



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



October 10, 2013

What's Up (Coming)

October 2013

- October 25-27, Webelos Woods

November 2013

- November - 14 Roundtable & OA
- November 15 & 16 – Popcorn Distribution

Go to www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!

Webelos Woods - It's time again for the Great Webelos Woods! Our annual gathering of Webelos, Scouts, unit leaders and parents for a great time in the outdoors. The date is 10/ 25 – 10/27 at Cathedral Pines County Park, Middle Island. Unit registration is due tonight to Matt Schierferstein. It's one of the best opportunities for Pack leaders to introduce their Webelos to the outdoor program as they work on their Outdoorsman Activity pin. The showcasing of Scouts demonstrating and teaching Scout Skills is the heart and soul of making this a great event. Many thanks to the troops.

Webelos to Scout Transition - This month, as part of the Matinecock Webelos Woods preparation, the Boy Scout Roundtable staff invite and welcome the pack and Webelos leaders to join the Boy Scout breakout session to discuss preparation for the Webelos Woods. This is an excellent chance to share knowledge and ask questions. Webelos is one phase of the Scouting trail. The troop leaders can provide help with the transition to new adventures and growth into Boy Scouts.

Silver Beaver- Do you know a scouter that exemplifies the ideals of Scouting? Who has given of themselves to the development of our youth? Start thinking about who you should nominate for the 2014 SCC Silver Beaver recognition. The National Council established the annual Silver Beaver Award in 1931 to recognize individuals who have provided distinguished service to Scouting, youth and the community. Since then, over 50,000 scouters have been recognized nationally.

A volunteer scouter can't be selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award unless they are nominated. The nomination form will be available on the SCC website: (www.sccbsa.org). You are the people to initiate the honoring of exceptional scouters. Marc Nathanson (matbear@optonline.net), is the Matinecock District Silver Beaver Coordinator. He will help you get your nomination together.

A message from our District Executive: I wanted to thank you all for the hard work you've done with recruitments so far. While I haven't heard back from all units yet, the response I have gotten has been very positive. If you have any recruitment questions or need assistance in getting your unit set up with an M&M Chairperson don't hesitate to contact myself or our District Membership Chairman Rich Wisnewski. We recently welcomed 4 new District Commissioners to our staff who will be presented tonight. Looking toward the next few months we will begin to start preparing for our winter and spring visitations for our FOS fundraising and our Camping presentations. Both of these presentations are extremely helpful to the Scouting program as a whole and I would ask that if you are interested in helping us out with either one of the presentations to please contact me so we can get a training date lined up and make sure that you are fully prepared to serve the District as a FOS or Camping presenter. I'm excited with all that we are doing in the District and the direction we are headed in and I certainly hope that you will all join me in making this the best Scouting year ever.

Bobby Rabbitt, Matinecock District Executive

"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

November Core Value and Pack Meeting Theme

The Core Value for November is Citizenship and the Pack Meeting Theme is “Your Vote Counts”. Citizenship is always a good Core Value in November with elections and the “Your Vote Counts” Pack Theme reinforces Participating Citizenship.

Citizenship means contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities. Cub Scouts will demonstrate good citizenship as they participate in pack flag ceremonies, show respect for people in authority and strive to be good neighbors.

How does Your Vote Counts represent the Core Value of Citizenship? Patriotism is an important part of good citizenship. Patriotism is love of and loyalty to our country. It involves honoring the democratic ideals on which this country is based and respecting and obeying its laws. It also involves accepting the responsibilities of good citizenship, such as staying informed about national issues, voting, and volunteering. We don't often think about teaching our Cub Scouts about voting because of their age and the fact that it will be many years before they can vote. We can, however, explain the importance of voting. If we mentor them by our actions, then the responsibility of good citizenship by voting will become more meaningful as they grow.

Below are a couple suggestions for your November pack meeting:

Opening Ceremony: Duties as a Citizen

Materials: Eight Cub Scouts, each with a poster with their part on the back and a picture appropriate to their part on the front. Create a large poster with the Citizenship Pledge written on it, or hand out individual copies of the pledge to each person as everyone arrives at the pack meeting.

Cub Scout 1: As citizens of the United States, we have duties that we must fulfill.

Cub Scout 2: As a citizen, it is my duty to obey the laws.

Cub Scout 3: As a citizen, it is my duty to respect the rights of others.

Cub Scout 4: As a citizen, it is my duty to stay informed on issues of local and national government.

Cub Scout 5: As a citizen, it is my duty to vote in elections.

Cub Scout 6: As a citizen, it is my duty to serve and defend my country.

Cub Scout 7: As a citizen, it is my duty to assist law enforcement agencies.

Cub Scout 8: As a citizen, it is my duty to practice and teach good citizenship in my home. Please read the Citizenship Pledge with me:

All join in: As citizens, we will do our best to be prepared in body and will, in spirit and skill. We accept our obligation to God and will show by our actions we are willing to serve others and be good members of the Scouting team.

Prayer: For Those Who Have Gone Before

Oh God, we thank thee for those who have gone before and fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy. Bless us to serve and honor that banner of One Nation under God, Indivisible. Amen.

Cubmaster's Minute: America Promises

America promises us freedom to worship, to learn, to assemble, and to debate any issue. It is a land where people from other countries can find a home, where there is work to do, where we can express our opinions, and where we are free to come and go as we please. Our wonderful heritage, earned for us by our forefathers, is sometimes taken for granted. Unless we cherish this legacy and use it wisely, it may be lost to future generations. People working together with imagination, vitality, and persistence have produced marvelous inventions and wonders of technology beyond anything our forefathers might have dreamed of. Working together, we can preserve and protect our beautiful land for future generations.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

The Eternal Question – What Do I/We Bring?

The Webelos Woods is often the very first outdoor experience for a Webelo. It often is also the first outdoor experience for their adult partner. The unknown often brings uncertainty and lots of questions for both parent and child. The main thing is to alleviate fears, communicate that it's not that complicated, and remember that you are camping 30 to 40 minutes from home. (and 10 minutes from the nearest convenience store.) Basic preparation leads to a great time and a smooth transition to Boy Scouting.

So what do you bring? That can be divided into personal and group needs. A detailed checklist of possible items to help with the planning will be passed out at the joint Pack/Webelos leader & Boy Roundtable session. But here are some high level suggestions to give you an idea of what to cover:

Personal:

Completed Health Form for Both Adult & Youth.
Tent (owned, borrowed or shared works)
Bedding – sleeping bag rated to 32°F
Pillow
Closed cell foam mattress pad (for insulation below)
Dry weather & liquid sunshine (rain) gear
Change of Clothes (Warm/Chilly/Cold Weather)
Camp Chair (Don't forget to bring this!)
Personal Hygiene (toothbrush/paste)
Towels
Flashlight(s)
Sunscreen/Lip Balm
Personal First Aid Kit & Personal Medications
Plate/Knife/Fork/Spoon/Cup (Remember Being Green?)

Group:

Large Tarp/Pop Up Shelter for Group Area/Tables
Stoves (Propane is considered safer)
Pots and skillets
Ice Chests/Coolers
Barbeque Grill/Charcoal
Dutch Ovens & Oven Mitts
Heavy-duty aluminum foil
Gas Lanterns
Paper Towels/Napkins
Campfire Wood
Fire Buckets
Well Equipped First Aid Kit

Food is best planned as a group with individual contributions. (Verify if there are any food allergies or dietary restrictions.) The idea, again, is what personal items are needed and what can be shared. Communicate and coordinate.

Managing Expectations

Getting the right gear together for a weekend group outing is one thing. How have you prepared your parents (or adult partners) and your Webelos for the Webelos Woods? Yes, there is the equipment list above. But have you told your Webelos what the safety rules are like the buddy system? Have you thought through what can go wrong and what you tell your Webelos to do in the event it does? Safety is job one right at the head of the list. Have you told them what to do in the middle of the night if they wake up or get the call of nature from all the hot chocolate you fed them? We've had boys get lost in the dark trying to go to the bathroom which can be a terrorizing experience. Tell your Webelos to wake up their parent or adult partner at night. That's why they are there.

That brings us to discussing the responsibilities of parents and adult partners. They are there with primary responsibility for their child's safety and well being. How will they help with discomfort due to low temperature? If their child is scared? Are they checking periodically for needs.

The Webelos Woods is an introduction to Scouting's outdoor program. Webelos don't know what to expect yet. Parents and adult partners need to understand that and be there as needed. Manage expectations and Be Prepared.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Marketing your Troop at Webelos Woods

This month, we simply include a checklist to remind Troops some of the most important things to keep in mind as we prepare to meet with Packs at Webelos Woods. Remember, you are not just representing your Troop. You are representing the Boy Scout program.

- Have the BOYS present the program (demo)
- Activity must be HANDS-ON for Webelos – provide needed materials
- Prepare teaching aids – posters, knot boards, etc.
- Be sure to complete your presentation in the allotted time
- Have Uniformed Leaders available and prepared to speak with visiting Webelos leaders and parents
- Have all scouts wear their full Class A uniform
- Present a “model” campsite - neat and safe
- Have a printed hand-out with Troop information
- Demonstrate Scout Spirit!



Venturing

Upcoming SCC VOA events: The next VOA meeting for 2013-2014 will be On: October 24, 2013, Time: 7:30 PM, Location: St. Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma - We will meet in Rectory Meeting Room A.

Please encourage your Venturers to attend,

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, bobbbsa@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

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

October 16: Cubmaster, Pack Committee, Pack Trainer

October 21: Venturing Leader Specific

October 23: High Adventure Basic Packing and Leave No Trace Part 1

October 29: High Adventure Basic Packing and Leave No Trace Part 2

November 6: SM/ASM Position Training 1 of 3

November 13: SM/ASM Position Training 2 of 3

November 16: Den Chief

November 19: High Adventure Basic Packing and Leave No Trace Part 3

November 20: SM/ASM Position Training 3 of 3

December 7: Pow Wow

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 Unit Commissioners to Matinecock District:

Brian Morse Joe Calvaca George Holenstein Marc Merksamer

These commissioners along with Rich Rynkowski and George Smith have also recently completed additional training.

Interested in helping the Scouting units of the district? There is room for more.

Scott Dammers, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631-549-2012, scott7748@msn.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

- **BOY SCOUT RETREAT: October 25 -27, 2013.** Catholic Boy Scouts are invited to attend. **Theme: *Belong More Deeply*** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The weekend promises to offer great fun and fellowship. It will also assist those working on the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. Please visit our website for flyer, forms and additional information: **www.ccos-drvc.org**
- **CHAPLAIN AIDE TRAINING - December 7, 2013** will take place in the afternoon at the Council wide training Pow Wow being held at the Brentwood Freshman Center. Registration details and an informational flyer will be published soon. Boy Scout Troops should have their Chaplain Aides take the training.
- Save the date (s):
 - **NOV 30, 2013** – Advent Wreath Celebration, Infant Jesus Church, Port Jefferson
 - **DEC 8, 2013** - 7PM – Peace Light Service, Christ the King Church, Commack
 - **FEB 2, 2014** - BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
- **Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** Join us at our monthly meeting, first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's Ronkonkoma, 7:30 p.m.

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

- SCJCOS Meetings - all on Monday nights at 7:30pm at Temple Beth-Chai in Hauppauge: 10/14, 11/11, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/10, 4/21, 5/12, 6/16
- Jewish Conclave-Baiting Hollow SC: June 6-7-8 2014
- NE Regional Jewish Committees- Alpine Scout Camp-Sun March 23, 2014
- Scout Shabbats- in planning stage- many Friday nights in Jan, Feb, March

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:

Third Annual Retreat “If God is with Us, Who Can be Against Us”: Nov 1-3, 2013, Schiff Scout Camp. Join us as we step back in time and experience what it was like to be a soldier in the Civil War. For more information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228, lois40@optonline.net or Wes Triani, Triani_wes@NLVMAIL.com

Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2013 Popcorn Fundraiser



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

Take Order & Prize Order Due – November 4

Take Order Distribution – November 15 & 16 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

Take Order Payment Due – December 9

COMMISSION STRUCTURE & SCOUT REWARDS

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

A. Kickoff Incentive – 1%

Have one representative from your unit attend a Kickoff Event – Either Champions breakfast or Council Kickoff Events

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:

Scout Prizes: starting at **\$60** in sales. **Scouts WANT PRIZES!**

In addition, **\$600** Popcorn Sellers: Earn a ZXCross Bow

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

Every unit that sells **\$5000** will receive a bonus \$100 gift card to the Scout Shop

Every unit that sells **\$10,000** will receive a bonus \$200 gift card to the Scout Shop

Every unit that sells **\$15,000** will receive a bonus \$350 gift card to the Scout Shop

**Product is ordered on consignment. All unsold, unopened product may be returned EXCEPT Sweet & Savory Collection, Dark & White Chocolatey Drizzle, and White Chocolate Pretzels. NOTE: The Chocolate Lovers Collections & Kettle Corn are not available for the September order; you will order them in November.

District Classified Ads

On November 9th, 2013 from 8:00 am to 12:30 afternoon, the Police Hispanic Society of Suffolk County will be teaming up with the Peanut Butter Gangs Hospitality Too soup kitchen at St. Anne's Church in Brentwood. All Boy Scouts are invited to participate that day. We will be serving food to the poor and needy. The P.H.S.S.C. will be donating food in addition to what the soup kitchen already has. You may bring food if you wish, but it is not mandatory. As the date gets closer I will provide additional information to you. I will ask anyone who wishes to participate in the event to let me know by Oct 25th (we have time). Thanks.
Gerry Frielingsdorf, scubadvr@optonline.net

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 egroup: matdistrict@yahoogroups.com

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

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.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 Scouting Themes:

Cub Scout Core Value: Citizenship

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options:

Fifty Great States, Vote Counts, Give Goodwill

Webelos Activity Pins: Craftsman, Scientist

Boy Scout: Science

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

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