



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



January 12, 2017

### What's Up (Coming)

#### February 2017

- Feb 9 Roundtable & OA

#### March 2017

- Mar 9 Roundtable & OA

#### **Links:**

[www.matdistrict.org](http://www.matdistrict.org)  
for instant access to  
Matinecock District  
news, upcoming  
events and program  
resources.

[www.SCCBSA.org](http://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 hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are staying warm this winter. I'm back from spending time with my beautiful baby girl and ready to hit the ground running this year! Thank you all for being so patient and understanding during my time away and for the beautiful card you sent us. I really enjoy working with all of you.

Celebrations are in order for an outstanding year of scouting in 2016! We provided character building programs for nearly 2,400 scouts including the new Lion's Program and after 5 years of no growth, we grew our scouting program membership by 3.5%! That's an incredible testimony to how hard you all worked to recruit new scouts this year. Thank you!

We also grew our popcorn sales this year with 28 units raising a total of \$160,210. That's an average sale of \$5,722 per unit. This money was reinvested into the Matinecock Scouting program to provide life-changing experiences for our scouts. Thanks to the generosity of our scouting families, we raised \$56,800 in our family Friends of Scouting Campaign. Thuro Metals Inc. very generously donated an additional \$5,000 to our Community Friends of Scouting Campaign for a grand total of \$61,800 to keep scouting alive and well in Suffolk County in 2017.

Here are a few of my other favorite highlights:

We welcomed three new units to the Matinecock family: Crew 2011, Crew 821, and Crew 26! We had three outstanding camporees – the Polar Bear in January, the Council Spring Jamboree in April, and Webelos Woods in the fall. We had a ton of fun at the District Pinewood Derby, and one of our scouts went on to win 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the world championship race in Manhattan! We collected more than 18,000 pounds of food items for Scouting for Food in March! We celebrated the leadership of our volunteers in the spring with the District Awards Dinner and the Council Fellowship Dinner. We had 76 young men achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Additionally, we made countless memories with our Packs, Troops, Crews, Ship, Posts, Clubs, and with the Order of the Arrow.

Thank you everyone for your hard work. I'm looking forward to all 2017 has to offer!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

### **2017 Fellowship Dinner**

It's time to recognize exceptional contribution and to celebrate Suffolk County Council's volunteers & scouts. The **Silver Beaver, Honor Scout, Service Tenures**, will all be presented at the SCC Fellowship Dinner on March 23, 2017 at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown (off 347 - Hauppauge).

*"Scouting is a game with a purpose."*



# Cub Scouting

*86 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*

## Happy New Year! Now there's lots to do!

Ah the holidays! Sit by the fire, relax with loved ones... Yeah, right. That "it's only one hour a week" thing keeps coming back. The New Year brings lots of activities for a Pack. Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold, Crossing over - there is a lot going on. This is a time for good organization and time management. Of course the PWD is fraught with potential problems, from technical to interpersonal. What happens if the track software fails? What happens when *that* parent shows up with a car his son had NOTHING to do with? Have your rules and the rules of the District at the ready. Set up and check your track.

Communicate expectations to parents about the Derby. Hold a movie night with *Down and Derby* or watch it at home. It's sure to bring a smile to your face.

Blue and Gold is coming. Gather your committee. Don't forget about Baiting Hollow. You can have your event there and take a lot of pressure off yourself and your Pack. Make sure awards are purchased early and are ready to go.

Crossing over. Are your Webelos ready? Have they been visiting Troops? Have you spoken to parents about what to expect? Remember to invite the Troops that your Cubs are going to to the event. It's also a great time to make camping reservations. The good dates fill up quickly. There has been a \$1 per person increase to the cost of camping at the Suffolk County Parks. Keep that in mind for your budget. This is a good time to hook Tiger parents into a leadership position. Look at your succession plan. Approach a parent who is capable. Ask for their help.

The Spring will be here before you know it and our Cubs will be another year older. Don't forget to enjoy the journey!



## *Boy Scouts*

*Where Eagles Dare*

Welcome to a new year, and with a new year comes new requirements.

**Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 all scouts must follow the “new” 2016 rank requirements regardless of their current rank.**

Requirement inserts and other information can be found at [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates).

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Now is the time to be submitting requests for unit treks to Northern Tier and Seabase. There's no limit to the number of requests you can make for Seabase so be flexible and submit several requests to improve your chance of success.

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### **A Scout is Reverent**

“He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.”

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

Some things to know about the program:

1. Youth members must obtain the specific booklet for their religion. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly
2. Parents must review the program guidelines.
3. Some programs require participants to be official "members" of the religious institution.
4. Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.

5. Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor.
6. Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
7. Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
8. Many programs require the signature of the local religious leader.
9. The youth member needs to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the emblem.
10. These emblems are not available from your local council store!
11. The emblem should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the member's religious institution.



## *Venturing/Sea Scouts*



### **Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:**

- **February 4, 2017 – Area Training & Planning @ Camp Seton, Greenwich, CT** – Please join us for a day filled with many tracks of training classes for Venturing scouts and adults. Cost is \$10 to cover food and first 100 registrants get a free gift!
- **March 3-5, 2017 – PineGrove Dude Ranch** – Please join us for a fantastic fun filled weekend with an incredible array of activities for all Venturers. Cost is \$190 and includes all activities, lodging and meals.
- **April 28-30, 2017 – Apex @ Camp Moses, Russell, MA** – Please join us for the premier Area Venturing event of the year! Fun with hundreds of Venturers doing a myriad of activities!

Registration for these events coming soon to: <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area2>

Please see the Area 2 Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126120642299/>

**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&notif\\_t=group\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif&notif_t=group_activity)

- **SCC VOA meetings** are held the last Sunday of each month @ St Josephs Church in Ronkonkoma from 6:30 – 8 PM. For more information, contact **Dave Ryder** at [dryder1@optonline.net](mailto:dryder1@optonline.net) or 516-965-3382.

**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](mailto: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:**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

- February 4: Area 2 Venture Training

**MARCH 2017**

- March 3-5: Outdoor Ethics Training

**APRIL 2017**

- April 7-9: NYLT
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- April 8: Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Training Parts 1 & 2 (Mat)
- April 28-30: NYLT

**MAY 2017**

- May 5-7: Outdoor Ethics Training

**National Youth Leadership Training: April 7-9th & 28-30th**

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 and we do expect a full course. For more information, go to: <https://www.sccbsa.org/nylt>. Registration is open.

**Staff Wanted for National Youth Leadership Training!**

Have you completed NYLT? Are you ready to learn even more while helping your fellow Scouts? ***We are now accepting staff applications for our next NYLT course (Spring 2017)!*** We are looking for youth and adult leaders from Troops, Teams, Crews and Ships skilled in the understanding and use of NYLT leadership techniques who want to share the secrets of leadership success. Candidates should be full of enthusiasm, have good interpersonal skills, and leadership ability. To enhance presentation skills & topical knowledge participation in supplemental training & staff development sessions is required. To apply please send your contact information along with a brief bio including your Scouting background and leadership experience (in any capacity). Also please include your thoughts on your own NYLT experience and how it has made a difference in your ability to lead; plus, why you want to be a part of the NYLT Staff. Applicants should send submissions to Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com).

**Please check out District Website for all flyers and additional information!!!!**

Matdistrict.org

***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](mailto:bsataxi@optonline.net).



# Commissioner's Corner

## *Unit Service and Roundtable*

Good evening Matinecock District!

I hope all the troops who participated in the Polar Bear had a great time! I would like to thank Jeff Duncan for coordinating the event and Troop 125 for organizing the Scout activities. Also, I would like to congratulate Troop 539 for earning the Commissioner's Scout Spirit Award!

First, I would like to mention there are still a few units who have not been turned in their charters to the Council Office. If you have not turned in the final pieces of paperwork to complete it, please do so as soon as possible. Also, the Council Office is working hard on getting all of the charters processed, checked for errors and posted in a timely manner. Once the charters have been completed, the Commissioners will receive them from Council and distribute to your units.

Finally, there will be training on **January 21st at the Council Office from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. about "How to Complete Unit Service Plan on [My.Scouting.com](http://My.Scouting.com),"** The Unit Service Plan is worked on by the Key 3 of your unit (Commissioner, Committee Chair and Top Uniformed Leader) through [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org) at the beginning of the new year. It lays the foundation for the goals the unit would like to accomplish for the year and steps the unit plans to take to reach them. The Unit Service Plan focuses on topics such as membership, finance, advancement, training and other key aspects that make your program function. Through the completion of the Unit Service Plan, the Key 3 can be able to use this when the unit is ready to complete their end of the year Journey to Excellence review. If you plan on going, please contact me at [george.j.s.smith@gmail.com](mailto:george.j.s.smith@gmail.com).

Thanks for all that you do for the youth and I hope to see you at the next district event!

Yours in Scouting,

George J. S. Smith. Matinecock District Commissioner

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# A Scout is Reverent

## Religious Committees Activities

For more info On Scout Sabbath/Scout Sunday for 2017, please see the flyers at RT and online for a list of all the Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday opportunities for all of SCC BSA. Please join us at any or all of the Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath services -- A Scout is Reverent.

- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 22 East 18th Street, Huntington Station, Service will begin at 10:00am on 2/5/17, Scouts who want to attend must contact Susan Fasciano @ (516)314-1126 or [Susan.fasciano@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.fasciano@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Committee on Scouting:**

Come join the Catholic Committee on Saturday January 21 for the Cub Fun Faith Day and Boy Scout Day of Recollection. Both events will held at St. Elizabeth of Hungary RC Church in Melville. See our website for registration forms: [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

Please note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

**February 5** – Scout Sunday (see website for locations & dates)

**February 10-12** - Pope Pius XII Retreat, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

**March 21** - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Recollection

**April 20** – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

**May 20** – Religious Emblems Boards of Review

**Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** Meeting are held on the first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's in 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](mailto:ccoronesi@yahoo.com) 917.748.1276

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### **Jewish Committee on Scouting:** Save the dates:

- Scout Shabbats for 2017:
  - Temple Beth-Chai of Hauppauge - 2/10/17 at 8:00PM (Fri)
  - Dix Hills Jewish Center – 2/17/17 at 7:00pm (Fri)
- Awards and Recognition Breakfast- March 5, 2017 (Sun) at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge
- 27th Annual Northeast Regional Conference - 3/25/17 (Sun) in Albany, NY
- SCC-JCOS Annual Conclave- June 2,3, 4 /2017 (Fri-Sun) Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Any Jewish Scout interested in earning his religious emblem and for Eagle Scout recognitions (for Scouts of any faith), please contact Phyllis or Barry

**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](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net)
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net)

### **Protestant Committee on Scouting:**

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email [lois40@optonline.net](mailto:lois40@optonline.net)

### **Greek Orthodox Committee on Scouting**

If anyone took photos at the various stations during the recent Polar Bear, please email them to Phyllis Stein for consideration for possible use in the local news publications - include Troop #, SM's name and email/phone# for contact info, as well as what the station was and scout's names (first name, *last initial* only!!!) in the photo. Much thanks. Phyllis Stein: [thecameralady@verizon.net](mailto:thecameralady@verizon.net)

## High Adventure info

### **2017 National Jamboree:**

The Council provisional units for the 2017 Jamboree have been formed. Registered participants should now know what unit they are assigned to and have received other details including the payment schedule. If you have a Scout who has registered for the Jamboree but has not heard from anyone yet, please call the council office. There may still be some spots left for those who have not yet registered. Adult staff is still needed for this event if you are interested check out the information on the Jamboree website.



### **Seabase & Northern Tier 2018:**

2018 Lotteries for these high adventure bases begin after the first of the year.

### **The Summit:**

Unit crew options for 2017 still exist for non-Jamboree weeks. Units interested in setting up their own trip to the Summit in 2017 can check out the available dates on The Summit website.

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Important links to sources of information:

Matinecock District Website: <http://matdistrict.org/>

Matinecock District email: [matdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:matdistrict@gmail.com)

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbsa.org>

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org)

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org)

Shinnecock Lodge web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

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### **February 2017 Cub Scouting Themes:**

Webelos I Badges: Citizen; Webelos II Badges: Showman (Drama)

Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Reverent/Passport to Other Lands

### **February 2017 Boy Scouting Themes:**

Boy Scout monthly theme: Mentoring

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/magazine/pdf/331-011.pdf>

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/webelos/WebelosMeetingPlans.pdf>

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