



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



December 10, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

December 2015

- December 5 – POW WOW
- December - 10 Roundtable & OA

January 2016

- January 14 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.

Tis the season to re-charter, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

Thank you everyone for your patience with re-chartering this fall. The Unit Commissioners have been working overtime to provide support and to troubleshoot with you. Pat a Unit Commissioner on the back tonight for a job well-done. Rechartering assistance is available during tonight's meeting. If you have any questions, see Tom Rolston. If we work together, we can absolutely finish 2015 with zero pending charters.

We are officially 3 weeks from 2016! 2015 has been a remarkable year, for myself and for the 2,415 youth we impacted together. Thank you to the 14 Cub Scout Packs that recruited enough Scouts this fall to earn free Pinewood Derby Cars for their entire unit. Thank you to the 30 units that sold over \$150,000 in popcorn this fall! Thank you to the 42 units that hosted an FOS presentation and pledged over \$58,000 to supplement Suffolk County Council programs and services to youth. Thank you to the parents and leaders that mentored and guided the 70 extraordinary young men that achieved the rank of Eagle Scout to date. Thank you to the men and women who have sacrificed their free time, energy, and financial resources to ensure that every child in Suffolk County has an opportunity to discover the benefits of the Scouting program. Thank you! You have made an impact. I am truly grateful to serve the youth of Matinecock District alongside each and every one of you. Thank you for your dedicated service. Happy holidays!

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

It's Pinewood Derby Time!

Those words can be met with either excitement or dread. Sure the kids love it, sure it is fun to run the cars, but the fear of the race program not running, track malfunction or overly competitive aggressive parents is real. Some things cannot be avoided, but there are things that we can do to make the event as smooth as possible. Here are a few tips:

- Make rules that you can enforce equally. Sure we all want the kids to make the cars, but if you make a rule that you will exclude a car that doesn't look like it was made by a Scout, you could make it hard on kids who are unable to make their own car for a multitude of reasons.
- Find a parent or friend of the Pack who has the equipment to cut the cars for kids whose parents don't know how or don't have the equipment.
- Have a designated Pit Crew. Know who will do each function. Picking cars, moving them from the end of the track, crowd control, running the computer, starting gate, etc.
- Have a dry run with the track and program. Have adults who are familiar with the track or have an IT or engineering background there to assist in the event of a problem with the track.
- Start a leader exchange with another Pack. They can serve as the impartial judges since they do not have kids in the Pack. Get Boy Scouts to help transport the cars, instead of kids from the Pack.
- Have a race for the parents and/or siblings of the Scouts. This should help with the competitiveness from parents.
- Send out the District and Pack rules of the race. Remind parents that this is a fun race for the kids to enjoy.
- To build some excitement in the kids (and hopefully remind the parents of the folly of being too competitive) host a movie night and show *Down and Derby* prior to the PWD. Even if you don't have a movie night, watch the movie, it is really funny!



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Cyber Chip

What is the Cyber Chip and why is it important? The Cyber Chip is now an annual requirement for all Scouts from Tiger to age 18. It's all about internet safety, cyber bullying and use of cell phones, etc. The BSA said, "Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies." The Cyber Chip requirements change with the ages of the Scouts. Most involve watching a video and discussing the content with family, Den or Pack. They also are asked to sign an "Internet Safety Pledge." The Cyber Chip can be completed at a Den or Pack meeting. The rules of the Unit can also be incorporated into the discussion. There is a patch and a card for the Cyber Chip. Visit www.scouting.org/cyberchip and NetSmartz® for more content ideas and tip sheets.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

It's not Just Leave No Trace but Outdoor Ethics: The foundation, the outdoor code, will remain, as well as Leave No Trace Principals, in addition information on Motorized Recreation and Tread Lightly has been added.

As an American, I will do my best to —
 Be clean in my outdoor manners.
 Be careful with fire.
 Be considerate in the outdoors.
 Be conservation minded.

The Boy Scouts of America has replaced the Leave No Trace award with a new Outdoor Ethics award. Guided by the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, millions of Scouts have enhanced their awareness of the natural world around them, minimizing impact to the land. For Scouts who have a deep interest in the outdoors, nature, and the environment, Scouting's outdoor ethics will give you an ever-deeper appreciation of the richness of the land and how we fit into it. If you are prepared to venture down the path of really becoming aware of your surroundings, of building the skills that will allow you to leave no trace on the land, then the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards are for you.

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Boy Scouts and Scouters interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace

should begin by exploring the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. The requirements are as follows:

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video.
3. Complete the Leave No Trace online youth course. Print the certificate.
4. Earn the Tread Lightly! online course certificate. Print the certificate when you are done.
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

Outdoor Ethics Action Award

The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action awards can be found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/BoyScout.aspx>



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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:

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

From The Desk of "The District Commissioner": Your Commissioner plays many roles, sometimes the commissioner is an **advocate** for your unit, representing the needs and interests of the unit up the organizational chain of command within the district and council. For example: Sometimes the council needs feedback about proposed programs, or the development of camping facilities or procedures. As one likely to know about these considerations, the commissioner can promote the thinking of the unit and support the unit's best interests. Presently we Commissioners are acting as Charter Trackers for the Council. Please contact your Commissioner if you are having difficulties completing your Charter. They have the training and contacts to guide you through the process. Don't delay the deadline is approaching quickly. The council office will be on limited hours during the Holidays. Be prepared.....Enjoy your Christmas, Hanukah and Holiday festivities. If I can be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. Tom Rolston, District Commissioner 631 368 7022, trolston72@gmail.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

A special thank you to the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Leaders, Family & Friends who joined us for the Ten Commandment Hike on Friday, November 27 in the Village of Patchogue.

The Committee would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

- Monthly meetings on, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7
- December 11 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst (this is a Friday evening)
- February 7- Scout Sunday
- February 5-7 - Pope Pius XII Retreat - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

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 Coronese,

ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

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

- Scout Shabbat:
 - Temple Beth-Chai- Feb 12, 2016 – 8PM
 - Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016
 - Dix Hills Jewish Center: Jan 29, 2016, 7:00 PM
 - East Northport Jewish Center - Feb 5, 2016, 7:30PM
- Awards Breakfast: Temple Beth-Chai- Feb 28, 2016
- NE Regional: Site TBD- March 20, 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

Suffolk County Council, BSA 2015 Popcorn Report & District Top Sellers:

Matinecock District: Traditional Sales: \$151,750

At a 70% return, that's over **\$105,000** that has been earned to support scouting!



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

Boy Scouts:

Troop 410: \$9,940 (-11%)

Troop 12: \$8,280 (+21%)

Troop 406: \$5,980 (-5%)

Troop 5: \$5,895 (-40%)

Troop 8: \$5,690 (-43%)

Troop 106: \$5,355 (+29%)

Cub Scouts:

Pack 66: \$20,200 (+23%)**

Pack 406: \$18,430 (+3)**

Pack 312: \$11,905 (-34%)

Pack 329: \$10,440 (+11%)

Pack 400: \$7,155 (+96%)

Pack 238: \$5,665 (+59%)

** exceeds previous district high sale (of 2014)

High Adventure Opportunities:

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%20Special%20Events

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

Silver Beaver Nominations Needed!

The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a council can present in recognition of a Scouter's service to Scouting and the community. We still don't have any nominations submitted from Matinecock and time is running short.

To be selected as a Silver Beaver recipient, a Scouter has to be nominated. The Silver Beaver Selection Committee has to rely on you to bring worthy nominees to our attention. The nomination form and criteria for nomination is available on the Council website (www.sccbsa.org). Please submit your nominations as early as possible and before the end of December. To assist you in the nomination process feel free to contact Mike Kramer at MKLeader2@gmail.com. Recipients of the Silver Beaver will be honored at the annual Council Fellowship Dinner on March 31, 2016.

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/>

January 2016 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Positive Attitude; Webelos Badges: Fitness & Readyman

Pack Meeting Theme: Trustworthy – The Great Race

Boy Scout monthly theme: Winter Camping

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp> &
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

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