



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



January 14, 2016

What's Up (Coming)

January 2016

- January 14 Roundtable & OA

February 2016

- February - 11 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.

Happy New Year Matinecock! I'm confident that 2016 is going to be our best year yet! Our primary objective is for more kids to find their place in our life-changing programs. Together, we can grow Scouting in Matinecock District!

Here's a New Year checklist to help lay a solid foundation for your unit recruitment in 2016:

- Select a Membership & Marketing Chair for your unit
- Update your Unit Pin on BeAScout.org
- Send me your unit website link at liz.jumper@scouting.org– I'll make sure it's posted on the SCC website
- Create a plan to for all of your leaders to be trained – Youth Protection, Position Specific, B.A.L.O.O, etc.
- Create and/or update your unit "One-Sheet" with details of who you are, where you meet, and a calendar of events to hand out to potential new members
- Look through community calendars for spring festivals and community events in your area – consider attending as a unit to recruit and increase awareness of the scouting programs
- Let me know how I can help you - I have BSA tents, flyers, and marketing materials available upon request!

Lord Baden-Powell once asked, "Where is there a boy to whom the call of the wild and the open road does not appeal?" May we continue to serve as the outlet for the "call of the wild" in the young men and women of Suffolk County. Let's continually seek out opportunities to envelope the next generation of scouts into the character shaping programs they so desperately need.

One final note: Don't forget to schedule your Friends of Scouting Presentation! Contact John Zioli at writejaz@yahoo.com today!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Is there life after the Blue and Gold?

Everything builds to the Blue and Gold. Awards, bridging over, arrangements and deadlines keep everyone hopping. Then it's over and everyone breathes a sigh of relief. But now what? The Webelos are gone and so are your most senior leaders. Everyone is exhausted and there is still plenty of the year left to plan and execute. Sound familiar? There is hope and there is life after the Blue and Gold. But the time to make that transition smooth is now, not after the B&G is over. Start to plan your April and May meetings and/or activities now. Put in your reservation for a campsite, now, while the calendar is open. Remember, West Hills is open to Cubs (get a shelter for running water). Planning early will allow you to have the most leaders doing the planning. Having the rest of the year planned out will decrease the likelihood of burnout and keep everyone engaged and looking forward to the events. Keep the events in the Spring simple and lively. Go for a bike ride in Caumsett State Park, have a Bike Rodeo, have a magician come in. Having successful Spring meetings will give everyone the confidence to approach the Fall with enthusiasm. Start to look for your Tiger Leader for next year early. Getting them on board early makes everyone's life easier. Invite Kindergarteners to a Spring meeting. If the changes include a new Cubmaster or Committee Chair give them plenty of support and assistance. If you are a new Cubmaster or Committee Chair, don't be afraid to ask for help or ask questions. You know what they say, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

A Fresh Look: Webelos to Scout Transition:

Your Webelos just missed having to change programs for the Arrow of Light. But they will be the first in the new Boy Scout Program changes. Just another thing to remember when making the change from Cub Scout to Boy Scout.

We have all discussed the difference between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. For the parents, it is a lesson in letting go. Not being with their son for every event, not hearing from him for a few days while on a trip. Having the Scout receive information about the goings on of the Troop (often from other Scouts in leadership positions) instead of the parent. For the Scout, it is the realization that he just went from being the "big boys on campus" to much younger than the older boys in the Troop. They also are asked to be responsible - wear their uniform, bring their book relay information to their parents. Both Scouts and parents need to be patient and

adjust to the rhythm of the program. These are things to discuss with the Scouts and their families before they cross over that bridge.

New Scouts will need the new Boy Scout Handbook that went into effect on January 1, 2016. Like the Cub Scout program change, older Scouts in the Troop will be working from the old program through 2016 and all will be in the new manual by 2017. The lower ranks, Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class have undergone some revisions with various requirements being added or moved.

Remind the Scouts that if they are not happy with their choice of Troop that they can try another Troop rather than abandon the program. Troops have personalities as a whole and individually. Poor fit makes for unhappy Scouts. Knowing that another Troop may be a better fit may mean the difference between staying in Scouting and leaving it.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

What Is the SCOUTStrong PALA?

The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) Challenge will help your unit members add physical activity to their lifestyle, as well as help them improve their eating habits.

Who Should Be Involved?

This challenge is for Scouts and their entire families, as well as for leaders and their families.

How Is the SCOUTStrong Earned?

To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, participants are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for kids under 18 for at least five days a week, for six out of eight weeks. Also, each week they will focus on a healthy eating goal. There are eight to choose from, and each week they will add a new goal while continuing with their previous goals. Stick with the program, and participants can earn a SCOUTStrong PALA award patch in less than two months.

How Do I Get My Unit Started?

Participants can enroll and track their progress either online with a free online activity tracker or on a paper activity log (see reverse side) or downloading an activity log at www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA

With the upcoming polar bear – a few signs and symptoms to be aware of:

Signs and symptoms of hypothermia

- Shivering, though this may stop as body temperature drops
- Slurred speech or mumbling
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Weak pulse

Signs and symptoms of frostbite

- At first, cold skin and a prickling feeling
- Numbness
- Red, white, bluish-white or grayish-yellow skin
- Hard or waxy-looking skin

- Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Confusion or memory loss
- Loss of consciousness
- Bright red, cold skin (in infants)

- Clumsiness due to joint and muscle stiffness
- Blistering after rewarming, in severe cases



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

Northeast Region Venturing Area 2 Training and Planning Event

February 6th, 2016 FREE Venturing Training (for Venturer's) at Greenwich's Camp Ernest Seton. Meals included, but you still need to sign up.

Northeast Region Venturing Area 2 Training and Planning Event

Camp Seton, 363 Riversville Rd., Greenwich, CT, US, 06831

Registration: <http://area2training2016.eventbrite.com>

Password: summit

2016 NER Area 2 Apex: April 29-May 1, 2016. Theme is: "Space: The Venturing Frontier"

At Camp Tri Mount. Look for registration details in the next What's the Point

NER Area 2 Ski Trip: March 4-6, 2016. Skiing at Windham Mountain and lodging at Camp Tri Mount – only a few minutes away. Lodging will be \$20 for the weekend. Skiing packages will be available (it will be up to each Venturer to provide transportation and payment to the ski area. Registration details will be available shortly. Check the Area website over the next couple weeks.

Planning ahead: FIRST Northeast Region Venturing Fun Weekend

The Northeast Region (combination of 6 areas) will be hosting a 2016 Fall Fun Weekend. Details will be available by the beginning of March. The event will be held between mid-September and mid-October.

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:

2016 SCC Outdoor Ethics Courses

Your Choice of (3) Courses: March 4, 5 & 6 or April 1, 2 & 3 or May 6, 7 & 8 SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION All courses start on Friday night at 6PM The cost for these courses is \$90.00 pp which includes Food, Camping and Supplies. Adults and Youth age 14 or older are welcome. All courses are TENT CAMPING. The March Course will include BOTH Tent and Cabin Camping, your choice.

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

Happy New Year to All....Well we did it. All Charters are in to the Council Office. Some additional cleanup work is still going on but we are in fine shape. Thanks to all that help us through this most difficult time. Now on to other pressing matters. Please notify your UC what date you are choosing for your FOS Presentation. This is very important for the overall financial success within our District and Council by providing program support for our youth. Lastly, the UC's will be monitoring the Webelos Transition Process once again this year. Please inform them of the names of the Webelos that transitioned over at your Blue & Gold Ceremonies and also which troops they joined. This is important so we can account for each and every Webelos within the District.

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



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Religious Committees Activities

Please take the opportunity to attend a Scout Sunday or Scout Shabbat event. A listing can be found on the council website.

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

The Catholic Committee has several exciting events scheduled; Pope Pius XII Retreat, Cub Fun and Faith Days and Boy Scout Day of Recollection. Our website <http://ccos-drvc.org/SCCBSA1.html> has 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:

January 16 - - Cub Fun and Faith Day @ St. Paul the Apostle, Jericho

February 5-7 - Pope Pius XII Retreat, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

April 2 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Recollection @ St. Joseph's Church, Ronkonkoma

April 21 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

May 21 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

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

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

- Scout Shabbat: see the listing for all of the Scout Sabbath/Scout Sunday locations on the Matinecock District website, a few local locations include:
 - Dix Hills Jewish Center: Jan 29, 2016, 7:00 PM
 - East Northport Jewish Center - Feb 5, 2016, 7:30PM
 - Temple Beth-Chai- Feb 12, 2016 – 8PM
 - Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016
- 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

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!

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/>

February 2016 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Resourcefulness; Webelos Badges: Scholar & Engineer

Pack Meeting Theme: Friends Near & Far, Point of Scout Law: Friendly

Boy Scout monthly theme: Citizenship

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2016.asp> &
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

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