



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



June 11, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

July 2015

- July 9&16 – Summer MB session #1

August 2015

- August 6&13 – Summer MB session #2
- August 25or26 – Popcorn Kick-Off Event

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.

As we finish up a successful 2014-2015 scouting year we can take a second to reflect back onto what we accomplished this year as individuals, as a unit and as a district. All of our district events were very successful from Webelos Woods to the Polar Bear and Spring Camporees. Once again we are leading the way in FOS with over \$45,000 raised from our units. Now, though, it's time to look towards the 2015-2016 scouting year. Our goal, as a district, is to blow every other year out of the water. In your kickoff packets is a ton of information to get you started on a successful scouting year. Please read all of it. Some things may be new to you but extremely helpful. Take the opportunity to try something new: new campout, new fundraiser, etc. If you have questions, please utilize all the resources available to you: Unit Commissioners, District Committee members, District Executive. We are here to help you. That is our job. Contact information can be found on scbsa.org or matdistrict.org. I hope everyone has a great summer and we'll see you in August!

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"Get in on the Adventure"



Cub Scouting

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

Well we made it. The new Cub Scout program started last week and the world didn't have a Zombie apocalypse or even a Scout apocalypse.

Hopefully you've had a chance to review all the information we've shared over the past few months. Either from Roundtable, or online and you should all feel pretty comfortable with the changes. But if you feel you want your leadership team to have a refresher, just ask.

Since it's our last meeting before the campfire season just a couple of things about Campfires and the new program

Campfires have a place in the new advancement Adventures

Tigers in the Wild
Moon

Wolf: Call of the Wild & Howling at the

Bears: Bear Necessities & Roaring Laughter WeBeLos: Camper

Basic Campfire Guidelines:

4 "S" Songs, Stunts, Stories & Showmanship

Follow the flames – high flames = high energy songs, skits and stunts. As the fire burns down, lower the energy level.

Have a great summer and review those new requirements!

YIS,

Michael



WebeLos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Burnout No More!

Are there meetings where you feel more burned out than the logs after a campfire? Let's face it, Cub Scouts is a lot of work. And it gets more intense as the boys get bigger. Sure you can do more with them when they are older, but that requires more planning. The bigger boys start to feel too old for Cubs and that only compounds things. So where does that leave a leader? Often too close to burn out. Instead of going up in smoke, recharge the batteries and enjoy the ride. Soon your Cubs will be yours no more and off to Boy Scouts. If you find yourself burning out, what can you do? Ask for help!! I don't mean a shrink (apologies to

any psychiatrists in our midst!), I mean the parents in your Den, your Cubmaster, other leaders, etc. Ask parents with expertise in a particular area to help plan a meeting. Hold a meeting at another location like a museum or other place that can do the work for you. Ask leaders of older Dens how they did a requirement and borrow some of their resources. Put some old fashioned fun into the meeting. Do things with the boys that used to bring you satisfaction. Chances are it will for them as well. Keep it simple, doing things the Scouts enjoy - make a chalk board, tie knots, play games. Take some training, leaders share experiences in training and you can get new ideas. Feeling prepared and being trained builds confidence and fights burn out. So take a breath and take a break and remember that you are making a difference in the lives of the boys in your Den.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

A big thank you to all who have come down and participated in this year's roundtable meetings.

Looking forward 2016 will bring some changes to the Boy Scout program. Some things to know:

Fall 2015 - New requirement information and interpretation shared via Advancement News, roundtables, etc

January 2016 - 2016 Boy Scout Requirements book released – 2016 Boy Scout Handbook released -

New requirements become effective

For 2016:

- Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:
 - Who are working on the Scout badge **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.
 - Who are working on Tenderfoot through First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
 - Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the existing requirements, but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.
 - For 2017: All Scouts **MUST** use the new requirements regardless of rank

Some previews:

NOT Changing

- Current ranks or approach (Tenderfoot-1st Class concurrent; Star-Eagle sequential)
- Use of merit badge program

CHANGING

- Scout becomes a rank
- Service @ all ranks (conservation related at Life)
- Health eating/habits
- Some reordering (Tenderfoot-1st Class)
- Physical fitness at each rank – Tenderfoot-1st Class
- Outdoor ethics – Leave No Trace & TL
- Weather safety, risk assessment & mitigation
- Duty to God incorporated in requirement to show Scout Spirit.

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



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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

Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Associate 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:

- **IOLS/OWLS:** Due to circumstances beyond our control these trainings have been postponed. We will update dates and times on the District's website.
- **Wood Badge:** September 11-13, 2015 Baiting Hollow Scout Camp and October 10-12, 2015 Schiff Scout Reservation. Cost \$240. Our very own Julie Hardick is the Course Director!
- **National Youth Leadership Training: August 15th - 20th:** 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/pages/nylt.php>

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

From The District Commissioner.

Planning, Planning & Planning makes for a successful scouting year. Cub scout leaders: don't forget the National Summertime Pack Award Certificate and the Cub Scout Outdoor Activities Award. Boy Scouts: don't forget the July and August merit badge programs, details for all on the Matinecock website. If you know of anyone who would like to be a Unit Commissioner please contact me. Also if you haven't taken the Wood Badge course please consider it. A new session is coming up this Fall, please seize the opportunity.

Thank you for all that you did for our Scouting program throughout the year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the September time frame. If I can be of assistance to you through the summer please do not hesitate to call or e-mail. Enjoy the Summer and be safe.

Yours in Scouting.

Thomas A. Rolston, District Commissioner

631 368 7022 or Email me at trolston72@gmail.com.



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Save the dates for your 2015-16 Activity Planning

- Vespers will be on July 10,17,24,31 and August 7, at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp.
 - Religious Emblems Counselor Training, 7 pm. St Joseph's, Ronkonkoma on August 20, September 21, and October 8 – pick one date to attend
 - Monthly meetings on September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May (tbd) & June 2
 - September 20– Boy Scout Convocation, St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
 - September 25-27 - Catholic Retreat, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington
 - December 13 – Peace Light Service, Christ the King Church, Commack
 - February 7- Scout Sunday
 - February 5-7 - Pope Pius XII Retreat - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington
 - April 2 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Reflection
 - April 21 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted to Diocese
 - May 21 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review
 - June 2 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review Make-up date
- **Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** Attend our monthly meeting, on the 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)!

- 2016 Conclave: June 3-5
- 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:

PCOS Annual Retreat – this year’s theme: ”Bullet Proof George Washington & His Spies” – Save the date: November 6-8, 2015

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email lois40@optonline.net

Matinecock District 2015-2016 Program Summary

District Activities	
Event	Date
Good Deed	10/1/15
Webelos Woods @Cathedral Pines	10/23-10/25/15
Polar Bear @Schiff	1/29-1/31/16
Cub Fun Day/Pinewood Derby	4/9/16
Spring Camporee @ Southaven	4/15-4/17/16
District Recognition Dinner	5/26/16

OA Activities	
Event	Date
OA Induction	9/18-9/20/15
After NOAC	10/2-4/15
OA Induction	5/20-5/22/16
OA Induction	6/17-6/19/16

Training	
Event	Date
Woodbadge	9/11-13/15
Tiger/Den Leader/Webelos	10/7/15
Woodbadge	10/10-12/15
Baloo	10/17/15
CM/Pack Com/Pack Trainer	10/21/15
SM/ASM I	11/4/15
Den Chief	11/7/15
SM/ASM II	11/18/15

Den Leader/Webelos Leader	3/16/16
SM/ASM I, II	4/9/16
IOLS/OWLS	5/13-15/16

Merit Badge Program	
Event	Date
July Session	7/7, 7/14/16
August Session	8/4, 8/11/16

Fund Raising (council sponsored)	
Event	Date
Popcorn Kickoff Events	8/25/15 & 8/26/15
Show N Sell Orders Due	9/8/15
Show N Sell Distribution	9/18/15 & 9/19/15
Show N Sell Product Return	10/25/15, 1:00 to 3:00 at Service Center
Take Order & Prizes Due	11/2/15
Take Order Distribution	11/13/15 & 11/14/15
Popcorn Payment Due	12/1/15
Matinecock Popcorn Kernel – Amy Colavita: 631-223-3443 acarter00@aol.com	

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/>

July & August Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Courage & Honesty Webelos Activity

Pins: Aquanaut, Geologist & Naturalist, Forester Boy Scout: Healthcare, Boating/Canoeing

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp>

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