



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



May 9, 2013

What's Up (Coming)

May 2013

- May 11 - Field of Wheels
- May 18 – Field of Wheels rain date
- May 23 – District Recognition Dinner
- May 25 – Flag Placement

June 2013

- June 8 Cub Fun Day
- June- 13 Roundtable & OA

Go to

www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!

As the Scouting year starts to wind toward summer I wanted to take this opportunity to first thank everybody that has volunteered their time and talents to their units and also to the district. From fundraisers to campouts to assisting at meetings you all have helped make Scouting a wonderful experience for the boys. I encourage everyone to continue their efforts and to also spread the word on what others can do to help. If you have an interest in assisting at the district level please speak to either myself or to the District Chairman Jim Montalto as we are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us and help. I would like to also take this opportunity to announce that Matinecock District now has its own independent website:

matdistrict.org (on some older version web browsers please make sure before you type in the web address there is http:// otherwise it may take you to another site somewhere). We will be linked from the Matinecock page on the council website in the coming weeks. If you have anything you would like to contribute to this new website or have any suggestions or comments please feel free to email me. There are a number of events coming up to finish out May and June and all that information can be obtained by visiting either the new District website, the yahoo egroup or the Matinecock page on the Council website. We encourage everyone to have either themselves, their leaders or their entire units take part in as many of these events as they can. What better way to get to know your fellow Matinecock scouters than by attending events together. Thank you all again and my information is below and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Calling All Knights!! Mark your calendars for the **Matinecock Cub Fun Day** on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at TJ Lahey Elementary School, 625 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a Bike Rodeo as well as activities & games based on the Medieval Times theme. The cost is \$15.00 per Cub Scout on or before May 16, \$20.00 after May 16. Fee includes Bike Rodeo, shield and patch. Siblings can participate in craft activities for a nominal fee of \$5.00. **If a Cub Scout brings a friend, Cub Scout and friend will receive a \$5.00 discount off admission fee.* We are still looking for Cub Scout Packs to participate and help with the running of activities and games. Packs must pre-register. Pre-registration fee \$50.00. For more information contact Donna Reina at (631) 543-3994, email pack322@verizon.net; Josephine Ruby at (631) 864-9761, email jeruby43@optonline.net or Elaine Gray at (631) 924-7000 ext. 127, email grayshus1@aol.com.

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”



Cub Scouting

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

June Pack Meeting Theme: Cub Café Core Value: Perseverance

Why Head West, Young Man for the Core Value Perseverance. Perseverance is defined as sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult. As the pioneers headed west across this great country, they met many difficulties, yet they did not give up. Instead, they kept going, overcame the adversities they met, and helped to develop our wonderful country. Staying with a task to completion is based on perseverance and a well needed value to instill in our youth. We can't stop working on something just because the task is hard. Difficulty may indicate the value of the goal.

Opening Ceremony – Head West Young Man

Here's a good opening ceremony to set the stage for your theme of Head West Young Man.

Have the pre-assigned den present the colors. When the flags reach the front of the room, the Cub Scout who calls the flag ceremony states:

“Our frontier forefathers helped start our great land,
With courage and bravery they took their true stand.
Let's pause a moment to pay them tribute today,
Grim hardships and setbacks they had in their way.
Remembering how they were put to the test,
In history books 'tis said, they always DID THEIR BEST.
May we ever be thankful for their perseverance so grand,
So we can proudly salute the great flag of our land.
Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.”

After posting the colors, the pre-assigned den can do a quick skit before the Cubmaster welcomes everyone:

The Oldest Settler in the West

CUB SCOUT 1: Who's the oldest settler in the west?
CUB SCOUT 2: Death Valley Scout?
CUB SCOUT 1: Nope.
CUB SCOUT 3: Buffalo Bill?
CUB SCOUT 1: Nope.
CUB SCOUT 4: Lucien Maxwell?
CUB SCOUT 1: Nope.
CUB SCOUTS 2, 3, and 4: We give up. Who is the oldest settler in the west?
CUB SCOUT 1: The sun!

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, introduces them to the pack, and thanks those who helped prepare for and plan the pack meeting.

Closing Cubmaster's Minute

“Tonight we have celebrated perseverance. We have learned that Cub Scouts, like pioneers, persevere to meet their goals. Sometimes we face difficult activities or challenges, but if we just give up we will never succeed and meet our goal. So the next time you have a difficult school subject or other challenge, stick with it, don't give up, and you will eventually succeed. We are Cub Scouts, we persevere.”



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Webelos to Scout Transition – Some Key Elements

The Webelos-to-Scout transition plan links fifth-grade Webelos dens and Boy Scout troops together, encourages joint activities, introduces Webelos Scouts to Boy Scouting and ensures the graduation of the Webelos den into the troop in early spring. The goal: Every Webelos Scout continues his Scouting experience as a Boy Scout. Everyone is going to have a role in the Webelos to Scout Transition.

- The transition plan helps the Webelos Den Leader. It means fulfillment, direct help with advancement requirements, parent/son overnights, as well as a pleasant association with the troop. The time spent with a boy is productive as seen in the boy's desire to continue.
- To the Cubmaster it means assurance of a stable Webelos den, more graduations and better ceremonies, the ready access to den chiefs and pack meetings that feature a lively Webelos den and Boy Scout troop guests.
- For the Scoutmaster, it means more boys - boys already versed in Boy Scout and Tenderfoot requirements and boys whose families have been supporting them in pack activities.

There are some key figures in the success of the Transition:

Webelos Den Leader

- Get trained – Know and understand the Webelos program. You aren't really part of the pack program anymore. You have a program that complements the pack program.
- Have the Webelos den function as a patrol – See Get Trained. Lack of success is often tied to inventing what the Scouting program is. It's already been invented and refined for over 100 years.
- Verify the presence of the necessary Scout Skills – You are transitioning a boy from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The boys should know their Scout Skills appropriate to the Webelos level.
- Attend Roundtables and get to know the Scoutmasters -
- Meet with the local Scoutmaster(s) for transition planning -
- Attend a Troop meeting and recruit a Den Chief – Attending a troop meeting will give you better insight as to how a troop and the patrol method work. And get Den Chief. They work!
- Insure that the boys attend summer camp – Summer camp has programs specifically geared to the first year scout. To get them acclimated and a foundations in the basic Scout Skills.
- Plan the graduation/bridging ceremony and promote Troop summer activities – This is a big deal. For the boys graduating and inspiration for the Cubs and 1st year Webelos who are coming up. Prepare your 2nd year Webelos by letting them know the adventures they have in store. Three to remember – Inspire – Inspire – Inspire!
- Verify the transfer of documents (the boy's records) and transfer of registration to the troop -

Cubmaster's and Pack Committee's Role

- Know the Webelos program.
- Support and assist the Webelos Den Leader in understanding the Boy Scout Program and connecting to local troops.
- Make sure Bear Den Leaders are aware of and trained on the Webelos program.
- Make sure Webelos' parents understand the program differences between Cub Scouts and Webelos.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

We all would like to see our boys follow the trail to Eagle and become self-assured and independent, right? But will our Eagles learn to soar if we keep hovering? By now you've probably heard the term "helicopter parent", so named for the tendency to "hover" over our children. Some parents have been known to do this beyond college and even into the years that follow where they continue by interacting with employers of their children. I personally know of a young man who recently got let go from a good job because the parents interacted too strongly and too directly with the lad's employer.

So let's assume you understand the importance of letting go a little, or a lot. When do you start loosening your grip ... and how much? It depends on the child and how he develops and it depends on the fears and concerns parents have. Obviously, any child with special needs is going to experience a tighter grip, as it should be. But your "average" child should be allowed to step out on his own, even in small steps to experience life's challenges. Boy Scouting is the perfect environment for this, if parents get it and allow the trust needed to support but not smother their child. Like many aspects of parenting, a balance needs to be struck, with communication being an all-important factor.

At least once every couple of years, I try to give the old Scoutmaster Minute about the man who tried to help the struggling butterfly out of its cocoon before it was ready and deprived the butterfly of the need to go through this difficult phase, so the blood could be forced into the wings. But when this step is "helped" the butterfly suffers and will never fly. Parents need to hear this.

Children are much happier and get along better and longer with parents when they are allowed to ask for help and not have it forced on them. If you want them to grow strong and if you want to stay in their lives, ask them what they need and plan on being a "retired" parent.

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Up Coming Training Schedules and information

"Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example." - Robert Baden-Powell

IOLS: (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) and

WOLT: (Webelos Outdoor Leadership Training).

These courses complete the training continuum for your specific leader training.

These trainings will be held at: **Blydenburgh Park on May 17-19, 2013**
Please see the flyer for registration, or call the council office to register.

NYLT: (National Youth Leadership Training) Every Unit deserves well trained youth leaders!!! This 6 day course will be held at **Baiting Hollow Scout Camp** this summer from **Saturday August 17, to Thursday August 22**. Please see the council website for further information.

WOOD BADGE: Every boy *deserves* a trained leader!!!

Training will be held on **September 20-22, 2013** at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp *and* **October, 12-14, 2013** at Schiff Scout Reservation. Please see the council website for flyer and registration!!!

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

Commissioners: With summer right around the corner please remember Scouting is a 12 month program. Keep the "outing" in Scouting.

For the Packs and Troops June brings Cub fun day. This can be a good opportunity to get boys interested in Scouting. TJ Lahey School in Greenlawn is close by and fun for the Cubs to bring a friend to. For the Troops, why wait until Webelos Woods? Get a booth or volunteer to help out. Schedule a camp out now. It doesn't get easier than Cub Parent weekend at Baiting Hollow. Schedule a hike, picnic or fishing trip. Look to earn the summer time pack award.

For the Troops- summer camp either at Baiting Hollow or away. Get those new Scouts to make camp memories that will last a lifetime.

Make sure everyone is registered and that transfers from the packs are completed. Merit Badge sessions will be available in July and in August to help everyone earn additional merit badges. Planing needs to be done now.

Should you need help or any suggestions, please contact your unit commissioner. Not sure who it is? Visit the new Matinecock District Website www.matdistrict.org or email me at scott7748@msn.com

Hope to see everyone at the Matinecock District Dinner at Nocellos in Northport on Thursday, May 23rd.

Scott Dammers, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631-549-2012, scott7748@msn.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: www.ccos-drvc.org. Please share this information with your Unit's Religious Emblems Coordinator, Chaplain, Chaplain Aide, and those interested in these opportunities.

- Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblems Boards of Review: Saturday, May 18. There will be only ONE Make-up date for missed reviews on *Thursday, June 6th*.
- Pope Pius XII Retreat: Rescheduled to May 18-19 at Kellenberg Marianist Retreat House. Contact Austin Cannon, Diocesan Office at 516-678-5800 ext 245 to register.
- Vespers will take place on Friday evenings at BHSC during weeks of Summer Camp.
- Summer is a great time for Cubs to begin working on their Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Emblems. Books are available through the Diocesan Scouting Office or at the Scout Shop.
- Footsteps of the American Saints and The Rosary Patch series are programs that can worked on independently. Go to www.nccs-bsa.org for more details.

Jewish Committee on Scouting news:

- 2013 Annual Conclave will be an All Faith Conclave this year, being held at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp on 5/31 to 6/2.
- Next JCOS meeting will be on _____ at 7:30pm at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge – all are welcome!

For information regarding any Jewish Religious Award, along with Eagle Scout Recognition requests for scouts of any faith, contact Phyllis Stein (265-8141 or thecamerlady@verizon.net) or the JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net, National JCOS website: www.jewishscouting.org



Order of the Arrow

Shinnecock Lodges, Nissequogue Chapter serving the Matinecock District of the SCCBSA

Unit Elections are done so now it's time for the fun stuff, induction weekends. Please make sure your candidates send in their registration forms to the council office ASAP, this will help make sure they get the weekend that is best for them. The weekends are: May 17 – 19, June 14 – 16 and September 27 – 29.

If you know of an Arrowman with an upcoming Eagle Court of Honor please let us know, the Lodge has a special Lodge flap and citation for our Eagle Brothers and would like to recognize them for their achievement.

Any questions please contact Matt Schieferstein at mallowat@optonline.net.

For more information about our lodge visit our web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Or our chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>



Venturing

Upcoming SCC VOA events:

Weekend at BHSC – May 31-June 2

You can also check the Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Venturing Advisor, bobbsa@optonline.net; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

If you need Suffolk County Council Venturing information, please contact Tim Green. tgreen@bnl.gov

District Classified Ads

Announcing the Nickolas Demidovich Memorial Fund: We have money available to assist with full or partial payment for summer camp for deserving scouts in need. We would also be willing to help with any other reasonable Boy Scout expense with proper notice for legitimate boy scout related expenses. Contact Peter Demidovich at Peter@PeterDemidovich.com

Northport East Northport Public Library: Resources are available to scouts, pack and troop leaders. Scouts may request the assistance of our librarians at any time to locate the many and varied resources available to assist them in fulfilling their merit badge requirements. Leaders may request group visits via our website to bring their troops for a guided tour and demonstration of electronic databases. The Library also hosts merit badge programs, most recently the Boy Scout Computer and Reading Merit Badges. We have recently added a form to assist in planning a group visit to the library. This may be accessed on our webpage under "contact us" our by using the following link: <http://www.nenpl.org/main/contactus/visit.php>. As always, please call or visit your library in person so that we may assist you in your informational pursuits.

Do you have an upcoming event (scouting or community) that is relevant to the Matinecock district? Send an email to the editor for posting.

June 2013 Roundtable Program Themes (July Scouting Themes):

Cub Scout Core Value: Courage

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options: Cubs in Shining Armor, Space, Under the Sea

Webelos Activity Pins: Aquanaut, Geologist

Boy Scout: Backpacking

From: <http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2013.asp>

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