



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



March 12, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

April 2015

- April 23 – Roundtable & OA

May 2015

- May 1 – Camp Card payment due to council
- May 14 – 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.

Wow, what a great time to be a part of the Matinecock District! With winter behind us we can now look forward to the amazing events we have planned for the spring. Our wonderful Spring Camporee is just around the corner; planned for April 17th, 18th, and 19th at Southaven Park. The following weekend is our Cub Fun Day; promised to be even bigger and better than last year! With the warm weather coming, we are filled with excitement for the good times to come here in Matinecock!

In days of late I have found comfort in being reminded of something that I've grown to know over the past few years: the family of scouting is just that; a family. Some of us have our differences, and misunderstandings are an all too common occurrence, but when times get hard we all come together to support those who need it. Many times in my life I've been helped through tough times by those I've gotten to know through scouting. And I am pleased to say that, though I am new here, it did not stop members of our beautiful district from showing their support in times of hardship. This again reiterates that we are all here for the same reason; we are all here because we believe in the values of scouting and we want to do what we can to help it grow. Together I KNOW we will accomplish amazing things in this district. And I am proud to say that I am a part of Matinecock. I truly look forward to working with you guys and gals. Thank you very much for having me.

Daniel Schilpp, Matinecock District Executive, 924-7000 x131

We have one of the most important community service projects the Scouting does here again – **Scouting for Food**. All District units are asked to participate in addressing this need within our own communities by conducting a collection of non-perishable food. The date and location for this year's drop off is:

Food Collection & Distribution Day

Date: Saturday, March 21 St 2015

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: John Glenn High School Cafeteria

Elwood Road Elwood, NY

We are asking that even if your unit has a pantry that you supply during the year that you bring the collected food to the central drop off location. We will be contacting the food pantries within the District to arrange for their pick-up of the food. This plan is being conducted in order to develop a larger distribution to the District on this one day of the year.

"Get in on the Adventure"



Cub Scouting

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

The changes are coming! The changes are coming!

New Cub Scout Program Changes to begin June 1, 2015.

We've been talking about the changes for a few months now and the details should be starting to come into focus now. We've talked Tiger Cubs "growing up" into full-fledged Tigers. We've told you that there will only be one Scout Oath and law going forward. We've told you that the Den Leaders are getting their own individual books for each rank. Beads are going away, belt loops take on a whole new meaning. This month we are going to review how this all comes together for your monthly Pack meeting.

* Monthly Pack Meeting Structure

* Awarding Ranks Belt Loops

* How to use the new planning guide to prepare for your monthly Pack meetings

* Adventures and Pack Meetings working together.

The presentation slides will be posted to our District website for you to review with the rest of your Pack Leadership.

The next few months we will be discussing: Aquatic Adventures, Campfire programming, resources guides for Pack and Den Leaders.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

New “Big Dogs” of the Pack

Now that the Sr. Webelos, or Arrow of Light Scouts, have crossed over there is now only one Webelos Den and they are now the “big dogs” of the Pack. While they may be very excited about all of this, as their leader, the finish line is in sight and there is a lot to be done.

Decide soon if you will change to the new program or stay with the one in place. This last Webelos group can use the current program for next year. If you decide to change, start learning all you can about the new program.

Look at the Troops around your area. Reach out to the Scoutmasters and get to know about their units. Start talking to the parents and Webelos about the Boy Scout program and how it is run. Get them acclimated to the difference. Plan dates in the Fall to visit the local Troops.

Review your progress toward the “Arrow of Light.” Are you on track? Will your Den have completed what is needed by your crossing over? Start planning your final year and keep the parents informed about what is needed and when it can be done.

Check the boys progress and let parents know if the boy is falling behind so that they can make up the work rather than miss out on achieving the Arrow of Light.

Sometimes the program can feel repetitive. Look for new ways to fulfill requirements. The boys are bigger and older and they need the program to keep up with their age. Choose age appropriate activities that will keep these boys interested in their last year.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Leave No Trace:

- 1) Plan Ahead and Prepare
- 2) Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- 3) Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack it in, Pack it Out)

Leave No Trace Trainer Training is coming up soon see the training section for more details

- 4) Leave What You Find
- 5) Minimize Campfire Impacts
- 6) Respect Wildlife
- 7) Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Get info on the newest merit badge:

Signs, Signals, and Codes

as well as others at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx>

“A Time to Tell” Introduces the "three R's" of Youth Protection and should be viewed by troops annually.

The video “A Time to Tell” shows several strategies child molesters use to attempt sexual molestation. In addition, one scenario introduces bullying as a personal safety concern

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/BoyScout.aspx>



Venturing/Sea Scouts



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

NER Area 2 Venturing:

Training: February 7th Training in Greenwich was extremely successful

Dude Ranch: The March 6-8 Dude Ranch Trip was amazing – we had over 41 people from Suffolk County Council in attendance

2015 Apex: May 1-3, 2015: **2015 APEX at Onteora Scout Reservation** (With an ATV Experience !)

To register, go to: <https://www.bsa-gnyc.org/NERApex>

Other Venturing Updates:

As of March 1, any new Venturer who is registering and over 18 must:

1. Complete a BSA Youth application
2. Complete an adult application (Complying with BSA Membership Standards)
3. Complete Adult Youth Protection

If they are already 18, registered in a crew and not moving to a new crew... they are grandfathered in and no action is necessary. IF they move to a new crew, then they must complete the 3 steps above.

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:

- **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. 10-12, 2015
- **Leave No Trace:** There are 2 options remaining for LNT training this season: 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](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

From The District Commissioner's desk: Congratulations to all the units that have completed the Charter Renewal Process. We are almost complete... 6 more to go. Outstanding and thank you very much. Please become more familiar with the new unit tools available on line. The UC's will be visiting with you and developing assessments / growth plans, together with your Unit Key 3's. Rumor has it...Spring is right around the cornerkeep the faith. Lastly please notify me at trolston72@gmail.com or to your UC with your Webelos transition #'s. This is very important we want to verify we didn't lose a Cub Scout in the process. Thanks for all you do for our Youth....."Tomorrows Leaders". If I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me here at "RT" or at 631 368 7022 or

trolston72@gmail.com.

Thanks for all you do for our youth.
Tom Rolston District Commissioner



A Scout is Reverent

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:

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)!

- March 15, 2015 9AM to 4:30PM-NE Regional Conference- West Orange, NJ
- JCOS of SCC annual Conclave - BHSC - June 5-6-7, 2015 (open to scouts of all faiths)
- The next JCOS meeting will be on March 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:

PCOS Cub Fun Day: Saturday May 2, 2015 – St. James Lutheran Church

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

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. The next chapter meeting is at 7:30pm on 3/16/15 at the Suffolk County Council office in Medford. 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-drvc.org

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to www.nccs-bsa.org

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

Nissequoque Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequoque/>

April Scouting Themes: Cub Scout Core Value: Faith Webelos Activity Pins: Sportsman, Family Member, Boy Scout: Wildlife Management

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

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