



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



November 14, 2013

What's Up (Coming)

November 2013

- November 15 & 16 – Popcorn Distribution

December 2013

- December 12 - Roundtable & OA

January 2013

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

Go to

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

Special Series on Bullying: Tonight we start a series of presentations on bullying - what it is, indications of bullying and how it can be stopped. Bullying is not a right of passage. It is an intentional abuse and personally destructive experience that, at a minimum, can cause youth to drop out of Scouting. It can involve verbal, physical and now cyber abuse. We'll provide methods from BSA National on spotting bullying, prevention and appropriate intervention teaching Scout-like respect for one another to support Scouting is a safe haven.

Silver Beaver Nominations: As previously announced, nominations for the 2014 Silver Beaver Award are now being accepted. This is the highest Council recognition for a Scouting volunteer and recognizes a Scouter's extraordinary contributions to Scouting, the community and youth outside of Scouting within a council's footprint. Nomination forms are available for download on the Suffolk County Council website, www.sccbsa.org in Word format. Marc Nathanson is the Matinecock District Silver Beaver Coordinator and will help you complete the nomination form. He can be reached at matbear@optonline.net.

Thinking Ahead – Scouting for Food: The holiday season is coming. First a time for giving thanks. Then a time of giving. We're asking all units to think ahead, even past the coming holiday season, to those who are not as blessed as some of us. Please think ahead to the Scouting for Food Campaign.

What's our goal for this year? The same as every year – 100% unit participation. What could we do if all units did a Good Turn? We could teach our youth and feed more families. Talk to your unit committees and to your youth. This is vitally important. Let's lead the way with 100% participation. Speak with Matt Schieferstein or Don Ghee if you have any questions.

A message from our District Executive: We are now a little more than two months into our Scouting year and Matinecock is doing a fantastic job. Our pack fall recruitments have so far brought in close to 160 new scouts and close to 45 new adult leaders. Webelos Woods, the last weekend in October, saw almost 1,100 scouts descend on Cathedral Pines County Park in Middle Island. While the first night was a little chilly, the weather was sunny and mild Saturday (albeit "slightly" windy) and the Webelos had an outstanding time taking part in the activities provided by all the participating Troops. Big thank you to Matt Schieferstein and Jeff Duncan for putting together and handling all the logistics for this event. We recently finished up our popcorn fundraiser (take order distribution will be this Friday) and as of this printing Matinecock has sold \$160,000+ which is 6% higher than last year. Great job to all those units that got out there and sold. This money not only helps the boys and units themselves but also helps council. Right now Troop 113 is hard at work planning for our Polar Bear in January at Schiff Scout Reservation and the Friends of Scouting committee is working on getting this year's campaign wrapped up and prepping for next year's campaign. There are still plenty of spots open on some of our district subcommittees, namely fundraising, activities and membership. If you could help out in any way please contact me so we can get you started. Keep up the great work Matinecock.

Bobby Rabbitt, Matinecock District Executive
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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

December Core Value and Pack Meeting Theme

The Core Value for December is Respect and the Pack Meeting Theme is "Passport to Other Lands". Respect is showing regard for the worth of someone or something. It is something we should all practice every day. We should strive to be respectful of others, of our surroundings, in what we say and do, and most of all, we should have respect for ourselves. Cub Scouts will learn that if they are respectful of others, others will respect them.

Today we recognize that people of many different nationalities live in our communities. Learning about the ways of others helps lead to understanding, which in turn leads to respect. Respect means showing regard for the worth of something or someone. This month we focus on having respect for others by learning about the customs, religions, foods, and traditions of our friends from other countries.

Opening Ceremony – Hello!

Props: Cue cards with the Scouts' lines printed on the back. It can also be useful to display a world map showing which countries have Scouting organizations. On the front of the cue cards you could have the foreign word to be said by the Cub Scout, a picture from the country, or a map of the country showing where the country is located.

Go to www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/countries to see the list of all 161 countries participating in the World Brotherhood of Scouting. Go to www.ipl.org/div/hello for a more complete list of how to say and pronounce "Hello" in various languages.

Note: If you look up the words for "Good Bye," you could do this as a closing.

Announcer: Welcome to our meeting. There are 161 countries in the World Brotherhood of Scouting, as shown on our map. There are many languages spoken in those countries but you can always hear a Scout greeting you.

Spanish: Hola (OH-lah)

French: Bonjour (bohn-ZHOOR)

German: Guten Tag (GOOT-en Tahg)

Mandarin: Ni hao (nee-HOW)

Russian: Zdravstvuite (ZzDrast-vet- yah)

Mohawk: Sekoh (SEH-goh)

Swahili: Jambo (JAM-bo)

Arabic: Al salaam a'alaykum (AHL sah-LAHM-ah ah-LAY-koom)

Hindi: Namaste (nah-mah-STAY)

Hebrew: Shalom (Sha-LOHM)

Hawaiian: Aloha (ah-LOW-ha)

Announcer: No matter where you go or how you say it, you can count on being greeted by a Scout who says "Hello."

Prayer:

Kind and good Lord, teach me to be humble and generous, to imitate your example, to love you with all my heart, and to follow your path.

Cubmaster Minute/Closing:

When people travel to foreign countries, they have to ask their governments to issue them what's called a passport. A passport is a little booklet with your name and picture in it, along with several blank pages on which foreign border officials stamp the seals of their countries when you enter. You can't go into another country without your passport.

Did you know that every Scout already has a passport? It's not a little booklet, but a small purple patch that we wear on our uniforms, called the World Crest. The World Crest is a symbol of brotherhood and good will the world over.

When you wear the World Crest on your Cub Scout uniform, you remind yourself that you are a part of an organization that includes, but also goes far beyond, your own home nation. The World Crest also reminds us that human beings should be respected and valued regardless of their race, color, creed, or place of origin. You'll still need a paper passport to visit foreign lands, but the World Crest allows Cub Scouts to think of every person as their neighbor and friend.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Webelos Pack Meeting Demonstrations

Webelos don't participate in the Cub Scout pack program. They are on the transition trail to Boy Scouts. But Webelos dens can participate at the pack meeting through demonstrations that are related to the current activity badge.

- When your Webelos move on to Boy Scouts, they will frequently be in presentation mode. This could be as a trainer of younger scouts. It could be at a troop court of honor. It could be as the senior patrol leader. Presentations at pack meetings is a good first step to start building their confidence in front of a crowd.
- This is an excellent way for the boys to show what they have learned.
- These demonstrations also excite the interest and anticipation of the younger boys in the pack.
- A Webelos den should plan their demonstration carefully and practice so that it can be done smoothly.
- Encourage the boys to explain to the audience in clear and simple terms what they are doing and why.
- Ideas for pack meeting demonstrations are included for each activity badge in the *Webelos Leader Guide*.

Webelos Preparation for Blue & Gold

Everyone in the pack prepares for the annual Blue & Gold Dinner to celebrate the founding of Scouting. Some ideas for Webelos Blue & Gold preparation?

Blue and Gold Den Centerpiece

Materials: Colored pencils, marker, or crayons, tape, 5x7-inch card stock or file folder.

Each boy in a den makes a drawing of his favorite Webelos activities among the requirements for his rank advancement. When everyone is done, tape the cards together to form an accordion runner for the center of a table.

Project: Personal Stamps for Placemats, Place Markers, Invitations

Materials: Craft foam, scrap wood, paper cut to the size of the wood base, glue.

The design can be a tiger or wolf paw, bear claw, Webelos badge shape, fleur-de-lis, the boy's initials, or something that characterizes him—a bat and a ball for a baseball fan, sailboat for a water-sport fan. Boys can draw their designs freehand or use stencils.

Draw a simple design on paper using thick lines. Place paper on the foam and trace the design, pressing hard. You will see a slight indentation in the foam. Cut around the design. If you accidentally cut at a wrong place, you can fix it when you glue it onto the base. Glue to the wood base. Apply glue to the side on which you drew the design. Attach another scrap wood piece as a handle. When the glue is dry decorate the construction paper with the personal stamp and some paint or ink, and make placemats. Place cards may be made with thin cardboard, file folders, or card stock.

Arrow of Light Preparation

The Webelos are preparing for the Blue & Gold by achieving the Arrow of Light. Part of this preparation is in joint Webelos/Boy Scout Activities. This part of the Webelos to Scout Transition that not only acquaints the Webelos with Boy Scout subjects, but also with troops and the individual Boy Scouts that comprise them. Let's say it's a variation on Meet and Greet theme.

- Inviting Den Chiefs and fellow troop mates to the Pack Blue & Gold
- Attending a Troop Court of Honor or Founders' Day Dinner (Boy equivalent of the Blue & Gold)
- Boy Scout demonstrations at a Webelos den meeting
- Troop hikes
- Joint field trips (Remember your trip reports, as applicable)
- Local overnights
- Troop sponsored Webelos Parents Night to promote the troop's program and summer camp plans.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

If you are in the Theodore Roosevelt District, the word “bully” can be one of affirmation and encouragement. But for a young scout on the receiving end of a bully, it is quite the opposite. The problem of bullying isn’t new, but it is a hot topic right now and Scouters must learn as much as they can to deal with it in the most effective ways. We should learn more about:

- The traits of a bully
- The traits of a passive victim
- How to spot a Troop bully
- How to spot a Troop victim

Our job is to create a culture in our Troop that is anti-bullying and seeks to understand the motives of the bully and the concerns of the victim. Here are seven suggested ways to stop bullying as suggested in the article, *The Troop Bully*, published in Scouting Magazine (September-October 2010) available online:

1. **Stop the actions and protect the target from danger.**
2. **Identify the behavior in a calm tone and say that it’s not O.K.**
3. **Talk to the target**
4. **Encourage the Target to tell his parents**
5. **Talk to the parents of the bully**
6. **Convene a patrol leaders’ council to review the**
7. **Call a board of review for serious incidents of Bullying.**



Venturing

Upcoming SCC VOA events: The next VOA event will be On: November 21, 2013, Time: 7:00 PM, Location: Karts Indoor Raceway, Ronkonkoma – head counts required by November 14th. Please encourage your Venturers to attend. There is also a Climbing event on the schedule for December 26th – Details to follow.

Upcoming NER Area 2 Events: The next NER Area Venturing Meeting will be held on 12/ 8 at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford CT. This is a GREAT opportunity to get engaged in the planning of the next APEX event being held May 2-4, 2014. There will be carpools set up for this event, please let Bob Koch know if you are interested in attending. There will be over 300 Venturers at this event – Be part of it!!

Area Dude Ranch Trip March 7-9, 2014: The Area Venturing VOA was able to get a great price for a weekend trip to Malibu Dude Ranch. The Cost will be \$150 for all Venturers and Advisors. The price 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). The flyer will be out this month and it will include a discounted combo price if the venturer signs up for both the Dude Ranch AND the Apex.

Other NER Area 2 Venturing Events: NER Area 2 Meetings: February 9th, 2014, NER Area 2 Meeting: April 6, 2014 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

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

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

I would like to remind all leaders to review their unit's current roster. Are all your Scouts listed? Are all your leaders listed?

Please get applications into council right away. Do not wait until your charter renews.

This will help your Scouts with proper recording of advancement, various awards, and most importantly, it provides the insurance coverage for both the youth and the adult leadership. Don't let there be a lapse in coverage. While doing a unit inventory, take a look at the training status. Remember Youth Protection training must be done every 2 years. Charters cannot be posted for those units with leaders where youth protection training has expired.

If you have any questions regarding youth and adult registration, or your charter, speak with your Unit Commissioner.

The Commissioners are here for your unit to succeed.

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



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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

- **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: 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:

Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2013 Popcorn Fundraiser



Take Order Distribution:

- November 15 (3:00pm – 7:00pm)
- November 16 (8:00am – 9:30am)

Clare Rose, Yaphank
100 Rose Executive Boulevard
Yaphank, NY

A Scout is Helpful: volunteers are required at distribution. Please contact Lauran Vlachos and let her know that you can come and help either on Friday or Saturday. Adults & scouts (14 and over please) – any time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

A Scout is Courteous: Your patience is greatly appreciated as you wait your turn, and volunteers pull your order and make sure that it is accurate.

A Scout is Trustworthy: If you get your product home and discover you were given product you did not order, please contact council to rectify (if you get something that you didn't order, someone else's order is very likely going to be short).

Take Order Payment Due – December 9

For more information visit:

www.sccbbsa.org

www.trails-end.com

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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@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/>

December Scouting Themes:

Cub Scout Core Value: Respect

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Theme(s) - options:

Holiday Lights, Starts and Stripes, Passport to Other Lands

Webelos Activity Pins: Craftsman, Scientist

Boy Scout: Cooking

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

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