.

In order to be successful at JTE, everyone on the Committee should read the score card for the coming year as soon as the charter is filed. Goals for the year can be developed at that time to ensure success. Most units should be able to achieve Bronze based on the regular requirements of a functioning Pack. Other required elements of JTE can be worked into the unit schedule ahead of time.

JTE can be a gentle push to the leaders to do position specific training, as it is a requirement of one of the criteria. Ensuring that the needed amount of outside activities and service projects is easier when starting the planning process than when the year is over. Speaking of service projects, they must be registered in the JTE site. This is not a difficult process. It is on Scouting.org and you will need a separate password. It will take only about 5 minutes to report a project. Did you know that 17 million service hours were reported through JTE in 2013?

Once you have gotten your JTE award, you can use it many ways. The patches are great awards to give the leaders of the unit. It can be posted on your PIN on BeAScout.org and put on your letterhead or website.

Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2014 Popcorn Fundraiser



Take Order Distribution – November 14 & 15 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)
Take Order Payment Due – December 15

Matinecock District Popcorn Kernel
Kernel

Council Popcorn

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How to tell if your child is being bullied (or is the bully himself)

Bryan Wendell posted (10/1/2014): "There is no federal anti-bullying law in this country, but there is a law in Scouting. The Scout Law reminds us to be friendly, courteous and kind. Still, we'd be naive to think that bullying never happens in our organization. What's important is that you, the trained adult, take time to recognize bullying and stop it. October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, so I'd like you to read nine signs your child is being bullied and eight signs your child is the bully himself or herself. The source for this info is stopbullying.gov, a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website with a wealth of great resources.

9 signs your child is being bullied

1. Unexplainable injuries
2. Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
3. Frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking illness
4. Changes in eating habits, like suddenly skipping meals or binge eating. Kids may come home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.
5. Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
6. Declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school
7. Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
8. Feelings of helplessness or decreased self esteem
9. Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide

8 signs your child is the bully

1. Get into physical or verbal fights
2. Have friends who bully others
3. Are increasingly aggressive
4. Get sent to the principal's office or to detention frequently
5. Have unexplained extra money or new belongings
6. Blame others for their problems
7. Don't accept responsibility for their actions
8. Are competitive and worry about their reputation or popularity

What to do next

If you see warning signs that your child is being bullied or is bullying others, take the next step (more can be found at: www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/talking-about-it/index.htm)



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Congratulations to East Northport's Pack 5 which will proudly receive their third consecutive Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Award during a special Mass at 6:45 PM on Friday evening November 21, 2014 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in East Northport, the Charter Organization that sponsors Pack 5.

The Pope Paul VI Quality Unit award is sponsored by the National Catholic Committee on scouting to acknowledge outstanding and prestigious Catholic Scout Units that promote and recognize effective youth and adult leadership in fostering teachings of the Catholic Church. Pack 5 was the only Scouting Unit in New York State to receive this award in 2013.

Please note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

November 29 - Advent Celebration – Christ the King Church, Commack

December 14 – Peace Light Service, Christ the King Church, Commack

February 6-8 - Pope Pius XII Retreat, Emmanuel Retreat House, Kellenberg H.S.

March 21 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Recollection

April 23 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

May 16 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Attend our monthly meeting, first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's Ronkonkoma, 7:30 p.m. (Meet in Science Room of School) All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join. Contact: Chris Coronese, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

Jewish Committee on Scouting: Save the date(s)!

Scout Sabbath for 2015: (more to be announced)

East Northport Jewish Center - Feb 6 at 7:30pm

Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge - Feb 13 at 8pm

JCOS Awards and Recognitions Breakfast - Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge - Feb 22 (10am-12 noon)

JCOS of SCC annual Conclave - BHSC - June 5-6-7, 2015

JCOS Meetings: 11/10, 12/22 all at 7:30pm, Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge

For local JCOS information contact:

- Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecameralady@verizon.net
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net

Protestant Committee on Scouting:



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Webelos to Scout Transition:

It's almost time for our oldest boys to leave the nest, so to speak. Are they ready? Are their parents ready? Boy Scouts is a big transition. We hear it all the time, "boy lead". We get it, but do our boys and parents? Now is the time to really ramp up our efforts to prepare our boys and parents for the change ahead. Our Council even has a booklet to assist you. "The Webelos to Scout Transition Handbook" is available on the mattdistrict.org website under Resources and Links.

So what do we do? Arrange for visits to local Troops. Now that you have seen some Troops in action from Webelos Woods, you may have narrowed down your selection of appropriate Troops for your Den. Have their leadership speak to the parents about how Boy Scout Troops work.

Discuss with your families that Troops have different personalities and that the basis for selection of a Troop is where their son wants to go. Wanting to be there will make the difference in staying there. Encourage the Webelos to make additional visits to the Troops that they liked the most.

Unit leaders can help by fostering a relationship with the local Troops, so that the Webelos see the Boy Scouts often and begin to look forward to what they will do when they make it to a Troop.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Scouting has always included Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) but the content is often hidden in other activities. Not every youth wants to be Daniel Boone, some want to be a Bill Gates. The Boy Scouts of America's NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. By working with an adult counselor or mentor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be.

There are four Nova awards—one for each of the STEM areas—and each Boy Scout can earn

all four. Completion of any Nova award earns the Boy Scout the right to wear the Nova award patch. Completion of each additional STEM Nova award is recognized by a pi (π) pin placed on the patch. Each of these awards builds on STEM-related merit badges, involves hands-on activities, and often includes a field trip. The four Nova awards for Boy Scouts are the following:

- Shoot!
- Start Your Engines
- Whoosh!
- Designed to Crunch

The Supernova awards recognize superior achievement in the STEM fields and require significantly more effort by the Boy Scout than the Nova awards. The Supernova awards are available to all Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of First Class.



See the Council website: scbsa.org/stem for the resources to get started.



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming SCC VOA events: The next VOA meeting/event will be

NER Area 2 Venturing:

December 7th: Next Area face to face meeting.

Focus on initial planning for the 2015 APEX event.

February 7-8, 2015: Area Venturing Training Day at Greenwich CT – Ernest Seton Scout Camp.

This will be a free event for all Venturer's. Details will follow, put it on your calendar.

February 8, 2015: Area Face to Face Meeting – Greenwich

March 6-8, 2015: 2nd Annual NER Area 2 Venturing Malibu Dude Ranch Trip

\$150 for the entire weekend including: 6 meals, Horseback Riding, Indoor Pool, Lodging

and many other activities. See website for details.

May 1-3, 2015: 2015 APEX at Oteora Scout Reservation

Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Venturing Advisor, bobbsa@optonline.net; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell) If you need Suffolk County Council Venturing information, please contact Tim Green. tgreen@bnl.gov

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Keep the “outing” in “Scouting”!!

Trained leadership is what every boy in Scouting deserves so let's give them that! There are numerous training opportunities coming up in the next few months.

Up Coming Matinecock District Training Schedules and information:

- **University of Scouting:** Nov. 22, 2014 - St. Joseph School, Ronkonkoma
- **Den Leader/Webelos Leader:** March 18, 2015 – Hauppauge H.S.
- **SM/ASM I, II, III:** April 15, 2015 – Hauppauge H.S.
- **IOLS:** May 8-10, 2015 Blydenburgh Park
- **OWLS:** May 9-10, 2015 Blydenburgh Park
- **Wood Badge** – there are two opportunities available this year!
Spring - April 17-19, 2015 & May 15-17, 2015
Fall - Sept. 11-13, 2015 & Oct. 2-4, 2015

If you can't make any of our training sessions, please check the other districts training sites. Check out the Council website: www.scbsa.org and district website: <http://matdistrict.org> for more information and flyers!!!! Please check Council calendar for all other districts and council upcoming trainings and availability. After all.... “Every Scout deserves a trained leader!”

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Greg Aylmer @ 631-664-0089 or bsataxi@optonline.net.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

We are beginning the Charter renewal process strong. There are approximately 29 units being processed for this first round. Many are in the council office with few problems. Please try to get the packages in on time. Congratulations to all who participated in this year's Webelos Woods, especially the leadership of Matt Schieferstein, Jeff Duncan and our Program Chair Matt McEvoy. We had great weather, Troop performance, Cub unit's enjoyment and education. We have lots of training underway and continuing throughout the year. Please take advantage of it, especially new unit leaders and den leaders. Boy Scout leaders please motivate your Scouts to become Den Chiefs, our Cub leaders need them dearly. Thanks for all you do helping our youth. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

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