



The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...
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The Old Dominion District

WEBEdition

June 14, 2012

CALENDAR

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13 JSN Training	4
14 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables (at TJHS)	7
15 OA Brotherhood opportunity	11
25-29 Cub Scout Day Camp	12
27 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
28 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
July 2012	
Enjoy Summer Camp	
No <i>The Old Rag</i> published in July.	
August 2012	
3 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
3 Popcorn order #1 due	
5 OA Chapter Meeting	
9 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
9 Fall JSN Training (Make-up)	4
14 Youth Leadership Award nominations due	5
22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
23 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
31-Sep 1 Goshen Family Campout—Snyder	
September 2012	
7 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
7 Popcorn Order #2 due	
7-9 Wood Badge #1	
9 OA Chapter Meeting	
13 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
13 WTS Training (before Roundtable)	7
15 SM/ASM Specific Training	
21 Cub Family Campout—Snyder	
24, 28-29 Intro to Outdoor Ldr. Skills	
26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
27 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
October 2012	
7 OA Chapter Meeting	
5 <i>The Old Rag</i> Input due	
5 Popcorn order #3 due	
8 Community Scout Breakfast	5
11 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
11 WTS training (backup date)	
24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
25 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
26-28 Fall Camporee & Webelos-ree	
26-28 Scout Expo (at camporee)	
November (partial)	
2 <i>The Old Rag</i> input due	
4 OA Chapter Meeting	
8 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
<i>Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Washington Irving Middle School in West Springfield</i>	
<i>The June Roundtable will be at Thomas Jefferson HS.</i>	
<i>District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road .</i>	

WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- **Roundtable for the month of June will be held at Thomas Jefferson High School located at 6560 Brad-dock Road, Alexandria VA 22312.**
- An issue of *The Old Rag* is **NOT** published in July!
- On page 2 our District Commissioner offers some sug-gestion with respect to **training for 18-20 year old** college-bound youth who have transitioned to adult leader positions.
- Our district Chairman offers **tips on communicating** with your unit on page 3.
- Note the date change for the **ODD 2013 Merit Badge Jamboree** on page 3.
- Page 4 provides a summary of upcoming **Member-ship training sessions** and WTS tips.
- Check page 5 for information on nominations for the **“Future of America”, youth leadership award.**
- The District **Community Scout Breakfast** will be held on Monday, October 8th. More details are found on page 5.
- **Finance and FOS progress** are presented in details on page 6.
- **Roundtable topics**— see page 7.
- Looking for a baker’s dozen **ideas for summer activi-ties, with a venturing flavor.** Check the V3 Views on page 8.
- The OA Update on page 10 announces the **newly elected chapter officers** and a summary of coming OA events.
- Additional clarification on Eagle Project fund raising approval request submission is presented on page 11.
- It is not to late for **Cub Scout Day Camp**, and Spring Membership Drive joiners qualify for the early bird **discount.** See details on page 12 (the back cover page).
- Need a **prayer for an international scouting** occa-sion? see page 2.
- **Scouting around the world web page**—see page 7.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



From the District Commissioner

June is a time of transitions in so many areas. I was married in June and graduated high school in June. The youngest of my four children is graduating high school this June. All transitions require preparation by those experiencing it and will hopefully have mentorship from those who have gone before. Mentorship is important as we have many youth changing from one den type to another, from cubs to scouts, joining venturing, or getting ready to leave home and adults changing positions too. We volunteer because we believe that Scouting provides a great opportunity to shape lives. We can do a more effective job if we are equipped with the tools of the trade. I encourage each of you to do the online courses for your position, attend roundtable, read the publications relevant to your area (advancement guide and guide to safe scouting is relevant to all), attend pow-wow, university of scouting, wood badge, and establish turnover or how-to files for the things your unit does. Transitions will happen, our youth will become adults, and you can play a major part in positively changing lives, will you be prepared?

Adult Training Courses for 18-20 year olds

The training standards for Journey to Excellence are quite high and you may be wondering how to deal with 18-20 year-old youth who can only register as assistant scoutmasters or cubmasters but are heading off to college and can't make required training classes. If the young man is going to be away from home or out of area in the military, register them in the unit scouter reserve position and use position code 92V. Ensure to write the BSA ID number at the top. The only training requirement for the individual is YPT.



Program Launch

We had at least 23 Packs, 20 troops, and 14 V3 units represented at Program Launch in May (we may have missed some of you). We had many manned table displays and a chance for you to interact and learn. If there were areas you would like to see added, let us know. We'll have CDs and calendars for those who missed them at the next roundtable. Remember, we take July off from roundtable so you can hit scout camp and family vacations, so please don't miss our June Roundtable.

Ask a Commissioner

If you have a question scout related, ask your unit commissioner or anyone on the commissioner staff. We'll help find or guide you to the answer and learn something in the process ourselves.

Thanks to our volunteers

My thanks to all who have made 2012 get off to such a good start at the district and unit levels. Great district events such as Klondike Derby, Spring Camporee, Pine-wood Derby and the Merit Badge Jamboree and unit events like Blue and Gold, Courts of Honor, Camping trips, and so much more have been made possible by giving hearts. Thanks for all the blessing you bestow.

Jim Stewart
District Commissioner
<redacted>

THE FOUNDER'S PRAYER

Written by B-P for use on international occasions.

Father of us all, we meet before Thee here to-day, numerous in the lands we come from and in the races we represent, but one in our Brotherhood under Thy Divine Fatherhood. We come before Thee with hearts grateful and gladdened by the many blessings Thou hast granted us and thankful that our Movement has prospered as acceptable in Thy sight. In return, we would lay on Thine Altar, as our humble thank-offering, such sacrifice as we can make of self in service for others. We ask that during our communion here together we may, under Thy Divine Inspiration, gain a widened outlook, a clearer vision of all that lies open before us and of our opportunity. Thus may we then go forth with strengthened faith to carry on our mission of heightening the ideals and powers of manhood, and of helping through closer understanding to bring about Thy happier Rule of Peace and Goodwill upon Earth.



[From the June issue of *Scouting Around the World*. NCAC International Committee information is available at: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17085&orgkey=1988>]

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Effective Communication = Growth



Do you have enough volunteers to run your program? How involved are your families? If the answer to both is “Yes, 100%”, kudos to you! If you are struggling to get adults to participate, have you asked yourself, “How well does our unit communicate information?” That question is a little more complex than it sounds. I am not asking if you sent out a pleading email asking for someone to fill a position. What I am asking you is “How well do you communicate on a regular basis?” What methods of communication do you use both formally and informally? Have you ever even thought about it? We are all busy folks and scouting is a part time gig, I know. I want to encourage you to think a little about those questions though and implement improvements now to take effect next school year. I am confident you will be pleased by the results.

Formal communication flows downward from leaders to families. Emails, newsletters, web pages, social networking are all examples of how we communicate formally to fellow scouts and families. Sometimes formal communication starts at the bottom though and works it way up. Having an organizational chart like the district (current one attached) or a simple contact sheet is crucial. If the unit leader is the one getting all the questions, then you do not have an effective organizational hierarchy in place. You are taking on way too much and others are not a part of the process. They probably don't feel they need to volunteer, because you are there and doing a great job already. Keep information flowing on a regular basis and from multiple people. Who passes the Old Rag through to the rest of your unit? This is a simple, easy job that even the busiest of people could take charge of. When your web page is updated, who let's everyone know? Unit leader or youth webmaster?

When you do send out communication, to make your messages the most productive, they should follow the seven C's of communication.

1. Clear—Be clear about exactly what your message is.
2. Concise—Stick to the point and make it brief. Long, winded, never ending messages will not be received.
3. Concrete—the receiver has a clear picture of what you're telling or asking them. Use details and facts.
4. Correct—When the message is correct, it fits your audience and is error free. Write to your audi-

ence. Messages to youth should differ from those sent to adults, know your receivers. Proof before you send it too.

5. Creative—Is the message interesting to read? Does the job description make it sound fun or important? Add some adjectives!
6. Complete—everything needed for a person to take action is included.
7. Courteous—the communication should be friendly, courteous, kind, you get the idea!

As leaders you know your units goals. Your committee hopefully does too. However; does every registered youth and adult know? If you want them to help participate in those goals they have to know what they are! Empowering others will help your unit grow!

Putting my advice to pen...

The District Committee has set a goal to increase our committee by three volunteers this year. Thus far we have added two new volunteers. We are currently searching for a 2012 Popcorn Kernel. The Kernel would help us from August through December. Responsibilities include; sending out information to the Unit Kernels, overseeing the ordering and distribution of popcorn on four separate dates; August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, and November 16th, and assisting with the delivering of incentives to top selling scouts. No prior experience is necessary. Rewards include, an official Popcorn Kernel hat, district polo shirt and an exclusive invitation to attend the 2012 Top Seller's Celebration! This year top seller's enjoyed a day at Nationals Park that included a pregame party! If interested, contact Finance Chairman Mike Nepi at mnepi@cox.net.

Wishing you all a fun filled summer with lots of camping!

Holly Brown
Old Dominion District Chairman
brown.hollyh@verizon.net

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

June Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training

We'll be conducting Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training on June 13th at 7:00pm at: St. John's UMC, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. Parking and entry is in back of the church and hall.

School is not out until 6/15—Keep on Recruiting!

To all of our packs, troops, crews and ships that have actively recruited this spring—THANK YOU!

We have heard from 2 packs (684 and 1100) that have had successful spring roundups, but we know there are more stories out there. We would like to hear your success stories to share with others and gain new ideas. Please email how many new scouts and what you did for recruiting to your cub scout recruiting coordinator Tony Tersine at tersineag@hotmail.com.

Make-up Fall JSN Training in August before Roundtable

We'll be conducting another JSN Training at 7:00pm before August Roundtable (8/9) at Washington Irving Middle School. Cub Scout packs—please send your JSN Coordinator or another representative so we can get you ready for a great fall recruiting season! We will share tips and ideas on how to conduct a successful fall recruiting campaign!

Spring 2011 Old Dominion District Unit Membership Growth Goals

When you were a teen, your dad said to you: "You're never going to get anywhere in life without setting and reaching goals." Well, maybe not EXACTLY those words—but surely something like it. Well, we are setting goals for unit growth through Spring Roundup this year. These goals won't be used to judge—they are meant to be used as a challenge and target.

Now—here are our ODD unit membership growth goals for Spring 2011:

- **For Cub Scout packs—20% growth**
- **For Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews—10% growth**

Growth will be measured from the end of April membership figures.

OK—let's put this in perspective—20% growth for a pack of 30 Cub Scouts is 6 new Cub Scouts. Hey—that's your new TIGER DEN! 10% growth for a troop of 30 Boy Scouts is 3 new Boy Scouts. If you work with your pack and recruit this year's 5th graders, this should be easy pickings!

Webelos-to-Scouts

It's (almost) Summer!! The weather is great and the Nationals are leading the Division! How much better can it get?

Well ... How about a summer with 100% of our Webelos successfully launching into Boy Scouts? It's time to ask how are your recent 'graduates' are doing? Have they been hiking or camping with their new troop yet? Are they all going to summer camp? By now you know the biggest single determining factor in a boy staying in **scOUTING** is getting him to the **OUTING**. Make sure your scouts have a successful launch into Boy Scouting by helping them get OUT there.

If you do find one of your boys isn't participating, find out when his next troop outing is and do what you can to get him there. Give him a nudge - encourage him to attend some of the outdoor fun while the weather is still awesome! And through the summer remember to keep up the follow up. Just like Summertime Pack Events are a great place to ease-in some new Cub Scout families, summertime troop events (camping!) are a great way to ease the transition to Boy Scouts. Take an active role and make sure your [former] Webelos are OUT there with their troops!

If you need suggestions on some outdoor activities to plan for your pack or troop - feel free to contact me at any time!

Watch out for those monster mosquitoes and have a great summer!

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

District Professional Joe Guida

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

New Unit Coordinator Bob Coella

rkascolella@verizon.net



Above and Below: Pack 684, West Springfield, used a portion of their May Cub 500 Pack Meeting to remember those service members that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, in remembrance of Memorial Day. The scouts drew pictures and wrote letters in remembrance. The Packs Cubmaster, Bill Peyton, bound those in a book and delivered them to a local military retirement community, Falcons Landing, in Potomac Falls, VA where several hundred retired military, spanning from Vietnam to WW II reside. They will return the book after a period so that it could be circulated to other similar veterans and families.



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.)

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 will be announced in the very near future. 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. 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>.

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@yahoogroups.com

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.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

FINANCE



2012 Friends of Scouting

The 2012 NCAC Victory Celebration will be held on June 16th at the National Zoo as the annual FOS campaign season draws to a close and the 2012 goal of ~\$2M draws within sight. After a brief ceremony at 10:30 a.m., snacks and soft drinks will be served, and a special "Thank You" token will be presented to all FOS volunteers. RSVP to Melanie.Branch@scouting.org or 301-214-9103.

ODD has exceed its 2012 Scouter FOS goal of \$15,000, but Holly Brown, ODD Scouter FOS Chairman, is eager to receive contributions from Scouters who have yet to recognize this good cause.

The 2012 Family FOS goal is \$90,000. See the separate 'progress and ongoing issues' report by Doug Cochran, ODD Family FOS Chairman, as we draw closer to achieving this mark.

N.B. - FOS Unit Coordinators should not wait until Roundtable to turn in pledges and contributions. There is tremendous sensitivity in not processing/depositing checks and credit cards in a timely manner.

Popcorn Sales

The 2011 Popcorn Sales Top Selling Units in ODD are as follows:

1. \$27,437 - Pack 684, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
2. \$23,309 - Pack 685, Winston Knolls Civic Association
3. \$18,341 - Pack 686, Winston Knolls Civic Association
4. \$14,208 - Pack 150, Annandale Methodist Church
5. \$12,898 - Pack 1853, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
6. \$12,417 - Pack 991, Ravensworth School PTA,
7. \$12,320 - Pack 855, Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church
8. \$12,108 - Pack 1892, Saratoga Community Association
9. \$11,528 - Pack 995, Springfield Council #6153
10. \$11,443 - Pack 683, St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

Scouts who sold over \$1,000 in the Fall 2011 Popcorn Sale enjoyed Top Seller's Day at Nationals Park on June 3rd. Wish the Nationals could have held onto those first two homeruns against the Braves! Lots of positive feedback was received on the fab pregame party, the game itself, the outdoor tent, the good grub and beverages, and Tyler Clippard's talk.

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**FRIENDS OF
SCOUTING**

Hi Everyone!

What a great District wide response in May our FFOS roundtable turn-in was. We reported \$12,127 from roundtable. Thanks to all of the unit leaders and FFOS reps for their efforts. This thanks extends to our FOS buddies, the commissioners and district leaders who made those connections and helped this happen. Now, with some more help from you, we can do it again.

During the June ODD roundtable, as I'm recording unit FOS contributions, I hope to be able to announce that we've reached our \$90,000 ODD goal. With your support, particularly that of the units who are in the middle or finishing their campaigns, and those who are willing to reach out one more time, this is a very achievable goal.

Currently I have \$82,586 in process of being recorded by Council, with another \$1,000 in my hand or promised by Thursday. So to meet the goal of \$90,000 by Thursday, we need \$6,500 at roundtable. There are a number of units in the middle of their campaigns. With these units and a last ask to your units, we can meet this goal.

Please continue to focus on following up with your units and getting your unit donations into roundtable. We need all the smaller donations as well as the larger ones. Lets have another outstanding District performance.

I also need to report that Jon Baake's unit, T980 (\$6,295) is edging out Will Lau's unit, T688, by \$20 (\$6275). Too close to call just yet, but my hats off to Jon's strong campaign and Will's effort to stay in the game. As noted before Toni Tersine's pack 1853 has done a fantastic job at \$5,880, and has the most funds raised by a pack. This is almost triple last year's FFOS for this pack.

John Griffin and his pack 1115 (\$4,602), has also done a great job this year, almost doubling last year. Most impressive was a large donation for the pack from a business owning neighbor that John and his two cub scouts approached. Great job John and Sons.

The following five troops have also done extremely well. In order of their donations, to date: T1518 (\$4,750), T1853 (\$4570), T1140 (\$3730), T859 (\$3,680), and T1142 (\$3,414). Congratulations and keep it coming.

After Toni and John's packs, the top 5 cub scout units, to date: P691 (\$1,430), P863 (\$1,384), P990 (\$1,380), P159 (\$1,320) and P1545 (\$1,175). A few dollars here or there can change this order quickly. Great job unit leaders and fos reps. Anyone up for a little competition? Just a phone call or two could do it here.

Let me thank those of you who have already contrib-

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FINANCE (cont.)

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A second meeting of the NCAC Popcorn Kernels was held on June 5th. The 2012 Popcorn Sales campaign begins August 1st, with unit orders due on August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, and November 16th. Unit Popcorn Kernels should now be marshaling their teams and preparing to attend requisite training (schedule soon-to-be released).

Please advise Mike Nepi if you wish to serve as the ODD Popcorn Kernel, or on the District Popcorn Team. Orientation, training and mentoring is readily available to assist in the transition.

Excellence in Youth Leadership Day—A grant of \$1,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation to NCAC was resultant from ODD-sponsored mentorship on this May 16 event.

NCAC Endowment Fund—The Endowment Fund has taken in \$560k thus far in 2012, as compared to \$176k in 2011, and \$52k in 2010. This steady progress appears to be the result of increased awareness and education, and speaking to large groups of like-minded Scouters and their families and friends. However, stepped-up pledge progress needs to be made to reach the \$12M goal in 2015.

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.

Mike Nepi, Vice-Chair Finance
mnepi@cox.net, 703-643-9021

SCOUTING FOR BOYS ‘ROUND THE WORLD

www.scoutingforboysroundtheworld.org

This new website in English, Spanish and French, gives access to a database containing all versions of “Scouting For Boys” worldwide which are known to the compiler, Bertwin Lussenburg.

GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

The June Roundtable will be at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road.

Cub Scout Leader Splits Topics:

- Den Leaders - Denners and Den Chiefs
- Cub Masters - Dealing with Pack Problems
- Webelos - Denners and Den Chiefs
- Committee - Dealing with Pack Problems

Venturing Forum topic will be a backpacking cooking taste and share event and will be outside. Bring your stuff.

For a list of upcoming Roundtable topics, go to:

<http://oddrroundtable.wordpress.com/>



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uted to the ODD 2012 FFOS campaign this year, and thank in advance those of you who will contribute in the next 10 days or so.

Congratulations also for that marvelous May roundtable FFOS turn-in.

Let's do it up again this month.

Yours in Scouting,
 Doug Cochrane
 FOS Chair, Finance Committee
 <redacted>

PS:. I'll also be bringing donor gifts. Please be sure to pick these up if you haven't already. If I am out of stock on an item, or have been out of stock, I'll be working hard to get those to you as soon as possible. Talk to me, email me, phone me, I'll do all I can to get these to you quickly.

V3 VIEWS

Upcoming Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Varsity Events.

- 16 Jun, Sat – Star Spangled Sailabration (Tall Ships in Baltimore) to commemorate the beginning of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812
<http://www.starspangled200.com>
- NEW date - 20-22 Jul, Fri-Sun, Sea Scout 100th Anniversary Scoutfleet 2012, Baltimore, MD



New Varsity Uniform Baseball Cap. There is finally a new Varsity uniform cap – baseball styled in off white and orange with the Varsity “V” on the front. Pretty good looking. \$14.99.

LDS Venturing and Varsity – Revised LDS Scouting Handbook May 2012. A new revised LDS Scouting Handbook has been placed on the LDS website - <http://www.lds.org/service/serving-in-the-church/aaronic-priesthood/leader-resources/scouting?lang=eng> It contains policy and guidance on LDS Scouting. It clarifies that Venturing and Varsity Adult Scout Leaders are both required to take Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills to complete basic training. It requires two deep adult leadership in both Scout meetings and activities and church youth meetings and activities – borrowing from BSA’s two deep leadership policy. It stresses boy leadership of the Scout units. It also stresses following the rules of the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.

Event Information

Sea Scout 100th Anniversary – Centennial Scoutfleet 2012, Baltimore, MD , 20-22 July 2012. Registration deadline is 1 June 2012.” Vessel berthing in the inner harbor, free time tour of inner harbor attractions, historic ships, and Fort McHenry, Regatta, Parade of Sea Scout vessels to Fort McHenry, Gala Sea Scout Centennial Dinner at the Rusty Scupper Restaurant. Centennial Patch, medal, and vessel burgee. Registration information at http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/Scoutfleet_2012.htm

More Venturers and Sea Scouts Needed for NCAC National Jamboree 2013 Venturing Crew, 15-24 July, 2013. There are still 12 openings for Venturers and Sea Scouts to register for the 2013 National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel and go with the NCAC Jamboree Venturing Crew. NCAC has ¾ of crew signed up with 36 going but needs 12 more for a full crew. Registration deadline has been extended for Venturers and Sea Scouts so hurry to sign up before the 12 spaces are gone. Information and registration is on the NCAC website home page, right side bar. <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=38578&orgkey=370>

What’s New?

New Tour and Activity Plan “Online” The new Tour and Activity Plan “online” submission program went live on 10 May 2012. It is one of the features in “My Scouting.” There is also a new simpler “Tour and Activity Plan” hard copy form if unit leaders do not have computer capability. A video tutorial, FAQ page, and link to the hard copy form are on the “My Scouting” home page. This new online application program fixes one problem that co-ed Venturing/Sea Scout units had with the prior online program that required both a male and female leader for all co-ed activities contrary to the Guide to Safe Scouting which only requires both male and female leader for co-ed overnight events. The new Tour and Activity Plan is only required for events outside of Council boundaries and events anywhere that involve swimming, boating, shooting sports, orientation flights, and climbing/rappelling.

Program Resources.

Try some of these program ideas.

1. Go Geocaching. Go Find a Geocache. Go place your own Geocache. <http://www.geocaching.com> What GPS receiver should I get to start with? Suggest Garmin eTrex 10 with a black and white display at about \$100 or if you want color maps and display, eTrex 20 at about \$164 <http://sites.garmin.com/etrex>
2. Go canoeing, kayaking, white water rafting, biking, or climb a wall. River and Trail Outfitters, near Harpers Ferry, Knoxville, VA <http://www.rivertrail.com/index.php> Notes: Make a side trip to ice cream stand and the Appalachian Trail Club Headquarters in Harper’s Ferry. File a Tour Plan.
3. Go climb a Via Ferrata, climb a cliff, or zip on a zip line. Nelson Rocks, Circleville, WV. <http://www.nelsonrocks.org/ViaFerrata.html> Notes: File a Tour Plan and follow Climb On Safely rules. Make a side trip to nearby Spruce Knob, highest point in West Virginia. Have an adventure.
4. Go collect State High Points. The state high points for DC, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia are all great adventures nearby. <http://www.peakbagger.com/list.aspx?lid=12004> There are also medallions to collect for your hiking staff to brag on bagging the high points. They may lead to greater adventures at greater elevations. <http://www.scoutstuff.org> > Gifts > Outdoor > Medallions
5. Go find a swimming hole and get wet. <http://>

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- www.swimmingholes.org Notes: File a Tour Plan and follow Safe Swim Defense rules – and have fun.
6. Go on a bike trek – downhill on a logging railroad rail-trail – easy pedaling!! Virginia Creeper Trail, Damascus, VA. <http://www.vacreepertail.com> or <http://www.vacreepertail.us> or <http://www.vacreepertailbikeshop.com> Note: Take a hike on the Appalachian Trail to highest point in Virginia, Mt. Rogers, a 7 mile hike from closest road crossing and parking lot. Take a swim in the river to cool off.
 7. Go board a Tall Ship. Baltimore is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812 on 13-19 June 2012 with a Star Spangled Sailabration - visiting Tall Ships, naval ships, fly-overs, and fun stuff and food ashore. Go on Saturday, 16 June. <http://www.starspangled200.com>
 8. Go to the Sea Scout 100th Anniversary Celebration on Baltimore Harbor on 28-29 July 2012. http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/Scoutfleet_2012.htm You do not need to be a Sea Scout to go – you can board with Old Dominion Sea Scout Ship 1176 or 1115. Ask Adair Petty – ppetty1@cox.net
 9. Check out what is on sale at the REI Online Outlet Shop. Also check out “Learn” tab Expert Advice and How-To information. There are a bunch of YouTube How-To videos - <http://www.rei.com>
 10. Check out Backpacker Magazine online for some great information, tips, and expert Advice - <http://www.backpacker.com>
 11. Check out the Blue Ridge Outdoors for adventures along the mountains and Blue Ridge - <http://www.blueridgeoutdoors.com>
 12. For what is happening on the Chesapeake, check out the Chesapeake Bay Magazine and website - <http://www.chesapeakeboating.net>
 13. V3 Hike-o-ree, November 2-3, 2012, Front Royal & Shenandoah National Forest. Hike the trails and show off your summer high adventure pictures at the High Adventure Rally in the evening. 2011 Hike-o-ree information – watch for 2012 information to come out <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/docdownload.aspx?ID=28866>

Have Fun!!
Adair Petty,
Venturing Vice Chairman
Old Dominion District



Above is a photo of the transit of Venus, where the planet Venus passes (or transits) in front of the sun. This photo was taken on June 5th at the Springfield Estates Elementary School where Pack 868 meets. Den Leader Hector Merced is the photographer. Numerous scouts and parents saw this rare, once in their lifetime, event. It was a cloudy day, but fortunately, the clouds broke enough for the all to see the transit and several sun spots. It was very enjoyable to hear the ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’ of all present.

This is one of the rarest predictable astronomical events, as it happens every 243 years--with a pair of transits 8 years apart separated by a gap of 121 years on one pair and 105 years on the next pair. The last transit we had before this was on June 8, 2004. Mark your calendars for the next transit of Venus, it will be on December 10, 2117, 105 years from this year!

Technical info for the photo - taken with a Celestron 8" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, Thousand Oaks visible light solar filter, and a D-80 Nikon digital camera at prime focus. The shutter speed was 1/40 seconds at an aperture of f/10



Colombia has the privilege to organize for the Inter-American Scout Region, the 1st Scout Camporee and the 14th Inter American Scout Jamboree from January 4 to January 13, 2013, in Bogota.

OA UPDATE



The June Old Dominion Chapter meeting was held Sunday, June 3 with youth representation from the following units: 150, 683, 688, 881, 994, 1115, 1145, 1501, and 1853

If your Unit's Order of the Arrow Representative is not attending the Chapter meetings, are your Arrowmen getting the information concerning the activities of the Chapter?

Upcoming Events

Brotherhood Conversions – June 15 – Alexandria Coast Guard Station: The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be conducting its next Brotherhood Walk and associated Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony eligible Ordeal members the evening of June 15th, at the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center, 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22310. If you are eligible and interested in sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow, please respond to the email that Mr. Bill Rooney sent out concerning the Brotherhood Conversion opportunity.

This year the lodge began a new Trail to Excellence program for chapters and one of the key criteria is once again Brotherhood conversion rate. The Old Dominion Chapter will need to have a conversion rate of over 50% of eligible Ordeal members in order to qualify for the Gold (previous know as Honor) designation. I would like to thank all new Brotherhood members for sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow so far this year. This is one of many Brotherhood conversion opportunities that we will have this year to make our 50% conversion goal.

Also, remember that if you are attending any of the camps at the Goshen Scout Reservation this coming summer, each camp will hold an Order of the Arrow social, the cost is having your OA sash and wearing it, and the reservation has a Brotherhood Conversion opportunity each week for eligible Ordeal members.

Goshen Bus Loading – Fairfax Government Center – July 14-15: The Old Dominion Chapter has been asked to support the Goshen Bus Loading this summer during the weekend of July 14-15 at the Fairfax Government Center. All members of the chapter are asked to come out either Saturday, Sunday or both days to help your fellow scouts remove their equipment as they come back from a week at the Goshen Scout Reservation and help those

units pack up the bus as they leave for a week of summer camp. Arrowmen are asked to arrive around 08:30 and support needed task until the buses depart for Goshen by around 13:00. If you intend to come out at support the chapter in this service to your fellow scouts, please let the chapter Chief, Gregory Steffensen, know by email.

Summary of Recent Chapter Events

Spring Ordeal – May 13-15 – Camp Moss Hollow: The Old Dominion's Spring Ordeal was held May 13-15 at Camp Moss Hollow and the chapter inducted and welcomed some 50 new Ordeal members and had one Brotherhood Conversion during the weekend. As is the case with Old Dominion Ordeals, all walked away stuffed after the Ordeal feast and a number of new Ordeal members stayed up all night celebrating. The chapter would like to thank all of the members that came out and volunteered to be Elangomats, Ceremonialists, staff and just plain support to the Ordeal. Once again, the staff at Camp Moss Hollow is very thankful for what we accomplished during the weekend and we made a difference by allowing the camp to open on time and in great shape to support their summer time activities.

Chapter Leadership Election Results: During the May Chapter meeting, the youth present at the meeting elected the new chapter leadership for the coming year. The results of the Chapter elections were:

- Chapter Chief - Gregory Steffensen
- Chapter Vice Chief for Unit Programs – Trent Brown
- Chapter Vice Chief for Activities – Benjamin Washecheck
- Chapter Vice Chief Inductions – No member stood for election
- Chapter Vice Chief Administration – No member stood for election

During the June chapter meeting, it was announced that two youth Arrowmen had stepped forward and filled the two open chapter leadership positions.

- Chapter Vice Chief Inductions – Alan Davis
- Chapter Vice Chief Administration – Clark Billups

2012 Dues and Brotherhood Eligibility: To all unit leaders and TOARs, please check with all the members of your units to insure that they are current with their lodge dues. Members of the Order of the Arrow also have to be registered with a Boy Scout Unit to be a member is good

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EAGLE PROJECT FUNDRAISING CLARIFIED

There seems to be some confusion as how to get approval for fundraising related to an Eagle Scout Project. The BSA and NCAC guidelines are pretty specific and the District Advancement Committee has done some research to be sure we have the best and latest information.

Please be sure to carefully read the Fund Raising Application section found on page 5 of the Eagle Scout Project Workbook – copy of that section is below:

From The Fundraising Application (Pages 17–18)

If your fundraising effort involves contributions only from the beneficiary or you, your parents or relatives, your unit or its chartered organization, or parents or members in your unit, submitting the fundraising application is not necessary. If you will be obtaining money or materials from any other sources, you must submit a completed application to the local council service center. For more information, see “Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising” on page 18.

The ways to get Fundraising approved at the NCAC for an Eagle Scout Service Project are as follows:

- Quickest is to scan completed page 17 of the Eagle Scout Project Workbook and send an email with the form as an attachment to:
NCACEagleFunds@scouting.org Whoever sends the email will get the reply.
- Next best way is to fax completed page 17 of the Eagle Scout Project Workbook to 240-395-0610. Be sure to state how to contact the Scout once fundraising is approved. Faxing may take a day or so longer than email.
- You can use the US Mail and send completed page 17 of the Eagle Scout Project Workbook to:

NCAC BSA

Attention: Peter Johnson

9190 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20814

Be sure to state how to contact the Scout once fundraising is approved. US Mail takes the longest to get through the system and approved.

We are told by Peter Johnson, NCAC Finance Director, approval can be as quick as same day (if email gets there early) but typical approval is 2-3 days. Peter did mention that they try to get all done by the next day after receipt.

Let me know if I can answer questions or be of any service.

Jerry Prentice

Eagle Board Chairman

703-425-1589

jerry@prenticegroup.com

OA UPDATE (cont.)

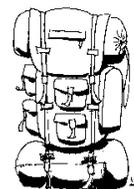
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standing of the Order. Current members should have received a membership dues request from the lodge during the past month.

Also check with any OA member that has completed their ordeal more than 10 months ago and inquire as to whether or not they have sealed their membership in the order by completing their Brotherhood conversion or when they intend to do so. Brotherhood conversion is a key parameter to the Old Dominion Chapter being able to achieve Honor status each year. Information on who is eligible for Brotherhood Conversion and the status of any members lodge dues is available to the unit leadership by contacting the Old Dominion Chapter Adviser, Mr. Jeff Morrow, at oddscouter@cox.net.

Key Upcoming Events

- June 15 Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity – Alexandria Coast Guard Navigation Station
- June 16 Lodge Leadership Development – Camp William B. Snyder
- July NO Chapter Meeting
- July 14-15 Goshen Bus Loading - Fairfax Government Center
- July 29-Aug 4 National Order of the Arrow Conference – Michigan State
- Aug 5 Chapter Meeting



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

June 25-29, 2012
Occoquan Regional Park
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079

**200 Cub Scouts are currently registered for
ODD Day Camp!**



New Scouts joining during the Spring Membership Drive may attend camp for the Early Bird Registration fee of \$165. Pack Coordinators must submit a hard-copy registration form and payment directly to Council. There are only a few slots open, so get your registrations in soon!

HELP WANTED:

We still need Boy/Venture Crew Scouts aged 14 + to help at camp. A \$75 Goshen Credit is provided to those working 5 days at Day Camp!

Have Questions or Want to Sign Up?

Contact us at: Odddaycamp@gmail.com

**Have Questions or Want an Info Session at Your
Pack Meeting?** E-mail Odddaycamp@gmail.com
