



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



November 12, 2015

### What's Up (Coming)

#### November 2015

- November 13 & 14, popcorn distribution
- November 18 – SM/ASM training
- November 27 – Ten Commandment Hike

#### December 2015

- December 5 – POW WOW
- December - 10 Roundtable & OA

#### Links:

[www.matdistrict.org](http://www.matdistrict.org)  
for instant access to  
Matinecock District  
news, upcoming  
events and program  
resources.

[www.SCCBSA.org](http://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.

Stop what you're doing, turn to the nearest volunteer, and give them a hardy pat on the back for an outstanding October. Any way you slice it, October was a busy month. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your tireless efforts to provide character building programs for the youth of your units.

Thank you to the more than 1,000 attendees that joined us at Cathedral Pines for Webelos Woods. Despite the chill in the air and the foreboding Sunday forecast, everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The smiles on the Scouts faces made it clear that the event was a resounding success. We would love to hear your feedback, please email any thoughts, suggestions, and/or youth impact stories to [liz.jumper@scouting.org](mailto:liz.jumper@scouting.org) and we'll keep your feedback in mind as we begin to plan Webelos Woods 2016.

We're nearing the finish line with re-chartering and recruitment. I encourage you to consider every unit meeting as a recruitment opportunity this fall. Encourage your Scouts to bring a friend to Pack night, the upcoming hike in Blydenburgh Park, or to your Thanksgiving Food Drive. Let's provide every opportunity for youth to discover how fun and interesting Scouting can be. Please return completed applications to the Council Office as quickly as possible. Once a child registers, they consider themselves a Scout, we want to make sure it's official ASAP. Thank you for your help in collecting any applications that are still floating in the District. Congratulations to the 8 Packs that earned FREE DERBY CARS for their entire unit by recruiting 10 or more youth this fall! Great work!

I also wanted to apologize and clarify the confusion with fall re-chartering. We are moving every charter in Suffolk County Council to expire on December 31, 2016. There are a handful of charters in Matinecock that have expired on October 31 or will expire on November 31 of 2015. Re-chartering for these units will be completed the month their current charter expires, but will extend through December 31, 2016. If your October 31<sup>st</sup> charter has expired as a result of this miscommunication, do not fear, we'll work with you to ensure that your charter is secure. November charters, please contact your unit commissioner if you have any questions.

Thank you all once again for your tireless efforts with popcorn sales, recruitment, and providing top-notch programs for Matinecock Scouts. Let's finish 2015 with a sprint to the finish line!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

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*"Scouting is a game with a purpose."*



# Cub Scouting

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

## Don't Reinvent the Wheel

It's just an hour a week. How many times have we heard (and chuckled over) that phrase? Scouting takes planning. But we don't need to do it alone. The BSA has endless resources for us to make it easier to carry out our jobs. Often and for many different reasons, we think we need to do it all ourselves. Did you know that pretty much every meeting you can imagine has plans for it already? Den meetings, Pack meetings, even Roundtable meetings have detailed plans written out for our use. There is a leader handbook that is now rank specific instead of one huge manual. How cool is that? But all the books in the world can't help unless people know about them. Make sure your Tiger leader is aware of the leader manual. Maybe it would be great for the Pack to purchase the manual as a gift to the new leader. Tiger leaders especially find the manual useful as they are often the least sure of how to run a Den. There are other books available to help out as well. *Leader How to Book* and *Group Meeting Sparklers* are two great resources to use to supplement the Den meeting books. *Scouting* magazine has a lot of good ideas in it as well. So don't go it alone!



# Webelos Scouts

*Bridging to Boy Scouts*

## Succession Planning

I can see your eyes rolling. Just kidding. You know what they say, your first job in Scouting is finding your replacement. Especially if you are a unit leader. The idea behind the "planning" is that it shouldn't be done in panic mode. Don't wait until someone is leaving because their son is crossing over to start looking, but start the planning process a year or so ahead. But where to begin? Gather a few people who know most of the members of your Pack together to discuss. This could either be at a Pack Planning Meeting or Committee Meeting, or even informally. Identify the positions that need to be filled. Who in your group would be a good match for that position? Consider their personality, organization skills, and their other commitments to other groups. If you would have a great candidate for Cubmaster who may be weak on communication but will run an amazing meeting, find an Assistant who can do the communication. Recruiting someone to take leadership of a unit is not a one conversation thing. I'm sure it took more than one attempt to get you to take your current position. After the shocked look wears off their face, speak to them about the position, and assure them that there is plenty of support available from inside the unit, the Service Center, and the BSA website. Tell them the reasons why you think they would be a great leader. Ask them if they have any questions about the position. Let it sink in and give them time to think it over before you press them for an answer. Have a backup plan just in case they turn you down. If they do, keep the door open for another position. If they agree to take the position, be sure to help get them going, give them resources and follow up with them. Like recruiting, succession planning should be ongoing. If it becomes a habit within the Pack, it will be much easier to do.



# Boy Scouts

*Where Eagles Dare*

Sea Scouts is a specialized segment of the Venturing program, which was organized to address members' boating skills and promote knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats or power vessels. During the boating seasons, Sea Scouts learn to maintain and operate then vessel, with a focus on learning the safe and proper methods of handling boats. Sea Scouts also learn the meaning of buoys and lights, how to take advantage of wind and tide, and how to drop anchor or approach a dock.

Most ships hold formal meetings conducted in either full dress or work uniforms. Swimming, lifesaving, first aid, Coast Guard Auxiliary Sailing and Seamanship, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses are taught with the ship by our own officers.

## **How old (or young) can a youth be to join Sea Scouts?**

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women who are 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade or are 14 and not yet 21 years of age.

## **Can females be registered members of the Sea Scout program?**

The Sea Scout program allows females to be registered youth or adult members of the program, as long as they meet the age and membership standards of the Boy Scouts of America.

## **How can I become an adult volunteer in Sea Scouts?**

Any person, male or female, who is 21 years of age or older and meets the membership standards of the Boy Scouts of America can apply to be an adult volunteer with Sea Scouts. Generally adult leaders should have an interest in or skills related to nautical, boating, or underwater activities.

## **Are Sea Scouts the same as Boy Scouts or Venturers?**

The Sea Scout program is a part of the Boy Scouts of America and is for older youth. Members are the same age as Venturers, but work directly with nautical programs.

## **Can a Boy Scout earn his Eagle Scout award as a member of a Sea Scout ship?**

If a Boy Scout joins the Sea Scout program as a First Class Scout, he can earn the other ranks including his Eagle in the Ship or his Troop.

## **Can Sea Scouts earn Boy Scout or Venturer badges and awards?**

Sea Scouts can earn any of the Venturer badges or awards. Boy Scout badges and awards can only be earned by the male members of the Sea Scouts if they have completed their First Class Scout rank prior to joining the Sea Scouts.

<http://www.seascout.org/>

**Ship 0460 Britannia Marine Center**

81 Fort Salonga Rd

Northport, NY, 11768

Jan Rose tigeress89@aol.com

**High Adventure:** Looking For More High Adventure? You can either join a Council contingent for trips to one of the national high adventure bases or even plan your own unit level trip. Both take advance

planning. Now is the time to be thinking about 2017 if you want to experience Philmont, Seabase or Northern Tier. There are still openings at The Summit for 2016. For more information on each of the high adventure bases and eligibility requirements see [http://www.sccbsa.org/pages/national\\_ha.php](http://www.sccbsa.org/pages/national_ha.php). Units seeking spots for your own crews should see the websites sites for the individual high adventure base to learn more about the reservation / lottery process. You can also speak to our District High Adventure Coordinator, Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com)

## **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](http://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](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/?utm_source=mailoutinteractive&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Boy%20Scout%20Special%20Events)



## *Venturing/Sea Scouts*



**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&notif\\_t=group\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif&notif_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](mailto: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:

### **Welcome To Our Fall Training!**

This Fall brings with it another fantastic Scouting year, and with it opportunities to become the best trained leaders for the youth we serve!!! We have a very busy Fall training schedule and hope you will come on down!!

## Up Coming Matinecock District Training Schedules and information:

Nov. 18 – Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Part 2– 7:00 pm – Hauppauge HS  
Trainings in Hauppauge HS are in Room 264.

## Council Wide Training:

Dec 5 – POW-WOW – Suffolk Community College – Freshman Campus, Brentwood

*This is a great event!! An excellent opportunity to get great ideas for you and your unit, learn a little and have some FUN!!!*

*See out Training Flyers for all specific details!!!*

*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](mailto:bsataxi@optonline.net).



# Commissioner's Corner

## *Unit Service and Roundtable*

**From The Desk of “The District Commissioner”:** Thank you to all who have gotten their Charters in during the month of October despite all the confusion. November and then December to go and we are done. Thank you all.

Please think of your commissioner as a **consultant** to your unit, offering expert advice or services based on his or her knowledge and experience. In business, consultants often command high fees for their knowledge. Not so, in Scouting. Commissioners simply want to help their units succeed. Often, the commissioner has direct knowledge and experience that can help the unit immediately. In other situations, they will introduce another person as a resource, an expert on a particular topic, someone serving with the district committee perhaps, to assist the unit. Please consult with your commissioner. If you would like to be a commissioner, please see me and if I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me at:

Tom Rolston, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631 368 7022 or [trolston72@gmail.com](mailto:trolston72@gmail.com)



# *A Scout is Reverent*

## Religious Committees Activities

The 10 Commandment Hike Committee asks you to save the date **Friday, November 27, 2015** for **10 Commandment Hike** in the Village of **Patchogue**. This is an opportunity for **scouts, leaders, friends, and family** to visit several Houses of Worship and learn about other religions. At each House of Worship their religious practices will be discussed and one of the 10 Commandments will be highlighted. **BRING A BAG LUNCH AND COME IN CLASS A UNIFORM**. Non-perishable items will be collected for donation to Food Pantries in Patchogue. See the Council website for more details and to register.

### **Catholic Committee on Scouting:**

Upcoming Events:

- Monthly meetings on December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7
- 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

**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 Coronese, [ccoronesi@yahoo.com](mailto:ccoronesi@yahoo.com) 917.748.1276

### **Jewish Committee on Scouting:** Save the date(s)!

Scout Shabbat:

- Temple Beth-Chai- Feb 12, 2016
- Temple Beth David: June 3rd, 2016

Awards Breakfast: Temple Beth-Chai- Feb 28, 2016

NE Regional: Site TBD- March 20, 2016

Conclave- June 3,4,5, 2016 Baiting Hollow

**Interested in joining 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 join.

For local JCOS information contact:

- Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net)
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net)

### **Protestant Committee on Scouting:**

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email [lois40@optonline.net](mailto:lois40@optonline.net)

## **Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2015 Popcorn Fundraiser**

Take Order Distribution – November 13 & 14 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

Take Order Payment Due – TUESDAY December 1



### **COMMISSION STRUCTURE & SCOUT REWARDS**

Base Commission is 33% - Potential to earn 37% Plus Cash or Scout Prizes

A. Kickoff Incentive – 1%

B. Growth Incentive – 3% Traditional & Online Sales Count

The growth incentive is based on the previous year's sales.

Units who did not participate in the previous year need to sell at least \$1500

Units who sold less than \$1000 need to increase sales by 20%

Units who sold between \$1000 - \$5000 need to increase sales by 15%

Units who sold between \$5000 - \$10,000 need to increase sales by 10%

Units who sold over \$10,000 need to equal or sell more than the previous year

The tools and forms are all available online. For more information visit:

[www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)

[www.trails-end.com](http://www.trails-end.com)

Matinecock District Popcorn Kernel

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Council Popcorn Kernel

Lauren Vlachos @ 924-7000 ext. 37

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Highest selling scouts in the council will be invited to a special event to celebrate.

# District Classified Ads

## Silver Beaver Nominations Open!

Each year, the National Council Boy Scouts of America charges every local council with identifying and recognizing those Scouters who have taken community service to an extraordinary level. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a council can present in recognition of a Scouter's service to Scouting and the community.

To be selected as a Silver Beaver recipient, a Scouter has to be nominated. The Silver Beaver Selection Committee has to rely on you to bring worthy nominees to our attention. The nomination form and criteria for nomination is available on the Council website ([www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)). Please submit your nominations as early as possible and before mid December. To assist you in the nomination process feel free to contact Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com). 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.

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Important links to sources of information:

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

Matinecock District email: [matdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:matdistrict@gmail.com)

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbsa.org>

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org)

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org)

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

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

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### *December 2015 Scouting Themes:*

Cubs: Point of the Scout Law: Reverent

Pack Meeting Theme: Winter Wonderland

Boy Scout monthly theme: Respect

From: <http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2015.asp> &  
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

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