



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



June 13, 2013

### What's Up (Coming)

#### June 2013

- June

#### August 2013

- August 8 - Roundtable
- August 27 – Popcorn Kickoff

#### September 2013

- September- 12 Roundtable & OA

#### **Go to**

**[www.SCCBSA.org](http://www.SCCBSA.org) for a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!**

As everyone's Scouting year is winding down with unit picnics and end of year activities, we should all take this time to reflect on our own personal Scouting year. Think about all the positives and how to continue that into next year. Remember the negatives and use it to improve what is in our power to improve. Make some resolutions for your unit for next year. Try to do an extra fundraiser. Let's get more boys involved with popcorn and nut sales. Let's do a few extra recruitments to grow our unit. Let's encourage our units to get more involved in district and council run events. Let's all remember that what we do is all for the betterment of the youth involved in our program. I have been encouraged at the willingness of many of you to step up and help with various events over the course of the year and especially the 3 months I have been in the district. I encourage you all to consider taking a post on the District Committee or District Commissioner staff. We're always looking for enthusiastic, helpful volunteers to help on either. Don't forget about the district website [matdistrict.org](http://matdistrict.org) and also the yahoo egroup for any information you could want or need about everything Matinecock. If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns don't ever hesitate to contact me. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the August Roundtable for part II of our program launch.

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



# Cub Scouting

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

## **Getting Ready for Next Year**

With the June Roundtable, we are talking Program Launch. Each unit now begins the planning for the coming Scout Year. You'll have your Suffolk County Council Calendars and your program packets. Almost all of you have been through this process so touching on how to plan may not be needed. Discussing the basis for your annual planning is better for ensuring your boys receive the total experience of a Cub Scout and Webelos program. It's not only making a calendar for the year.

First, what are your goals in planning? The same as the Aims of Scouting: Growth in moral strength and character, participating citizenship, Development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness. What are your boys' goal? It's one thing - to have fun. Put the two together in your planning. How can you do that? Utilize the Cub Scout Journey to Excellence.

The idea is to provide your boys with as many experiences and guidance as possible so that the Aims of Scouting are achieved without them even knowing it. (At least not until they realize it as adults.) All these experiences are going to happen in different locations: in the family, in the den, in the pack and at district and council events. Addressing all the categories in the Pack Journey to Excellence as a planning tool (available at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)) ensures you touch all the bases. Why reinvent the wheel?

With the Journey to Excellence criteria as your planning guide, you can do it all:

- Advancement – Plan to keep them on track. The boys see their growth through recognition
- Retention – What do you need to do to make sure the boys want to come? Fun and safety.
- Building Cub Scouting – By marketing your pack, communicating, and recruiting you ensure other boy will have fun and grow.
- Trained Leadership – Fully trained leadership ensures everyone is on the same page. A common understanding makes for a common goal and achievement.
- Outdoor Activities – The outdoors in a learning lab for personal responsibility and growth. There's a fascinating natural world out there your boys will be entrusted with for future generations.
- Day/Resident/Family Camp – Outdoor activities provided by the council. The introduction to the outdoors in a structured environment.
- Service Projects – Give back to your chartering org and to the community. Can you say Scouting for Food?
- Leadership Planning – You need to address grooming the next generation of adult leaders.
- Webelos-to-Scout Transition – For this one, see the Webelos page of this issue.
- Budget – There will always be expenses. How much will your events cost and how will they be funded given your families situation? It doesn't always have to expensive to be good. And it shouldn't always be on the cheap.
- Pack and Den Meetings – Your Journey criteria says how many meeting you should have. National Boy Scouts provides a coordinated program to give your meetings snap, crackle and pop.
- Fitness – Don't forget fitness
- Register on Time – Units sometimes don't understand the additional work and their liability exposure from late registration and late re-chartering. On time means your boys and your unit is protected.

**Bottom line:** Know how you are going to plan. But concentrate on what your are planning for.

Moral strength and character, participating citizenship, physical, mental, and emotional fitness

***And fun!***



# *Webelos Scouts*

## *Bridging to Boy Scouts*

### **Webelos to Scout Transition**

The use of Journey to Excellence as a planning basis has a requirement for Webelos to Scout Transition, that there is a plan in place and a percentage of the second year Webelos register with a troop. There aren't all that many steps in next year's plan to facilitate achieving your goal.

Let's review some of the plan elements:

- Webelos Den Leader – The most influential person. Plan that the Webelos function as a patrol and the boys attend summer camp. Plan to provide the presence of the necessary Scout skills. Connect and get to know the Scoutmasters, attend a Troop meeting and recruit a Den Chief. Plan the graduation/bridging ceremony and promote Troop summer activities
- Scoutmaster – Get a scoutmaster involved. They will be the ones to benefit from a successful plan. Have Webelos and their parents attend Troop meetings and meet the scoutmaster. The scoutmaster can discuss program differences with Webelos' parents, troop activities, and the costs of camp and troop activity costs with Webelos' parents. Get the scoutmaster to assist in finding a den chief and be involved with the pack graduation ceremony and hold a pre-summer camp orientation for Scout skills
- Webelos Den Chief – A boy leading boys. They are often hard to locate but they are a tremendous resource for scout skills. They help operate the patrol and provide scout spirit. The position also fulfills a leadership advancement requirement for the den chief.
- Unit Commissioner - Plan a conversation with your unit commissioner who can help determine which troops are in the area, contact information and the programs they run.
- Parents - Parents are a source of encouragement and support. Make sure they understand the program. Plan a meeting with the Webelos parent to explain the transition your boys are going through. Discuss how and why it is different and what the goal of the Webelos program is.
- Training – Plan to attend all the Webelos leader training sessions. Get to know what to do and how it all fits together.
- Roundtable – Attending Roundtable keeps you current and provides ideas, helps you with problems and misunderstandings as well you can help others with what you know. It's a sharing experience that builds on the foundation of "fully trained".



# *Boy Scouts*

*Where Eagles Dare*

What's the Plan, Stan?

If you run a Boy Scout Troop, even if your name isn't "Stan", you better have a plan. The old adage "Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail" most certainly applies for all Scouting activities – both on a macro and micro level.

Starting a year of Scouting, hoping to have fun and a great program, with lots of Advancement opportunities without a solid plan will almost always end in disappointment. How the plan gets made is as important as the plan itself. In Boy Scouts, we strive for a well-rounded program with service, camping, hiking, fund-raising, Courts of Honor and District and Council events. But we also want to maintain a Boy-led Troop. That is as important in the planning stage as in any other aspect of unit life. Adults should come to a Planning Session with support materials, planning pack (distributed at Roundtable), calendars (both school and local Council), a supply of paper, pens and markers and make sure you arrange for some snacks! Your Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) should run the meeting under the guidance of the SPL and Scoutmaster. Patrol Leaders should come with activities and places to go suggested by Patrol members before the meeting.

The best time to have your meeting(s) is during the summer, before the coming year. This gives time for plans to be made for more involved trips and you can hit the ground running in September. Don't forget to run the "plan" by the Troop Committee and get their input before going public. Lastly, make the final calendar of events and activities available to all Troop families so they too can adjust busy calendars.

***Remember – Safety is always Job 1.***



# Training

*Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader*

## Up Coming Training Schedules and information

*"Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example." - Robert Baden-Powell*

**NYLT:** (National Youth Leadership Training) Every Unit deserves well trained youth leaders!!! This 6 day course will be held at **Baiting Hollow Scout Camp** this summer from **Saturday August 17, to Thursday August 22**. Please see the council website for further information.

**WOOD BADGE:** Every boy *deserves* a trained leader!!!  
Training will be held on **September 20-22, 2013** at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp and **October, 12-14, 2013** at Schiff Scout Reservation. Please see the council website for flyer and registration!!!

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

Please be sure to pick up your info packets. Calendars are included to help with your unit planning. Many Matinecock District and council events are scheduled but for the most up to date info please check the district or council web site. Hope everyone has a great summer. Be safe and have fun.

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# A Scout is Reverent

## Religious Committees Activities

**Catholic Committee on Scouting:** [www.ccos-drvoc.org](http://www.ccos-drvoc.org) . Please share this information with your Unit's Religious Emblems Coordinator, Chaplain, Chaplain Aide, and those interested in these opportunities.

- Vespers will take place on Friday evenings at BHSC during weeks of Summer Camp.
- Summer is a great time for Cubs to begin working on their Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Emblems. Books are available through the Diocesan Scouting Office or at the Scout Shop.
- Footsteps of the American Saints and The Rosary Patch series are programs that can worked on independently. Go to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org) for more details.

**Jewish Committee on Scouting news:**

- Next JCOS meeting will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge – all are welcome!
- Jewish Scout Sabbath Services will be held every Friday evening at BHSC during weeks of Summer Camp
- **Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan – June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge. FREE TO ALL SCOUTS IN UNIFORM and \$5 to all others.** Partial for Boy Scout Cit. World MB; this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tsofim (Israeli Scouts) Friendship Caravan to the US and will be a historical event! For more info, please contact Phyllis Stein at 265-8141 or [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net) or the JCOS Chair Emeritus Bruce Streger at 9891-0453 or [wb2adf@aol.com](mailto:wb2adf@aol.com) .

For information regarding any Jewish Religious Award, along with Eagle Scout Recognition requests for scouts of any faith, contact Phyllis Stein (265-8141 or [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net) or the JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net), National JCOS website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)



# *Order of the Arrow*

Shinnecock Lodges, Nissequogue Chapter serving the Matinecock District of the SCCBSA

Any questions please contact Matt Schieferstein at [mallowat@optonline.net](mailto:mallowat@optonline.net).  
For more information about our lodge visit our web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>  
Or our chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>



## *Venturing*

### Upcoming SCC VOA events:

You can also check the Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Venturing Advisor, [bobbsa@optonline.net](mailto:bobbsa@optonline.net); 631-981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

If you need Suffolk County Council Venturing information, please contact Tim Green. [tgreen@bnl.gov](mailto:tgreen@bnl.gov)

# District Classified Ads

Announcing the Nickolas Demidovich Memorial Fund: We have money available to assist with full or partial payment for summer camp for deserving scouts in need. We would also be willing to help with any other reasonable Boy Scout expense with proper notice for legitimate boy scout related expenses. Contact Peter Demidovich at [Peter@PeterDemidovich.com](mailto:Peter@PeterDemidovich.com)

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 egroup: [matdistrict@yahoogroups.com](mailto:matdistrict@yahoogroups.com)

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

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

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***Remember: Scouting is a 12 month Program***

***July Scouting Themes:***

Cub Scout Core Value: Courage

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options:

Cubs in Shining Armor, Space, Under the Sea

Webelos Activity Pins: Aquanaut, Geologist

Boy Scout: Backpacking

***August Scouting Themes:***

Cub Scout Core Value: Honesty

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options:

Kids Against Crime, Heroes in History, Play Ball

Webelos Activity Pins: Naturalist, Forester

Boy Scout: Aquatics

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2013.asp>

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