



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



January 10, 2013

Happy 2013: Hope everyone had a good Holiday Season.

What's Up (Coming)

January 2013

- *January 12 – FOS Kickoff*
- *January 25-27 – Matinecock Polar Bear Camporee*

February 2013

- *February- 7 Roundtable & OA*

Go to

www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. **[Check Out the Training Events, too!](#)**

MAKE SURE YOUR UNIT ATTENDS!

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kickoff is this Saturday, January 12th, at St Matthews Church, North Expressway Service Rd in Dix Hills. EVERY unit in Matinecock District is asked to have at least one representative attend to hear the vital role FOS plays in funding Scouting in Suffolk County, what the council budget is all about, and what we are asking of your unit to participate in FOS. But there is no limit on the number of adults who may attend. Starting promptly at 8:30 AM, we will wrap up by 11:00 AM. Questions? See John Nowak, John Zeoli or Elaine Gray tonight.

ONLY TEN WEEKS FROM TONIGHT!

The annual Council Fellowship Dinner is coming up on March 21st. We will again be enjoying the great food, friends and fellowship at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook while we recognize units and Scouters from throughout the county for significant Scouting accomplishments. Plan to have a full table attend! Reservation forms are available tonight and on the council website.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE CHANGE NEXT MONTH!

Leaders roundtable meeting in February will be on the first Thursday of the month, that being February 7th. Don't miss this important date change.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food is coming up. The Matinecock District Scouting for Food message is simple - We ask that ALL units participate. Our communities need you. Please plan to participate Talk with Matt Schieferstein (mallowat@optonline.net) or Don Ghee (Donald.Ghee@Chase.com) with any questions.

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.



"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Why Turn Back the Clock for February's Core Value Resourcefulness.

Resourcefulness is the February Pack Meeting Core Value. When you look back in time, it is easy to find many examples of resourcefulness, using human and other resources to their fullest. Whether it is the Ice Age, the Wild West, the Space Age, or the 1950s, each time period had people with goals who used the resources available to them to make their lives better.

Opening Ceremony – Our Flag

Look back to show your Cub Scouts how our flag came about. A pre-assigned den presents the colors and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. (The den for second-year Webelos Scouts who are graduating to Boy Scouting is recommended, as this could be their last flag ceremony as Cub Scouts.) After the Pledge of Allegiance, have a den form a straight line in the front of the room.

CUB SCOUT 1: Today, most flags are made of nylon or cotton. However, when the first American flags were made, these resources were not available.

CUB SCOUT 2: Early American flags were made from resources that were available at the time, such as wool bunting, silk, linen, and hemp.

CUB SCOUT 3: Not only was the fabric used for the first flag made of available resources . . .

CUB SCOUT 4: There was a human resource as well, Betsy Ross.

CUB SCOUT 5: Mrs. Ross was a widow who owned an upholstery company. Colonial upholsters did all manner of sewing.

CUB SCOUT 6: She was approached by George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross to construct the first flag.

CUB SCOUT 7: These men were members of the secret flag committee, appointed by the First Continental Congress.

CUB SCOUT 8: Because they recognized Mrs. Ross as a valuable resource to meet their goal of a new flag for our new country, they asked her to sew our first flag.

CUB SCOUT 9: How resourceful!

Blue & Gold Opening Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

As the February Pack Meeting is usually your Blue & Gold, here's a prayer for your Blue & Gold Banquet:

"Please bless the food we will eat at this banquet, the friends and family here with us tonight, and those who could not join us this evening. Let us remember the resources we used as we prepared for this blue and gold banquet. May we be ever mindful of utilizing our resources to their fullest, and of not being wasteful."

A Blue & Gold Pack Song

Songs are always fun when done with gusto. The pre-assigned den sings or leads your pack "We Are a Cub Scout Pack" to the tune of "Hickory Dickory Dock."

We Are a Cub Scout Pack

We are a Cub Scout Pack,
Traveling back to the past,
The clock struck one,
It's time for fun,
We're glad it's blue and gold time at last.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Recognition Ceremony – The Resourcefulness Time Machine

All ceremonies should be done with a flair. And a flair will make this ceremony sparkle. This should be done with just one den and not repeated. And pre-arranging with the den to know their line and their parents is needed. A large box or screen is needed to represent your time machine.

CUBMASTER: As we have all been learning about the core value resourcefulness, the time has now come for the final test—to send our Cub Scouts back in time to see how resourceful they have become. Will (*call out names of Cub Scouts*), about to receive the rank of (*name the rank*), please come forward and enter the time machine. (*Scouts enter the time machine through the door cut into the side of the box. The Cubmaster spins the clock hands on the front of the box.*) It looks as if it is working; they are going back in time. Oh, no! There appears to be a malfunction in the machine. Will the parents of these young men please come forward to help me fix the machine. (*As parents come forward, give them the big cardboard tools to tinker with the box. They actually don't have time to do any work with the tools before the Cubmaster returns to the script.*)

CUBMASTER: Wait, it looks as if they are coming back now. (*The boys exit the other side of the box.*)

CUBMASTER: The machine was malfunctioning. How did you get back?

CUB SCOUTS (IN UNISON): We were resourceful!

CUBMASTER: Parents, please stand with your resourceful Cub Scouts. Due to your exhibition of resourcefulness here this evening, and because you have diligently met all the requirements of this rank by doing your best, I am pleased to present you with the rank of _____.

After the ceremony is complete, ask all to stand and give these resourceful Cub Scouts a Turn Back the Clock cheer. (*The Turn Back the Clock Cheer is done the same as a round of applause, just counterclockwise.*)

Webelos Activity Badge Counselors

Webelos Activity Badges are an introductory transition to the boys' upcoming merit badges in Boy Scouts. As there are merit badge counselors in Boy Scouts, you can recruit activity badge counselors for your Webelos advancement.

There are many advantages to recruiting activity badge counselors including knowledge of the subject, parental involvement and introducing and telling the boys to merit badge counselors. As to qualifications and locating counselors:

- Apply your Youth Protection Training if not have them complete YPT online as they will be in contact with youth.
- Make sure they are familiar with the responsibilities of an activity badge counselor, including the completion of the activity badge does not mean mastering the subject.
- Your sources for activity badge counselors include the Family Talent Survey, friends and seasoned scouters. (Yeah – seasoned scouters are a resource. Particularly if you've linked up with a troop or have a Den Chief.)
- Try to identify and use experts in various program fields as people generally enjoy talking to others about their careers and avocations.
- A parental option is to have each parent chose two activity badges based in the expertise and interest. Brainstorm how to identify counselors with your den parents to let them help with the solution (and possibly step forward to volunteer).

Remember that this is helping them take the next step in preparing for the adventure of Boy Scouts.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Pay It Forward...

In the 2000 movie by that name, a 7th grader comes up with a school assignment/experiment that he think can change the world. In his plan, everyone would do favors for three other people, who would only be asked to do the same for three others. It's a pyramid scheme of good deeds, which ends up having far-reaching and unexpected consequences. The scenario has been rehashed in numerous car and soft drink commercials and a novel idea. In fact, it's the foundation of Scouting ... almost.

When we ask boys to do "good deed" for no tangible reward but just because it's good and right, we are asking a lot. We are, in fact, asking them to pay it forward. The concept is really an act of faith. We do good deeds and in return, we hope we get to live in a better world. So call it Good Turns, Good Citizenship, Community Service, it's all doing good for the sake of being good.

As adult leaders, we pay it forward simply by giving freely of our time, expertise and guidance to the young men and women in our units. We are paying it forward hoping for a better world in the future. Every minute we devote to our youth in the Scouting program pays it forward in a world that need to be reminded the good deeds really do make the world a better place.

Scouting is about camping, hiking and having fun. Let's always remember the importance of leading our youth to help make our country and our communities a better place. Every service project, every food drive, every Eagle project exemplifies ideals that are at the very heart of Scouting and in the end, pays out, with dividends.

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Up Coming Training Schedules and information

January 2013

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

Here's just a reminder of the upcoming training events!

Youth Protection Training (YPT): Youth Protection Training will be held at our District camporee on January 26, 2013. Remember.... Youth protection Training expires every Two (2) years, and is required for every adult leader!!

Trainers EDGE Training: Trainers EDGE training will be held on February 2, 2013 at St. Joseph's Church, Ronkonkoma. The session starts at 8 am and ends at 4:30 pm.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Training (SM/ASM): SM/ASM training will take place on February 9, 2013. Training will be held at Hauppauge H.S. All three (3) sessions will be held on Saturday. Session 1 will start at 8:00 am. Session 2, at 11 am and Session 3, at 2 pm. Start times for Sessions 2 and 3 are approximate,

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Camp Baiting Hollow March 15-17 & April 5-7 2013. This leadership program is for boys 13 and older who are members of a Boy Scout Troop and for young men and women who are members of a Venturing Crew. NYLT is a week-long outdoor experience for current and future troop and crew leaders, utilizing the patrol method. It presents leadership skills in multiple formats providing the opportunity for participants to live and practice these leadership skills. Virtually all of the training is conducted by the youth staff. The course follows the National BSA NYLT curriculum. The course runs 2 weekends, Friday night through Sunday morning. For information contact Sandi Koltzau @ 631-242-3897 or slyfox@plop.org

Wood Badge for the 21st Century Baiting Hollow Scout Camp September 20-22, 2013 and Schiff Scout Reservation October 12-14, 2013

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. Wood Badge is intended for **all** leadership positions, both volunteer and professional, across **all** of Scouting's programs. Recognize today's leadership concepts used across corporate America and leading organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement. Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team. Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that will last for a lifetime. For info contact the course director Marc Nathanson 631-361-6408 or matbear@optonline.net.

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:

Pack leaders please make sure that your Webelos scouts are making visits to the various Troops in your area. Blue and Gold is right around the corner.

Troop leaders, please reach out to the packs. Let them know about your program including when and where you meet.

This is a great time to build bonds between your units. The commissioner staff is there to help

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A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: 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, 1:00- 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
- Religious Emblems Boards of Review: Saturday, May 18. There will be only ONE Make-up date for missed reviews on Thursday, June 6th.
- CCOS website: www.ccos-drvc.org

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

- St. Joseph RC Church, Kings Park - February 2, 5pm, CarolynFlynn@optonline.net
- Commack United Methodist Church - Feb. 3, 9 a.m. Venise Mule-Glass, venisept@aol.com
- 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 – Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm, Wendy Isaacs 368-6474
- Christ Lutheran Church, East Northport – Feb 10, 9:15, Rich Sher 275-3409

Jewish Committee on Scouting news:

- 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

It's January which means Unit Elections have begun and will run till April. Please check with Bill Davis or Matt Schieferstein to confirm your date

We are still looking to increase our number of Troop OA Reps out there. We have seen some interest but would like to utilize this communication tool to its full advantage.

If you know of any Arrowman with an upcoming Eagle Court of Honor please let us know, the Lodge has a special Lodge flap and citation for our Eagle Brothers and would like to recognize them for their achievement.

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.

The next Planning meeting is scheduled for January 27th from 10a-3pm (location TBD). Like all our events, they are youth planned/led, so we look for youth to participate. Adults are welcome as well. If you need a ride, call Bob Koch at 631/981-1399 or email him at bobbsa@optonline.net. Some of the activities already planned will take advantage of the best COPE courses in the Northeast, the large lakes, well staffed mountain bike area, shotgun and rifle range...and lots more. Further details will be out in January. So, what committee do you want to join? Program? Logistics? Communications? All have about 8 members on them already, so you will have plenty of assistance.

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

LOST (and found): Red scout Jack-shirt. Possibly left at an Eagle Court of Honor. Has name tag. If this shirt is yours, contact Joe Bond at 631-499-3901

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

SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD:

Troop 200, BSA and our sponsor The Loyal Order of Moose Join together to host our 6th Annual Blood Drive Saturday, January 12th, 2013, 9:30am to 2:30pm, Moose Lodge • 631 Pulaski Road • Greenlawn, NY 11740. Come down and help the SCOUTS as they work to help others.

February 2013 Roundtable Program Themes (March Scouting Themes):

Cub Scout Core Value: Compassion

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options: Seeds of Kindness, Be Aware and Care, Pet Pals

Webelos Activity Pins: Athlete, Engineer

Boy Scout: Physical Fitness

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