



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



April 23, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

May 2015

- May 1 – Camp Card payment due to council
- May 14 – Roundtable & OA

June 2015

- June 11 – 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.

Hello All!

Boy isn't this weather getting nice? Finally a break from this past winter, one well deserved by all. And what a beautiful Spring Camporee we just had at Southaven! I'd like to give special thanks to George Funk for pulling it together and making it happen, as well as to those adult leaders who came out and leant a helping hand to make sure everything when smoothly. You were all such a big help!

Now that Spring has sprung it is time for us to carry out some quality Spring recruitments! If your unit would like help or suggestions for their recruitment please feel free to let me know. But it is important to realize that recruitment is a year-round process. We should constantly be reaching out to find new Scouts. Already, many units are having recruitment flyers printed up free of charge at the service center. Together, if we all try, we can help bring back our membership numbers to what they once were. Camp Cards are due to be returned on May 1st so make sure you get your unit's cards in.

Now everybody get out there and plan some beautiful spring events so we can get out there and enjoy the weather!

Daniel Schilpp, Matinecock District Executive, 924-7000 x131

Please come join us as we honor our own Herb McGrail

"Eagle Connect 2015" event will allow Eagles to meet and network, while enjoying wonderful food from some of Long Island's finest restaurants and a Wine Tasting. The venue is the beautiful showroom of Appliance World in Huntington. We will also be honoring Herb McGrail for his more than 20 years of service as advancement chair. Eagle Scouts (over 21) and their guests are invited. May 6th 7pm - 9pm.

See http://sccbsa.org/docs/Eagle_Connect_2015_Reservation_Form.pdf for more information or http://sccbsa.org/eagle_connect/ to register for the event.

"Get in on the Adventure"



Cub Scouting

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

WTP – Cub Scouts April 2015

GETTING CLOSER!

It's almost here. The changes in the Cub Scout Program are almost ready to take effect. In case you missed it; the new program launches on June 1st.

Since the start of the year we have been talking about the changes in advancement, new meeting plans, and new Den Leader materials. All of these topics and the PowerPoint presentations are available on the National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/programupdates.aspx>

This month's new program discussion will focus on: Aquatic Adventures. We will be reviewing the role of Aquatics in the new program, how aquatics will be part of the adventures (rank requirements) and the how to safely implement these into your Pack's upcoming planning for the new Scouting year.

Key things to know:

Aquatics will be part of the Cub program at every rank:

Tiger- Floats & Boats

Wolf- Spirit of the Water

Bear- Salmon Run

Webelos & Arrow of Light – Aquanaut

We know that access to aquatic facilities may be a challenge for some units, so SCCBSA will be providing support towards the earning of these electives by providing program support through: Cub Scout "Swim Days", additional Leader training and of course BLING (patches and awards).

Don't forget to pre-order your leader books with Maureen from the Scout Shop.

Next Month: Campfire Programs



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Finishing up Webelos with the old Program

There is no shortage of discussion about the new Cub Scout Program, but if you are a Webelos Leader who is approaching the last Arrow of Light year, you may still be planning on using the old program.

Now is the time to look at what you have accomplished so far and look to what you hope to accomplish by Crossing Over next year. Of course, earning the Arrow of Light is at the top of the list. Have you checked the requirements? What do you need to do as a Den to get there? What pins would you like the boys to work on and earn prior to crossing over?

Don't forget the "outing" in Scouting. Lots of organizations run programs to satisfy the requirements of Webelos pins. It is fun for the boys to go somewhere to learn and meet the requirements and it gives you a break from planning meetings. It also lessens the chance of the meetings becoming repetitive. But plan ahead!! Some of these programs book months in advance or are limited by the weather. Keep a copy of the requirements handy and send them to whoever is doing the program. If your Den is too small for a program, call another Pack and go together! The boys get a chance to meet other boys that they may be in a Troop with.

Do you need new ideas for projects? Check out Pinterest (pinterest.com). I wish I knew about it sooner. Type in a Webelos Pin name and lots of ideas (with instructions) come up. Keep in mind that the boys are older and can handle a more complex project. It will also keep them interested in the program.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.
Robert Baden-Powell

Safety Afloat

1. Qualified Supervision

- a. All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who:
 - i. understands/accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth members in his or her care
 - ii. is qualified in the watercraft skill and rescue trained
 - iii. is trained/committed to BSA Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense and (at least one adult) certified in CPR
 - iv. BSA ratio, 1 adults to 10 youth / Cub Scout 1 to 5
 - v. (Minimum 2 adults)

2. Physical Fitness

3. Swimming Ability

- a. Those NOT a "swimmer" can ride as a passenger in – A rowboat or motorboat with an adult "swimmer"
- b. A canoe, raft, or sailboat with an adult certified as a lifeguard or a lifesaver by a recognized agency
- c. Note: In all other circumstances, the person must be a swimmer to participate in an activity afloat.
- d. Swimmers - passed the swimmer's test

4. PFD

- a. Properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be

worn by all persons engaged in activity on the open water – rowing, canoeing, sailing, boardsailing, motor boating, waterskiing, rafting, tubing, and kayaking

- b. Type II and III PFDs are recommended.

5. Buddy System

- a. Buddy People
- b. Buddy Boats

6. Skill Proficiency

- a. < Be trained/experienced in watercraft handling skills, safety, and emergency procedures – 3 hours of training/supervised practice, or – meeting requirements for "basic handling tests"
- b. Have special training for white water craft
- c. Have special training for powerboat operation

7. Planning

- a. Float Plan - Local Rules - Notification - Weather - Contingencies

8. Equipment

- a. All equipment must be suited to the: craft water conditions individual
- b. In good repair (carry spare equipment when possible)
- c. Satisfy all state and U.S. Coast Guard requirements
- d. Have appropriate rescue equipment

9. Discipline

- a. Rules are presented/learned prior to the outing
- b. Reviewed at the water's edge just before the activity begins
- c. Scouts are to respect/follow all directions and rules of the adult supervisor

Be strict and fair, showing no favoritism



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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

NER Area 2 Venturing:

2015 Apex: May 1-3, 2015: **2015 APEX at Onteora Scout Reservation** (With an ATV Experience !)

To register, go to: <https://www.bsa-gnyc.org/NERApex>

If you are interested in attending, but not with a crew, please give me a call – send an email. We will find a way to include you in this great event!!

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

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Associate Advisor, bobbsa57@gmail.com; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

If you need Suffolk County Council Venturing information, please contact Greg Aylmer at bsataxi@optonline.net

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Let's 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:

- **IOLS/OWLS:** Due to circumstances beyond our control these trainings have been postponed. We will update dates and times on the District's website.
- **Leave No Trace:** There is 1 option remaining for LNT training this season: May 8-10. The 16 hour course satisfies the training requirements for the Troop LNT Trainer and core requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award. More information can be found at:
http://www.sccbsa.org/docs/LNT_Trainer_Courses_2015.pdf
- **Wood Badge:** September 11-13, 2015 Baiting Hollow Scout Camp and October 10-12, 2015 Schiff Scout Reservation. Cost \$240. Our very own Julie Hardick is the Course Director!
- **National Youth Leadership Training: August 15th - 20th:** NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops, teams, crews, personal lives, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Don't wait, the course is limited to 48 participants. For more information and a registration form go to: <http://www.sccbsa.org/pages/nylt.php>

If you can't make any of our training sessions, please check the other districts training sites.

Check out the Council website: www.sccbsa.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

From The District Commissioner: Congratulations again, to all the units that have completed the Charter Renewal Process. We have 2 more to go and we are done. Outstanding work and thank you very much. Please continue to become familiar with the new unit tools available on line. The UC's will be visiting with you and developing assessments / growth plans, together with your Unit Key 3's. Spring is here so let's go camping "Scouting is Outing". Hopefully your unit participated in the Spring Camporee, Cub Fun Day is next this weekend, and any Scouting event that gets the boys out is good. Remember, "Recruitment, Recruitment, and Recruitment. Thanks for all you do for our Youth....."Tomorrows Leaders". If I can be of assistance please do hesitate to contact me here at "RT" or at 631 368 7022 or Email me at trolston72@gmail.com.

"Thinking of becoming a commissioner"?? See me. Please take.....

"WOOD BADGE"

Again, Thanks for all you do for our youth.

Tom Rolston District Commissioner



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Faith is the Cub Scout Core Value for April. Baden-Powell believed that reverence and duty to God should be an important part of the Scouting movement, and for every Scout and Scouter. With family guidance, Scouts will develop in their faith.

Ad Altare Dei books are due to the Diocese on April 23. The Board of Reviews will be on Saturday, May 16 in Centereach at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. The only makeup date available is Thursday, June 4 at St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma.

Vespers will be on July 10,17,24,31 and August 7, at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp.

A special thanks to Rev. Walter Kedjersk, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Center Moriches who celebrated Mass at the Spring Camporee with 60 plus scouts, leaders and staff present.

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Attend our monthly meeting, on the 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 Coronesi, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

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

- JCOS of SCC annual Conclave - BHSC - June 5-6-7, 2015 (open to scouts of all faiths)
- The next JCOS meeting will be on May 18, JCOS meetings are held on the third Mon of each month unless otherwise noted, all at 7:30pm, Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge

For local JCOS information contact:

Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecamerlady@verizon.net

JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net

Protestant Committee on Scouting:

PCOS Cub Fun Day: Saturday May 2, 2015 – St. James Lutheran Church

PCOS Annual Retreat – this year's theme: "Bullet Proof George Washington & His Spies" – Save the date: November 6-8, 2015

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email lois40@optonline.net

More Announcements:

National Eagle Scout Association

Our next NESAs chapter meeting is May 11th at 7:00PM and we will be meeting at a new location; The Mount Sinai Yacht Club. If familiar with the Mount Sinai area it is right by Cedar Beach. The address is 200 Harbor Beach Rd, Mt Sinai, NY 11766. If you have any questions or need directions you can reach Dan Buzzanca at [\(631\)384-2568](tel:6313842568). * Our first networking breakfast will be on Thursday 4/23 at the Hauppauge Palace Diner. We will be meeting at the diner at 7AM. Call Mike Kramer for more information. * We will also have a significant display at the HIA Conference on May 21st. If you are available to come represent NESAs and Scouting for a couple hours please contact Mike Kramer at MKLeader2@gmail.com.

District Classified Ads

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/>

Nissequoque Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequoque/>

May Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Health & Fitness Webelos Activity Pins:
Outdoorsman, Handyman, Boy Scout: Camping

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp>

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