



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



December 12, 2013

### What's Up (Coming)

#### December 2013

- *December 12 - Roundtable & OA*

#### January 2014

- *January 9 Roundtable & OA*
- *January 24-26, Polar Bear*

#### **Go to**

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

**Special Series on Bullying:** We continue our special series of presentations on bullying with information on how can Scout leaders assist victims of bullying and how can Scout leaders and parents redirect Scouts who bully others. We are presenting BSA National methods to address bullying discussing appropriate intervention.

**Silver Beaver Nominations and Annual Fellowship Dinner:** The Annual Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for March 27, 2014. This dinner is a celebration of the Scouting fellowship and recognition of those individuals who have contributed to Scouting and the community.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a council volunteer can receive and is awarded at the Annual Fellowship Dinner. A recipient must be nominated in order to receive this award and the deadline for nomination is December 27<sup>th</sup>. The Silver Beaver recognizes individuals who have provided distinguished service to Scouting, youth and the community. Nominations can come from anyone who feels a Scouter has contributed exemplary service in these 3 areas.

Take the time to nominate someone who has distinguished themselves in volunteer service. Nomination forms are available on the Suffolk County Council website ([www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)) in typable Microsoft Word format. As stated, the deadline for submission is December 27, 2013. Contact Marc Nathanson, the Matinecock District Silver Beaver Coordinator ([matbear@optonline.net](mailto:matbear@optonline.net)) for assistance such as copy of a nominee's Scouting resume or for any questions.

**Polar Bear:** The Matinecock District Polar Bear Camp-O-Ree is coming up on January 24 thru 26, 2014 at Schiff Scout Reservation. As always, it will be the "cool" place to be. Any questions should go to Jeff Duncan at 516-901-7763 or [Jeffery@optonline.net](mailto:Jeffery@optonline.net).

**Scouting for Food:** As we approach the holiday season, please remember that annual Scouting for Food Drive will be coming up next year. The District goal is 100% unit participation. We have received Scouting for Food bags and they will be distributed at the January 9<sup>th</sup> Matinecock Roundtable. This is a National program and fills a critical need for local food pantries as their stocks gathered during the holiday season have run out.

**A message from our District Exec:** As 2013 is coming to a close I believe it's always a good idea to take a look back and see where we were so that way we can better determine where we're going. While I can't speak on the first two and a half months of 2013, as I came on board as District Executive midway through March, I can speak on the state of the district since then. Advancements all year has been outstanding with our Eagle count leading the way. This year alone we've had almost 50 boys achieve Eagle and total there are currently about 100 Eagle scouts registered in units which is second best in council. Our units are growing and our district committee has added 3 new people and our commissioners staff has welcomed 4 this year. (continued on page 8)

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



# Cub Scouting

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

### **January Core Value and Pack Meeting Theme**

The Core Value for January 2014 is Positive Attitude and the Pack Meeting Theme is "Lights! Camera! Action!".

Having a positive attitude means being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations. The various activities at the pack meeting and pack talent show give boys a better understanding of the importance of having a positive attitude whether they are part of the audience or as the center of attention on stage.

How does this month's theme, Lights! Camera! Action! represent the Core Value of Positive Attitude? Let the spotlight shine on your Cub Scouts. Your Cub Scouts spend many hours in front of the television set. Let's put that to good use this month and use it to promote positive values and a positive attitude. Create a very special red carpet event at your January pack meeting. Make every Cub Scout feel like a star.

### **Opening Ceremony – Best Picture Nomination**

**Setup:** Have a special podium and envelopes with the lines written on the outside of them. Have the boys read off each category and then open the envelope to announce the winner. Leader and four boys:

**Leader:** Tonight we gather to recognize film's greatest achievements and to honor those who have set the stage for even greater shows to come. We will begin our celebration by honoring the production that has earned Best Picture for the past 83 years: Cub Scouting! Here to present the awards are the Cub Scouts from Den \_\_\_\_.

**Cub Scout 1:** Best Director: This award is for those individuals who have provided the right direction to ensure the success of the production. It has taken tireless men and women throughout the history of Cub Scouting to make sure that the show has always earned Best Picture. This award goes to (open the envelope) all of the den leaders, assistant den leaders, committee members, and pack leaders.

**Cub Scout 2:** Best Supporting Role: This award is for the parents, grandparents, and other supporting adults and their families who have stood behind and supported us as we have worked to make the best picture come to life on and off stage. This award goes to (open the envelope) all the families in Pack \_\_\_\_.

**Cub Scout 3:** Best Lead Actor. This award recognizes all of the Cub Scouts who have done their best in being Cub Scouts, without whom there would be no reason for the Cub Scouting program. And this award goes to (open the envelope) the Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos of Pack \_\_\_\_.

**Cub Scout 4:** Finally, the award for best picture theme. Every year we look at all the nominees to determine the best theme that anyone anywhere could hope for. And this year, the award goes to (open the envelope) freedom and justice for all—a theme that everyone around the world wants and a theme that each of us needs to work to achieve, a theme that we, as Americans hold so dear. Please rise and join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Opening Prayer:**

May we act in a manner that shows we remember that the winner is not just the one who crosses the finish line first, but everyone who crosses the finish line.

### **Advancement Ceremony: Academy Awards Ceremony**

**Preparation:** Cubmaster, as the master of ceremonies, can wear a tuxedo, and assistant cubmaster, as "envelope person," can wear a formal gown. Set the mood with "fanfare"-type music to be played as the recipients come up to the stage. Awards can be attached to small "Oscar" statuettes cut from card stock.

**Cubmaster:** Tonight we have several nominees for Bobcat. As your name is called, will those boys and their parents come forward to receive this award. (Assistant Cubmaster, dressed in formal attire, enters and hands envelopes to the Cubmaster.)

**Cubmaster:** And the winners are . . . (Continue for all other ranks. Cubmaster reads names of boys receiving awards and, as each comes forward, he hands each an "Oscar" and gives the Cub Scout handshake.)

**Pack Spirit** – these will help you get your pack spirit up.

Cheer or Applause: Astronaut Cheer - 3, 2, 1: You're outta sight!

Barbecue Applause - On three, answer, "How do you like your steak?" by saying "Well done!"

Tony the Tiger Cheer "They're great!"



# Webelos Scouts

## *Bridging to Boy Scouts*

### Readyman Activity Badge Meeting Plan (partial)

There are BSA National resources to make your meeting planning very easy. Further Webelos den meeting info is available at <http://www.scouting.org/>. Search for Arrow of Light Den Meeting Plans.

Preparation and Materials Needed - Read the Readyman chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.

Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):

- If you want to use the “Realistic First-Aid Practice” ideas below, see that section for the makeup and other supplies needed.
- Ideally, a mannequin for rescue breathing practice.
- Plastic wrap (a new piece to go over the mouth of the mannequin after every use)
- A well-stocked first-aid kit.
- Review the drills you’re going to do with any volunteers to determine additional items you would like to have in place.

### Readyman Activity Badge

Requirements covered are 4–7. Role-play these emergency situations to help boys develop the courage to respond appropriately:

4. Demonstrate how to help someone who is choking, and explain how to tell when you will need to take quick action.
5. Show what to do for these “hurry cases”:
  - Serious bleeding
  - Stopped breathing
  - Ingested poisoning
  - Heart attack
6. Show how to treat shock.
7. Show first aid for the following:
  - Cuts and scrapes
  - Burns and scalds
  - Choking
  - Blisters on the hand and foot
  - Tick bites
  - Bites and stings of insects other than ticks
  - Venomous snakebite
  - Nosebleed
  - Frostbite
  - Sunburn

### Realistic First-Aid Practice

Use the following materials to make make-believe injuries look more realistic during first-aid practice: deep red and light red lipstick; cosmetic blusher; black wax crayon; “blood” mixture of red food coloring, powdered cocoa, and water; blue chalk or eye shadow; white glue or rubber cement; white eye shadow or glycerin and water solution (equal amounts) in an atomizer or squeeze bottle. Have the “victim” dress in old clothes so his uniform doesn’t get stained.

- Outline a “cut” with deep red lipstick. Fill in the area with heavy lipstick application. Drop “blood” onto the cut.
- To simulate the appearance of a serious cut, first build up the “skin” with white glue. When it has dried considerably, make a groove down the middle and add “blood.” Apply makeup sparingly, as too much can make the wounds appear to be phony.
- Simulate abrasions with a little blue eye shadow. This is the “bruise.” Smear some glue onto the “injured” area. Let it dry a bit, and then rough it up with a dull kitchen knife. Finish off with a little “blood?”
- Simulate a simple burn by applying some blusher to the “injured” area. For a second degree burn, simulate blisters by applying a little glue onto the area. For third-degree burns, simulate charred skin by applying black crayon to the “injured” area. Now apply a light red lipstick and smear on glue. Let it dry a little, and then roughen it with a dull kitchen knife.
- Simulate the ashen face of a shock victim by applying white eye shadow or white chalk. Work in the color for a smooth, pale complexion. Blend in blue eye shadow lightly over and under the eyes and then more heavily—on lips and ear lobes. Simulate clammy skin by spraying glycerin water solution onto the upper lip and forehead.
- You can use makeup for all kinds of cuts and bruises, such as an injured cheek, forehead, or lip. And your first-aid practice will be more effective if the “victims” behave as if they were really in pain or dazed by injuries.



# Boy Scouts

## *Where Eagles Dare*

Try, for a moment, and put yourself in the place of a new scout, 10 ½ - 11 years old. The challenges you will face in your first year will be daunting and even a little scary. You will face old boys, who might not be sensitive to your fears and anxieties. There will be challenging camping experiences that are totally new to you, and unlike your previous experiences as a Webelos, you are pretty much on your own to advance. But all these fears and challenges may pale to the fact that, once completing your first rank (Tenderfoot), you now must face a group of three to six strangers - adults, who make up your Board of Review. What do they want to know? What will they ask? Will you be able to pass? The best scenario for you and the Board is for the Board to be running a BOR as designed by BSA.

Here are a few points to keep in mind while interviewing boys for their Boards of Review:

- **WHAT** - To determine the quality of the Scout's experience and decide if he is qualified to advance to the next rank, including Eagle Palms is the purpose of a BOR.
- **WHEN** - When a Scout has completed all the requirements for a rank or Palm, he must be granted a board of review. Ideally, boards should be scheduled at least monthly so Scouts aren't delayed in beginning time-oriented requirements for their next rank. A unit leader can't "defer" a board for a Scout he or she thinks isn't ready, nor can he or she ask a Scout to perform beyond the requirements in order to be granted a board.
- **WHO** - The board consists of three to six unit committee members. Unit leader, assistant unit leaders and parents or guardians may not sit on his board, although the unit leader may attend as an observer. If three or fewer unit committee members are available, the unit may use knowledgeable parents or other adults who understand Scouting's aims — but this must be the exception, not the rule.
- **HOW LONG** - For Tenderfoot through Life, approximately 15 minutes but no longer than 30 minutes; for Eagle, 30 to 45 minutes.



# Venturing

**Upcoming SCC VOA events:** The next VOA event will be On: Climbing - on the schedule for December 26<sup>th</sup> – Details to follow. For SCC info, contact Tim Green, [tgreen@bnl.gov](mailto:tgreen@bnl.gov)

**Upcoming NER Area 2: Dude Ranch Trip March 7-9, 2014:** \$150 for all Venturers and Advisors. Includes 6 meals, horseback riding, lodge accommodations, Hayrides, bonfire, indoor pool and many other activities. There is also a rifle range (need to pay for ammo).

Meetings: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, April 6, 2014

Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

Bob Koch, Area 2 Venturing Advisor, [bobbsa@optonline.net](mailto:bobbsa@optonline.net); 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 Training Schedules and information

Happy Holidays everyone!!

We hope you enjoy this time of year with family and friends!

*Here are some of the upcoming Council training events.*

High Adventure – Wilderness First Aid - BHSC

Trainers EDGE - 2/1/14 Place and time TBD.

Leave No Trace - Trainers Course 3/7-9/14 BHSC

NYLT – 3/14-16/14 & 4/4-6/14 BHSC

Wood Badge 9/27-29/14 & 11/1-3/14 BHSC & Schiff Scout Reservation

*Please see the Council Training Calendar for further information!!!*

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

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*

I hope all units are in process of the Webelos transition. With Blue and Gold right around the corner this is a good time for the Cub Scout Packs to finish strong and for the Boy Scout Troops to be looking to bridge them over. Both the cubs and the scouts should be in communication at this time. Make sure to have these boys complete new applications and promptly transfer them into your units. If there are any questions or you need assistance please contact your Unit commissioner or myself

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# A Scout is Reverent

## Religious Committees Activities

### Catholic Committee on Scouting:

- **Pope Pius Retreat - February 7-9, 2014** at Kellenberg Retreat House. Contact Diocesan Scouting Office for registration info. 516-678-5800 ext 245
- Scout Sunday Scout Sabbath Patches will be available for purchase. Look for more information to follow in the New Year.
- **Scout Sunday Scout Sabbath Services** - See the Egroup notice to sign up your House of Worship for a service for all of Matinecock District to participate in. Contact Chris Coronese for more info at ccoronesi@yahoo.com.
- **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: 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/10, 4/21, 5/12, 6/16
- SCJCOS Awards Breakfast- Temple Beth-Chai 870 Townline Rd Hauppauge, NY 631-724-5807, **Sun 3/2/14**, 10AM-Noon
- NE Regional JCOS Meeting-Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine NJ, Sun **3/23/14** 9AM-4:30PM Contact Bruce Streger-631-981-0453
- SCJCOS Conclave-Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, Fri-Sat-Sun **June 6,7,8 2014** Contact Barry Kopeloff 631-331-9460

### Scout Shabbats:

Temple	Address	Date	Time	Contact
Temple Beth David	100 Hauppauge Rd, Commack	Fri 1/3/14	7:30P M	631-499-0915
Temple B'nai Israel Reform	67 Oakdale Bohemia Rd Oakdale	Fri 1/10/14	8:00P M	631-563-1660
Temple Beth-Chai	870 Townline Rd Hauppauge	Fri 2/14/14	8:00P M	631-724-5807
ENPT Jewish Center	328 Elwood Rd- East Northport	Fri 2/28/14	7:30P M	631-368-1618

### For local JCOS information contact:

- Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net)
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net)

## Suffolk County Council, BSA Popcorn Fundraiser, overview



**2013 Popcorn Top Sellers:** (Note: These numbers may not reflect online sales)

Matinecock District Total Sales: \$163,336 (a **9%** increase over 2012) as part of a council wide sale of over \$610,000.

With a 70% return, that's over **\$114,335** that has been earned for our Matinecock units and for the Suffolk County Council!

Units selling over \$5000:

Boy Scouts:

Troop 5: \$5,903 (-2%)

Troop 410: \$6,257 (-11%)

Troop 12: \$7,735 (+16%)

Troop 8: \$11,145 (+60%)

**Troop 322: \$12,197** (+24%)

Cub Scouts:

Pack 322: \$5,154 (+15%)

Pack 400: \$5,504 (+24%)

Pack 589: \$6,357 ( new sellers)

Pack 5: \$7,745 (+12%)

Pack 329: \$7,913 (+11%)

Pack 238: \$8,626 (-30%)

Pack 66: \$8,956 (+64%)

Pack 403: \$9,736 (-15%)

Pack 312: \$10,962.00 (-8%)

**Pack 406: \$16,406**(+23%) \*\* highest district sales in last 9 years

How do these units do it? ASK THEM!

For more information visit:

[www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)

[www.trails-end.com](http://www.trails-end.com)

Matinecock District Popcorn Kernel

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Our Western Cub Scout Day Camp saw an increase in participants this year with many coming from Matinecock. Our Webelos Woods, under the guidance of Jeff Duncan and Matt Shieferstein, saw almost 1,100 scouters descend on Cathedral Pines County Park for a great weekend of demonstrations and fun for our Boy Scouts and Webelos. This year our popcorn sales were up almost \$20,000 despite only slightly more than half our units selling. Looking forward to 2014 we'll be jumping right in with fundraising and community service efforts: FOS will be kicking off the beginning of January along with our nut sale and our new camp card fundraiser. We'll be continuing with our Scouting for Food Campaign with bag distribution in January (yes we have bags this year) and culminating in late March with our food turn in on the 22nd. We also have our Polar Bear Camporee at Schiff on January 24-26 and our Spring Camporee and Cub Fun Day in April on the 4-6 and the 26 respectively. I want to thank everyone that has helped make this year as great as it was and I look forward to making 2014 even better.

Bobby Rabbitt, Matinecock District Executive  
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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/>

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: [www.ccos-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.org)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org)

Shinnecock Lodge web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

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***January Scouting Themes:***

Cub Scout Core Value: Positive Attitude

Webelos Activity Pins: Fitness, Readyman

Boy Scout: Wilderness Survival

From: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/themes/scout-themes-2014.asp>

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