



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



September 11, 2014

What's Up (Coming)

September 2014

- September 14&15 – Council Wide Recruitment
- September 19&20 – Popcorn Distribution

October 2014

- October- 9 Roundtable & OA
- October 24-26, Webelos Woods

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.

WELCOME BACK! It's the start of a great new scouting year and I hope everyone is as excited as I am to get going this year. We have a lot of great events planned for this year and I hope that every unit will take part in all of them. We encourage everyone to branch out and try some new things this year. Have your unit do things they've never done before. Challenge yourselves. Push yourselves. You'll surprise yourself with what your capable of and how much fun you'll have doing it. If you aren't sure if your unit is ready to take on new challenges because of a lack of training or experience we have a great district committee loaded with people ready to step up and help you with whatever you're looking to do. Our committee chairs and contact information is now listed on the matdistrict.org website under district contacts. Reach out to them and they'll be happy to help. I'd like to recognize our entire roundtable staff: Edie Pulizzotto, Don Dailey, Rita O'Malley-Murphy, Michael Shef and Stu Weinberg for the time they put in this summer getting our revamped Roundtable going. I think the ideas they have are going to help us streamline the information output and get us to the heart of the meeting quicker. Again, welcome back and let's have a great year!

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"Scouting is a game with a purpose."



Cub Scouting

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

Summer is over and Fall is upon us! Before you put away all the summer memories, don't forget to apply for the **National Summertime Pack Award**. It's really easy. First, did your Pack have an activity in June, July and August? If you answered "yes" then you qualify! Now all you need to do is fill out the application and send it in to Council. You can find the application (and additional information about the award) here:

<http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/content/award/award-1584.asp>

Dens that have greater than 50% participation in all summer events qualify for the Den award. You can apply for the Den awards on the same application.

Did you have Scouts that attended all the events? They qualify for the pin. The only trick is knowing which pin they should get. They should get the pin of the rank that they are, not the rank they are working on.

If you had Scouts that attended Scout camp (resident or day camp), they are well on their way to the **Outdoor Activity Award**. This is a patch that is worn on the pocket flap of their uniform. Each year the number of requirements to get the patch increases, so encourage the boys to earn them early! For additional information see the website below:

http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/content/award/cub_scout_outdoor_activity-704.asp

Now that the end of summer business is taken care of – look to the Fall. Fall is recruitment time! Well, anytime is good for recruiting, but now parents are looking to plan their kid's year, so this is a great time to get new Scouts! Here are some things to do:

- 1) Attend the recruitment event on 9/14 and 9/15. Your Unit Commissioner can give you all the details.
- 2) Post that you are recruiting for Scouts on Facebook pages about your school or that is for your area.
- 3) Contact your PTA at your school and ask them to "eblast" a recruiting message.
- 4) Populate your PIN on BeAScout.org.
- 5) Ask to have a recruiting table at Meet the Teacher Night.

The possibilities are endless! Be creative and enthusiastic about the program.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

What: Webelos Woods is an overnight family camping weekend for Webelos and their parents. During the weekend Webelos will have an opportunity to: work on various portions of certain activity badges, meet and interact with all the troops in the Matinecock District, ask questions about the types of activities each Troop does and begin their Webelos to Scout transition; as well as camp with their Packs.

When: Friday, October 24 – Sunday, October 26

Where: Cathedral Pines County Park, 116 Yaphank-Middle Island Road

Who: Newly minted Webelos (1st year Webelos) and those working on their Arrow of Light requirements (2nd year Webelos) and their parents.

Registration: Forms handed out at September Roundtable. \$10 per person attending.

Forms are due at the October Roundtable (10/9/14). Any form turned in after that the cost increases to \$15 per person.

Webelos that help set up their tent and campout overnight will complete various requirements of the **Outdoorsman Activity Badge needed to earn the Arrow of Light.

Troops will be conducting activities that help complete different portions of Activity Badges.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Does your Troop have a hole in it?

It's not unusual and it can sneak up on you in just a few short years. The "hole" I refer to is a gap in age levels. The gap could be caused by a year when, for some reason or many reasons, a number of boys drop out. This often happens within a year of joining or around age 14 or 15. It is also why annual diligence directed toward recruiting new boys is very important. Even in a Troop that seems healthy, with a patrol of boys at every age, one or two can drop out and friends tend to follow and soon you have a hole that will be a problem when you need older boys leading the Troop. There are no sure-fire ways to prevent the age gap from happening, but there are a few things you can do to try and keep a Troop that is represented at every age from 11 to 17+.

- Recruit new scouts every year. Visit Packs. Go to Webelos Woods. Get an M&M person working for you.
- Follow up with interested Packs and Webelos families after Webelos Woods
- Be sure new Scouts have a great experience. Protect them with an ASM of New Scouts and a reliable Troop Guide. Be sure they have plenty of Advancement opportunities and get recognized ASAP.
- Start a high adventure program to keep older scouts interested.
- Monitor the numbers. If scouts stop coming to meetings, find out why with personal phone calls and resolve any issues that might lead to scouts leaving the Troop.
- Have activities that foster friendships between boys which will help them to stay involved. If some scouts seem to be loners, find ways to involve them.
- Get parents involved! Boys with involved parents tend to stay on and have a good chance of reaching Eagle. Speaking of Eagles, if you have 16 or 17 year old Eagles in your Troop – find them satisfying jobs. Don't let them get away!

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Trained leadership is what every boy in scouting deserves so let's try to give them that. There are numerous training opportunities coming up in the next few months. If the dates Matinecock is running theirs doesn't work for you then feel free to attend another district's training. For a list of training dates and times please consult either matdistrict.org or scbbsa.org and look for the calendar link. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our District Executive, Bobby Rabbitt and he'll get you going on what you need.

Up Coming Matinecock District Training Schedules and information:

- Woodbadge N2-386-14: 9/27-9/29/14
- Tiger/Den Leader/Webelos: 10/8/14
- CM/Pack Com/Pack Trainer: 10/15/14
- Baloo: 10/18/14
- Woodbadge N2-386-14: 11/1-11/3/14
- SM/ASM I: 11/5/14
- SM/ASM II: 11/12/14
- Den Chief: 11/15/14
- SM/ASM III: 11/19/14
- Den Leader/Webelos Leader: 3/18/15
- SM/ASM I, II, III: 4/25/15
- IOLS: 5/15-5/17/15

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 & a special welcome to all the new unit leadership in cub scouts and boy scouts. Hope the summer was safe and productive. Camping, Merit badges, Service projects and Resting overall. All good Scouting initiatives. Key things for this month are: Complete your charter renewal ASAP. Commit to the journey to excellence. Prepare for Webelos Woods. HAVE FUN!

Thanks for all you do for our youth in scouting.

Tom Rolston, Matinecock District Commissioner, 631 368 7022 or trolston72@gmail.com



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

The Committee is especially excited about the Diocesan Boy Scout Retreat being held this October 3-5 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Please consider joining as we explore the theme: The Trail to Sainthood. For info: http://ccos-drv.org/files/Download/2014%20Catholic_Retreat_Registration_form.pdf

Please note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

October 5– Boy Scout Convocation, St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

November 29 - Advent Celebration – Christ the King Church, Commack

December 14 – Peace Light Service, Christ the King Church, Commack

February 6-8 - Pope Pius XII Retreat, Emmanuel Retreat House, Kellenberg H.S.

March 21 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Recollection

April 23 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

May 16 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review

Religious Emblem Counselors for the Boy Scouts Catholic Emblems need to

be trained. We are offering several opportunities that will give Religious Emblem Counselors support and knowledge. Come meet us on one of the following dates and receive your training: Thursday, September 18 or Wednesday, October 15 For info:

http://ccosdrv.org/files/Download/2014%20SummerFall%20Religious%20Emblems%20Trainings_Suffolk.pdf

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Attend our monthly meeting, first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's Ronkonkoma, 7:30 p.m. (Meet in Science Room of School) All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join. Contact: Chris Coronesi, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276



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

Scout Sabbath for 2015:

East Northport Jewish Center - Feb 6 at 7:30pm

Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge - Feb 13 at 8pm

JCOS Awards and Recognitions Breakfast - Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge - Feb 22 (10am-12 noon)

JCOS of SCC annual Conclave - BHSC - June 5-6-7, 2015

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:

2014 Fall Retreat, Nov. 7-9, 2014 at Schiff Scout Camp – Do you have what it takes to Survive?

For more information you can contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 lois40@optonline.net

Wes Triani Triani_wes@NLVMAIL.com – or see flyer on the council website www.sccbsa.org

Suffolk County Council, BSA Fall 2014 Popcorn Fundraiser



Show N Sell Distribution – September 19 & 20 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

Show N Sell Product Return – November 2, 1:00 to 3:00 (Service Center)

Take Order & Prize Order Due – November 3

Take Order Distribution – November 14 & 15 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

Take Order Payment Due – December 15

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

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Prizes:

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

Cash Option – units may opt out of the prize program and instead receive an additional 3%

In addition, **\$600** Popcorn Sellers: Earn a Sky Rocket Set

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

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

**Product is ordered on consignment. All unsold, unopened product may be returned EXCEPT unopened Sweet & Savory, Dark & White Chocolatey Drizzle, and White Chocolate Pretzels.

NOTE: The Chocolate Lovers & 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@yahoo.com

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

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: www.seascout.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 2014 Scouting Themes:

Cub Scout Core Value: Responsibility

Webelos Activity Pins: Showman, Citizen

Boy Scout: Engineering

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

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