



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



March 10, 2016

What's Up (Coming)

March 2016

- *March 19 - Scouting for food Drop off*

April 2016

- *April 14 Roundtable & OA*
- *April 15-17, Spring Camporee*

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.

Spring is in the air!

I hope you've all been gearing up for Scouting for Food on March 19th! Please plan to attend the official Matinecock weigh-in on March 19th here at John Glenn High School. If you can't make it, call us *that day* with your total collected weight so we can confirm an accurate District total. Be sure to post pictures and updates of your efforts on the **Matinecock District Facebook Page!**

Friends of Scouting is in full-swing! We are so thankful for the opportunity to speak with scouting parents about how they can help sow back into the Suffolk County scouting program. If you have not scheduled a presentation in your unit, please see me tonight to confirm a date. Two-thirds of our units are already scheduled! Thank you everyone for your help! We're so close to 100% participation!

Are YOU passionate about scouting? We need you! We're looking for a few new FOS presenters. We have training coming up, so we'll give you everything you need. See me tonight and start the conversation with "Hey Liz, I'm your hero." I'll know exactly what you mean.

CALLING ALL CUB PACKS! Be sure to register your top 4 competitors for the Matinecock District Pinewood Derby on April 9. See Rob Zeblysky tonight if you plan to participate or with any questions.

As always, I'm here to help if there is anything at all you need! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or just need to chat. Email is always best, liz.jumper@scouting.org.

Have a great month, Matinecock! See you in April!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive
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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Awards

There are new awards for shooting sports in Cub Scouts. The three shooting sports are BB gun, archery and sling shot. Like the previous belt loops: “Cub Scout shooting sports programs may be conducted only on a district or council level. Archery, BB gun shooting, and slingshot shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced.” Each of the three shooting sports awards have 2 levels. The first level is “Participation and Knowledge” and applies to all ranks. This is generally the safety and demo part of the award. The second part is the “Skill and Knowledge” section which is where the Scout has rank appropriate requirements in each sport. Level 1 and 2 must be completed for each sport. There is a patch by rank for completing Level 1 for the first sport chosen. When the second level is reached a pin for the specific sport is awarded. Completion of additional sports adds another pin. No doubt these awards will quickly become a favorite!



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Now What? What do you do when your meeting plans tank?

It has probably happened to everyone. You plan a meeting, all is ready to go and boom! your meeting falls apart. Your speaker doesn't show or cancels last minute and there you are with a room full of boys and nothing planned. No doubt this is the stuff of nightmares. But not all is lost – this is the “A Scout is Prepared” moment. Never underestimate the power of Plan B and we always need a Plan B. Even in the best of circumstances, people are late, things run short, etc. Be flexible and be prepared to change the schedule of events if someone is running behind. Grab another leader and brain storm what to do. Sometimes we overthink what we need to do to make the Scouts happy. Simple games, songs, cheers are often the stuff memories are made of. Always have a game, cheer, song or skit in your mind prior to a meeting. Giving the Scouts a few pipe cleaners with the challenge to make something is a great last minute activity. Pipe cleaners are inexpensive and easy to have around. If the weather is nice, keep a ball in your car for outside games if needed. Break the boys into groups and have them prepare a skit. Get input from the Scouts on what activities they would like to do at a meeting. Talk about camping and how to pack and prepare. A little extra effort will help you keep your cool when things don't go as planned.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

High Adventure Resources:

Passport to High Adventure (No. 34245)

Passport to High Adventure is designed to help older Scouts, with guidance from their adult leaders, to plan and safely carry out council and unit high-adventure treks using 'leave no trace' techniques. Get your passport punched and ride your ticket to high adventure! A directory of fifty-five council high-adventure programs and seventeen specialty adventure programs is included. Learn what they provide and where to telephone or write for more information.

Powder Horn Training

The Powder Horn course is designed to help the troop, team, or crew by exposing older Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders to safely conducted outdoor/high-adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature. The course provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead youth through a program of outdoor adventure and is based upon giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/high-adventure activities. The course presenters are expert consultants, from inside and outside of Scouting, in each outdoor high adventure activity. It is not a certification event. It is for any youth or adult interested in experiencing a unit-level, high-adventure program. In our area Thursday, June 25, 2015 to Sunday, June 28, 2015 Durland Scout Reservation Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Wilderness First Aid Training-

What Is Wilderness First Aid? Immediate care given to an injured or suddenly ill Person • Does not replace definitive medical care • Providing assistance until a more advanced level of medical care is available or recovery occurs • Both victims and rescuers are at risk for injury and illness • Supplies may be limited • Difficult decisions must be made.
Next course in council is March 19th,

Other courses offered through our council: Canoe Training, Kayak Training, Winter Backpacking, Basic Backpacking, Outdoor ethics/Leave No Trace. CPR



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

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

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 at Resica Falls October 7-9, 2016

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:

It's Spring!!! Time for Training!!!

March 16: Den Leader/Webelos Leader – 7pm, Hauppauge HS, Room 264

March 18-20 April 8-10: (NYLT) National Youth Leadership Training – Baiting Hollow

April 9: SM/ASM Training – 9am, Hauppauge HS, Quiet Cafeteria, Room 146

May 13-15: (IOLS) Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills/(OWLS)Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills,

April 1-3: Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics – Schiff Scout Camp

May 6-8: Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics – Schiff Scout Camp

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.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

The weather is fantastic for a hike or a weekend camping trip; try to take advantage of it with your Scouts. Scouting for food is right around the corner; please try to participate in this great program. If you haven't signed up for the Springtime Council Camporee please do so. The Blue & Gold Celebrations and Webelos Transitions are well underway. Please notify your Unit Commissioner of the Scouts that crossed over to what troops so we can track their paperwork within the Troops. Lastly, please consider scheduling an FOS presentation to your units. This needed revenue will help all our Scouts within Suffolk County. The 2016 Summertime Merit Badge Program will be on July 7th & 14th and August 4th & 11th, more info will be forthcoming. If you have any concerns and or issues and need some help please reach out to your Unit Commissioner or contact me directly. Thanks for all you do for our Scouts.

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



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

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 – **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Centereach***
(please note that the location of the Boards of Review was incorrect last month)

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 Shabbat: see the listing for all of the Scout Sabbath/Scout Sunday locations on the Matinecock District website, a few local locations include:
 - Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016
- Conclave: June 3,4,5, 2016 Baiting Hollow
- NE Region JCOS Conference – THIS SUNDAY – March 13, 2016 – in NJ. For more info, contact Phyllis Stein or Barry Kopeloff

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

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/>

April 2016 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Faith; Webelos Badges: Sportsman & Family Member

Pack Meeting Theme: Strike up the Band, Point of Scout Law: Cheerful

Boy Scout monthly theme: Forestry

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

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