



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



September 17, 2015

What's Up (Coming)

September 2015

- September 18&19 – Popcorn Distribution

October 2015

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

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.

“As a young boy, Scouting gave me a confidence and camaraderie that is hard to find in modern life.” –Bear Grylls

The fall is upon us. The season brings the frenzy of merging work, school, social, and extracurricular calendars into one “manageable” schedule. If not closely monitored, the busy-ness of life often overtakes those things that are most important. Modern life is fast-paced and filled with urgency. Scouting provides a unique opportunity for youth to journey beyond the modern world and to discover their potential in the process. Scouting is an intentional choice to invest in the lifelong character of a child, not just in skills or experiences. It’s a choice that every parent and child should be given. This is why recruitment is essential to the lifeblood of Scouting. No one should miss the opportunity to participate in a Scouting program for lack of knowledge.

Each year brings new challenges to our recruitment efforts; more programs vying for parental attention, schools “going green” and no longer allowing flyers, economic concerns, the list goes on and on. We are challenged to find new and creative ways to share the joys of Scouting.

There are a variety of resources at your fingertips to support your efforts. Try visiting www.scoutingwire.org/bsa-brand-center/ for free access to BSA National’s videos, stock photos, logos, and customizable recruitment materials. These are perfectly suited for online marketing – Facebook, unit websites, town Patches, etc. We also have a number of goodies and handouts still available at the Council Office – mini-Boy’s Life Magazines, activity books, stickers, yard signs, etc. We can also personalize and print flyers for you. Packs, don’t forget you can earn FREE DERBY CARS for your entire unit by recruiting 10 new youth before November 1!

Thank you for all that you do to mentor and serve the youth in your care. Scouting could not function without leaders like you. Thank you for your commitment to the Scout Oath and Law, and for passing that along to the next generation of Scouters. Together, we can ensure that every Long Island youth is given the opportunity to discover their potential through Scouting.

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“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”



Cub Scouting

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

It's Recruitment Time!!

It's a new school year, so it's time for some new Scouts! Fall is the perfect time to add to your Pack. And there is a great recruiting incentive going on - get 10 boys, get Pinewood Derby Cars free. More Cubs, free stuff, how awesome is that?

So how do you recruit for new Scouts?

- Find any Facebook pages that families in your district go to for information and post that you are looking for new Cubs.
- Have someone attend your school's first PTA meeting and make an announcement at the meeting. Ask if the PTA would include your recruitment message in one of their emails.
- Speak to the building Principal about having a recruiting table at Meet the Teacher night. Bring some pictures or a slideshow on a laptop to get people's interest. Have applications and information ready to show parents.
- Have a Pack Pride day and ask your Cubs to wear their Class B's to school.
- Make sure that your PIN is correctly "populated" or filled out. Otherwise it defaults to the Service Center (Council Office) and they have to forward on to you. Don't know how to populate your PIN? Ask your UC.
- Have a "bring a friend night" at a Pack meeting.
- If your school district isn't doing the "green thing" have the Service Center make a flyer for you and have it sent home in the backpacks from school.
- If you charter with a church or synagogue, see if you can have an announcement put in their bulletin.
- Ask friends if their sons would like to join!

The best recruiting tool is yourself, your Cubs and your enthusiasm! Be creative and have fun.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Woo Hoo! Webelos Woods is coming!

This is it! The moment your boys have waited for and looked forward to! Time to get to do stuff with the big boys! Ah, but for the Webelos Leaders, it is a little daunting if you haven't been there before and it seems like a big mystery... So let's get to it!

Webelos Woods is a weekend campout where the Packs and Troops get a chance to meet up together. The Packs visit the Troops which host activities for the Webelos. The Webelos can work on their achievements and get to know the Troops. A map of the camp will be provided to let you know where the Troops are located that weekend. There is also a map of the locations of the Troops across the District on the district website. This way you can be sure your Webelos visit Troops that are close by that they can cross over to, as well as other Troops.

A couple of tips: Bring your Pack plaque if you have one. Someone needs to bring it to the Council tent to be hung. Also bring your Pack banner, if you have one. It really helps the Scouts and their families find your campsite. Speak to your Webelos families about the campout. Parking can be difficult and sometimes patience wears thin. During our October Roundtable we will be holding a session where Troop leaders and Pack leaders will have a chance to meet so you will have a contact in the unit. But most importantly, enjoy this weekend, pretty soon your Webelos will be Boy Scouts and parents no longer go on most camping trips. Make some great Scouting memories!



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Definition of ROUND TABLE (www.merriam-webster.com)

1. a capitalized R&T : the large circular table of King Arthur and his knights
2. usually round-table : a conference for discussion or deliberation **by several participants**; also : the participants in such a conference

Welcome back to another year of scouting (not that scouting ever really stops!)

The overall theme for this year's roundtable is that of sharing information. We want this to be a place where everyone from beginners to 'old timers' can come to learn something new. Each month will feature an outing of the month, a recipe of the month and even a book of the month. These will be topics we can all participate in and share some of our favorites.

The new requirements are out now so it's a good time to start preparing for the changes that start January 1st 2016. You can see the changes at www.scouting.org/programupdates. We will be keeping you updated on the changes as new information is released.

From the "Guide to Safe Scouting"

Caving - General Policy

Caving can be a hazardous activity when the proper equipment, skills, and judgment are not used. Trips that are led by adults inexperienced in caving and trips containing large numbers of persons compound the hazards already inherent in the activity and create a potentially dangerous situation.

A. All caving, other than simple novice activities, should be limited to adults and young **people 14 and older**—members of Venturing crews or Learning for Life Explorer posts, and older Scouts in troops and teams. "Simple novice activities" means commercially operated cave excursions.

For more information on caving policies, go to www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-102B.pdf.

Climbing and Rappelling

The requirements applicable to climbing and rappelling listed in National Camp Standards, No. 430-056, apply to district and council activities.

- Climbing activities in which the participant's feet are more than 6 feet off the ground must be top-rope belayed.
- All rappelling activities must be properly belayed (see NCAP standard PS-206).
- Climb On Safely (see www.scouting.org/outdoorprogram/COPE) applies to climbing activities operated by a unit.
- BSA units conducting their own climbing activities must follow the requirements set forth in

Climb On Safely.

- Leaders who supervise unit climbing activities must have current Climb On Safely training (available at MyScouting.org).

Boy Scouts can:

- Belay with supervision and a backup.
- Climb on natural rock.
- In addition, older Boy Scouts (age 13 and older), Varsity Scouts, and Venturers may participate in lead climbing, snow and ice climbing, canyoneering, and caving subject to the following:

All participants must be at least 13 years old.

- Qualified instructors must have training from a nationally recognized organization that trains climbing instructors in the appropriate special activity. Note: BSA National Camping School does not train climbing directors and instructors in lead climbing, snow and ice climbing, canyoneering, or caving.
- Lead climbing without a top-rope belay is prohibited as part of a council or district activity.
- Units may conduct activities involving lead climbing with adult supervision and qualified instructors.



Venturing/Sea Scouts



SCC Venturing Information:

The next VOA meeting will take place on Sunday September 27th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph’s Church in Ronkonkoma (45 Church Street).

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/>.

2015-2016 revised 8-12-15 NER Area 2 Venturing	2015 Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Area 2 VOA Phone Mtgs	27		8	13	10	7	6	24	22	5		
Area 2 Area/Council VOA Phone Mtgs		5			11		8		23	14		
Area 2 Area/Council VOA Face to Face Mtgs		TBD		13		7						
Area 2 VOA Conference - Face to Face				13		7						
Other Area Events						Training 6	6 Dude Ranch	NER Area 2 Apex 4/29-5-1				
Officer Applications Due/Selection							Due: 1	Select: 1				

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:

Cub Scouts

- Den Leader / Webelos Leader 10/7
- Baloo 10/17
- Cubmaster/Pack/Committee Trainer 10/21

Boy Scouts

- Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster 11/04 & 11/18
- Den Chief 11/07

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

Welcome back to all of the Unit Leadership, for another great year. Lots of Training; lots of Camping; and Recruitment opportunities. Please complete the Charter Renewal Packets prior to the December deadline. This year we are ALL registering in the December timeframe. Yes... difficult but definitely not impossible...."Hey we are MATINECOCK"..... If you need assistance please contact your Unit Commissioner for help. Good Luck and let's have a great year of Scouting. The RT staff has been working very hard to bring you an updated Scouting program, please continue to join us at RT. On a side note: We had a very successful summer time merit badge program. About 200 scouts participated in the 2 month event. Thank you to all the counselors and all that helped Herb and I with the 2015 program.

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



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

- Religious Emblems Counselor Training, 7 pm. St Joseph's, Ronkonkoma on September 21, and October 8 – pick one date to attend
- Monthly meetings on September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May (tbd) & June 2
- September 20– Boy Scout Convocation, St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre (see website for details)
- September 25-27 - Catholic Retreat, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington (forms on website)
- 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
- April 2 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Reflection
- April 21 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted to Diocese
- May 21 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review
- June 2 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review Make-up date

Please visit our Website <http://www.ccos-drvc.org/> for all information and forms

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 Sabbaths coming to at a synagogue near you this February! Please contact us if your temple would like to host the scouts (and their leaders and family members) for a Scout Sabbath in 2016.

Jewish Tigers, Cubs, and Boy Scouts can earn their religious emblems – the Cub Scout program is done with an assist from parents at home, the Boy Scout program with guidance from religious or other adult advisor.

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
- 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 Distribution – September 18 & 19 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)
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

Matinecock District Popcorn Kernel

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Council Popcorn Kernel

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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/>

October 2015 Scouting Themes:

Cubs: Point of the Scout Law: Brave, Pack Meeting Themes: SuperCub!

Boy Scout monthly theme: Nature

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

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