



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable
News and Events



April 14, 2016

What's Up (Coming)

April 2016

- April 14 Roundtable & OA
- April 15-17, Spring Camporee

May 2016

- May 12 - 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.

Ignite the fun...

ROCKET INTO SCOUTING



Welcome to Cub Scouts!

Return this coupon to the Medford Service Center
to collect your **FREE MODEL ROCKET!**
Service Center & Scout Shop - 7 Scouting Boulevard Medford,
NY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

It's time to help your unit grow this spring! We're thrilled to be offering an exciting new incentive for Packs this spring: **FREE MODEL ROCKET KITS** for every single new youth that joins your unit between April 15th and June 30th! Grab a flyer at the recruitment table in the back for more details!

Additionally, we have **TONS** of **FREE** materials available in the back of the room for Packs, Troops, & Crews. Take as much as you like!

We can also print custom flyers for your recruitment events **AND** even loan you a 10x10 or 10x20 tent, tablecloths, and eye-catching materials and giveaways to bring families to your table.

You and I both know the incredible value scouting offers to young people today. We always hope to introduce more kids to life-changing scouting programs every year. Together, we hope to **ROCKET 400** new kids **INTO SCOUTING** this spring! It's a big goal, but one I'm confident we can achieve! Let's do this!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Cub Scout Camping

These are pack-organized overnight events involving more than one family from a single pack, focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at council approved locations. If non-members (siblings) participate, the event must be structured accordingly to accommodate them. BSA health and safety and youth protection guidelines apply. In most cases each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult.

Adults giving leadership to a pack overnighter must complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training to properly understand the importance of program intent, youth protection guidelines, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation. Permits for campouts will be issued at the council office. Packs must use Tour and Activity Plans.

The BALOO trained leader must be in attendance for the entire campout. Overnighters organized by the pack are supplemental to participation in council and district-organized camping opportunities. Some packs choose to organize one or two overnight opportunities during the year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Because every effort should be made to make these first campouts positive for the participants, wintertime camping activities or planning outings during potentially inclement weather are discouraged. Cub Scout Camping and Webelos tent camping outdoors at Baiting Hollow will not be approved for the period November 1 - March 31 of each year.

If a parent cannot attend, the boy's family must make arrangements for one of the other parents attending, or for another adult relative or friend, to be a substitute at the overnighter. Each boy should have someone he knows watching out for him. It is important that each Cub Scout be under the supervision of an adult and that every adult have a share of the responsibility for the overnighter. If necessary to accommodate a special circumstance, an adult may be responsible for more than one child. In no case shall one adult be responsible for more than three youth other than his or her own children. Youth protection guidelines are in effect regarding that the only adult that can sleep in a tent with a youth is the youth's parent or legal guardian.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Webelos Camping

Webelos den overnight campouts provide opportunities for Webelos Scouts to enjoy the increasing camping challenges offered by BSA's progressive outdoor program, but still within the family environment of Cub Scouting. Webelos camping experiences should help prepare Webelos Scouts for the camping adventures of Boy Scouting without taking away from the type of camping they will experience as a member of a Boy Scout troop.

Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnight campouts each year during the spring and fall months. Webelos dens shall not tent camp outdoors during the period November 1 - March 31 each year. The Webelos den overnight campouts are parent-son events, under the direction of the Webelos den leader. In most cases, each Webelos scout is under the supervision of his own father, mother, or guardian. If a parent or guardian cannot attend, the boy's family should make arrangements for one of the other parents or another adult relative or friend to be a substitute at the campout. It is essential that each Webelos Scout is under the supervision of an adult and that every adult has a share of the responsibility for the campout. Webelos dens are encouraged to participate in joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout troop; however, a parent or guardian of each Webelos Scout must still attend. These campouts are especially encouraged during the fifth-grade year. These campouts, conducted with an individual troop for the purpose of strengthening ties between the pack and troop, are to be held separate from any district or council Boy Scout activities. The Webelos Den Leader should discuss these guidelines with the host troop for coordination.

No leader should be responsible for more than two Webelos scouts on a campout other than his or her own children. Youth protection guidelines that the only adult that can sleep in a tent with a scout is his parent or legal guardian are in effect. Webelos den campouts are not open to siblings.

Webelos scouts should be experiencing family-type camping, as opposed to the more challenging type of camping that they will be experiencing as Boy Scouts. A location that has a tested water supply, toilets, cooking facilities, space for pitching tents, and an indoor activity area would be appropriate for a Webelos den overnight campout.

If you use Baiting Hollow, be sure that the Webelos campsite is away from regular Boy Scout camping areas. The campsite should be located near a parking area because the family-type equipment that will be used probably will be heavy and difficult to carry any distance. In selecting the location for a Webelos overnight campout, remember that Webelos Scouts should not experience Boy Scout-type camping on the overnight. Webelos overnights do not include backpacking. Webelos overnight camping at Boy Scout camporees and/or events is not a BSA-approved activity.

When tents are used, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his parent or legal guardian. When housing other than tents is used, separate housing must be provided for male and female participants. Permits for campouts are issued at the Council Service Center. Webelos dens use the Local Tour Permit Application.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

April is Youth Protection Month

Our greatest responsibility is the safety of the youth in our care. We all know we have to review our training every two years but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be always on our mind. We have rules for our youth's safety but they can only prevent abuse if we know and follow them. There have been some updates to the policy's which can be found in full at :
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Scouting/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

"The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. Parents and youth using these safeguards outside the Scouting program further increase the safety of their youth. Scout leaders in positions of youth leadership and supervision outside the Scouting program will find these policies help protect youth in those situations as well."

Two-deep leadership on all outings required. A minimum of two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a participating Scout's parent, or another adult is required for all trips and outings. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older.

Two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members includes digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Leaders should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.

Patrol Activities

There are instances, such as patrol activities, when the presence of adult leaders is not required and adult leadership may be limited to patrol leadership training and guidance. With proper training, guidance, and approval by troop leaders, the patrol can conduct day hikes and service projects.

Adult Supervision/Coed Activities

Male and female adult leaders must be present for all overnight coed Scouting trips and outings, even those including parent and child. Both male and female adult leaders must be 21 years of age or older, and one must be a registered member of the BSA.

Age-appropriate and separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required.

Tenting

No adult may share a tent with the opposite sex unless he or she is that adult's spouse.

No youth may share a tent with an adult or a person of the opposite sex other than a family member or guardian. *Assigning youth members more than two years apart in age to sleep in the same tent should be avoided unless the youth are relatives.*

- The buddy system should be used at all times.
- Privacy of youth is respected.
- Inappropriate use of smart phones, cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited.
- No secret organizations.
- Youth leadership is monitored by adult leaders.
- Discipline must be constructive.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.
- No hazing.
- No bullying.

All adult leaders and youth members have responsibility. Everyone is responsible for acting in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

2016 NER Area 2 Apex: April 29-May 1, 2016. Theme is: “Space: The Venturing Frontier” At Camp Tri Mount. Look for registration details in the next What’s the Point

Planning ahead: FIRST Northeast Region Venturing Fun Weekend

The Northeast Region (combination of 6 areas) will be hosting a 2016 Fall Fun Weekend. Details will be available by the beginning of March. The event will be held at Resica Falls October 7-9, 2016

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¬if_t=group_activity

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; 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:

It's Spring!!! Time for Training!!!

May 13-15: (IOLS) Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills/ (OWLS)Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills.

Blydenburgh Park. Cost: \$45.00 Food included!!!

This training is needed to be fully trained for Webelos, SM and ASM Leaders!

Come out and have some fun!!

May 6-8: Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics – Schiff Scout Camp

Cost: \$90.00 Includes all!

Open to youth 14 and older and all adults!!

Please check out District Website for all flyers and additional information!!!!

Matdistrict.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.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

April is here already. Flowers blooming and Boys out doing Scouting Stuff, it is great time of year. Hopefully all will be attending the Council Wide Camporee this week end. Lots of planning has gone into this program and it can use all of our support. The Unit Commissioners are wrapping up the Webelos Transition follow up program so we don't unintentionally lose any boy from Scouting. We have 2 more / Unit's Blue & Gold dinners to follow up on and we will be complete. Remember, if you are having problems in your unit please seek out your assigned Unit Commissioner they are there to help resolve issues. They can be an avenue for you to get the information and or understand the procedures for whatever the issue may be. They may not have the answer immediately but will research and get it for you. Use them don't abuse them. All the Unit Commissioners and their contact information are listed on the Matinecock Web page under the Commissioners Corner. Lastly the summer time merit badge program will be conducted again at St. Hugh's Church in Huntington. The dates are July 7th & 14th & August 4th & 11th. More information regarding registration will be forthcoming. Your Scoutmaster will keep you apprised.

YIS. Tom Rolston, District Commissioner 631 368 7022, trolston72@gmail.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

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.

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Ad Altare Dei books are due to the Diocese on April 21. The Board of Reviews will be on Saturday, May 21 in Centereach at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. The only makeup date available is Thursday, June 2 at St. Joseph's School (Meet in Science Room) in Ronkonkoma.

Rev. Mickey Bancroft will celebrate Mass this Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Show Field at the Camporee.

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)!

- Scout Shabbat: see the listing for all of the Scout Sabbath/Scout Sunday locations on the Matinecock District website, a few local locations include:
 - Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016
- Conclave: June 3,4,5, 2016 Baiting Hollow

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

Protestant Committee on Scouting:

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

EXPERIENCE THE 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Registration is now open for the 2017 National Jamboree. Suffolk County Council is looking for youth participants and adult leaders to join our Jamboree contingent.

The National Jamboree is the premier event put on every four years by the Boy Scouts of America at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve, www.summitbechtelreserve.org. Over 40,000 Scouts and Scouters attended the last Jamboree, and all the excitement of past Jamborees will be incorporated with new themes and shows. What goes on at a Jamboree? Everything that the combined resources of the National Council plus hundreds of the best volunteers from every local council can provide! For examples: zip line, 5K Fun Runs, 4-way volleyball, rifle shooting, Action Alley, Buckskin Games, Scottish Highland Games, confidence courses, bicycle motocross, pioneering, rappelling towers, trapshooting, fishing, canoe slalom, scuba diving, kayaking, daily stage shows, and the OA American Indian Village. Plus much more!

July 17-28, 2017, Cost is \$1850.00 per person - Trip Includes: Roundtrip transportation from New York to The Summit Bechtel Reserve with one day at Hershey Park and one day in Gettysburg, Pre-Jamboree Shakedown, all meals, t-shirt, hat, and backpack. Register on-line

at http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/?utm_source=mailoutinteractive&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Boy%20Scout%2

Philmont 2017!

Now accepting applications! Suffolk County has been awarded a 2017, 12-Day Expedition Slot! The 12-Day expedition will arrive at Philmont on: 7/24/2017 and will depart Philmont on 8/5/2017 actual contingent dates will vary depending on travel arrangements and other activities. Total cost is expected to be around \$2400.00 - \$2500.00. A promotional flier will be posted on the Council web site after the holidays.

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/>

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

May 2016 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Health & Fitness; Webelos Badges: Outdoorsman & Handyman

Pack Meeting Theme: My Animal Friends, Point of Scout Law: Kind

Boy Scout monthly theme: Leadership

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2016.asp> &
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

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