



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



January 15, 2014

What's Up (Coming)

January 2015

- January XX

February 2015

- February 6-8 – Matinecock District Polar Bear
- February 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.

I'll start my final What's the Point with some quick reminders about what's coming up in Matinecock. We have our Polar Bear Camporee February 6-8 with Troop 41 hosting this year. For cubs we have our Cub Fun Day currently being planned for April 25 which is the week after our Spring Camporee at Southaven Park. I hope every unit will attend their appropriate events as the district committee is hard at work planning great events for you. As some of you may have heard and for those who haven't Suffolk County Council hired a new District Executive, Daniel Schilpp. While I had some discussions with Ryan DiBernardo, our new SCC Scout Executive, we both agreed that the district that would allow Daniel to work his way into his new position and benefit the most was Matinecock. While I consider this move to be bittersweet I feel it was the right move to make. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to begin my professional scouting career with all of you in this great district and I know Dan will continue the great work we all started together. I will be mentoring Dan these next few months as he learns and trains for the position but I won't be attending anymore monthly district meetings as my new district, Benjamin Tallmadge, have their meetings Thursdays as well. So as I close my Matinecock chapter I want to again thank all of you for the hard work and dedication that you put into scouting. See ya down the trail.

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"Get in on the Adventure"



Cub Scouting

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

New Program Updates:

Over the next few months at Roundtable we will be reviewing the New Cub Scout Program which goes into effect on June 1, 2015. That's just a few short months away. There are some significant changes to the way the program will be presented.

Some highlights include:

- 7 adventures to rank advancement
- one leader guide per rank (instead of that huge book)
- new progress towards rank devices (no more beads to pick up after every meeting)

There are webcasts being offered on January 17th for Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Committee members and anyone else that is interested. For additional information check out the BSA website:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>

At the February roundtable we review the program changes as they relate to Program Support for Den Leaders and Advancement.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

So the Super Bowl is in three weeks. Your second year Webelos should be bridging in less than three months. Time for that hurry up offense (AKA Webelos to Scout transition)!

Call the play!

Complete your troop visits. Make sure you visit as many troops in your area as

possible, go on a regular night...not just a night they are doing a presentation, so you can really see what they are like.

Get answers to any questions you still have: Dues? When are they due? What types of activities are planned for the rest of the year?

Have your scout discuss it at home and at his Webelos Den/Patrol meeting.

Choose a troop and make sure to invite them to your Blue and Gold or Bridging Ceremony.

Fill out a new application and schedule a scout master conference.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

“POLAR BEAR”

Camporee

February 6, 7, 8, 2015

Schiff Scout Reservation, Wading River, NY

Theme Wild-Wild West

Lord Baden Powell's Thoughts About the Scouts' Own Service

For an open Troop, or for Troops in camp, I think the Scouts' Own should be open to all denominations, and carried on in such a manner as to offend none. There should not be any special form, but it should abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from any ecclesiastical point of view, but from that of the boy.

Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided. We do not want a kind of imposed Church parade, but a voluntary uplifting of their hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others.

B.-P.'S OUTLOOK November 1928

HAMBURGER PIE

Serves 6 to 8

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 4 to 5 cups mashed potatoes (instant potatoes work great)
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste

Basic directions: Season the hamburger with salt, pepper, and garlic powder, then brown it with onion in the Dutch oven at 400°F, using 16 to 20 coals with bottom heat only. When the meat is browned, stir in the soup and beans. Spread potatoes over the top of the hamburger mixture, then sprinkle with cheese. Cover and cook moving coals to a 1 (bottom)-to-2 (top) ratio for 18 to 20 minutes, or until everything is hot and the cheese is melted. Rotate the lid and oven while cooking.

Make it easier: Brown the meat and onions at home and put them in a large ziplock bag.

Mix the soup and beans in with the meat and onions in the ziplock. **No cleanup!**



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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

NER Area 2 Venturing:

February 7, 2015: **Area 2 Venturing Training** – Greenwich (Camp Ernest Seton). Registration is at 8:30a, training starts at 9am. The event is FREE, including Lunch. Training is until 3:30p and the Area meeting is 3:30p-5:00p. If you want to stay overnight, the area also paid for overnight accommodations. A Venturer's only expense is to chip in for pizza on Saturday night.

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** (With an ATV Experience !)
Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Past Venturing Advisor, bobbsa57@gmail.com; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

If you need Suffolk County Council Venturing information, please contact Greg Aylmer at bsataxi@optonline.net

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

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
- **National Youth Leadership Training:** March 13 -15 & April 10 - 12
NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops, teams, crews, personal lives, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Don't wait, the course is limited to 48 participants. For more information and a registration form go to: http://www.sccbsa.org/docs/NYLT_brochure_2015.pdf
- **Trainer's EDGE:** 2/21/15
Attention all trainers (Pack Trainers, Training & RT Staff, Woodbadge Staff) and anyone who would like to improve their presentations skills. We will be presenting the Trainer's Edge in Saturday 2/21 from 9 to 4. Contact Mike Kramer at MKLeader2@gmail.com for more information.
- **Leave No Trace:** There are 3 options for LNT training this season: March 6-8, April 10-12 and May 8-10. The 16 hour course satisfies the training requirements for the Troop LNT Trainer and core requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award. More information can be found at: http://www.sccbsa.org/docs/LNT_Trainer_Courses_2015.pdf

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

Welcome back from the Christmas and New Year celebrations. The UC's and RTC's are motivated and engaged in making your scouting experience a positive one. As District Commissioner and member of the Matinecock Key 3, I am obligated to serve each and every one within the district fairly and according to BSA national standards. If for any reason you feel you are not getting the assistance you deserve from your UC or RT representative or just want to chat please do not hesitate to contact me. I may not be able to solve the issue to your satisfaction but can give or get you a BSA answer to the problem. Secondly, please complete your Unit Re-Chartering packages ASAP. If help is required contact your UC.

Tom Rolston, Dist. Commissioner trolston72@gmail.com or 631 368 7022.



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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

The Catholic Committee has several exciting events scheduled; Pope Pius XII Retreat, Cub Fun and Faith Day and Boy Scout Day of Recollection. Our website <http://ccos-drvc.org/SCCBSA1.html> has all the information and forms to participate in these events. Please share these events with your Scouts.

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 Recollection

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 Coronesi, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

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

- Scout Sabbath (local) for 2015: (more to be announced)
 - Feb 6, 2015 at 7:30PM-E Northport JC Scout Shabbat
 - Feb 13, 2015 at 7:30PM-Scout Shabbat at Temple Beth-Chai
 - Feb 27, 2015 at 7PM- Scout Shabbat at Dix Hills JC
- JCOS Awards and Recognitions Breakfast - Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge - Feb 22 (10am-12 noon)
- March 15, 2015 9AM to 4:30PM-NE Regional Conference- West Orange, NJ
- JCOS of SCC annual Conclave - BHSC - June 5-6-7, 2015
- The next JCOS meeting will be on Feb. 16, JCOS meetings are held on the third Mon of each month unless otherwise noted, 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:

More Announcements:

National Eagle Scout Association

The SCC chapter of NESA invites all Eagles to connect with us as we launch a re-energized program. In addition to recognizing and mentoring new Eagles we are also planning to conduct some networking and fun events in the coming program year. For more information contact Mike Kramer at MKLeader2@gmail.com.

Camp Cards

The Suffolk County Council is pleased to kick-off its second council-wide Camp Card Program. The intent of the Camp Card Program is to allow Scouts, in raising funds, to pay for their Scouting activities and equipment. This program is completely RISK FREE, because any unsold Camp Cards may be returned.

Camp Cards have a value of over \$75 and sell for \$5 each. Scouts earn 40% commission or \$2.00 per card sold. The cards will be bundled in packs of 25.

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-drcv.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/>

February Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Resourcefulness Webelos Activity Pins: Scholar, Engineer Boy Scout: Public Service From: <http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp>

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