



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



April 20, 2017

### What's Up (Coming)

#### April 2017

- Apr 21-24 – Spring Camporee at Southaven
- Apr 29 – Cub Fun Day

#### May 2017

- May 11 Roundtable & OA at **The Gravity Vault in Melville**

#### June 2017

- June 8 Roundtable & OA

#### **Links:**

[www.matdistrict.org](http://www.matdistrict.org)  
for instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources.

[www.SCCBSA.org](http://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.

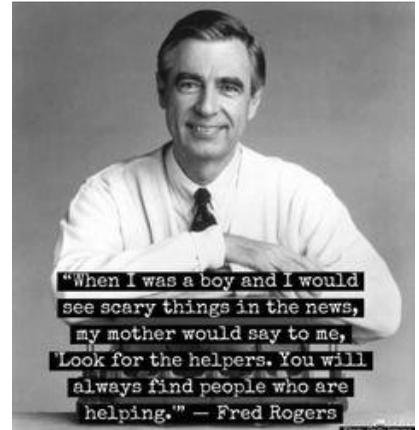
Greetings Matinecock,

I hope you all had a happy holiday and a restful spring break. If your schedule looks anything like mine does in the coming days, I'm sure we'll all have needed the rest.

On that note – SPRING IS HERE! This is one of my favorite seasons to watch our scouts get out and about again.

Congratulations to the scouts that competed in the Matinecock District Pinewood Derby! One little Cub arrived an hour early with his parents and sat anxiously in the stands as we set up the track and prepared for the race. You could see him trembling with excitement and anticipation. With 82 cars in the race, I knew the odds weren't exactly in his favor – but he still sprinted over to watch me unpack each trophy – grinning ear-to-ear at the prospect of bringing one home. To me, this moment is what scouting is all about. A single child finding joy, hope, and a sense of belonging and identity in something bigger than himself. As the other scouts poured in, smiles on their faces, pointing out their car to their loved ones in the lineup, you can't help but know these are memories that will last a life-time. Oh, and that little early-bird Cub, he took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.

I've been reflecting this week on the sadness in the community of Brentwood. On the senseless acts of violence against young members of a nearby community. In times of darkness, I am encouraged and uplifted by the acts of service performed by volunteers like you that are actively working to make the world a better place. Thank you for being "the helpers" that give me peace. Thank you for giving Matinecock Scouts an alternative to some of the more nefarious ways that kids seek out community and belonging today in the absence of a safe and nurturing alternative.



Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

*"Scouting is a game with a purpose."*



# *Cub Scouting*

*87 Years of Wolves and Tigers and Bears! Oh, My!*

## **Advancement**

Advancement for Cub Scouting is not easy. Not that the adventures themselves are necessarily that difficult, but the coordination and timing is. We won't even get started on the fact that the requirements change with every rank, every year. How to manage it all? One of the best parts of being in a Pack is that you really don't have to go it alone. There are other leaders who have done it before you. Don't be afraid to ask. Most people are happy to share their experiences, good or bad. Speaking of don't go it alone, look for other agencies who can help you with adventures. Not only does this relieve you of the sole responsibility to do it all, it provides the Cubs with a new adventure, a new place to go. Many places offer Cub specific programs. Not sure if they do? Call them and ask. Some places will look over the requirements and do them anyway, even if they don't have a formal program. Ask a nearby Boy Scout Troop for help. But the best advice, is plan ahead. Take some time and look ahead at what you want/need to accomplish and plan how best to fulfill the requirements. Look now at the adventures for your next rank. Knowing what is coming makes it easier to plan for.



# *Webelos Scouts*

*Bridging to Boy Scouts*

## **Arrow of Light**

It's the cool award at the end of the Cub Scout trail. Parents and leaders often spend a lot of time putting stripes on arrows that represent the achievements of their Cubs to mark the experience. No one wants to be left out. There are a lot of things to cover to get to the AOL. What is the best way to get there? Plan and communicate. Parents and Webelos need to know what is required to achieve the AOL early in the game. Don't wait until the week before an important event and tell the parents "it is required or he can't get AOL". There are a lot of things that can be done at Webelos Woods, so let the parents know the date as soon as possible. Encourage those in sports to come after or before their games. Speak to the nearby Troops to see if they would be willing to help out while they are visiting the Troop or ask if some of the Scouts can come to a Den meeting to do a demo to complete requirements. The sense of achievement will be meaningful to the Scouts when the award is something they worked for and had fun achieving.



# *Boy Scouts*

*Where Eagles Dare*

## **Helping Your Youth Deal with Conflicts**

### **Resolving Conflict**

Even with the best leadership, there are bound to be occasional difficulties between two people, between groups of people, or between one person and a number of others. The signs of trouble brewing may be small—someone becoming withdrawn and quiet, for example. Or the signs may be obvious—shouting, high levels of emotion, etc.

Whatever the case, there is a proven set of steps to follow to resolve a conflict:

1. Be aware of yourself.
2. Be aware of others.
3. Listen.
4. Use your EAR.

### **Be Aware of Yourself**

How do we respond when we are hearing something we don't want to hear? When a speaker is angry? When we are tired or hungry? A key to resolving conflict is being aware of ourselves. If we are upset or angry about something, it may affect how we relate to others.

### **Be Aware of Others**

Being aware of yourself will help you remain as calm as you can and stay focused on finding a solution. Being aware of others will help you adjust the situation to increase the possibility of a good outcome. Be aware of their physical comfort, hunger levels, and other factors that could be affecting their emotions.

### **Listen**

The better the information you have, the greater your chances of finding a workable solution to a conflict. Listen carefully to what others are saying, withholding judgment until you've gotten everyone's side of the story. In addition to hearing the words, be aware of tone of voice, body language, and any other clues to what a person really means.

### **Use Your Ear—Express, Address, Resolve**

A tool for resolving conflict is EAR—Express, Address, Resolve. Ask each side these questions:

1. Express - What do you want and what are you doing to get it?
2. Address - Why is that working, or why that is not working?
3. Resolve - What ways are there to solve the problem?

To learn more about this technique have your scouts attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



# Venturing/Sea Scouts



## Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

- **April 28-30, 2017 – Apex @ Camp Moses, Russell, MA** – Please join us for the premier Area Venturing event of the year! Fun with hundreds of Venturers doing a myriad of activities!

Registration for these events coming soon to: <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area2>

Please see the Area 2 Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/126120642299/>

**SCC Venturing Information:** If you haven't already done so, join the SCC Venturing VOA Facebook site:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif&notif\\_t=group\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif&notif_t=group_activity)

- **SCC VOA meetings** are held the last Sunday of each month @ St Josephs Church in Ronkonkoma from 6:30 – 8 PM. For more information, contact **Dave Ryder** at [dryder1@optonline.net](mailto:dryder1@optonline.net) or 516-965-3382.

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

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

***Remember – Safety is always Job 1.***



# Training

*Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader*

## Up Coming Matinecock District Training Schedules and information:

Here are some of our latest training opportunities!

**Outdoor Ethics Training** – May 5-7, 2017 – Schiff Scout Camp – See Flyer for details!  
(more dates coming: May 5-7)

**IOLS/OWLS** – May 12-14, 2017 – Blydenburgh Park – See Flyer for details!!

**Wood Badge** – September 7-9, 2017 & October 7-9, 2017 – Baiting Hollow & Schiff Scout Camps.

See Flyer for details! The finest training opportunity offered to our adults. Take part in Scouting's most advanced training course, focusing on **Leadership** and **Team Development**. Inspired by Lord Baden- Powell of Gilwell, Wood Badge has provided the ultimate training for hundreds of thousands of leaders around the world.

**National Youth Leadership Training** - The summer 2017 course will be held at Baiting Hollow from *August 19th - 24th*. Registration should open shortly. Open to Venturers and Boy Scout youth leaders who are First Class and above and at least 13 years old. Check <https://www.sccbsa.org/nylt> for more information as it becomes available.

As always, please see our flyers for details.

Be sure to check out our district and council website for additional information, flyers and registration for upcoming training opportunities!

Matdistrict.org

SCCBSA.org

*We want you to become the best leaders in Scouting!!!*

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Greg Aylmer @ 631-664-0089 or [bsataxi@optonline.net](mailto:bsataxi@optonline.net).



# Commissioner's Corner

## *Unit Service and Roundtable*

Good evening Matinecock District!

I am actively looking for individuals to become Unit Commissioners. Unit Commissioners are your unit's direct connection to all available tools, programs and people in the district to help you deliver the best program possible to your units. If you are interested, please see me during Roundtable or contact me afterwards. We are planning to have a presentation about Unit Commissioners at a future Roundtable, so please be on the lookout for more information when it becomes available.

Thanks for all that you do in Scouting and hope to see you down the trail!

Yours in Scouting,

**George J. S. Smith**  
**Matinecock District Commissioner**

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# *A Scout is Reverent*

## Religious Committees Activities

### **Catholic Committee on Scouting:**

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

**April 20** – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

**May 20** – Religious Emblems Boards of Review, 9-12, Assumption of the BVM Church, Centereach

**June 1**- Make-up date for Emblems Boards of Review, 7:30-9 pm, St. Joseph Church, Ronkonkoma. This is the **ONLY** date that Make ups are available.

**Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** Come to our next Meeting on Monday, March 20 at St Joseph's in 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 dates:

- SCC-JCOS Annual Conclave- June 2-4, 2017 (Fri-Sun) Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Any Jewish Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and for Eagle Scout recognitions (for Scouts of any faith), please contact Phyllis or Barry

**Interested in the Jewish Committee on Scouting?** Join us at our monthly meeting, on the third Monday of the month, Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge, 7:30 p.m. All Scouters are cordially invited to attend. For local JCOS information contact:

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

### **Protestant Committee on Scouting:**

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email [lois40@optonline.net](mailto:lois40@optonline.net)

### **Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting:**

For Information contact: Laura Hanjoglu Goerke 631-366-3542 or email [hangoerk@optonline.net](mailto:hangoerk@optonline.net)

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Important links to sources of information:

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

Matinecock District email: [matdistrict@gmail.org](mailto: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](http://www.seascout.org)

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org)

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

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

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***May 2017 Cub Scouting Themes:***

Webelos I Badges: Geologist; ~~Webelos II Badges:~~

Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Clean/A Picnic with Pizzazz

***May 2017 Boy Scouting Themes:***

Boy Scout monthly theme: Swimming

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/magazine/pdf/331-011.pdf>

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/webelos/WebelosMeetingPlans.pdf>

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