



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



December 11, 2014

What's Up (Coming)

December 2014

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

January 2015

- January XX – 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 come up to the end of the year we all should look back on 2014 and be proud of our accomplishments in our units as well as our district. Our units continue to get stronger and more involved in district and council activities and we continue to pace council in fundraising and programs. But there's still work to do. Looking toward 2015 a greater emphasis will be on recruiting and getting more boys involved in scouting. We currently reach less than 10% of the available youth council wide. We are all involved in scouting because we believe in the program and we know we are assisting these boys in becoming quality men. But we need to make recruiting a year round priority, not a spring and fall event. Every boy deserves to have the opportunity to join us and grow with us. We have resources at the district and council level to assist every unit and we encourage each unit to take advantage of these resources. If you need assistance with membership, recruiting, training or advancement don't hesitate to reach out. All of our district committee members are listed on the matdistrict.org website and are here to help you. I look forward to working with you all and building on the successes of 2014 and bringing Matinecock to a new level in 2015.

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"Get in on the Adventure"



Cub Scouting

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

It's Pinewood Derby Time!

The Pinewood Derby should be a fun event for all. Sometimes it becomes stressful when you have competitive parents. Remember to stress to your Pack or Den that it is the **boys** project. Below is a summary of the Matinecock District Rules. Cars that are submitted by Packs for the District Race must meet these criteria or be rejected. They can be fixed and resubmitted for racing. Please let your Scouts and parents know that they will not get their car back until the race is over.

PINEWOOD DERBY "RULES OF THE RACE"

Building a Pinewood Derby entry is a Cub Scout-adult project. Remind parents that they should feel free to help with the cars, but to keep in mind that it is each Scout's project. All cars entered must be newly built after September 1, of the current scouting year using the materials in the Official Pinewood Derby Racing Car Kit (part #17006) or the Official Wheel/axle Kit (part #17553, #17554, #17555, #17556, #17557).

The maximum length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.

The maximum width (including wheels and axles) shall not exceed 2 3/4 inches.

The minimum width between the inside surfaces of the wheels shall be 1 3/4 inches so that the car will clear the center guide strip.

The maximum height shall not exceed 3 1/2 inches.

All cars will be weighed in and inspected. The maximum weight is five (5) ounces. Any car over this weight will not be accepted. (5 ounces is equal to 141.7 grams on a digital scale).

The minimum clearance between the bottom of the car and the track shall be at least 3/8 inch so that the car can clear the center guide strip.

Items such as steering wheels, model drivers, spoilers, decals, painting and other details are allowed as long as these details do not exceed the maximum length, width, height and weight specifications.

Loose materials of any kind are not permitted on the car.

The car or any part of the car may not extend beyond the starting pin. Pin height is 1 1/4 inches.

The Scout's name and pack number must be indicated on the car. Most participants put it on the bottom.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Compass Points Emblem Requirements

Did you know about this award? Here is the simplest explanation on what it takes to get it.

1. Earn the Webelos Badge.
2. Earn four more activity badges for a total of seven to receive the compass points emblem.
3. Earn one compass point pin for each additional four activity badges.
 - o 11 activity badges – first point
 - o 15 activity badges – second point
 - o 19 activity badges – third point



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

It that time of year when most people prefer to stay indoors, but not us scouters. One of the keys to staying warm is to remember COLD.

- C** Keep yourself and your clothes **CLEAN**. Dirt and body oils which build up on clothing destroy its insulating properties
- O** Avoid **OVERHEATING**. Clothing is designed to be taken off or added to in layers to maintain an even body heat.
- L** Wear clothes **LOOSE** and in **LAYERS**.
- D** Keep **DRY**. Wet clothing removes body heat 240 times faster than it will dissipate through dry clothing. Wet is trouble.



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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

NER Area 2 Venturing:

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 Onteora 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,
bobbbsa@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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

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:

- **Den Leader/Webelos Leader:** March 18, 2015 – Hauppauge H.S.
- **SM/ASM:** 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.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

Thanksgiving just behind us and the Christmas / Holiday season coming soon. Time for reflection on all we do. Especially for our youth via Scouting. I can clearly see the correlation between the Scouting program and our youth making sound quality decisions. The work we do can be difficult and burdensome at times but the reward over time is great for our community's and country at large. Thank you for all you do for the Scouting program. Keep those Charters coming in and please take advantage of all the training available. Any questions and or concerns regarding the Unit Commissioners and RT Commissioners please don't hesitate to contact me.
Tom Rolston, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631 368 7022 or Trolston72@gmail.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Come join the Catholic Committee on Sunday evening December 14 @ 7:00 for the International Peace Light Ceremony. Each year, a child from Upper Austria fetches the light from the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is carried in two blast proof miners from Bethlehem to New York City.

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Protestant Committee on Scouting:

It is my sad duty to inform you of my mom (Thelma Levy)'s passing on December 8, 2014 in Encinitas, California. Please help me to celebrate her life, as Mom managed to make it to her 95th birthday on December 7th in spite of the fact that she had only been given a few weeks more to live when they put her into Hospice Care on August 4th!

Because of the logistics involved, , the funeral will not be held the next day as per Jewish tradition but will be held at the Sinai Funeral Chapel in Fresh Meadows (Queens) on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. located at 162-05 Horace Harding Blvd, Fresh Meadows, New York 11365 (Directions: Sinai Chapel is located at 164th Street and LIE at 164th Street Exit on the north side - Phone (718) 445-0300 or Toll Free 1 (800) 446-0400) with burial immediately following at Mt. Hebron Cemetery – Block #26 – (Cemetery is located on the south-east corner of the LIE and Van Wyck Expressways). Shiva will be held at the Stein home in Hauppauge – 674 Town Line Road, Hauppauge – home# 631-265-8141 and Yiskor services at 8pm daily (except for Friday evening when we will be at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge).

Donations can be made in Mom's memory to Seacrest Village (211 Saxony, Encinitas, Calif. 92024), to Congregation Kehillat Netzach (PO Box 5041, Ashkelon, Israel 70150) or the Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center (Mom was a founding member of the FMJC) at 193-10 Peck Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY11365 or to any charity of your choice.

Shiva will be observed at the home of Phyllis Stein (674 Town Line Road, Hauppauge) for visitations from Saturday evening and all days following until Wednesday evening (at the end of the Shiva/mourning period). We will be having the Jewish Memorial prayers and short service around 8pm every evening during the Shiva.

Thanks for all your prayers, love, concern, and support over the past years and most certainly over the past several weeks and months. It has all been truly appreciated. On behalf of Thelma Levy and all her children, we thank you.

Phyllis Stein, aka The Camera Lady

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/>

December Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Positive Attitude Webelos Activity Pins: Fitness, Readyman
Boy Scout: Hobbies From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp>

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