



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



January 16, 2014

What's Up (Coming)

January 2014

- January 24-26, Polar Bear

February 2014

- February 13 - Roundtable & OA

March 2014

- March 29 –District Derby

Links:

www.matdistrict.org for instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources.

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

For more useful links to scouting information, see the last page.

Scouting for Food: Scouting for Food is coming up. The Matinecock District Scouting for Food message is simple - We ask that ALL units participate. Our communities need you. Please plan to participate. The District goal is 100% unit participation. And the Scouting for Food bags are available at tonight's Roundtable. This effort fills a critical need for local food pantries as their stocks gathered during the holiday season have run out. Mark March 22, 2014 on your calendars as the Scouting for Food drop-off date. Talk with Matt Schieferstein (mallowat@optonline.net) or Don Ghee (Donald.Ghee@Chase.com) with any questions.

Special Series on Bullying: We continue our special series of presentations on bullying discussing how unit leaders can create an anti-bullying culture in their units. This is the critical step in implementing an effective anti-bullying program in your units. To mention it again, we are presenting the BSA National methods to address bullying. And thanks for sharing your thoughts.

From our District Executive: 2014 is shaping up to be a great year in Matinecock. We're starting our year with 2 great fundraisers in the Camp Card and Nut sales. Both of these fundraisers help the boys, the units and council all at the same time and are a great way for the boys to earn money for events, camp, etc. Also we have a great series of events and activities coming up that I hope all units will participate in. Our Polar Bear camporee for Troops is the end of this month with Troop 113 putting together a diverse and interactive schedule of events that every scout will find fun and challenging. In February many Packs will be having their Blue and Golds and we will see our Webelos move up to Boy Scouts. Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath are also coming up so please see your unit mailboxes for times and places participating so your unit can attend. Our spring camporee this year will be the first weekend in April at Southaven County Park. Our activities committee headed by Matt McEvoy has a crew hard at work planning an unforgettable weekend and we finish out April with our Cub Fun Day on April 26. Medieval Times is our theme this year and I encourage all Packs to get your registrations in early for an exciting day (or knight). I encourage all units to take part in at least one of the winter fundraisers and also to register for the activities we have planned in the next few months. All these activities are meant to promote scouting skills in a fun and challenging way both for Cub and Boy Scouts. If you have any questions about anything please don't hesitate to contact me.

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

February's Core Value and Pack Meeting Theme

The Core Value for February 2014 is Resourcefulness and the Pack Meeting Theme is "Invention Convention".

Being resourceful means using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Through participating in the pack recycling projects, boys will gain an understanding of the ways to utilize available resources to accomplish tasks. They will learn that one of the ways to be resourceful is to use their imaginations.

How does this month's theme, Invention Convention represent the Core Value of Resourcefulness? America is a culture of innovation! It's one of our national strengths. This month's theme promotes creativity, imagination, and resourcefulness. Close your eyes and dream. Cub Scouts will learn that the sky's the limit when it comes to a great idea. The boys will also learn that anyone with an idea and desire can be an inventor and innovator.

Pack Meeting Opening Prayer – Be Resourceful

Help us to be resourceful as we strive to build up our Cub Scouts, just as we show them how to build things in our world. May we maintain the same positive attitude we want our Cub Scouts to have. May they be reminded of the wonder and beauty of the creation

Invention Convention Opening Ceremony

Materials: Cubmaster and six Cub Scouts holding cards with their assigned letter and a picture of the invention on front and script on back.

Cubmaster: This month's theme is "Invention Convention." And we've something to tell you about some genius inventors.

Scout: "G" is for Gutenberg. He invented moveable type for printing, so that we can have books, papers, and magazines to read. He was resourceful in applying what he learned from others.

Scout: "E" is for Edison. He gave us many electrical ideas, but perhaps his greatest was the light bulb to help light up our world. He was resourceful in using over 1,000 different materials before finding the one that worked.

Scout: "N" is for Newton. He discovered gravity and worked with electricity. He was resourceful, using that apple for inspiration.

Scout: "I" is for Irving. He was a genius with his pen. He wrote many stories, which young and old have enjoyed for ages. He was resourceful in learning about where he lived.

Scout: "U" is for Urey. He made his discoveries in chemistry and nuclear power, which will be used for many generations. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1934 for his discoveries.

Scout: "S" is for "Scouting," which helps every boy develop genius in his very own way. Cub Scouts are always resourceful when they do their best.

Cubmaster: Now let us salute the genius that is in every boy by standing and saying our pledge to the flag of our country.

Special Interest Topic – World Fellowship Fund

We are getting into full swing on Scouting for Food drive as discussed on page 1 of this issue. This helps the local community. But there is also the worldwide scouting movement. The World Friendship Fund of the Boy Scouts of America, which assists developing nations in providing Scouting to their youth.

The World Friendship Fund was developed during the last days of World War II. At that time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in the nations that had been wracked by war and were just emerging from the shadows of totalitarianism. Since the inception of the World Friendship Fund, American Scouts and leaders have voluntarily donated more than \$11 million to self help activities for Scouts.

Want to see how World Fellowship can work in your unit? View the BSA National Messengers for Peace program at <http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace.aspx>. The Scouts of the world have always been a powerful force for good. The Messenger for Peace initiative lets us celebrate what our Scouts have already accomplished and inspire them to accomplish even more. Consider an addition to your program to create a better community and world.



Cub Scouting, cont.

Wolves and Tigers and Bears...and Webelos Too!

Advancement Ceremony - Invention Convention

Equipment: Box made up to look like a computer, large cards with Bobcat, Wolf, etc., on them; awards.

Cubmaster: In keeping with this month's theme, invention convention, I would like to unveil my latest invention. (Uncover or bring in computer.) This amazing device is able to collect all the information that comes in from our pack committee members, den leaders, Webelos den leaders and parents. It can then determine which Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts are eligible for which awards. Allow me to demonstrate. (Hold up Bobcat card. Insert into slot in machine. Pick up pre-positioned Bobcat awards from rear of box.)

Cubmaster: Will (name) and his parents please come forward? (Present awards). (Follow similar procedures for awards of Wolf, Bear, Arrow Points and Webelos badge and activity awards.) (Hold up Arrow of Light card. Insert into machine. Call for Arrow of Light recipient.)

Cubmaster: These young men may or may not be inventors, but they have shown the truth of Thomas Edison's saying that 90 percent of success is perspiration. They have worked long and hard, some as long as three years, to achieve their goals. What they built was not a better mousetrap, but something far more valuable to the world today: better young men. In recognition of this achievement, we present them with an award that is so highly thought of that it is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on all other Scout uniforms. (Present awards) I want to congratulate all of you and your parents. The whole pack is proud of your accomplishments and we're sure you will continue to Do Your Best.

Cubmaster's Minute: Your Toolkit

A Cubmaster Minute always ties the various pack meeting activities together and gives the boys a simple message to remember. Here's one for Invention Convention:

Tonight's theme, invention convention, is about inventing, creating, and building things. Anything worth inventing takes some thoughtful planning. We need to know what materials we need, what rules we have to follow, and when we need to get it done. While you're inventing something useful, you are also increasing your skills. Even if you had a tough time doing it this time, it won't be so hard the next time. You're not only inventing cool stuff, but you're inventing your own personal toolbox of skills that you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

Closing Ceremony: Boy Genius

Setting: Five uniformed Cub Scouts line up in front of the room and speak the following lines. (They may hold posters with representative pictures on the front and the script on the back).

Cub Scout 1: Everyone cannot be brilliant, everyone cannot be smart. I may not be a genius, but I can build a neat go-cart. **Cub Scout 2:** I can dam a stream with boulders. I can climb trees to the top. I can run for blocks and never even stop.

Cub Scout 3: I can't solve a chemical equation or explain Newton's rule, but I can make a peanut butter sandwich that will really make you drool.

Cub Scout 4: I don't know much about flowers, but smelling them is a joy.

Cub Scout 5: I don't think I'm a failure. I'm a genius at being a boy! Good night!

And Our Webelos - Webelos Den Overnight Campouts

Spring isn't that far off with summer not far behind. What about preparing for your Webelos den camping activities? Webelos Scout overnight campouts should introduce the boy and his parent or guardian to the basics of the Boy Scout camping program. These events are to be conducted under the leadership of a Webelos leader who is trained in Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills (OWLS) for Webelos Leaders, an outdoor-emphasis training provided by the district or council. Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnight campouts each year. These campouts are parent-son events, under the direction of the Webelos den leader. At the den overnight campout, the Webelos den leader may be assisted by the assistant Webelos den leader and the Webelos den chief. Sometimes, additional leadership from a Boy Scout troop may join you. Webelos camping information is available on the page 150 of the *Cub Scout Leader Guide* and Webelos Camping on page 12 in the *Webelos Leader Guide*.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Each year a new crop of novice scouts face the challenges and rewards of cold weather camping. It bears repeating the good preparation is the key to success. Below is a list of key points to follow in the all-important Be Prepared readiness for the Polar Bear or other winter camping:

Cold Weather Camping Reminders:

- No Cotton. Especially jeans. Cotton gets wet and stays wet. You will get and stay COLD.
- Fleece and wool will keep you warm even when it's soaking wet.
- Dress in layers. • Waterproof, insulated boots. No sneakers!
- * Bring Hand and Foot warmers. • Closed cell sleeping mats only.
- Wear a Hat – large amount of body heat goes out through the top of your head.
- * Get a Zero degree or lower rated bag. 15 degree bag won't really keep you warm at 15 degrees.
- Add a Space Blanket to your sleeping setup.
- Change into dry clothes for sleeping, or you will be cold all night.
- Drink a lot of water, your body loses water as much in winter as in summer.
- Note if a person is shivering and can't stop. Get them moving. Get them to the Health Lodge.



Venturing

Upcoming SCC VOA events: The next VOA event will be On Feb 27, 2014

NER Venturing Area 2 Apex will take place May 2-4 at Camp Sequassen, Connecticut. The theme is "Interdimensional Venturing - Where the Past Meets the Present". With a fee of \$45 for cabins or \$40 for tents and includes all food, lodging and activities.

Area Dude Ranch Trip March 7-9, 2014: This is a great opportunity to have a tremendous amount of fun for a really great price. The \$150 fee includes all meals (Late Friday night through Sunday Lunch), horseback riding both Saturday and Sunday, lodging (motel style) and all activities at the Dude Ranch (need to pay for ammunition at the rifle ranch). There is an indoor pool, game room, bonfire, hayride, rifle range and lots more. In addition, the area will also be hosting activities during the weekend.

The flyers are available on www.sccbsa.org 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://nerventinging-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

Happy New Year!!! The start of a new year brings new training opportunities!
Here are some upcoming District training opportunities:

Youth Protection Training - January 25th - At the District Polar Bear!!!

Trainers EDGE - February 1st - See council website for more information.

Den Leader & Webelos Leader - March 19th Hauppauge H.S. 7:30 pm

IOLS & WLOT - May 16th - 18th - Blydenburgh Park

Please check out Council calendar for all upcoming trainings available!

After all.... " Every Scout deserves a trained leader! "

"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.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

With the start of a new year we look at where we have been and where are we going. I ask that all units look at the same in regards to their charter organization. Is there a good relationship? The pack, troop, crew or ship unit is part of the charter organization and the charter organization is part of the unit. Do you invite the charter organization to your Blue and Gold, Court of Honor, etc. do they invite you to their functions? Reestablish ties, encourage training and develop how both add value to each other.

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



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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting: WEBSITE:<http://www.ccos-drvc.org/SCCBSA1.html>

- **JAN 17, 2014** - HOLY HOUR & DODGEBALL AT ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, HICKSVILLE. Doors open at 7pm, Dodgeball games after Holy Hour.
- **FEB 2, 2014** - BOY SCOUT SUNDAY See the website for all participating Churches & dates. A newly designed patch is available.
- **FEB 6, 2014** - MONTHLY SUFFOLK CCOS MEETING AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN RONKONKOMA
- **FEB 7-9, 2014** - POPE PIUS XII RETREAT, KELLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL, UNIONDALE NY. Registration forms are available on the website. This retreat is required for all Pope Pius XII Candidates.
- **APR 5, 2014** - SUFFOLK CCOS CUB FUN & FAITH DAY AND BOY SCOUT DAY OF RECOLLECTION
- **APR 25, 2014** - DEADLINE FOR AD ALTARE DEI AND POPE PIUS RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS
- **MAY 1, 2014** - DEADLINE FOR BRONZE PELICAN , ST. GEORGE & BISHOP EMBLEMS

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: 1/27(new date), 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- and "more to come" (in the planning stages")-
Temple Beth David, Commack-Jan 3, 2014 - - to be rescheduled
Dix Hills Jewish Center, Dix Hills – Feb. 14, 2014 – 7pm
Temple Beth-Chai, Hauppauge-Feb14, 2014 - 8:00PM
East Northport Jewish Center-Feb 28, 2014 - 7:30PM
- 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:

Matinecock District
2014 Boy Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BE PREPARED!

(* = Refreshments/Fellowship to follow services)

(# = Wear troop or pack hats; head coverings for men and boys (yarmulkes) will be available if needed.

No troop or pack flags at Scout Sabbath Services.)

Date/Time	Location	Contact
Feb. 2 (Sun) 9:00 a.m Mass	St. Joseph RC Church Church Street, Kings Park	Carolyn Flynn, 269-1145 carolynflynn@optonline.net
Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei emblems will be presented		
Feb 2 (Sun)* 9:00 a.m	Commack United Methodist Church 486 Townline Rd. (just north of Jericho Tpke)	Nancy Mastroianni, nrmastroianni@optonline.net
Feb 2(Sun) 9:15 a.m. Family Mass	St. Thomas More RC Church 115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge	Peter Crociata, PJMMT95@aol.com
Feb. 2 (Sun) 12:00 p.m. Mass	St. Anthony of Padua RC Church, 5 th Avenue, East Northport	Ellen Byrne 261-6259, EByrne@Arrow.com Phyllis Stevenson, 368-0376 PSteve8873@aol.com
Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei emblems will be presented		
Feb 9 (Sun) 9:15 a.m	Christ Lutheran Church, 189 Burr Road, East Northport	Rich Sher, 275-3409 rich@troop200elwood.org
Feb. 14 (Fri) * 8:00 p.m	Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge # 870 Town Line Road, Hauppauge	Bruce Streger 981-0453, Phyllis Stein 265-8141 thecamerlady@verizon.net
Feb 14(Fri) 8:00p.m	Dix Hills Jewish Center, 555 Vanderbilt Pkwy, Dix Hills	Rona Bode 368-0290, ronabode@gmail.com
Feb. 23 (Sun)*, 10:00 a.m. Service	St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11 Ogden Ct, Huntington Station	Sandy Hustedt 385-0046, . jshustedt@verizon.net
Feb. 23(Sun)*, 11:30 a.m. Mass	St. Hugh of Lincoln RC Church, Mass 21 East Ninth Street, Huntington Station	Solange Rich 917-468-1579, solangerich@aol.com
Religious Emblems will be presented. Hospitality in Parish Center		
Feb28 (Fri)* 8:00 p.m	East Northport Jewish Center # 328 Elwood Road, East Northport	Wendy Isaac368-6474, halvahniceday@yahoo.com

District Classified Ads

Announcement: 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off Contest on Feb. 8th, 2014, 7:30pm to midnight at the Huntington Elks Lodge. This is a fund raiser for the Nick Demidovich fund. It is a very fun event and it keeps growing every year. We raise money and help Scouts and their families defray the cost of summer camp and other Boy Scout related expenses. I also want to OFFER the money to all the troops and packs in our district if they know of any scouts or cubs that could use some financial help.

Two ways to be involved: enter your chili into the contest! And/or attend the event. The flyers will be available on the district egroup or by contacting me at the email below.

YIS,
Peter Demidovich
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.

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/>

February Scouting Themes:

Cub Scout Core Value: Resourcefulness

Webelos Activity Pins: Scholar Engineer

Boy Scout: Communications

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

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