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Nominations Requested for Patriot District Recognition Awards

By Craig Pettibone, Awards Committee Chair

With the cooperation of several Patriot District Scout Leaders, we prepared several very good nominations for the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Awards that require Council approval. It is now time to consider nominations for three District-Level Awards for the 2012-13 Scouting year: the Distinguished Patriot Scouter, the Patriot Spirit Award, and the Patriot Certificate of Appreciation (Minuteman Sam says Thanks), all described below.

Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award

Description/Criteria: A certificate and distinctive patch to recognize significant service to youth in and out of Scouting over a period of time. Consideration will be given to nominee's scouting position, scouting spirit, service to unit and/or district, training and tenure. Awarded on the annual basis of one award per 10 units district-wide.

Submitted To/Date: District Awards Committee/**March 20, 2013.**

Approved By: Patriot District.

Patriot Spirit Award

Description/Criteria: A certificate to recognize singularly outstanding service to youth in a District unit. Consideration will be given to nominee's scouting position, scouting spirit and service to the unit. More specific selection criteria are left to the unit committee. Awarded on the annual basis of one award, or in deserving cases, two awards, per chartered unit.

Submitted To/Date: District Awards Committee/**April 27, 2013.**

Approved By: Unit Committee.

Patriot Certificate of Appreciation (Minuteman Sam says "Thanks")

Description/Criteria: A District certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge substantial contributions in the planning or conduct of District-level events, programs, or training. Award criteria will be determined by event organizers/committee chair.

Submitted To/Date: District Awards Committee/7 days before presentation

Approved By: Event organizer/Patriot District

Applications for these awards are available on the Patriot District website: www.boyscouts-ncac.org. Click on Districts, Patriot, Adult Leader Scouting Awards. Contact District Awards Committee Chair Craig Pettibone (703-424-4595); cpettibone@verizon.net) if you have any questions about completing award nominations. Completed award nominations should be given to Craig, preferably by email.

From the District Chairman:

2012 was another excellent year for Patriot District. We had very aggressive Friends of Scouting and Popcorn goals and we went right past it! Planning has already begun for our fourth annual golf tournament and is scheduled for Monday, September 9th. Delegate David Bulova and Supervisor Pat Herrity have again agreed to be the co-chairs. We have kicked off our 2013 Friends of Scouting Campaign and are off to a good start. We continue to recruit new commissioners and district committee members, and had we had a strong lineup of various district activities planned for 2013 with lots of fun for all.

If it weren't for all our dedicated volunteers at the unit and district level and their faithful service, we would not have maintained the number of youth served and number of units, we would not have contributed so strongly to the Council's operating budget (we continue to have one of the highest goals in the Council), and we would not have had such great activities for our scouts. However, as useful as these numbers can be to measuring performance objectively, they cannot tell the whole story. They can't measure the value that one adult Scout leader can have to one scout. They can't measure the amount of leadership skills or the maturity or the self-reliance that our scouts develop because of the opportunities we give them in Scouting. They can't measure the commitment to God and country that they are building or the amount of the Scout Oath and Law that they are learning and living. We certainly see the evidence of the value of the Scouting program, but it is not easily quantified.

I invite all of you to join me in another great Scouting year in the Patriot District. The Patriot District has had a great history of success over the last number of years. There is a huge amount of talent in the District Committee to keep that success continuing. I am excited to be starting my second year as the chair. Council had an outstanding training session last Thursday for all the District Chairmen that Sean and I attended.

Catherine Gangsaas, District Chairman
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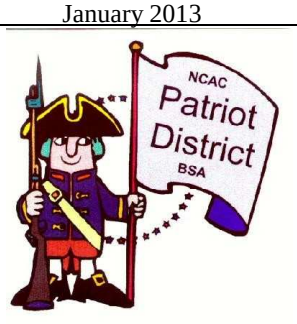
Important Note for Cub Scout Packs

Council would like to remind you to please get your scouts who earn Arrow of Light into internet advancement before the scout moves up to boy scouts. Once the scout moves up, you will not have access to their records and troops cannot add any Cub Scout ranks. Thank you very much for your help.

Kristin Chioma,chioma@msn.com
Advancement Chair Patriot District



Patriot District Events

http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/Calendar.asp?orgkey=371

January 2013

8	Commissioner Mtg
10	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter ExCom
22	District Committee Meeting
26	Patriot Press Deadline

February 2013

2	Life-to-Eagle Seminar
2	Key Scouter Workshop/Council Program Planning Mtg
9	CPR/AED class
10	OA Chapter ExCom
12	Commissioner Mtg
14	Roundtable
26	District Committee Meeting

March 2013

2	Patriot Press Deadline
2	Pinewood Derby
9	BSLST
10	OA ExCom
12	Commissioner Mtg
14	Roundtable
26	Committee Mtg
30	Council Banquet/Court ofHonor
30	Patriot Press Deadline – Apr

Legend

BSLST	Boy Scout Leader Specific Training	OA	Order of the Arrow
CSLST	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	RT	Roundtable
ExCom	Executive Committee	VLST	Venturing Leader Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	V-RT	Venturing Roundtable
JSN	Join Scouting Night	V-TLC	Venturing Teen Leader Council
NLE	New Leader Essentials		

It isn't sufficient just to want - you've got to ask yourself what you are going to do to get the things you want

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt (b. January 30, 1882)

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

PRIZES

GAMES

We want
YOU
to attend
Cub Scout Roundtable

When: Thursday, January 10th, 2013

Where: LDS Church, Ox Rd (Rt. 123), next to Salvation Army

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

FUN

FELLOWSHIP

Be a **STAR** Scout
A **S**couter **T**hat **A**ttends **R**oundtable

The Core Value for February is Resourcefulness and the Theme is Turn Back the Clock. Come learn some new ideas and share some others.

Dave Huber, Roundtable Commissioner
Email: dave@hubertree.com, 703-323-1580

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

Not just for Scoutmasters
Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, January 10th, 2013
the Church of LDS, 4911 Ox Road, Fairfax VA
Midway: 7:30 - Pre-Opening: 7:40 – Roundtable: 8:00 to 9:00

In January we will learn about Winter Camping, High Adventure and Leave No Trace. The merit badge will be Inventing.

The Roundtable staff looks forward to seeing all of you at the next roundtable.

Steve Smith, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-1016, smithfamilyzoo@cox.net

Life to Eagle Seminar:

The next Life to Eagle Seminar is Saturday, February 2 at 1pm. The location is VFW Post 8469, 5703 Vogue Road, Fairfax Station (just west of the historic St Mary's Church off Route 123. All prospective Eagles, parents and leaders are welcome. Call Bob Stine at 703-978-1371 if you have questions.

Family Friends of Scouting

It's time once again for the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. This campaign consists of three elements, Family, Scouter, and Community. The Family Friends of Scouting campaign provides an opportunity for units, and the families that make up those units, to give back to scouting and help support our local council and its many activities.

While popcorn, mulch, and holiday green sales support our local units, and the dues we pay support the national organization, the money raised by Friends of Scouting helps pay for, among other things, the facilities and professional staffs of the National Capital Area Council, including those at camps Goshen and Snyder, training for adult leaders, and "camperships" for scouts with limited means. The council spends almost $200 per scout to provide these services, and Friends of Scouting is how we all can help meet that cost.

The primary means by which we reach all of the district's families is through an annual presentation, normally given in the January – March timeframe. It is also important that each unit continue to follow-up with its families after the presentation. We are now in the midst of contacting every unit in the district to schedule a presentation. If you have not yet been contacted, there are several ways unit leaders or their designated representative can sign up to ensure they receive a presentation. Packs can contact Mr. Floyd Baker (703-425-9535, vabaker5@verizon.net), while our Troop FOS coordinator is Mr. Bill Snowden (William.Snowden.ctr@darpa.mil).

You can also request a presentation through the Patriot District website or by clicking on: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&orgkey=371&surveyID=8705.

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

~ Benjamin Franklin (b. January 17, 1706)

Advancement and Awards

There is a new unit, district and council adult position, Religious Emblems Coordinator. The role of this person is to promote the earning of the religious award for both adults and youth. There is an award for every religion. Did you know that the religious knot is one of the few knots earned as a youth that can be worn as an adult? The program is open to both boys and girls. The material to conduct a class is available and is located at www.PRAY.org. The local scout store carries the material for Protestant and Catholic emblem for 1st - 5th grade scouts. The older scouts need to coordinate through their church.

I would like to start a list of churches in our district that are doing the program. If your church is teaching any of the religious emblems please contact me. Thank you.

Recently I mentioned that cooking was becoming a required merit badge for Eagle starting January 1, 2014. I did not mention that the total number for Eagle will not be changing. 21 will still be the number. This means that there will be 13 required and 8 optional.

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Deadline for copy inclusion in The Patriot Press is the Saturday prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at joe.osborne@cox.net.

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

~ Douglas MacArthur (b. January 26, 1880)

"International Spirit Award" Replaces "International Activity Patch"

The National Council of BSA has announced the creation of the "International Spirit Award," a temporary patch that Cubs, Scouts and Scouters around the United States can earn. This award replaces the "International Activity Patch" that National formerly offered, but with Council-specific requirements. Both the previous and the new awards encourage Scouts and leaders to be informed and engaged global citizens, but their requirements differ. The new award focuses on activities that any Scout in the United States can do, while the previous award also included a variety of face-to-face international and intercultural activities possible only in the metropolitan Washington area.

The new International Spirit Award is a valuable part of Scouting, especially in our highly diverse area. The International Committee of the NCAC encourages all Scouts and Scouters to earn this patch – its requirements are fun, educational, and rewarding components of Scouting. Recognizing that some Scouts and Scouters are already working on earning the now-superseded International Activity Patch, the NCAC International Committee has authorized ("grandfathered") them until December 31, 2013 to complete their work, unless the supply of old patches is exhausted earlier.

If you have questions, please access the International pages of the National Capital Area Council website: www.boyscouts-ncac.org .

The requirements can be seen at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/council-committees/activities-civic-service/international/international-scouting-resources/awards-and-badges/international-spirit-award

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Venturing/Team/Exploring Roundtable

The next Venturing Round Table is in January

We have also started a district yahoo group. This will be a way for us to get information out to you and also a place for everyone to share the activities they are doing. Please send a request to chioma@msn.com and I will send you an invite to join the group. We also like to invite out explorer post and teams to join in with us since we all service older youth.

SCOUTS AROUND THE GLOBE ARE CREATING WORLD PEACE

Join In and Make a Difference

Fellow Scouters,

In 1920, just two years after the most terrible war the world had ever known, 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries came together for the first world jamboree. At the closing ceremony, Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell called on participants to carry the spirit of the jamboree home "so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among all Scouts."

The Scouts of the world have been answering that call for more than 90 years. 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. To recognize their efforts—and to inspire more young men and women to help Scouting create a better world—the World Scout Committee has launched the Messengers of Peace initiative. The Boy Scouts of America is proud to join this effort in 2012.

How can BSA units participate? All they have to do is go online and register the MOP-related community service projects (including Eagle Scout projects) they undertake. Doing so adds pins to a global Messengers of Peace map, which Scouts from around the world can click on to learn how their fellow Scouts are making a difference.

Scouts who complete MOP projects will be eligible for a special recognition: a ring patch that goes around the World Crest. That patch will symbolize their participation in an ever-widening circle of Scouts who are not just visualizing world peace but are helping to make it a reality.

The Scouts of the world have always been a powerful force for good. This initiative lets us celebrate what our Scouts have already accomplished and inspire them to accomplish even more. Please join us as we work together to create a better

http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/International/messengersofpeace/FactSheet.aspx

Yours in Scouting,
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Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America

Peter E. Hyman
Chair
BSA Messengers of Peace

James S. Turley
International Commissioner
Boy Scouts of America

A promise must never be broken.

~ Alexander Hamilton (b. January 11, 1755)