



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



May 12, 2016

What's Up (Coming)

May 2016

- May 28 – Flag Placement

June 2016

- June 4 – Flag Retrieval
- June 9 Roundtable & OA
- June 10 – Flag Retirement Ceremony

Links:

www.matdistrict.org for instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources.

www.SCBBSA.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.

“Let us remember the large numbers of citizens who, day in and day out, through acts of volunteerism large and small, bring hope to so many of the world's disadvantaged. Let us ensure that this wonderful resource, available in abundance to every nation, is recognized and supported as it works towards a more prosperous and peaceful world.” -- Kofi Annan

Every spring we take a moment to recognize those among us that have gone above and beyond in serving the Scouts of Matinecock District. The District Award of Merit is a prestigious award given to only 3 District-level Scouters each year. This year’s recipients are Stuart Weinberg, Edie Pulizzotto, and Michael Shef.

We also present Spark Plug Awards to recognize those that have made special contributions to Scouting in their unit or the Matinecock District. There’s still time to submit your nominations for Spark Plug Award recipients! The application is available at the back of the room or at www.matdistrict.org.

This year we’ll have the special opportunity to honor the Scouts that were nominated for the Scout Spirit Honor Award. They will be serving as our Color Guard for the evening and we will recognize their outstanding Scout Spirit.

We hope you and others from your unit can join us on Thursday, May 26th at the Huntington Elks Lodge for great food, fellowship, and a chance to honor your co-volunteers for their hard work and dedicated service to their Scouts and District. Register today to secure your seat! www.matdistrict.org

We hope to see you there!

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!

More Productive Pack & Den Meetings

Boys have a thousand muscles to wiggle with and only one dozen to sit still with,” legendary Scouting writer ‘Green Bar’ Bill Hillcourt wrote back in 1947. “That dozen gets mighty tired mighty quickly.”

While the physiology might be off, the idea he is trying to get across rings true for anyone that has ever tried to run a Pack or Den meeting when the Scouts want to run around.

Some ways to combat the wiggles:

Include Activity: Scouts sit all day long; school, religious education classes, homework...let them move around. The Den leader guides offer plenty of suggested activities.

Rotate! No, not your HS volleyball practice. If you have different things going on at your meetings, have the boys move from station to station.

Games: always have a game at the ready...if it's a game that scouts are gradually eliminated, have them do something to 'get back in the game' jumping jacks, tie a knot, etc.

Speed up the boring stuff: Find a way to speed up, announcements, awards, dues collection.

Remember boys have a thousand muscles for fun and only a dozen for paying attention.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Do You Know What Your Scouts are Drinking?

You are on your way to your campout or activity and stop at the local 7-11 or another convenience store for drinks and snacks. A little while later it is chaos. What happened? Could be caffeine. Energy drinks are everywhere and really appealing to the Scouts age group. Many have insane amounts of caffeine in them. But there's more... Some convenience stores have shots of espresso available in containers like flavoring for coffee. Free and accessible. There are also small containers of flavoring drops for a water bottle that are heavily caffeinated. So be aware. If you see names like Redline, Redbull, Monster, NOS, Rockstar know that they are high in caffeine. Roar and Body Armour have no caffeine, but look similar to the other drinks. A great resource is Caffeineinformer.com. It will give you the caffeine content of many drinks and other caffeinated products. As a guide 7-9 year olds should only have about 62.5 mg of caffeine a day. That is about one and a half cans of Coke. Even a teenager shouldn't have more than 100. A Pack policy on use of caffeine or energy drinks should be communicated to the parents and Scouts. Be mindful that a cup of coffee may be very helpful for some kids, so a blanket "no caffeine" statement may not be helpful or easy to enforce, but keeping Scouts away from high caffeine products is worth the effort.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Philmont, SeaBase, Northern Tier & The Summit all offer unique high adventure experiences for Scouts and Scouters. If your unit is interested in putting together your own trek to one of the national high adventure bases or even your own trip in 2017 or beyond reach out to our Matinecock District High Adventure Coordinator Mike Kramer for more information on how to or to schedule a presentation for your unit or PLC at MKLeader2@gmail.com

Preventing tick bites - Taken from the CDC Website

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails.

Repel Ticks with DEET or Permethrin

- Use repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) on exposed skin and clothing for protection that lasts up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.
- Use products that contain permethrin on clothing. Treat clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents with products containing 0.5% permethrin. It remains protective through several washings. Pre-treated clothing is available and may be protective longer.
- Other repellents registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
<https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you>

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks. (Some research suggests that shorter drying times may also be effective, particularly if the clothing is not wet.)



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

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!!!

Introduction To Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training!! May 14-15, 2016

It's this weekend!!!! At Blydenburgh Park. Registration starts at 8:00am. Cost: \$45.00. Please call me by tomorrow if you want to attend!!

National Youth Leadership Training: August 20th - 24th

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> and for more information see http://sccbsa.org/docs/Council/SCCBSANYLTSummer2016_flyer.pdf. Registration for the Spring 2017 course will open in September.

Wood Badge!! Sept.16-18 and Oct 8-10, 2016

The best training Scouting has to offer! The Course is filling up so.....Reserve your space now! This training focuses on Leadership and Team Building. Become a leader who will make a difference in your unit as well as your own life!

Go to: <http://www.trcbsa.org/Training/Events/WB2016> for more information

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

Hey All,

The weather is fine no more liquid sunshine, thank God. Let's go camping, hiking or whatever gets you OUT. Remember ... "Scouting is Outing." Thanks to all the units for helping their Unit Commissioners get the final tallies for our Scouting for Food Program. We picked up at least another 1,500 Lbs reported. Super Job. We are now officially done with our Re-Charter process. Matinecock officially still has 60 Units total. Thanks again to all for your help. Still wrapping up the Webelos to Scout transition numbers. We are looking very good on our retaining of the Cubs into Scouts. Next month's RT will be the Big One as they say we hand out much of the planning tools etc for next year's planning purposes and we will have a special Fireside Chat with our Council Key 3 Reps. Please try to attend and bring a friend as they say.

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



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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Congratulations to all Cub Scouts who received their first holy communion this year.

The Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius X Board of Reviews will be on Saturday, May 21 in Centereach at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church starting at 9:00 AM. The only makeup date available is Thursday, June 2 at St. Joseph's School (Meet in Science Room) in Ronkonkoma at 7:30 PM.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be conducted at 7:15 PM on Friday evenings at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp starting on July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5 & 12. Meet at the Catholic Cabin.

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)!

- Scout Shabbat: Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016
- Conclave: June 3,4,5, 2016 Baiting Hollow

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

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.

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 two NYLT courses (Summer 2016 & 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 some supplemental training & staff development sessions is required. Dates for the Summer course are August 20-24 2016, Spring dates are April 7-9 & 28-30. Staff selection is underway! 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 Tammy Campagnola-Levinsky and Mike Kramer at tammyrcl@gmail.com & MKLeader2@gmail.com.

EXPERIENCE THE 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Get registered ASAP as spots are filling up!

Registration is 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 soon

Important links to sources of information:

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

Matinecock District email: matdistrict@gmail.org

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbbsa.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/>

May 2016 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Health & Fitness; Webelos Badges: Outdoorsman & Handyman

Pack Meeting Theme: My Animal Friends, Point of Scout Law: Kind

Boy Scout monthly theme: Leadership

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

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