



# The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...  
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

August 12, 2012

## CALENDAR

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22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
23 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
31-Sep 1 Goshen Family Campout—Snyder	
<b>September 2012</b>	
7 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
7 Popcorn Order #2 due	11, 12
7-9 Wood Badge #1	
9 OA Chapter Meeting	
13 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
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15 SM/ASM Specific Training	
21 Cub Family Campout—Snyder	
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26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
27 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
<b>October 2012</b>	
7 OA Chapter Meeting	
5 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
5 Popcorn order #3 due	11, 12
8 Community Scout Breakfast	6
11 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
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24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
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<b>November</b>	
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2-4 Hike-o-ree	10
3 Scouting for Food bag distribution	
4 OA Chapter Meeting	
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10 Scouting for food Bag Pickup	
16-18 OA Chapter Fall Ordeal	
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28 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
29 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
30 Silver beaver nominations due	
<b>December (partial)</b>	
1 Final Popcorn order due	11, 12
2 OA Chapter meeting	
7 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
13 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
19 District Committee & Commissioner Meeting,	
30 Award of Merit nominations due	

*Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Washington Irving Middle School in West Springfield District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road .*

## WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- The **2012 Old Dominion District Community Scout Breakfast** will be held on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. The location is the Lorton Arts Workhouse. **Save the date! See page 6.**
- Again this year we plan to honor a youth from our district with the **Old Dominion District "Future of America", youth leadership award**. Nominations of worthy scouts aged 7-18 are currently being accepted. Anyone may nominate a currently registered Old Dominion District youth. Nominations are due August 14, 2012. See page 6.
- The **Fall Camporee and Webelos-ree** will be held in Fredericksburg, VA, see page 8.
- **Tips on getting ready for charter renewal**, and JTE, especially **with regard to training**, are found in the Commissioners' Corner on page 2.
- Congratulations to Round Table attendees on page 2.
- **Philmont as an adult**, and no arduous trails with which to contend? See page 3.
- Membership—**Webelos to Scout and Join Scouting Night**—see page 4.
- **BSA is considering program changes**. See page 5 for details, and an opportunity to make yourself heard.
- An new **Messenger of Peace award** has been announced. See page 6 for details.
- The **BSA policy for membership revocation** is summarized on page 7.
- How is a **Scout is active in his troop defined**? See page 8 for an explanation.
- Page 9 has more **summer opportunities for V3**.
- **COPE training** is here at last, see page 9 for details.
- **V3 Hike-o-ree** details are on page 10. And it is not just for V3 units.
- The **NCAC Popcorn flyer** with program details for 2012 are on page 11, with a bit more detail on page 12.
- **Finance committee** information on NCAC Endowment and is on page 12.

## COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



### From the District Commissioner

How did you spend your summer? I hope it included some quality scouting time. For me, I spent a week at the Summit Bechtel Reserve at the Summit Shakedown as part of the planning staff for next year's jamboree. Seeing scouts and venturers on zip-lines, canopy tours, BMX, skate-board park, world class mountain bike trails – all in the beauty of the West Virginia mountains was awesome. You may have experienced pirates at day camp, campfires at Snyder, funoes at Camp Ross or PMI, basic summer camp, or a high adventure activity – if you did not, do it next year and enable our outstanding youth to have an opportunity to enjoy life and grow in character, outside! Thanks to all those leaders and parents who contributed to a scouting outing this summer.

### Delivering a Successful Unit Program

Many units finalize their annual program at a committee or PLC meeting in August. Including monthly topics, unit and district activities, deconflicting with school and holidays are but a few of what most units consider. Please ensure your review includes join scouting activities and that items to achieve your Journey to Excellence award. Your unit commissioner can be a great resource too.

### Journey to Excellence – are you on the trail?

- Advancement—all done by internet advancement now, ensure you are up to date.
- Retention—make the phone calls and ensure everyone is ready for the kick-off of your new program year.
- Building scouting (recruiting)—hold a JSN activity; e.g., have a table at back to school nights.
- Outdoor activities—put plenty on the calendar
- Trained leadership—in the job you are registered for, all Cub stuff is online, most Boy Scout stuff except for SM/ASM.
- Day camp/resident camp/Camping—promote, schedule and execute
- Service projects—enter on the JTE/Good turn for America site to get credit, ensure you schedule, you can count scouting for food.
- Budget—written budget by August 31 for max points.
- Meetings/Courts of Honor—Schedule to meet your goal.
- Fitness—Ensure built into your calendar.



### Voice of Scouting

The next wave of getting inputs from our volunteers, parents and scouts will occur from September through November. The feedback is good at all levels and it helps us at the district and council levels as we Journey to Excellence. Please encourage those associated with your unit to reply to the e-mail surveys.

### Newly registered or Changing positions?

Whether you are a first time Tiger Den Leader or just advanced and became a Webelos Den Leader, you must get trained in your position. Go to your myscouting.org account and take your specific position courses for the position you are holding and make sure you have submitted an application to reflect your new position. Ensure your BSA ID number is tied to your account so your unit gets credit for your training. Your Committee Chair can get you the number if you have lost your registration card. Council records won't know you are no longer a Tiger Den Leader but a Cub Scout Den Leader without doing that and it could hurt your JTE trained leadership score.

For adults who cannot get their SM/ASM requirements in prior to the end of the year, I recommend you change your position to committee member to not hurt your unit until you can be trained, Review my June column about your 18-20 year olds that go to college to register for college unit scouter reserve, position code 92V vice as ASMs who are away and unable to get the SM/ASM training.

### How do I?

Come to Roundtable and rub elbows with others who are in or have been in your position, get the latest news, learn about timely and relevant topics for your position. In addition, ask a commissioner, we're here to serve.

Jim Stewart  
District Commissioner  
[Va6stewart@cox.net](mailto:Va6stewart@cox.net)  
703-913-4765

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the following units for their outstanding record of roundtable attendance during the last program year; start your streak so you can get your special unit streamer for this coming program year:

- Packs: 684, 691, 855, 860, 863, 991, 1115, 1140, 1501, 1511, 1853
- Troops: 150, 683, 688, 856, 860, 994, 995, 1115, 1140, 1146, 1518, 1853

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Effective Communication = Growth



### My Philmont Training Center Experience

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. This is the time of year when we all remark how quickly time flies. Seems like summer just started and now it's time to gear up for the next year. For those of you who still have vacations coming, I envy you. I am now back into my daily routine, missing my time away. In July, I made the trek out west to Philmont with my daughter, Joe Guida, and Mike and Dale Nepi. Joe, Mike and I all attended the Key 3 class at Philmont Training Center (PTC). I can't tell you how impressed I was with the entire experience. If you have ever considered going, I highly recommend you make the commitment and go!

I flew into Albuquerque and drove to Philmont from there. The scenery driving up is just gorgeous. The three-hour ride just flies by. When you reach Philmont horses, deer and even buffalo along the side of the road will greet you. Unlike the tents the trekkers stay in, the tents at the Philmont Training Center are very spacious, have twin beds, an electric outlet plus a light! Even the most reluctant camper will be right at home. The brand new bathhouses are single room with toilet, sink and shower all in one. Very private!

The entire PTC staff was not only friendly, but also very helpful. All requests were met promptly and with a smile. They offered a huge array of activities for spouses. Handicrafts, tours, teas, museums, movies, and country dancing are just a few of the activities a spouse could enjoy. My daughter just loved the youth camp she attended. She wants to go back next year!

The best part of the whole trip, for me, was the training class and meeting the other scouters from all over the country. Our Council Key 3 instructors from New Birth of Freedom Council were so knowledgeable and great fun. The other class participants were some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Being able to network and share your ideas with other enthusiastic scouters in a breathtaking setting is one of those priceless trips you will never regret! I urge you to join us there next year!

YIS,  
Holly Brown  
Old Dominion District Chairman  
[brown.hollyh@verizon.net](mailto:brown.hollyh@verizon.net)



Above ODD's Holly Brown, Joe Guida, and Mike Nepi (on the far right) with BSA National Commissioner, Tico Perez (second from the right), at the At the Philmont Training Center, Key 3 Training session in July 2012. Below—a class photo (with the Tooth of Time in the upper left background).



### MERIT BADGE JAMBOREE DATE CHANGE

The 2013 Old Dominion District Merit Badge Jamboree date has been moved to March 9, 2013. It will be held at Robert E. Lee High School.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### It's Prime Time Recruiting—JSN Time!

In less than a month our kids will be back in school. Now is the time for your unit to reach out to your schools and arrange for presence during Back to School Nights and schedule Join Scouting Nights. A little planning now ensures a great JSN and growth in your unit.

#### We Need your Unit JSN Coordinator Info —Get your Stuff

First, an important request—we need your units to provide us your current JSN Coordinator as well as your targeted schools ASAP. Please send the info to Tony Tersine, <redacted>.

Second, if you missed August roundtable and still need recruiting materials, please contact Tony to arrange a pickup. We ask that you take what you need, but need what you take— materials gathering dust in your garage potentially deprive your Scouter colleagues of important resources.

Third, once your unit holds the JSN, we want to hear about the experience. What worked, what didn't and how many boys were recruited. Please send the info to <redacted>.

### Webelos to Scout (W2S) Update

Welcome back! Just like every year – August is hot, humid, and there are less than 4 weeks of "summer" left!

A couple months ago dozens of Webelos II boys "graduated" Cub Scouts and [hopefully] started settling in with a Boy Scout Troop. As a W2S coordinator for your Pack, this is where you kick in to high gear. If you haven't done so already, over the next few weeks you should be checking in with your recent "graduates" to ask how they're summer has been going. In particular get your scouts to talk about their summer camping experience. Did they go to a week-long Boy Scout Summer Camp? If not, have they been hiking or camping with their new Troop yet? And, most importantly, are they connected / in touch with their troop about September meetings and fall activities.

If you get any "no's" to the above then you need to reach out to the Troop and make sure they are engaging the scout. Maybe they don't know someone is feeling disconnected or left out. Sometimes a scout in question needs more active encouragement and is in a Troop that uses "passive" communication (web site posts, e-mail to parents, etc.) and needs a more encouraging approach. (for example, a call that says "Hey Bobby, we're calling to me sure you know about the xyz event. We are looking forward to seeing you there.") Sometimes e-mail addresses and phone numbers change or don't get to the right person in the troop. Sometimes it's the simple things that

make a difference and YOU, as the W2S coordinator, can be instrumental in connecting the dots making things happen.

Don't let the months of summer break plus a small oversight cause a boy to drift away from Scouting. Check in with your scouts, reach out to the Troops where needed. Be that lifeline that keeps boys connected and engaged with their new Troop.

One last note – we will be having our annual Webe-los-to-Scout Training session before Roundtable next month. If you will be new to the roll, or would just like the latest info, please plan to attend. Look for more info in next month's Old Rag.

### Need Help? Call the Membership Team

The membership team is standing by to assist your unit in recruiting new Scouts and families into our units:

Vice-Chair, Membership Dan Ehrlich  
[oddmembership@verizon.net](mailto:oddmembership@verizon.net)

District Professional Joe Guida  
[joseph.guida@scouting.org](mailto:joseph.guida@scouting.org)

Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator Tony Tersine  
<redacted>

Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator — Vacant  
**HELP WANTED**

WTS Coordinator John Ruby  
[john.ruby@cytechservices.com](mailto:john.ruby@cytechservices.com)

New Unit Coordinator Bob Colella  
[rkascolella@verizon.net](mailto:rkascolella@verizon.net)

### SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

The fastest way to make an email address change or subscribe to the ODD's YAHOO mailing list is as follows.

To subscribe, from the new address, or add a new subscription, send a blank (empty) email to:

**NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoo.com**

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:

**NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoo.com**

This has the effect of deleting the subscription for the old address, and creating a new subscription for the new address. If this does not work for you, send an email request to: **NCACOLDDOMINION-owner@yahoo.com**

## BSA CONSIDERS PROGRAM CHANGES

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CONSIDERS CHANGES TO PROGRAM IDEALS TO REINFORCE THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION AND ENHANCE ALIGNMENT WITH WORLD SCOUTING

As a result of volunteer-driven deliberations associated with the 2011-2015 National Council Strategic Plan, the BSA is considering changes to certain of its ideals for Cub Scouts and Venturing in order to provide earlier and more continuous reinforcement of the mission of the Boy Scouts of America in all of its programs.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

In presentations to the officers of the BSA, two separate groups of volunteers made parallel recommendations to more clearly connect the Scout Oath and Law to the ideals of Cub Scouts and Venturing. Specifically, the teams recommended the following:

#### Cub Scouts:

- Adopt the Scout Oath and Law for use in the Cub Scout program, retiring the Cub Scout Promise.
- Revise the Core Values of Cub Scouts to align exactly with the twelve points of the Scout Law.
- Retire the Law of the Pack, while maintaining the concept of "Akela" as leader.
- Maintain the current Cub Scout motto, sign, salute, and handshake.

**Venturing:** Fully integrate Venturing into the Scouting program continuum by:

- Retiring the Venturing Oath, Code, sign, and salute
- Adopting for Venturing the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout sign, and Scout salute
- Engaging the task force and National Youth Cabinet to determine whether Venturing should have a differentiating motto/slogan or adopt "Be Prepared"

#### Questions and Answers:

##### Q: Why are these changes being considered?

A: Each of our programs is designed to help instill the goals of the BSA mission in its members' daily lives. As the BSA strives to operate as one organization, build continuity of membership over a person's life, and deliver its mission, considering one Oath and Law as a tool to unify our membership is appropriate. Additionally, the earlier and longer a member is exposed to the values of the Scout Oath and Law, the better the opportunity is that they will be able to live those values in their lives.

##### Q: How did these recommendations come to be?

A: Two separate task forces have worked on the deliberations leading to the recommendations – the Strategic Plan Goal 411 Task Force and the Venturing Task Force. Each of these is volunteer-led and staffed (approximately 50 and 25 volunteers, respectively).

These task forces made the initial deliberations and recommendations. In the case of the Cub Scout recommendations, consultation with cognitive and child development specialists and educational practitioners involved in Scouting supported the reasonability of the recommendation. Additionally, research among parents and Cub Scout leaders was also supportive.

##### Q: What is the process that is being used to decide whether to adopt the recommendations or not?

A: The above mentioned task forces developed their recommendations and made their initial recommendation in October 2011 to the Program Content Support Committee, a national committee responsible for approving any change in program structure, content, or advancement.

Based on the committee's unanimous endorsement, the recommendation was forwarded for review and discussion to the officers of the BSA in mid-July. After discussion, the officers unanimously approved that the recommendations move forward to the next step.

Since the recommendations, if approved, would modify the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, the final step in the process is the submission of a resolution to the National Executive Board of the BSA. Such a resolution will be offered during the October 2012 National Executive Board Meeting.

##### Q: If the resolution is approved, when would the change happen?

A: If adopted, timing will be different for the Cub Scout portion of the recommendation versus the Venturing recommendation.

Cub Scouts: The 411 Task Force is considering a number of potential changes to the Cub Scout program. Its work on finalizing those recommendations and realizing the many changes to leader aids, handbooks, etc., will be complete for the 2015-2016 program year. All changes associated with Cub Scouts, including these recommendations, will be executed at that time. (See link to the 411 presentation at 2012 NAM: <http://scout-wire.org/nam/>)

Venturing: The Venturing Task Force has not yet completed its deliberations and recommendations. It is anticipated that they will do so late this year or at the beginning of 2013. As such, the exact timing of implementation is not known at this time but is most likely 2014.

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## MESSENGERS OF PEACE

### Initiative Recognizes Peace-Related Service Projects

Today, Scouts in dozens of countries are working for peace by solving conflicts in their schools, building links between divided communities, teaching their peers about health and wellness, and repairing environmental damage. Now, when you join them, you and your Scouts can earn international recognition and a special patch. Created by the



World Scout Committee, the Messengers of Peace initiative recognizes Scout units worldwide that undertake projects that contribute to world peace. To participate, all you have to do is submit your peace-related projects (like some Eagle projects) through the Journey to Excellence website ([www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence](http://www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence)). When your unit has completed the project and checked the Messengers of Peace box on the submission page, Scouts and Scouters who participated will be eligible to wear a special Messengers of Peace ring patch around the World Crest on their uniforms.

“Since the earliest days of Scouting, Scouts have worked to make the world a better place,” said Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. “This new initiative is a great way to recognize the efforts of our Scouts not just to visualize world peace but to help bring it about.”

What kind of projects qualify? In terms of the MOP initiative, peace encompasses three dimensions:

1. The personal dimension: harmony, justice, and equality
2. The community dimension: peace as opposed to hostility or violent conflict
3. Relationships between humankind and its environment: security, social and economic welfare, and relationship with the environment.

Any project that has a significant impact on the community, or can make the world community itself a better place qualifies as a Messengers of Peace project as long as it meets one of the three dimensions above.

To learn more, visit BSA’s Messengers of Peace website at [www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace](http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace) and learn what Scouts around the world are doing.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The 2012 Old Dominion District Community Scout Breakfast will be held on Monday, October 8 at 7:30am. The location will be the Lorton Arts Workhouse. **This year’s honoree** is VADM Nobert R. Ryan, Jr., USN -Ret. VADM Ryan is currently serving as the President of Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). We are very excited to honor him and his contributions. Again this year we would like to honor a youth from our district with the Old Dominion District “Future of America”, youth leadership award. Details are provided below.

## “FUTURE OF AMERICA” YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

We are currently asking for nominations of worthy scouts aged 7-18. Anyone may nominate a registered Old Dominion District youth. The youth awardee will be selected based on the following criteria:

- An interest in, and the ability to make a significant and lasting impact on their community either through service, citizenship, conservation, strategic planning or leadership. This accomplishment does not have to be conducted as part of the Scouting program (e.g., an Eagle project) though Scout-related efforts are not excluded from consideration.
- The service for which the youth is nominated must have been completed prior to their 18th birthday.
- Both single and multiple specific contributions are acceptable. (e.g., church and non-profit contributions) Special consideration will be given to contributions made within the ODD area.
- Recipient demonstrates a positive, constructive attitude associated with good citizenship and scouting.
- The period for consideration is October 2011 through the July 2012.

Nominations are due by August 14, 2012 and should be sent to Don Palomaki at [dpalomaki@dspalomaki.com](mailto:dpalomaki@dspalomaki.com). A nomination template is available for download in the ODD Web page, Documents section at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017>.

## BSA Changes (cont.)

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**Q: How can I provide feedback and input into this decision and/or the best way to implement it?**

A: Feedback on these recommendations and their implementation is welcome. Please direct input to [411@scouting.org](mailto:411@scouting.org).

## BSA POLICY FOR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Scouts can be rightly proud of the role they have played in society—both as individuals and as members of one of America’s most admired and respected organizations. Because of the important role the BSA plays in the lives of millions of young people and in communities across the nation, the organization comes under scrutiny for its revocation of individuals’ membership for constitutional reasons.

We want to take this opportunity to remind you of our policies in two key areas and to provide you a clear protocol should you need to remove a member for one of these reasons.

**Policy regarding sexual orientation and/or disruptive behavior:** While the BSA does not proactively inquire about the sexual orientation of employees, volunteers, or members, we do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avowed homosexuals or who engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the BSA.

That policy allows us to remain united in our mission as an organization, and we believe it continues to be in the best interest of Scouting, overall.

**Policy regarding “duty to God”:** Belief in God is the foundation of Scouting’s strong, continuing commitment to encouraging moral, ethical, and spiritual growth. It is the position of the Boy Scouts of America that no one can reach their full potential without belief in a higher power.

The ideals and principles of “duty to God” and “reverence” set forth in the Scout Oath and Law are central to the mission of teaching young people to make better choices over their lifetimes.

The BSA accepts applicants whose concept of God is consistent with the Declaration of Religious Principle (Found in Article IX of the Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America).

**Procedure for removing a member based on constitutional issues:** Membership in the Boy Scouts of America is contingent upon meeting the membership requirements established by the Boy Scouts of America rather than local councils or chartered organizations.

To ensure consistency and provide support to local councils, all decisions to revoke or deny membership involving the “constitutional issues” of religion, gender, or sexual orientation are to be made only after consultation with your area or regional director and approval by the BSA’s general counsel.

Immediately upon becoming aware of such an issue, contact your area or regional director and Richard Mathews at 972-580-2027 (office), 214-213-5541

## GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.



For a list of upcoming Roundtable topics, go to: <http://oddrroundtable.wordpress.com/>



Our DE, Joe Guida, with scouts from Pack 685 at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp PMI



**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

### 2012 Friends of Scouting

The 2012 NCAC Victory Celebration was held on June 16th at the Smithsonian National Zoo. Old Dominion District was represented by Joe Guida and Mike Nepi and family, and a presentation of a NCAC wooden-encased compass was made to FFOS Chair Doug Cochrane for achieving 100% of goal.

(mobile), or [Richard.Mathews@scouting.org](mailto:Richard.Mathews@scouting.org) for support and guidance. Before communicating this decision outside of your council’s Key 3 leadership, please contact Deron Smith at 972-580-7848 (office), 855-870-2178 (PR hotline), or [PR@scouting.org](mailto:PR@scouting.org).

We have a worthy mission. Thanks for all you do to help ensure our focus remains on reaching and serving youth in order to help them grow into good, strong citizens as we prepare young people for lives of adventure, leadership, learning, and service.

## FALL CAMPOREE 2012 AND WEBELOS-REE

The ODD Spring Camporee will be held in Fredericksburg on October 26-28. We will be in Fredericksburg about six weeks ahead of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg. The Old Dominion District will set up camp in Fredericksburg, in fact, right where Union Artillery units were stationed. Throughout the Camporee Scouts will visit the town, explore the battlefield and get to know the history of the era and area. The program will include a Patrol Challenge covering several events, reenactor visits and “Camp of Instruction, two different hikes; 1) an Historical Walking Tour of Fredericksburg and 2) the Fredericksburg Battlefield. You can buy a patch for each of these hikes.

We will have a six station Patrol Challenge event in the morning and afternoon. Events are in keeping with the Civil War era and include an Orienteering Course, Forging the River, Signaling, Engineering Challenge, Fetch the Can and Knife Throwing. We need troops to “sponsor” each event and put up two adults to man the sponsored station in the morning and afternoon.

More details will follow in the Fall Camporee guidebook which will be distributed later in August.

Venturing crews and varsity teams, watch for more information on leadership opportunities, canoeing, geocaching, mountain biking, historical reenactments, and more - stay tuned.

### Some items to note:

- We will be camped at St. Clair Brooks Park in Fredericksburg. About 40 miles and a good hour’s drive from Springfield (without traffic).
- Campsite space will be limited in size, so be sure to plan on close quarters.
- We will ask each Troop to host one or more reenactors to dinner on Saturday evening.
- Expected cost per Scout for the Fall camporee is \$20

There will also be a **Webelos-ree** for Webelos I and Webelos II scouts. On Saturday, Webelos Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in many fun events and activities. Information for registering your Pack will be announced soon. Each participating Pack will be asked to provide volunteers to help run the many different activities. The volunteers can be anyone from the Pack, not necessary to be in a leadership role.

A Webelos planning meeting was held on Thursday, August 9th, from 7-8pm, just prior to Roundtable. For questions, contact Donnie Bullock, Webelos-ree Program Director at <redacted> or <redacted>.

## WHAT ACTIVE MEANS

How to measure a Scout’s participation for BSA requirements

By Mark Ray, From the March-April 2012 issue of Scouting

To earn each of Boy Scouting’s top three ranks—Star, Life, Eagle—a Scout must “be active” in his troop and patrol for a specified number of months and “serve actively” in a position of responsibility such as patrol leader or quartermaster. So what exactly does “active” mean and how can troop leaders measure participation? Read on to find out.

**WHY IS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?** Scouts best achieve the aims of Scouting (character development, citizenship training, and personal and mental fitness) when they participate in meetings, outings, and service projects, and hold positions of responsibility.

**WHAT CONSTITUTES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION?** To meet the requirement of active participation, a Scout must be registered in the unit and be in good standing, meaning he hasn’t been dismissed for disciplinary reasons. In addition, he’s expected to meet the unit’s “reasonable expectations.”

**CAN A TROOP SET A STANDARD SUCH AS ATTENDANCE AT 50 PERCENT OF MEETINGS AND OUTINGS?** Yes, so long as the standard is reasonable and recognizes the many worthwhile opportunities beyond Scouting. A Scout who falls short of the unit’s expectations must be given the chance to offer an acceptable explanation. Certainly there are medical, educational, family, and other issues that may prevent higher levels of participation. If the Scout would have been more active if he could have been, then he is deemed active. A board of review must also provide the Scout an opportunity to demonstrate how non-Scouting activities have contributed to his growth. (However, this option is only available if the board of review members can agree that the young man has already exhibited Scouting values.) For example, he might have missed a campout to attend a church youth retreat. Remember, the advancement program isn’t about what a Scout has done; it’s about what he’s able to do and how he has grown.

**CAN STANDARDS GO BEYOND PARTICIPATION?** No. Expectations such as uniform compliance, payment of dues, and parental involvement can’t be con-

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If you have any questions you may contact Jerry Prentice, Camporee Director at [jerry@prenticegroup.com](mailto:jerry@prenticegroup.com) or Tom Buckner, Program Director at <redacted>.



## V3 VIEWS

### Upcoming Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Varsity Events.

- Sep 8, Sat – Safety At Sea with the Coast Guard, Baltimore, MD (Ventures and Varsity can come too)
- Sep 22, 8:00 am to noon, – Varsity Leader Specific Training (VCLST), Springfield, VA
- Oct 6, 8:00 am to noon – Venturing Leader Specific Training (VSLT), Springfield, VA
- Oct 26-28, Fri-Sun - Old Dominion District Fall Camporee and Venturing Out, Fredericksburg, VA
- Nov 2-4, Fri-Sun - V3 Hike-o-ree, Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, and the Shenandoah National Forest, VA. (Coming only Friday night and Saturday or just Saturday is OK.)
- Nov 10, Sat - Scouting for Food, food bank stocking – we need the help of Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Varsity Scouts to count, sort, and stock the Scouting for Food donations.



### Old Dominion Fall Camporee Venturing

**Out!!** The Old Dominion Fall Camporee will be 26-28 October at Fredericksburg, MD. The Venturing Out possible activities for Venturers, Varsity Scouts, Sea Scouts, and older Scouts are:

1. Canoeing
2. Historic Road Rally Race
3. Venturing Out Adventure Race
4. Bike Trek on the Greenway Bike Trail
5. Geocaching
6. Summer High Adventure Film Festival
7. And more – you name it and we will do it

Put this weekend on your calendar and plan to come for the fun and adventure. Watch for developing details.

### V3 Hike-O-Ree

See information on the next page.

### Can you Cope with a Challenging Outdoor Experience (COPE)

Crews, Teams, and Troops have been asking “When is Council going to offer COPE?” On the weekend of 24-26 August, the NCAC COPE/Climbing Committee will host a COPE Instructor Training session.

- Registration will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, 24 Aug, at Camp WB Snyder (6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA).
- Training will begin at 7:00 pm Friday. We’ll be finished by 3:30 pm Sunday.
- Meals (Saturday and Sunday) will be served at the CWBS dining hall.
- We’ll be tenting, so we’re asking everyone to come prepared (materials list is below).
- The cost of the course (including meals, facilities use, gear use, and materials) is \$40.

We’ve got a truly awesome team who are highly enthusiastic about the program and are eager to teach how to facilitate groups. At the end of the course on Sunday, attendees will know why we start with initiative games, move to low elements, and end with high elements. They will leave with an awareness of how COPE can unlock a person’s potential (especially yours). And there’s much, much more to experience.

If you are interested in becoming a COPE instructor, email [COPE@waisanen.us](mailto:COPE@waisanen.us) to let us know you plan to attend, or if you want more information. Space is limited due to gear and staff, so please let us know if you’re coming by COB Friday, August 10th, or as soon as possible. If you’re interested, but the date doesn’t work, email

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### What’s New?

**Where do You Find Varsity Team Introduction to Leadership Skills?** A specific Varsity Team Introduction to Leadership Skills (VILS) has not yet been published. Varsity Teams can use either the Crew or Troop ILS and substitute their Varsity Team Organizational and job description information from the Varsity Handbook for ILS Organization section of Module 1. Otherwise all the rest of the material in the ILS is the same for all Troops, Teams, Crews, and Ships.

**Summer Is Almost Over, Its Hot – So What Do We Do Now?** How about finding a water fall or a swimming hole and going for a soak and a picnic. Check out the following websites for a great place for an adventure and to get wet and cool off. Check out Swimming Holes East <http://www.swimmingholes.org> <http://www.swimmingholes.org/va.html> or Waterfalls <http://waterfalls.nature.st/Maryland/index.html> Remember to follow Safe Swim Defense rules and to HAVE FUN.

**High Adventure Movies and Shows.** So what did your crew, ship, or team do this summer. Turn your pictures them into a high adventure movie or show. We are looking for great high adventure movies or shows to show at the fall camporee and the Hike-o-ree. We would love to show yours. At the fall camporee, one of the competitions will be a high adventure movie festival. Show your best; show your fun; win an Old Dominion Oscar.

## WHAT ACTIVE MEANS (cont.)

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sidered when evaluating the “active” requirement.

**DO MONTHS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION HAVE TO BE CONTINUOUS?** No. A Scout may piece together any periods he has been active and still qualify. And his active months don’t expire if they are followed by inactive months.

**CAN A TROOP SET PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY?** Yes, so long as they are established up front. It’s a disservice to the Scout and the unit to reward work that hasn’t been done. Holding a position and doing nothing is unacceptable.

**WHAT IF A JUNIOR LEADER IS NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS?** The Scout’s leaders should offer him direction, coaching, and support. If nothing will improve his performance, it’s acceptable to remove him from his position. However, it’s unfair to surprise him by telling him at the end of his term that his performance has been unsatisfactory and doesn’t count.

**HOW DO YOU EVALUATE A SCOUT WHEN THE UNIT HAS NO ESTABLISHED EXPECTATIONS?** If there are no clearly established expectations, then an adult leader or the Scout—or both—should work out the responsibilities to fulfill. BSA literature such as the Patrol Leader Handbook can provide the basis for this effort. If it’s left to the Scout to determine the responsibilities, and he makes a reasonable effort to act accordingly, then he passes the requirement. He cannot be held to unestablished expectations.

**CAN MORE THAN ONE POSITION COUNT TOWARD A SINGLE RANK?** Yes. The Scout may hold any number of positions. However, holding positions simultaneously doesn’t reduce the number of months required. And service in positions of responsibility doesn’t have to be continuous.

**WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?** The best source is the Guide to Advancement 2011 (No. 33088), which is available at Scout Shops and online at [scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf](http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf).

## V3 (cont.)

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COPE@waisanen.us and tell us when you may be available in the spring (around late March). We’ll have a spring session if there’s interest. Hope to see you on the course!

Adair Petty,  
Venturing Vice Chairman



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held on, November 2-4, 2012, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration will be limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, and Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews, consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2012.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on their preferences indicated on the registration form. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening campfire, a high adventure rally on Saturday night, and a service project on Sunday morning. Camping Friday and Saturday night at the 4-H Center is backpacking style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Please do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, and lawn chairs!!! Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Crews will receive their t-shirts at the completion of the Hike-o-ree. Watch for reservation information to come out in late summer.

## VIRGINIA SCOUT SHOP

Located at: 5234 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA, in the Ravensworth Shopping Center - just off the beltway at the Braddock Rd. exit.

Phone: 703-321-4836

Store Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 7 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

They carry uniforms, scouting equipment, badges, literature and will accept most scout advancement form turn ins. (Turn in Eagle forms at NCAC, Bethesda.)



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# What's Poppin'?

POPCORN NEWSLETTER

August 2, 2012

## 5 Regional Popcorn Kick-Off's Still Available

There are 5 Kick-Off's scheduled throughout the month of August.

- Monday, August 6—7:30pm—Solomons, MD
- Tuesday, August 7—7:30pm—Stafford, VA
- Thursday, August 16—7:30pm—Falls Church, VA
- Tuesday, August 21—7:30pm—Silver Spring, MD
- Wednesday, August 29—7:30pm—Frederick, MD

If someone in your Unit has not yet attended a Kick-Off, please go to [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/popcorn](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/popcorn) to sign up.

Units that attend a Regional Kick Off earn a higher sales commission. Any unit can attend any Regional Kick Off (not limited by geography)

## August Popcorn Order Deadline

The deadline for the August order is Friday, August 3rd.

As you know, no chocolate products will be available this ordering cycle.

Notice regarding distribution and delivery dates and locations will be forthcoming.

## September Ordering Dates

September orders will be open on August 9th.

This is the perfect time to order product for your Show-and Sell and Show-and-Deliver. Chocolate products will be available.

The deadline for the September Order is September 7th.

## Important Links

Log on to [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/popcorn](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/popcorn) for helpful links to help organize and maximize your popcorn sale.

Examples

[Calculate](#) popcorn needed for Show-and-Sell (Booth Sales)

[Sales Goal Worksheet](#)



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## FINANCE

### Popcorn Sales

The Fall sales period is now officially open!...August 1 to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Here we go!

A well-attended Virginia Central Popcorn Kick-off was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Participating units earned an additional 3% commission for attending. The next popcorn unit training opportunity for ODD will be held on August 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA. The first order window is now—treat yourself to a bag of double caramel crunch with a hint of cheese. Wowzer!

Top seller game tickets will be distributed shortly for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> major league baseball game (Brewers vs. Nats). Units can order extra tickets at [http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/was/ticketing/groups\\_events.jsp?group=scout](http://washington.nationals.mlb.com/was/ticketing/groups_events.jsp?group=scout)

### NCAC Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund has increased \$587K thus far this year.

The committee manned a booth at the well-attended Commissioner's College in June, and provided a measure of awareness to attendees. A brochure on the Endowment was included in each Commissioner's packet.

An Endowment Committee Home & Heart event transpired on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The agenda included the initial planning for a September 15, 2012 Fall Endowment Dinner at Camp Snyder. RSVP by 9/7 to Pam at 301-214-9118. There will also be a Endowment lunch/ice show event at the National Harbor – Gaylord property in December '12. More info in the next "Scouter's Digest."

The Endowment Committee is preparing focus group fundraising campaign for Goshen Bears, Silver Beavers, OA Vigil Members, Eagle Scouts and Woodbadgers.

Seth Distler is the Endowment Committee Representative for the ODD. He is available to assist with your plans to contribute to the Endowment Fund directly or through the James E. West Foundation, or to provide you with "personalized brick" information.

### BSA National Foundation

The BSA National Foundation will be hosting events over Labor Day weekend – tied to the Formula One Race in Baltimore, in late October. More details on these opportunities will be forthcoming.

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