



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



September 12, 2013

What's Up (Coming)

September 2013

- September 20&21 – Popcorn Distribution

October 2013

- October- 10 Roundtable & OA
- October 25-27, Webelos Woods

Go to

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

September is upon us and we are all in back to Scouting mode. We've all planned our Scouting calendars and have hopefully begun the process of recruiting. While recruiting Scouts is imperative to the success and sustainability of the program an area that has been falling short is the recruitment of adults to positions within units and district. We've unfortunately lost a number of units within council (and some in district) due to lack of adult participation. While we are signing up new boys we need to remember to try to recruit the parent as well. Explain the need for their involvement and what they can do to help. A lot of parents think they will have to donate an extraordinary amount of time and that fear makes them shy about helping out. One thing units should be doing is asking parents who have been on a unit committee for a few years to move up to more experienced positions (membership, finance) and ask new parents to take on less demanding roles (hospitality). This will let them gain some knowledge into how the unit works without overwhelming them. In the same regard as units the district committee is looking for a number of volunteers to help them in various subcommittees. If you have an interest in helping the district in any way whether it's activities, membership, fundraising, commissionership, etc. please contact me and I can put you in touch with the chairperson whose area you are interested in helping. Much like new volunteers are needed to help units succeed, so they are needed to help the district succeed as well. Let's make this a great Scouting year.

Bobby Rabbitt
Matinecock District Executive

"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

CORE VALUE: COOPERATION

Cooperation means being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of cooperation as they work together to make the pack harvest festival a memorable occasion for everyone, including new families.

THEME: AMAZING GAMES

How does this month's theme, Amazing Games, represent the Core Value of Cooperation?

Play is often considered the work of children, and games are an integral part of play. We learn to follow rules, take turns, get along with others, and most importantly, we learn cooperation.

Cooperation is working together toward a common goal. If you do not cooperate, the game does not flow or end as it should. This month, our Cub Scouts will learn about cooperation as they play games. By working together, everyone can have an amazing time while learning new things to share with family and friends.

Cubmaster's Minute: A Game With a Purpose

Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting, said, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." This month, you have had fun playing games like this (hold up a board game) and solving puzzles like this (hold up a puzzle, word search, crossword, Sudoku, or maze) in your den meetings, with your families, and here tonight. Some were easy, some you had to work at. But each time you finished a game or puzzle, you showed perseverance and you learned something. (Ask boys what they learned playing games. You may have to prime the pump to get answers flowing). Then thank the boys and point out to the parents that, based on what the boys have just said, it is important to keep playing games with their children.

Song: "Play, Play, Play Some Games"

Tune: "Row, Row Row Your Boat"

Play, play, play some games
Play until we're done
Puzzles, riddles, mazes, too
Let's all have some fun
Learn, learn, learn new games
Akela help us there.
We will follow all the rules
And learn to play them fair.

Cheer or Applause: Cooperate Cheer

Divide the audience into four groups.
Assign "Co," "Op," "Er," and "Ate" to each group and have each one practice its part.
Have each group say its part loudly as the leader points to them.
Mix up the word for fun,
Finish with saying the whole word,
"Cooperate!"



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

As we being a new Scouting year we jump right into one of the most important times: recruitment. This is the time when we work to get new boys involved and this is also the time when Troops will start recruiting Webelos to join their unit. This is an exciting time. We are able to begin the boys on their path to Eagle and the first step is recruiting them into Tiger Cubs. While some units are fantastic recruiters others are not. And it doesn't always fall on the unit for their lack of new boys. School districts are making it increasingly difficult to advertise recruitment events by no longer allowing fliers in the schools. But when one door closes a new door must open. We need to look for alternative ways to advertise not only our units but Scouting as a whole. Some ideas to think about are getting a table at a school open house or meet the teacher night where you would pass out fliers to parents advertising your September Pack night and looking to sign them up then. Many towns, school districts, churches, etc. have fall festivals or craft fairs. Inquiring about securing a space to recruit at these events is a great way to promote both your unit and Scouts and most of the time you would be able to rent the space for free or a nominal fee. Many of these fairs and festivals gather hundreds if not thousands of people.

Webelos are beginning the final step on the way to Boy Scouts and this is the time of year that is most beneficial for them. Over the next few months Scoutmasters will be getting in touch with your Cubmaster and even you to set up dates and times for your boys to visit their unit. Also in October we have our Webelos Woods event at Cathedral Pines from October 25-27. This is a great time to visit Troops, speak and spend time with the boys and leaders and see what they are all about. Encourage all the boys in your den to visit more than just one or two Troops. On both the Council website under the Matinecock tab or on the district website <https://matdistrict.org> under the Resources and Links tab you will find the Webelos to Scout Transition Guide which will help you better understand everyones role in helping your Webelos move up to Boy Scouts.

Lets get out there these next few months and see that every boy has the opportunity to participate in Scouts!!



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Tips for more dynamic Troop meetings

What kind of Troop meetings does your unit have? Are your scouts asked to sit and listen while other scouts lecture them? Do your meetings consist of little more than

1½ hours of games? Do your junior leaders follow a BSA monthly/annual program guide? Is there content related to scout skills, support for advancement and planning for outings? These are some of the important questions each Scoutmaster should ask.

An important thing to consider is that boys attend Troop meeting for the fellowship and fun, but if we remember that Scouting is a “Game with a Purpose”, both scouting principals and fun for the boys involved can be served. Keep in mind that the boys have been sitting in school all day and sitting and being talked to for another 30-40 minutes at Troop meetings will soon affect attendance and morale.

It’s a pretty good bet that the least inspiring meetings follow a lack of proper planning and or preparation. This must be addressed at the annual planning meeting and periodically by the Senior Patrol leader and at Patrol Leaders’ Council meetings. Assign an Assistant Scoutmaster to see that there is follow-through if need be. Have periodic meetings with your SPL to be sure he stays on task (especially around mid-year). Make sure The SPL and ASPL keep a trained staff in the loop and don’t forget the all-important Instructor, to keep Scout Skills games for each meeting.



Venturing

Upcoming SCC VOA events: The first VOA meeting for 2013-2014 will be On: September 26, 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, as this meeting will be used to plan the new year.

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; 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

I hope everyone had a great summer and are now ready to make this a great scouting and training year. We have a bunch of training sessions coming up so if you need any of these let's get signed up early.

Upcoming Training:

Wood Badge: September 20-22 at Baiting Hollow & October 12-14 at Schiff Scout Reservation.

BALOO Training: Saturday, October 5 at Elwood Park

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training: Wednesday October 9 at Hauppauge High School

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. Hope all units have recruitment scheduled or plan to soon. Please speak with your Unit Commissioner about materials available to help.

Review rosters and make sure to get all new applications into Council quickly.

Do not wait until you charter!

Remember to properly insure your Scouts and leaders it is critical to get everyone registered.

If you have questions or would like to join the commissioner staff, call or email me at the number below. Thanks, and have a great year

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



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

- **Boy Scout Convocation - September 15, 2013. The 56th Annual Boy Scout Convocation will be held at Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on Sun., Sept.15, 2013.** The Convocation will begin at **2:30 pm**. All are welcome to attend. The Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Emblems will be presented to those scouts who have completed the requirements during the past year. All scouts planning to complete these emblems are urged to attend.
- **Religious Emblems Counselor Training - September 26, 2013 at St Joseph's, Ronkonkoma at 7pm in the St. Joseph's School Music Room(#15)** Interested in becoming a religious emblems counselor? Contact Mary Scotti at mbscott@yahoo.com (Pope Pius XII) or Jim Lynch at jblynch@juno.com(Ad Altare Dei). Flyer posted on District e-group.
- **Boy Scout Retreat: October 25 -27, 2013.** Catholic Boy Scouts are invited to attend the **Retreat: *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. Flyer posted on District e-group.
- **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 Distribution – September 20 & 21 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

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.sccbbsa.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

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@yahogroups.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/>

October Scouting Themes:

Cub Scout Core Value: Responsibility

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options:

Jungle of Fun, Down on the Farm, Dollars and Sense

Webelos Activity Pins: Showman, Citizen

Boy Scout: Athletics

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

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