



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



October 8, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

October 2015

- October- 8
Roundtable & OA
- October 23-25,
Webelos Woods

November 2015

- November- 8
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.

It's October! I can smell the Pumpkin Spice Lattes in the breeze. There's a lot going on in Matinecock this month. Recruitment is still in full swing, popcorn sales are going strong, rechartering, Baiting Halloween and the Haunted Trail, and Webelos Woods in addition to full unit calendars just to name a few. Here are a few things that you definitely don't want to fall through the cracks.

We've still got a little way to go with recruiting in Matinecock to keep up with our neighboring districts. We want to make sure every Pack has the opportunity to earn their FREE DERBY CARS, so if you're struggling with getting your 10 new registrations, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to help you brainstorm. Webelos Woods is a GREAT opportunity to start recruiting for your units. Have the boys bring a friend for the day on Saturday to show them what Scouting is all about. We'll have a registration tent on site if anyone decides they want to join.

With Halloween approaching, Council provides a variety of family friendly, spooky activities to celebrate the season. For activities geared toward the younger guys, Baiting Halloween will be October 17, 18, & 24th at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp from 10am-4pm each day. For the older, tougher, and braver young men, the Haunted Trail will be held October 17, 24, & 31st from 8pm-Midnight. If you've never made the trek to Baiting Hollow in October, it's well worth the trip! Flyers can be found on the information table in the back. We're getting great feedback on popcorn sales this year! A handful of units have already surpassed \$10,000 in unit sales! Way to go everyone! It's not too late if you still want to jump on board and make a little extra money to fund programs in your unit. Please see me tonight if you would like more information.

Thank you everyone for your hard work. I'll be trying to come by and visit all of your units over the next few months. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you better. Keep up the good work and I'll see you in November if not sooner.

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Outing in Scouting

We have all worked very hard to ensure a smooth transition to the new program for our Scouts. Just a quick reminder that not everyone has caught up with the change. The new program offers great opportunity to get the Cubs out into the community. Please be sure to check with any place or group you plan to visit that they have the new guidelines and will use them in your presentation. Some larger places, like the Cradle of Aviation, are up to date and ready to go with all Cub requirements; others have not seen the new requirements and do not have their programs up to date. You can provide them with the new requirements that you would like addressed at your visit and most places will be happy to adjust their program.

Outings are often the things that Cubs remember the most. Parents often remark about how much fun an overnight or trip was, and how they would never have gone to a particular place without the Scouts. Not only is it fun for everyone to do the outings but it is easier for you. Less planning and the topic is left to someone who can do it efficiently and make it fun.

If you haven't already, read through all the requirements for your rank and identify those that you may need to do outside. Plan those activities before the weather make it impossible. If you are planning to go to another group or place to meet requirements plan those in advance as well. Many of those places book quickly as they may be limited to the number of people or groups that they can take in one day.

So make some memories and have some fun in the process!



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Webelos Woods Tips

It's an event that the Webelos look forward to - being with the "big boys". This is a great time for them to see what being a Boy Scout is like, to get them excited about it and to have them visit Troops that they could join. There is a lot to do at WW, set up camp, cook meals, keep track of the boys and on and on. Here are a few tips that may help make your experience all that it can/should be.

1. Make sure your parents and Webelos know their pack number. Knowing the pack

number, and not the den number, becomes essential in directing arrivals to their campsite.

2. Remind parents that there are a lot of people arriving at the event at the same time and that parking is limited and cars cannot block the roadways. Make sure your campsite is clearly marked so that parents do not have a problem finding you.
3. There is an opening ceremony at 9:00 am on Saturday – wear complete uniforms and **bring Pack flags, banners, etc. If you have a Pack plaque, bring it to the Council Tent.**
4. This is a Class “A” event, all Scouts should wear complete uniform.
5. Please be prompt for everything – there is a schedule. The time with the Troops is essential and goes quickly.
6. On Saturday night there will be a dessert bake-off competition. Box oven cooking should be used with Webelos doing the baking using guidance from leaders and /or parents.
7. Boy Scout Troops will attend and help with the program. Plan on visiting Troops at this event. Know which Troops are in your area so you can have the boys/parents pay particular attention to them.
8. Absolutely NO alcohol permitted. A gentle reminder to parents ahead is always a good idea.
9. Do not leave fires unattended. Do not allow Scouts to put sticks in the fire and then remove them. Have water nearby in case the fire spreads.
10. Quiet time is from 11 pm to 6:30 am. Please be respectful of your neighboring camps and keep the noise down after quiet hours.
11. Make sure your Scouts (and parents) can identify poison ivy. There is plenty of it around.
12. Send families a list of what to bring. Remind them that it can get cold in late October. Remember, many families do not have a lot of camping experience.
13. Have fun! Take a moment to enjoy this time. The boys will be off to Boy Scouts soon and will be independent.



Boy Scouts
Where Eagles Dare

Webelos to Scout Transition – Troop Responsibilities

1. Select Scouts to serve as den chiefs for each Webelos Scout den and Cub Scout den. Arrange for Den Chief Training.
2. Serve as a resource for overnight activities. The troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-son campouts.
3. Conduct an orientation in the Bear Cub Scout dens to explain the changing role as boys

become Webelos Scouts and then again as they become Boy Scouts. Explain how being a Webelos Scout will help prepare them for Boy Scouting.

4. Webelos den/Scout troop campouts should show Webelos Scouts and their parents what to expect when they move into the troop. The troop should cook and camp by patrol, and use skills that the Webelos Scouts can participate in.
5. Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting. This should be planned several weeks in advance.
6. Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the troop's activities for the upcoming year.
7. Work with Webelos den leaders to encourage them to plan to move into the troop with their Webelos Scouts and to serve either as committee members or assistant Scoutmasters.
8. Conduct a Scoutmaster conference under the guidance of the Scoutmaster or the assistant designated by the Scoutmaster. This conference should cover the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, the advancement program, troop camping, the patrol method, summer camp, and personal equipment.
9. Work with the Cubmaster in planning a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack's blue and gold banquet. Coordinate the ceremony and arrange for each Webelos Scout to receive a troop neckerchief and Boy Scout Handbook along with his Arrow of Light Award. Members of the Order of the Arrow may assist in the ceremony.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/BoyScouts/ImprovedWebelosTransition.aspx>



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¬ification_type=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:

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:

Oct. 17 – BALOO – Elwood Park – 8:45 am Check In 9:00 am Start

Oct. 21 – Cub./Asst. Cub Master/Pack Com./ Pack Trainer – 7:00 pm Hauppauge HS

Nov. 4 – Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Part 1– 7:00 pm – Hauppauge HS

Nov. 18 – Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Part 1– 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.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

From The Desk of “The District Commissioner”: October is always a fun month, cool evenings, earlier sunsets and “Halloween” etc. Let’s all plan to have some fun at Webelos Woods this year. WW is a great opportunity for Troops to demonstrate their skills and recruit some new youth and for the Packs to begin to decide on which troops they may want to join as Boy Scouts. Remember to pick up your Re-Charter Packets and begin as early as possible to meet the December time line. Your Unit Commissioner is trained and available to help you, please reach out to them for assistance. If you do not know who your Unit Commissioner is please contact me, Tom Rolston at 631 368 7022 or at rolston72@gmail.com. If you would like to become a Commissioner please seek me out at RT or call. Once again, Thanks for all you do for Scouting.

Tom Rolston, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631 368 7022 or rolston72@gmail.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: All who attended the Catholic Scout Retreat spent a prayerful and fun weekend at The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. We are grateful to all those who attended and the staff who supported the program. We are thankful for the good work of our Diocesan Venturing Crew 333 who did a fantastic job sharing their faith with our retreatants. We are also grateful to our Chaplain, Fr Frank for his support of the event, and the Seminarians who came to share Holy Hour and Holy Mass with us. Please visit our Website <http://www.ccos-drvc.org/> for photos.

- Religious Emblems Counselor Training, 7 pm. St Joseph's, Ronkonkoma on October 8
- Monthly meetings on November 5, 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 Coronesi, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

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

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.

Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday 2016 – please contact us if your synagogue wants to host a Scout Sabbath any time in January or February this year. We are putting our lists together so that there will be an opportunity for all scouts and their leaders and family members (of all faiths) to attend (and/or participate in) the Jewish Scout Sabbath in their own community. A list of locations, times, contact folks, etc. for the Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday will be made available at the December and January Roundtable meetings.

Annual JCOS Recognition and Awards Breakfast – February 28 (last Sunday in February) to honor and recognize the Jewish Cubs and Scouts who have earned their religious emblems

JCOS Conclave – at BHSC on June 3-5 (first weekend in June) and open to scouts of all faiths. More info to follow on the JCOS Breakfast and the JCOS Conclave, or contact JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff

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 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

Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2015 Popcorn Fundraiser



Show N Sell Product Return – October 25, 1:00 to 3:00 (Service Center)

Take Order & Prize Order Due – November 2

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

www.trails-end.com

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Prizes:

Combine online sales and face to face sales for even bigger rewards. Online sales commission is a flat 35%. Scouts who participate in the prize program combine online, Show N Sell and take order sales for higher prize levels.

Scout Prizes: starting at **\$75** in sales. **Scouts WANT PRIZES!**

Cash Option – units may opt out of the prize program and instead receive an additional 3%

In addition, **\$600** Popcorn Sellers: Earn a Zing Fireteck Rocket

\$2500 Popcorn sellers: 6% of gross sale credited to Scout's College Scholarship account (meet this once, all future sales will earn \$ too)

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

****Product is ordered on consignment. All unsold, unopened product may be returned EXCEPT unopened Sweet & Savory, Chocolatey Caramel Crunch, Chocolatey Triple Delight, and White Chocolatey Pretzels. NOTE: The Chocolate Lovers is not available for the September order; you will order them in November.**

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/>

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

November 2015 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Point of the Scout Law: Helpful

Pack Meeting Theme: Cubs In Action

Boy Scout monthly theme: Business

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

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