



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



October 13, 2016

What's Up (Coming)

October 2016

- Oct 21-23 *Webelos Woods*
- Oct 30 – *Show n Sell product return*

November 2016

- Nov 7 – *Popcorn Orders DUE*
- Nov 10 *Roundtable & OA*
- Nov 18&19 – *Popcorn Take Order Distribution*

Links:

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

www.SCBSA.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.

Greetings Matinecock!

The goal of any successful organization is to reach more people each year with its life-changing services. I have to thank you ALL for being on the front lines this fall to do just that. What an incredible recruitment season we're having! I've currently received applications from 9 Packs, 1 Crew, and 2 Troops with a fall growth of 116 Scouts! We're almost halfway to our District recruitment goal and I've only received applications from 1/3 of our units! We're well on our way to ending the year with more Scouts than we started with!

Please be sure to submit any new applications you've collected this fall as soon as possible. A child or adult isn't a registered member of the Boy Scouts until their application is submitted and processed in the Council Service Center. You'll all be picking up your charter paperwork tonight (hooray!), we want to make sure when you sign in early next month that your roster is as accurate as possible.

Packs – There are two weeks left to earn your free Pinewood Derby Cars! Congratulations to Packs 42, 178, 329, 403, 406, and 471 who have already secured free cars for everyone in their Pack by recruiting at least 10 new kids this fall. Remember to submit your new applications along with the pinewood derby car form by the end of October to be eligible.

One last note – Baby Jumper's due date is officially 5 weeks away so she could make her debut any day now. I plan to be available until she arrives and to be back in the office as of January 9th, but if you need anything while I'm away please don't hesitate to reach out to Lauren Vlachos at

lauren.vlachos@scouting.org or Bobby Rabbitt at Robert.rabbitt@scouting.org.

They'll be happy to get you taken care of! If there's anything I can do to help you beforehand, please let me know ASAP and I'll try to tie up the loose ends before she arrives.

Thank you all again for your incredibly hard work this fall. I wish you all the best this season and hope to see many of you at Webelos Woods on October 21-23!

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!

Ceremonies

When most leaders hear the word ceremony, they either smile or roll their eyes. Ceremonies are a great part of the Cub Scout Program. Too many leaders get put off by thinking that they have to be complicated, full of cool props, or said exactly as they were written.

Why do we do ceremonies? Because they -

- Are fun. The Scouts enjoy them and it makes them feel important.
- Promote consistency. This particular ceremony means that this event is happening.
- Are memorable. Ceremonies create memories.
- Help recognize achievements of the Scouts, Leaders and Volunteers.
- Help teach the ideals of Scouting.
- Help with timing of the meeting. It lets everyone know the meeting is starting or ending.

Good ceremonies don't require much. Your sincerity in leading it is key! Don't sweat the details. Don't be intimidated by resources that say you need extensive, expensive props. Don't feel like you have to stick to the printed script. The simple act of lighting a candle to mark an event is special. A special hat for a certain ceremony is enough. Speak from the heart, reading from a page is harder for people to follow. Have fun!

Closing ceremonies in particular will let the Pack or Den know that your meeting has ended. Otherwise, parents are waiting for a cue that the event is over. Often using the same closing, helps the Scouts identify as a group.

If you haven't used a lot of ceremonies in your unit, give it a try. You never know, you might come up with a terrific new tradition!



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.

- 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.

- Remind parents that there are a lot of people arriving at the event at the same time 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.
- There is an opening ceremony at 9:00 am – wear complete uniforms and **bring Pack flags, banners, etc. If you have a Pack plaque bring it to the Council Tent.**
- This is a Class “A” event, all Scouts should wear complete uniform.
- Please be prompt for everything – there is a schedule. The time with the Troops is essential and goes quickly.
- 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.
- 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.
- Absolutely NO alcohol permitted. A gentle reminder to parents ahead is always a good idea.
- 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.
- 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.
- Make sure your Scouts (and parents) can identify poison ivy. There is plenty of it around.
- 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.

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

Troop Responsibilities for the Webelos to Scout Transition

- Select Scouts to serve as den chiefs for each Webelos Scout den and Cub Scout den. Arrange for Den Chief Training.
- Serve as a resource for overnight activities. The troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-son campouts.
- 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.
- 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.

- Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting. This should be planned several weeks in advance.
- Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the troop's activities for the upcoming year.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Boy Scout troops should assign an assistant Scoutmaster or a troop committee member to be responsible for new Scouts, which would include developing a relationship with the Cubmaster and the Webelos den leaders. This person serves as a resource during Webelos overnight activities and builds enthusiasm among boys and their parents for the exciting challenges that await them in Boy Scouting.



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

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:

10/15	Baloo Training for Cub scouts	Elwood Park 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
You Must Pre-register for Baloo		
10/19	Cubmaster /Committee /Pack Trainer	Hauppauge High School, 7:00 pm
10/27	Advancement Coordinator Training	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm
11/2	Scout master / Assistant Scoutmaster I	Hauppauge High School, 7:00pm
11/5	Den Chief	Hauppauge High School 9:00am – 1:00pm
11/15	Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster II	Hauppauge High School, 7:00pm
12/3	University of Scouting	Brentwood Freshman Center

National Youth Leadership Training: April 7-9th & 28-30th

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 and we do expect a full course. For more information, go to: <https://www.sccbsa.org/nylt>. Registration for the Spring 2017 course will open soon.

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 NYLT course (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 supplemental training & staff development sessions is required. 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 Mike Kramer at MKLeader2@gmail.com.

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

We have Webelos Woods in 2 weeks (10/21, 22 & 23) all the Packs & Troops should be excited. The charters are going out tonight and our goal is to have all back by 1st week of Dec. This will be my last official RT as your District Commissioner. I want to thank all the Matinecock Unit Leadership and especially my District Commissioners Staff. The RT Commissioners and the Unit Commissioners have made my job not only successful here in Matinecock but richly rewarding. George Smith will be taking over my role going forward and I ask all of you to help and cooperate with him as you have done for me. Matinecock District will be in find hands with George at the helm.

Thanks for all your support helping our youth,

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



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: Congratulations to all Matinecock District Scouts who received the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Emblems at the 59th Boy Scout Convocation this past Sunday at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Please note the following dates:

- **Religious Emblems Counselor Training**, 7 pm. St Joseph's, Ronkonkoma on October 13
- **Catholic Retreat**, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception October 21 - 23
- **Monthly Meetings** on November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6
- November 26 – **Advent Celebration** (watch for details)
- December 2 – **Peace Light Service**, Our Lady of perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
- January 21 – **Cub Fun and Faith Day & Boy Scout Day of Reflection**
- February 5- **Scout Sunday**
- February 10-12 - **Pope Pius XII Retreat** - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's in 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 917.748.1276
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Jewish Committee on Scouting:

Save the dates:

- Scout Shabbats for 2017:
 - Temple Beth-David (Commack)- 1/6/17 at 7:30 PM (Fri)

- Temple Beth-Chai of Hauppauge - 2/10/16 at 8:00PM (Fri)
- Awards and Recognition Breakfast- March 5, 2017 (Sun) at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge
- 27th Annual Northeast Regional Conference - 3/25/17 (Sun) in Albany, NY
- SCC-JCOS Annual Conclave- June 2,3, 4 /2017 (Fri-Sun) Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Any Jewish Scout interested in earning his religious emblem and for Eagle Scout recognitions (for Scouts of any faith), please contact Phyllis or Barry

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

High Adventure info

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



EXPERIENCE THE 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

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 2018!

2018 Registration Opens October 26th, 2016! Make your plans now it's not too early to start planning for your trek and you need to be ready with your picks as soon as the lottery opens. For detailed information on pursuing a unit visit to Philmont see <http://bsaseabase.org/reserve.aspx>

Seabase 2017 & 2018

It's not too late to get in a trip to Seabase for your own unit for 2017! Open registration for the 2017 season is now open. Planning further ahead you can find more info on 2017 & the upcoming 2018 lottery (*opens in January*) here: <http://bsaseabase.org/resources/procedures.aspx>

Northern Tier 2017:

Reservations for the summer 2017 season at Northern Tier are still available.

Check out their reservation details page

for more information: <http://www.scouting.org/northerntier/reservations.aspx>

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 2016 Cub Scouting Themes:

Webelos I Badges: Forester & Naturalist; Webelos II Badges: Scholar

Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Courteous/Cubs in Shining Armor

November 2016 Boy Scouting Themes:

Boy Scout monthly theme: Cooking

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/magazine/pdf/331-011.pdf>

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/webelos/WebelosMeetingPlans.pdf>

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