



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



February 7, 2013

What's Up (Coming)

February 2013

- February- 7 Roundtable & OA
- February 28 – John's Retirement Party

March 2013

- March 14 - Roundtable & OA
- March 21 – Council Fellowship Dinner
- March 23 – Scouting for Food Drive

Go to www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!

SILVER BEAVER HONOREES

It is with great pleasure that we announce that 2 of the 6 Silver Beaver honorees for 2013 are from the Matinecock District. John Davis and Don Dailey have been selected for the highest recognition a council can confer on a volunteer scouter. Please join us at the Fellowship Dinner to celebrate both the fellowship we derive from Scouting and to honor 6 outstanding scouters for their volunteerism.

SCOUTING FUN NIGHT: ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Don't miss out on the fun at the Council Fellowship Dinner on March 21st. Get a group together from your unit for a great social evening while we recognize accomplishments by units and Scouters throughout the Suffolk County Council. See Debbie Trifon or pick up a reservation form for more details.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This is a call to all Matinecock District packs, troops and crews to participate in this year's Scouting for Food Drive. Our district has led the Council in SOF collection for a number of years. That's nice, but not the most important point of each SOF Drive. Full unit participation is what will drive up toward ever better service to the needs of our community. Let's all make this year's SOF drive a success. Drop off will be on Saturday, March 24th at a site to be announced.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The kickoff unit for this year's *Friends of Scouting* (FOS) effort in Matinecock District was Pack 225. Thank you to all the Pack 225 families for their generosity.

Make sure your unit has an FOS presentation scheduled to help ensure a strong Scouting program in Suffolk County. Don't leave here tonight with your unit still "In the dugout"!

THANK YOU

As nearly 42 years in the BSA professional service comes to an end for me, it is fitting that I have the opportunity to finish as I started – working field service in a district. Thank you to all the great volunteers throughout Matinecock District for all you do for Scouting. And thank you for the opportunity to work with you,

John Nowak

"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

The March Pack Theme – Planting Seeds of Kindness

Why Planting Seeds of Kindness? The core value for March is Compassion. Compassion means being kind and considerate of others. It is having patience and a generous heart. It is showing genuine concern by our thoughts, words, and deeds to people, animals, our environment, and our community. Cub Scouts can develop an understanding of the concept of kindness by understanding how a tiny seed can grow into food that we eat or a flower for all to enjoy. By “planting” and “growing” small areas of kindness in our thoughts, words, and deed, we share the goodness in our hearts in hopes that those who experience it will then share kindness with others and keep it growing.

Opening Planting the Seeds of Kindness

CUBMASTER: Welcome to our “planting seeds of kindness” pack meeting tonight. It will be an exciting meeting as we watch compassion GROW!

(You should have a poster with a tree trunk base drawn on it. With each letter below, make “limbs” to attach to the poster tree trunk. The final product will be a full tree. You can add leaves, flowers, birds, squirrels, butterflies, and so on, if you’d like to the branches.)

C is for caring about others.

O is for the opportunities when we can help.

M is for the many needs of our community.

P is for understanding how a person feels.

A is for the action we can take.

S is for showing concern through kind thoughts and words.

S is for that someone we may not know but we can become friends.

I is for the interest we share in our environment.

O is for the giving of ourselves to others.

N is for being nice to all people, plants, animals, and our Earth.

Like an Acorn—Arrow of Light Ceremony

If you do your Arrow of Light advancement in March, here’s a ceremony in keeping with the theme.

When you first see an acorn, it may seem quite small and insignificant. Who could guess the great potential lying inside its small shell? A Cub Scout is much like an acorn. Although he may appear to be small, a Cub Scout has the potential of greatness within him. As an acorn sprouts and grows, it turns into a majestic tree sought after for its strength and admired for its beauty. It is very popular, and its useful purposes seem unlimited.

Would _____ please come forward with his parents. _____ was like an acorn when he first joined Cub Scouting. He was full of potential and ready and willing to learn and grow. In the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens, he has grown by learning the ideals of Scouting. He is developing character along the way. He has gone above that which is required to gain his Webelos badge and has earned the Arrow of Light. He is reaching new heights each day as he follows the Cub Scout motto to “Do your best.”

The Arrow of Light is the highest award you can earn in Cub Scouting, but it is not the end to your growth. Just as the mighty oak grows each day for years and years, you too will continue to grow and learn. Follow the path that leads onward in Scouting, and one day you will reach above the oaks and soar with the Eagles.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Storytelling Skills

Stories are fun, and boys enjoy listening to them. Storytelling is a good way to emphasize the Core Value or theme of the month. Depending upon the desired message, the leader might tell a story from nature, an incident from the life of a famous person, a myth, or a legend. Use the Cub Scout Leader Book and the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book as resources and discuss types of stories that can be told with your pack leadership. What stories do they remember from their youth? It stayed with them into adulthood. It could stay with your boys.

Remember you are painting a mental picture. Practice telling a story selected from the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book. Develop their imagination. Plant the seeds of compassion and leadership.

Planting Seeds of Kindness with Your Webelos - Service Projects

What better way is there to plant seeds of kindness and to show compassion to others than to provide service? Our communities and the world benefit from every act of service we provide. Not only do the actions of our Scouts enhance the lives of those they serve, but their attitudes encourage others to be better people and perpetuate acts of kindness in their everyday lives.

One hint – ask them for ideas on what would be the coolest service project. What would do the most good while being the most fun? If they own it and it's their idea...

Closing Ceremony - Cub Scout Garden of Thoughts

Props: Large cut-outs of vegetables for seven Cub Scouts, as indicated.

CUB SCOUT 1: We're Cub Scouts who have come your way to share with you our garden of thoughts for the day.

CUB SCOUT 2(holds up carrot): Take "care at" all times, remembering to do your best each day.

CUB SCOUT 3 (holds up lettuce): "Let us" always give a smile to others as we travel down life's way.

CUB SCOUT 4 (holds up turnip): Be sure to "turn up" at meetings and participate in pack activities.

CUB SCOUT 5 (holds up bean): Learn not to put things off, for it's not fun "being" late.

CUB SCOUT 6 (holds up beet): In life's game, you can "beat" if you strive to work with everyone.

CUB SCOUT 7 (holds up large package of seeds): And now that we've planted some "seeds" of thought, we'll say goodnight, for our meeting is adjourned.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

The theme for February Roundtable is physical fitness. In order to have a successful fitness program in your unit, you only need two things: motive and opportunity. Let's start with the latter – opportunity. If you have an active unit with a variety of outing, this should be a no-brainer. Hiking, swimming, cycling and skiing are all demanding of physical condition and a part of most Troop calendars. Since these are all part of the fun of scouting, there is not usually a problem getting boys to sign up.

The other part, motive is something that is often overlooked but should not be. Most young boys are willing to jump into just about any of the activities mentioned above without thinking of preparing their bodies. If they are fit and involved in sports outside of scouting readiness is second nature. But hiking, up steep inclines with a heavy backpack is not something most boys are prepared for and they should be. Planning exercise sessions at Troop meeting months ahead in preparation can make life much more pleasant when it comes time to head for the summit. Shorter, day hikes are good for finding out who's up for the challenge and who isn't. Exercises like squats, leg lifts and sit ups are good for tightening essential muscle groups needed for climbing, hiking and skiing.

Scouting Magazine and Boys Life are good reference materials and often feature this very topic. If you do not have adults or boys in your unit qualified to guide exercise sessions, why not bring in an outside fitness trainer. The sessions can be made more fun by including them as part of your program and part of healthy competition between Patrols.

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Up Coming Training Schedules and information

IOLS: (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) and

WOLT: (Webelos Outdoor Leadership Training).

These courses complete the training continuum for your specific leader training.

These trainings will be held at: **Blydenburgh Park on May 17-19, 2013**

Please see the upcoming flyer for registration, or call the council office to register.

NYLT: (National youth Leadership Training). Your Troop **deserves** trained youth leaders!! Send your troops leadership to the ultimate in training!!

Training will be held at Baiting Hollow Scout camp on **March 15-17, 2013** AND **April 5-7, 2013.**

Please see the council website for registration!! Sign up now!!!

WOOD BADGE: Every boy *deserves* a trained leader!!!

Training will be held on **September 20-22, 2013** at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp and **October, 12-14, 2013** at Schiff Scout Reservation. Please see the council website for flyer and registration!!!

Training Recertification:

Keeping Scouts safe and keeping Scouting leaders up to date with current information and methods means some of the BSA's training courses need to be retaken every couple of years. We all know about Youth Protection training and National Camping School, but there are some others—including some that have recently been added to the list. Below is a list of these courses and how often they should be retaken to be valid:

- Youth Protection—every two years
- National Camping School—good for five camping seasons
- Safe Swim Defense—every two years
- Paddle Craft Safety—every three years
- Aquatics Supervision/Swimming and Water Rescue—every three years
- BSA Lifeguard—every three years
- Climbing Lead Instructor—every two years
- Climbing Instructor—every two years
- COPE/Climbing Inspector—every two years
- Safety Afloat—every two years
- Trainer's EDGE—every three years
- Hazardous Weather—every two years
- Physical Wellness—every two years
- Climb On Safely—every two years
- Trek Safely—every two years

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

Greetings Scouters:

Look for more information next month

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A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: www.ccos-drvc.org . Please share this information with your Unit's Religious Emblems Coordinator, Chaplain, Chaplain Aide, and those interested in these opportunities.

- Pope Pius XII Retreat: Feb 8-10
- Boy Scout Pilgrimage to Seminary of the Immaculate Conception: March 9, 12:45- 5:30pm, Contact the Diocesan Scouting office to register or for more information: 516-678-5800, x 245. (Flyer were posted on District e-group)
- Save the Date: Cub Fun and Faith Day, Saturday, May 4 at St Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville. The theme is: Year of Faith. Looks for details soon.
- Religious Emblems Boards of Review: Saturday, May 18. There will be only ONE Make-up date for missed reviews on *Thursday, June 6th*.

2013 Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath: A Scout is Reverent Many churches & temples host scouts, leaders, and their families for participation at each other's Houses of Worship. Let Teresa da Luz, odaluz@optonline.net, know if your house of worship would like to host a service. A full list of services has been posted on the District egroup.

- Commack Jewish Center, Commack February 8, 543-3311
- Temple Beth Chai, Hauppauge – February 8 at 8:00 pm, Phyllis Stein 265-8141
- East Northport Jewish Center – February 8 at 7:30 pm, Wendy Isaacs 368-6474
- Christ Lutheran Church, East Northport – February 10 at 9:15, Rich Sher 275-3409
- St Thomas More, Hauppauge – February 10 at 9:15 Family Mass, Gary Fortmeyer gwfort@optonline.net
- St Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station, February 24 at 11:30 a.m. Mass, Solange Rich 917-468-1579
- St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Huntington Station- Feb 24 at 10 am. Sandy Hustedt 385-0046

Jewish Committee on Scouting news:

- SCJCOS annual awards breakfast is coming up on March 3, 2013 at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge
- For information regarding any Jewish Religious Award, along with Eagle Scout Recognition requests for scouts of any faith, contact Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecamerlady@verizon.net or the JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net. National JCOS website: www.jewishscouting.org



Order of the Arrow

Shinnecock Lodges, Nissequogue Chapter serving the Matinecock District of the SCCBSA

Look for more information next month

Any questions please contact Bill Davis at matelope185@aol.com or 631-942-9093.
For more information about our chapter visit our web site: www.nissequogue.webs.com



Venturing

NER Venturing **Area 2 Apex** (formerly known as the Summit) for 2013 is going to be at Camp Mattatuck in CT April 26-28 2013. Put this event on your schedule as well. The **Theme** that was selected for this event is “**The District Games**” based on The Hunger Games. At each of the last two Area Venturing Planning meetings, we had more than 40 venturer’s and advisors in attendance..so this is going to be an amazing event for Venturer’s and Venturing aged youth. Camp Mattatuck has one of the largest COPE courses in the NE Region, we have boating, shooting (and shotgun), and even a great mountain biking program.

Registration information is available (link will be forwarded). The cost is \$45 for a Tent site and \$50 for a cabin spot. All food and program materials are included as well (yes, the patch too). Like with past Area events, there will be a theme-based Saturday night dance.

Check the front page of the council website for the program flyer (link: http://sccbsa.org/docs/20130115_apex.pdf). You can also check the Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Venturing Advisor, bobbsa@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

District Classified Ads

Announcing the Nickolas Demidovich Memorial Fund: We have money available to assist with full or partial payment for summer camp for deserving scouts in need. We would also be willing to help with any other reasonable Boy Scout expense with proper notice for legitimate boy scout related expenses. Contact Peter Demidovich at Peter@PeterDemidovich.com

Northport East Northport Public Library: Resources are available to scouts, pack and troop leaders. Scouts may request the assistance of our librarians at any time to locate the many and varied resources available to assist them in fulfilling their merit badge requirements. Leaders may request group visits via our website to bring their troops for a guided tour and demonstration of electronic databases. The Library also hosts merit badge programs, most recently the Boy Scout Computer and Reading Merit Badges. We have recently added a form to assist in planning a group visit to the library. This may be accessed on our webpage under "contact us" or by using the following link: <http://www.nenpl.org/main/contactus/visit.php>. As always, please call or visit your library in person so that we may assist you in your informational pursuits.

Mark your calendars for **MATINECOCK CUB FUN DAY**, Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at TJ Lahey Elementary School, 625 Pulaski Rd, Greenlawn. We are looking for Cub Scout Packs to participate at Cub Fun Day & help with the running of activity booths & games. Adults are also needed to be on the Committee as well as to help with various activities including a Cub Bike Rodeo. For more information contact Donna Reina at (631) 543-3994 email pack322@verizon.net; Josephine Ruby at (631) 864-9761, email jeruby43@optonline.net or Elaine Gray at (631) 924-7000 ext. 127, email grayshus1@aol.com.

Do you have an upcoming event (scouting or community) that is relevant to the Matinecock district? Send an email to the editor for posting.

March 2013 Roundtable Program Themes (April Scouting Themes):

Cub Scout Core Value: Faith

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options: Give Thanks, Family Tree, Soaring Skies

Webelos Activity Pins: Sportsman, Family Member

Boy Scout: Forestry

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