



# The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...  
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

June 9, 2011

## CALENDAR

### June

- 9 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables
- 10-12 Wood Badge #2
- 22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30
- 23 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30

### July

- 11-15 ODD Cub Scout Day Camp
- 30 *The Old Rag* input due

### August

- 5 *The Old Rag* input due
- 5 Early Popcorn order due
- 7 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables
- 11 JSN Backup Training Date
- 24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30
- 25 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30

### September

- 2 *The Old Rag* input due
- 8 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables
- 8 WTS Training (before Roundtable)
- 9 Popcorn Order #1 due
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 SM/ASM Specific Training
- 26 Intro to Outdoor Ldr Skills Trng, part 1
- 28 District Committee Meeting, 7:30
- 29 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30
- 30-Oct 1 Intro to Outdoor Ldr Skills Trng, part 2

### October

- 2 OA Chapter Meeting
- 2 Popcorn Order due
- 7 *The Old Rag* input due
- 13 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables
- 13 Webelos-to-Scout Training (back-up)
- 14-16 Fall Camporee
- 15-16 Fall Webelos-ree
- 22 NCAC Centennial Celebration
- 26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30
- 27 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30

### November (partial)

- 2 *The Old Rag* input due
- 4-6 Hike-o-ree
- 5 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables
- 10 Scout Expo (before RT)
- 12 Scouting for Food bag pick-up
- 16 District Committee Meeting, 7:30
- 17 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30

*Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Thomas Jefferson High School.*

*District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road.*

## WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- *The Old Rag* is not published in July. The next issue will be in August, and input is due on July 31st.
- The Commissioner news on page 2 provides information on the **JTE** program, **Unit Health** assessments, **District Charter** renewals, and the **Council Strategic Plan**.
- A **District Dinner recap** is found on page 3. Photos scattered through out this issue.
- The 2011 **FOS campaign** is nearing the end, with the goal within reach. See page 4 for current status.
- Preliminary planning information for the **Fall Camporee** and **Webelos-ree** is found on page 4. Don't forget the planning session before Roundtable on June 9th.
- Coming **membership** training tips for summer recruiting, and Webelos to Scout transition are discussed on page 6.
- **Day Camp is around the corner**. Opportunities for scouts and scouters still exist. See page 5.
- **JTE Service hour logging** is on going. See page 7 for details on how.
- Page 7 also gives a review of the topics for the June Boy Scout and Venturing **Roundtable**.
- Added nearby training for Boy Scout Leader and Outdoor Leader skills are found on page 9.
- Information on coming **Venturing activities** and the **Varsity Letter** are on page 10.
- The **OA update** and **dates** for summer chapter activities is on page 11.
- Preliminary planning details for the **2011 Hike-o-ree** are found on page 12
- Page 13 has a the 2011 **Popcorn** program details and dates, including the important **training** dates.

## COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



### Commissioner Staff News

Welcome to new commissioner Alan Fogg. Alan will be taking over Buck Gastrell's units in June. Thanks to Buck for the past few years of outstanding commissioner service.

### Roundtable Attendance for May

- Cub Scout – 26 Scouters from 18 out of 37 units (50%)
- Boy Scout – 41 Scouters from 22 out of 34 units (65%)
- Venturing/Varsity – 14 Scouters from 8 of 23 units (33%)

Some important items were given out at roundtable to help units with annual planning: a Council Calendar and Program Launch Resources CD. These were available at the staff meeting and will be again at June Roundtable – make sure you and your unit gets one of each.

### Charter Renewal

District Recharter Process – This process must be completed by end of June, which includes verifying YPT completion for all commissioners and collecting payment for all commissioners who are primary registered with the district. Charter renewal will only be until December when we will get on cycle with unit recharter, so the fee will be \$7.50. Hubert Fry (ADC for Charter Renewal) will be in touch with those individuals within the next week or so.

### Unit Health Assessment

The next cycle is rapidly approaching (deadline July 7<sup>th</sup>). ADC for Unit Health Don Palomaki has provided some preliminary instructions (provided by email) with a more detailed data call coming soon. We will also discuss further at the June Commissioner staff meeting, but in meantime please contact Don if you have questions.

### Journey to Excellence – District Progress

Unit Visitation Tracking System. The Council Commissioner provided a mid-month checkpoint for May and Old Dominion had 20 visits in the system, tied for first with Montgomery among the 20 districts in the council. Great job! For those still needing access to the system, Joe and I are working on it. Please be patient and save your visits. You may even have another commissioner or your ADC enter them for you in the interim.

Those of you who serve Cub Scout Packs should have by now reminded the unit leaders of JTE requirement 8

(bronze level) requirement to “By May 31, the Pack Committee recruits/confirms pack and den leadership for the next year”. Packs will be in jeopardy of even earning bronze level if they don't accomplish this requirement.

The next step will be to check progress at mid-year when doing Unit Health Assessments.

Chartered Org Relationships. The JTE standard is to have all chartering organizations visited by a district representative during the year. The visited person can be the institutional head or COR. The district representative can be the Unit Commissioner. We can use the UVTS to track these visits. Instructions from Bill Nelson were provided by email.

### Council Strategic Plan

For those interested in the overall direction of our council, and particular commissioner-supported aspects of that direction, see the following link to the NCAC Strategic Plan (STRAP – love that acronym). <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=41369&orgkey=1988>. For those really interested, there will be a series of briefings on the STRAP directly from the Vice President of Strategic Resources John Mason at one of the five upcoming presentation dates: 6 June - Camp Snyder; 20 June – Aquia Ward LDS Church (1399 Courthouse Rd, Stafford VA); 14 July – Charles Wesley United Methodist Church (6817 Dean Drive, McLean VA); 25 July – Montgomery Village LDS Church (20020 Montgomery Village Ave, Montgomery Village, MD). Each event starts with 6:30-7 pm refreshments, followed 7-8:30 pm with the STRAP presentation itself.

### Loss of new units and need for an Old Dominion ADC for New Unit Service

On average, a quarter of all new units don't make it to the 3 year point (when they stop being considered a 'new' unit). This is a sad loss of time by volunteers, chartering organizations, and families who give a new unit a try, have a bad experience and then leave Scouting for good. I need a motivated commissioner to give this a try. Please call or email me directly and let's discuss. The time requirement can be tailored to your time availability.

### Commissioner Training

Thanks to all of you who provided idea to John Pastino for commissioner training in the coming year. For those who need to conduct a training for their Arrowhead Honor, please contact John at [redacted] and he'll fit you in with a topic of your choice !

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



On May 2<sup>th</sup>, over 80 Scouters and their guests attended the Old Dominion District, "No One Can Fill Your Boots" dinner and recognition ceremony. In previous months I have shared the names of the District Award of Merit recipients; Mike Kidd, Lee Nelson, Tom Quigley and Derek Trumbetic. I also shared the names of the Old Dominion District Key 6, Mark Burrows, Bob Colella, Jason Evenson, John Hannon, Steve Scherr and Chip Souser.

Several other awards were given out; I would like to share the names of those recipients too. The first is the Most Valuable Unit Award. It was given to Troop 1853 this year for their many contributions to scouting both within their unit and within the district. Troop Committee Chairman, John Selstrom accepted the award on behalf of the troop. The next award presented is called the Square Knot Award. It was given to Jeff Morrow and Dennis Wokeck for their continued, noteworthy and dedicated service to the district after having been previously recognized. The district also recognized our own District Commissioner, Scott Staron with the Distinguished Palm Award for his continuous, dedicated, distinguished and exceptional service to the district. The last surprise award of the evening was the Lifetime Achievement Award. This year's recipient was Bob Austin. Bob was selected for his many years of sustained and significant contributions to the district. He has been a cornerstone to scouting in our district since 1993. He is certainly a most deserving awardee. I must say, presenting awards to such exceptional volunteers is the best part of being District Chairman!

The dinner and evening were a huge success thanks to our Marketing Vice Chairman, Nam Chi and his staff. We all enjoyed a catered dinner served with a western flare. If you were not able to attend the dinner, I encourage coming next year. It is a really fun time!

June is the final month of the regular scouting year. The summer brings many camping opportunities though. I hope to see lots of cubs at Day Camp in July! Karin Linehan and Donnie Bullock are once again working on a really great week of camping fun!

Wishing everyone a safe, fun and enjoyable summer!

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

## DISTRICT DINNER RECAP

On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated some of your fellow Scouters as they received such awards as the Lifetime Achievement Award, District Award of Merit and Key 6 Award to name a few. For those of you who missed the Trail Mix or the Root Beer Bars; it was a great time for those in attendance. Thank you to all volunteers who make Scouting possible for the hundreds of youth for whom our District serves. Without you, none of them would receive such quality programs which we offer and we would not be "America's District". Remember, "No one can fill your boots!"

Check out photographs from the dinner throughout this issue. The District Dinner Program, including awards announced at the Dinner is available for download from the Newsletter section of the ODD Web page at: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17133&orgkey=2017>

## OUTSTANDING SCOUTERS AND UNITS AWARDS

The certificates for the Outstanding Scouters and Units awards were available for pickup at the district's awards dinner in late May. Certificates that were not picked up that evening will be in the appropriate unit's hang-file at Roundtable on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



Past GW District Chairman Jerry Prentice and Current ODD Chairman Holly Brown with the ODD Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Bob Austin.



## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Thank you so much to all the scouters who have participated. in the 2011 FOS campaign. It has gone GREAT. At this point, we are at 84% of goal at \$71,000. Last year at this time we were at 82% of goal. STOP the presses. We are not done yet. Get the word out, let everyone know that we are still taking contributions. We would like to wrap up the campaign in the next couple of weeks. Please make those extra few calls to families who have not donated yet. Your extra effort goes along way.

Also, please make sure that the families, who qualify for recognition items, receive them. We will be happy to bring anything you need to Roundtable, Thursday June 9. Kindly advise Doug Cochrane at dougrcochrane@aol.com by noon June 8, so that he is equipped with what you need. In the case of wearables, include the size.

Many thanks in advance, for all your help, in wrapping up another successful FOS campaign!

This is my last month as the Vice Chairman of Finance.

It has been a pleasure working with you all over the last year. I have enjoyed it immensely. Mike Nepi will be heading up the Finance team next year and Doug Cochrane will be heading up a new Family Friends of Scouting team. I am excited to see all the strides the new team makes next year.

Thank You!

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## FALL CAMPOREE And WEBELOS-REE SAVE THE WEEKEND

Our Fall Camporee will be held October 14-16, 2011, at Fort Washington Park, in Fort Washington, MD. Your Troop or Crew will not want to miss this fun-filled camporee. Planning by the Senior Patrol Leaders and other Senior Scouts is underway. Our next planning session is Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 7:00pm at Thomas Jefferson High School, same place as roundtable. The youth will be deciding the theme and brainstorming the events and activities. Make sure your unit is represented. Our Camporee Director is Shawn Anderson and can be contacted at: [shawn@securitycafe.com](mailto:shawn@securitycafe.com).

The Webelos-ree is October 15-16, 2011 also at Fort Washington Park. Webelos Den Leaders should attend the planning session on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 7:00pm at Thomas Jefferson High School, same place as roundtable. We currently need someone to volunteer to be the Webelos-ree Director.



Photos to the Right. Pack 684's "Cub 500" in commemoration of the Indy 500 100th running. Each boy built a "car" out of a cardboard box and decorated it for the race. We raced around a set track by den for three laps - after the first lap, the boys had to stop and do a "pit stop" to take on "fuel" so they had to drink a cup of water and eat a cracker before they could leave the pit. On the next lap, they had to pit again and "change tires" or take off their shoes and put them back on - each boy had a "pit crew"

# CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2011 MEDIEVAL ADVENTURES!

July 11-15, 2011 at Occoquan Regional Park!



### CAMP STAFF NEEDED!

Help make this the best camp ever! Camp Staff help is needed for:

- First Aid
- Games Program
- Nature Program
- Archery Range Assistants
- BB Range Assistants
- Webelos Program

### FREE SCOUT REGISTRATION!

Pack Coordinators: Each Parent/Adult who serves on Camp Staff all 5 days get one free registration! Contact Karin for more information.

### SCOUTS CAN SERVE TOO!

Scouts aged 14 and older can help run the Program Areas! The Cubs LOVE to LEARN from Teen Scouts, and any Scout who works all five days earns \$75 GOSHEN Credit!

Scouts under age 14 can earn service hours while helping a parent or scout leader with a station and Den Chiefs can earn service hours by attending camp with their Den!

### REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

Have new Scouts from Spring Registration? They can attend camp at the early registration cost but must be registered with a paper application. All other Cub Scouts may still be registered online.



### HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Contact Karin Linehan at [ODDaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:ODDaycamp@gmail.com) or 703-495-0133.

## COMMISSIONERS' (cont.)

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Thanks for all of your time and commitment as part of the best commissioner staff in the council !

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District Commissioner  
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## 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. (However, Eagle Advancement forms must be turned in directly to the NCAC office in Bethesda so data accuracy can be checked against the ScoutNet database.)

### 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](mailto:NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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

## THE OLD RAG

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The Purpose of the Old Dominion District is to serve the Scouting needs of the units in the District.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training before June Roundtable at 7pm at TJHS

I know—you're still doing Spring Roundup, and now we Membership types want you to attend a training session for the fall. However, this is time well spent—we'll go through a lot of the basics in planning and preparation so that you'll be ready for those Back to School nights and to deliver a blockbuster Join Scouting Night (JSN).

### School is not out until 6/21—Keep on Recruiting!

To all of our packs, troops, crews and ships that have actively recruited this spring—THANK YOU! To those who have actively recruited AND those who have not, the game is not yet over! That's right, as of Roundtable Thursday there will be a week and half left before FCPS ends the school year. It is additional RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY time for your unit. Much of the last days of school are filled with movies, field days, award ceremonies, and PTA events (teachers—we know you are still doing your best!). Which means you still have plenty of time AND a willing audience to pitch your Spring Roundup event in June. Some recruiting ideas:

- How about volunteering some of your Scouts, in uniform, to provide a color guard for your school's last awards ceremony?
- How about having unit leaders visit Field Days in uniform with information about upcoming events?
- How about having uniformed leaders outside the school at dismissal of last day of school with literature and sign-up sheets?

We have heard from 2 packs (684 and 685) that have had successful spring roundups, but we know there are more stories out there. These packs added 6 and 12 new boys respectively! WAY TO GO! 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 [redacted].

**Make-up Fall JSN Training in August before Roundtable.** We'll be conducting another JSN Training at 7:00pm before August Roundtable (8/11) at TJHS. 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.** Here we go! It's hot! It's humid! And school's almost out. Sounds like it's 2010 all over again!

Hey Cubmasters/WTS Coordinators--not to be repetitive, but just like last year, it's time to ask "How are your recent "graduates" they doin'?" Have they been hiking or camping with their new Troop yet? When the weather gets hot it's time to see who's not!

Stop me if you've heard this before but the biggest single determining factor in a boy staying in scOUTING is getting him to the OUTING. Now is the time to leverage Troop outings to help smooth the transition of your [former] Webelos into his new Troop. If you find one of your boys is having a hard time adjusting, find out when the next Troop outing is and do what you can to get him there. Give a nudge to the Scout. The great outdoors is a great place to re-discover Scouting. 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!

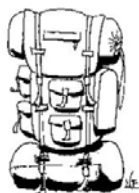
Watch out for those monster mosquitoes and have a great summer!

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## GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

**Boy Scouts:** This month's Boy Scout Roundtable will focus on Hiking. We will have an open forum discussion on planning and conducting hikes of various lengths, from the 5 mile hike for younger scouts to a 50 miler for experienced troops. Topics will include: proper clothing and footwear, hiking gear options, and local trails and resources. SPLs are encouraged to attend and bring their gear in for demonstration. Appalachian Trail sectional and thru-hikers will also be encouraged to share their experiences



**Venturing:** The Old Dominion Venturing Officers Association will hold its next meeting this week during the regularly schedule District Roundtable. As always, we will join everyone for the general opening and announcements.

All Crews and Ships are respectfully expected to have youth representation at the meeting(s) per NCAC directives. All Crews and Ships are welcome to send as many youth to these meetings as they wish.

The critical item for this month's meeting is determining which youth will serve as our first set of officers.

## LOGGING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Units can now enter their service hours at: [www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence](http://www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence). Look for the "Service Project" area of the screen. There they can find the link to log hours, information for first time users, ideas and tips for a successful service project, and sample reports that can be pulled by their council administrator. To enter service hours click on "service hours website." Choose "New User Click Here" or enter in the existing username and password. Users can still use [www.goodturnforamerica.com](http://www.goodturnforamerica.com) and they will be redirected to the new data collection site. If you have any questions, please contact the national service desk at 1-972-580-2267.

As a reminder to those who are closely following the new Journey to Excellence (JTE) program, community service hours are measured and tracked for the Council's JTE scorecard item #11. The details on how the Community Service Hours metric is measured are as follows: This measurement tracks the total service hours by Scouts, leaders, and other participants recorded on the Journey to Excellence service hours website divided by the total traditional members and Explorers. The determined standard is pro-rated according to the total number of months elapsed in the year. The performance standard is a factor in how a council's score may be decided.

Level	Determined standard	Performance standard
Gold	3 hrs avg.	1 hrs. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Silver	1 hr avg.	0.5 hrs. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Bronze	0.2 hrs avg.	0.2 hrs. growth



Above: District Key Six Award recipients Mark Burrows, Jason Evenson, John Hannon, Steve Scherr, and Chip Souser. (Robert Colella also received the award but was unable to attend.)

Right: District Chairman Holly Brown promotes District Committee Juice—one sip and you can find another



# THE TRAINING PAGES

Need to get trained for your new position fast? Most training is available online at [www.olg.scouting.org](http://www.olg.scouting.org) and can be completed in short sessions. Need more advanced training?



Check out the Council website for available courses, information and online registration. Go to [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org) and click on the training tab. Click on the training calendar. There you will find a drop down menu for the different districts in the council and what training they are offering each month. Clicking on the training will give you more information about the session and how to register.

For online training you will need your id number provided on your registration card from BSA if you have one, if not you can take the training and then add your number to your profile when you receive it.

**All registered adults must have youth protection training including newly registered adults**, their YPT card must be attached to their registration form or the registration form will not be accepted by Council. For Charter Renewal this year all unit leaders like Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Cub masters, Assistant Cub masters, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders as well as all committee members must be fully trained in their position to continue in those positions.

## Wood Badge Training

June 10-12 #2

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is designed for all Cub, Scout, and Varsity and Venturing leaders who have completed basic training. It is a leadership skills course, based on a format originally created by Scouting's Founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell and is considered the "Ph.D." of Scout training. The course is held over three days over two weekends about a month apart. Participants are required to attend each weekend in its entirety, including all day on Friday (arriving by 8:00 AM). Held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA.

The course will deal with cutting edge leadership and management skills while using a structure built on Scouting's organization and unit program. More information and registration info can be obtained from the council website ([www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org)). Click on "Training" and then "Wood Badge" to get the data and forms to download.

The following classes are available online

On-line training is available at:

[www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

**Youth Protection Training (YPT)** – Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This course is required to register as a Scouter.

**Youth Protection Training For Venture Leaders–** Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This is a different class for Venturing leaders which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units.

**This is Scouting** – is the entry-level course required for all Scout leader training.

**Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training (CSLT)** – covers all Cub Scout leader positions.

**Chartered Organization Representative Training (COR)** – This Is Scouting is not a prerequisite for COR Training but is recommended for CORs not familiar with the Scouting program. Fast start for CORs is available online.

**Troop Committee Challenge (TCC)** – covers all Troop Committee positions

**Supplemental Training Modules** – are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training

Live courses can be arranged for groups for YPT, TCC, COR and CSLT. Contact your training team for more information.



Award of Merit recipients Mike Kidd (top left), Lee Nelson (top right) Tom Quigley (lower left, and Derek Trumbetic (lower right) with Holly Brown, DE Joe Guida, Scott Staron, and Vickie Trumbetic

The following training events are through Colonial District. Register online through the calendar at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org).

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**  
June 10-11 overnight

POC is Dominick Caridi, [redacted]. Location: USCG Station, Telegraph Road, Alexandria VA. Wear your uniform, and bring a meal that doesn't require heating \$15.00 registration fee payable at the event.

**BALOO**  
June 11

POC is Dominick Caridi, [redacted]. Wear your uniform and bring your lunch; \$5.00 Registration fee payable at the event. Location: USCG Station, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA.

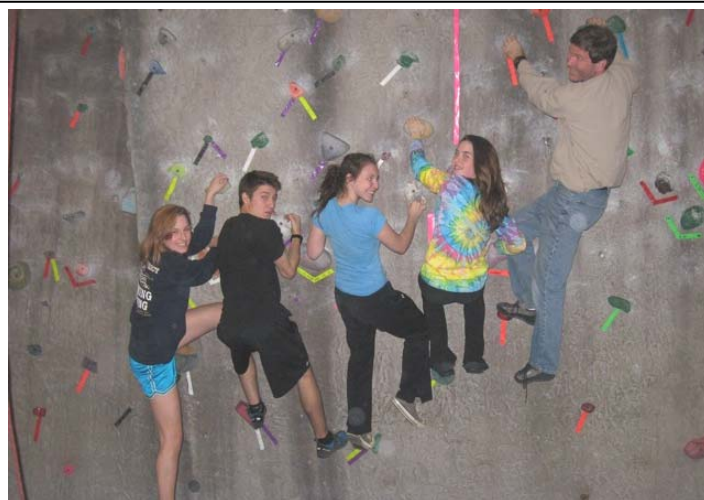
The following training events are through Aquia District (Registration ends June 18). Register online through the calendar at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org).

**Boy Scout Leader Specific**  
June 25 and July 9

Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 161 Embrey Mill Road, Stafford VA 22554. Classroom: TBD. Wear your uniform and bring your lunch; \$5.00 registration fee to be mailed in. POC is Mark Ellis, 703-376-4150 [redacted]

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**  
July 16

POC is Mark Ellis, 703-376-4150 [redacted].



Pictured above, Crew 4031 is Climbing on Up! On belay! It may sound like you're telling someone to hurry up, but actually you just told the person who will keep you from falling that you are attached to the climbing line. Once you start climbing the wall, your belayer is truly your best buddy.

Crew 4031 learned this and much more during a recent outing to Sport Rock in Alexandria where they took the basic climbing class and spent an afternoon both climbing walls up to 40 feet high with lines attached and free climbing much shorter walls. Most have already returned to take their certification exam to climb in pairs and earned the much-coveted pink tag.

Crew 4031 is not specialized, but enjoys getting out and doing things and having enjoyable social time with their meetings. Already in 2011 they have outdoor ice-skated in DC, cleaned up ECHO, indoor climbing, and are getting ready to go camping. Crew 4031 is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Springfield and most of its members attend Lee High School. They meet every other Tuesday. Jim Stewart is the Advisor, [redacted]



Left: Chairman Holly Brown presents the Distinguished Palm Award to Scott Staron.

Chairman Brown presents the Square Knot award to Jeff Morrow (upper right) and Dennis Wokeck (lower right)

## V3 VIEWS

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

- Aug 13-14, 2011 (Fri-Sun), Sea Scout Raft Up, location: TBD. Sponsor: Ship 759; contact: Skipper James Klimek at 240-271-4631 or [redacted]. First boat to arrive at 1200 on the 13th. All are welcome. (What is a Raft Up? It is a Sea Scout camporee in boats on the water – boats tied together in a raft. Fun!!)
- Sep 6, 2011 (Tue), 7:30-9:00 p.m., NCAC Venturing Officer Association KICK-OFF MEETING, Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. (More Information to follow), contact: Gerry Souser, President, NCAC CVOA [redacted]
- Sep 10, 2011 (Sat), - Joint USCG/Sea Scout Safety Day, Chesapeake Flotilla. Contact: Steve Nichols, [redacted], Chesapeake Safety at Sea Advisor; <http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/calendar.htm>
- Oct 22 & 23, 2011 (Sat-Sun), NCAC Venturing Officer Association NCAC Centennial Venturing Overnighter, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. (More Information to follow. Coming only for Saturday is OK.), contact: Gerry Souser, President, NCAC CVOA, [redacted]
- Nov 4-6, 2011 (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 is OK.)
- Nov 12, 2011 (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.



competitions will be a high adventure movie festival. Show your best; show your fun; win an Old Dominion Oscar.

### What are the Requirements for the Varsity Letter? Page 139 of the Varsity Scout Guidebook

gives the requirements for the Varsity letter: 1) registered as a Varsity Scout; 2) 75% attendance at Varsity Team meetings and activities for three months; 3) participate in or accomplish at least one high adventure or sports program; 4) and satisfy the Varsity Coach that the Scout knows and lives the Scout Oath and Law. These are the official requirements for the Varsity Letter.

Appendix A-18 gives a much more stringent set of requirements for the Varsity Letter including advancing one rank toward Eagle but these requirements are not officially required for the Varsity letter, only optional. National clarified that they were added to the Guidebook as a resource but were not intended to be the official Varsity Letter requirements. It will be noticed that they are almost a duplicate of the Denali Award requirements on page A-19 and were created before the Denali award was introduced. Likewise, A-19 for the Denali Award has an error on it in that it does not show the requirement for earning the Varsity Letter. Again, refer to page 140 for the correct requirements for the Denali Award – earning a Varsity letter as a requirement for the Denali Award is specified in the first paragraph.

Sorry that the Guidebook is confusing on these two points. The lesson is that the appendices are only guides, but the Varsity official requirements and information are in the Guidebook Chapters.

**Adult Varsity Leaders Can Also Earn the Varsity Letter.** Adult Varsity leaders that complete Varsity Fast Start, Varsity Leader Specific Training, This is Scouting, and Youth Protection Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and attend 6 Roundtables can be awarded the Varsity Letter. See the Varsity Scout Guidebook, A-17. The requirements on A-17 show completion of Varsity Fundamentals; this course covered the same material and was replaced by basic training - Varsity Leader Specific Training, This is Scouting, and Youth Protection Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

**What is new on the Scouting.org for Varsity?** The Varsity Program Resources for the 36 Varsity Activity programs are now online at <http://www.scouting.org> > Youth > Boy Scout > Resources (bottom of the page). Varsity Fast Start has now been added to My Scouting E-Learning. Go take it and get credit.

### What's New?

**Getting Ready for Summer Treks, On the Appalachian Trail.** Crew 1511 and Varsity Team 1511 (pictured) hiked the Appalachian Trail with Adair Petty from Gap along South Mountain, on the C&O canal along the Potomac River, and from Harper's Ferry back to camp with a stop at the AT Headquarters where they qualified for Maryland and West Virginia AT Patches. See photo on page 13.

**High Adventure Movies This Summer.** So what is your crew, ship, or team doing this summer. Take some pictures and turn them into a high adventure movie or show. We are looking for great high adventure movies to show at the fall camporee and the Hike-o-ree. We would love to show yours. At the fall camporee, one of the

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## OA UPDATE



### Summary of Recent Chapter Events

**Spring Ordeal:** May 13-15 – Camp Moss Hollow. The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow held its Spring Ordeal on the weekend of May 13-15 at Camp Moss Hollow. The weekend began with a steady drizzle in which 35 Ordeal Candidates, including one candidate from the Chain Bridge Chapter and one candidate from the Colonial Chapter, stepping forward taking on and completing the challenge of the Ordeal. These candidates performed much needed camp clean up and preparation tasks for Camp Moss Hollow. During the Saturday evening feast, the Camp Moss Hollow leadership, both the Camp Director and the Camp Ranger, ask for time to express their extreme pleasure in the efforts of the Old Dominion Chapter in providing much needed service to prepare the camp for the summer and the opportunity that the camp provides to inner city youth to experience nature and the associated learning that the camp provides.

During the weekend another two Ordeal members sealed their membership in the order by participating in and completing the Brotherhood Conversion. Speaking of the Saturday evening feast, once again NO one walked away hungry with the Ordeal cook crew providing a meal of meat, chicken, salad, potatoes, corn, green beans, and dinner rolls. Saturday evening was then taken over by evening movies and scouts playing 30 year old video games. As usual, there were many happy faces Sunday morning at breakfast. The Ordeal was completed by a Scout's Own religious service and an Order of the Arrow and Old Dominion Chapter familiarization presentation.

As a result of the efforts put forth by the Old Dominion Chapter and the Ordeal participants, Camp Moss Hollow has asked the Old Dominion Chapter to return this fall for another set of camp enrichment tasks. Preliminary dates for the Old Dominion Chapter Fall Ordeal are October 28 – 30. We ask that members save the date and come out and help the chapter provide cheerful service to Camp Moss Hollow. We can guarantee that you will not walk away hungry but you will walk away with a sense of accomplishment.

**Chapter Leadership Opportunities:** The positions of Chapter Vice Chief of Inductions and Chapter Vice Chief of Activities did not have any youth step forward that were interested in running for these positions. If you have any youth that are interested in running for any of these posi-

tions, they need to contact the Chapter Adviser, Mr. Morrow, [oddscoouter@cox.net](mailto:oddscoouter@cox.net), as soon as possible so that they can be sent a Chapter Candidacy Petition and fill it out prior to the next meeting.

It continues to be very important that we have as many Arrowmen attend this meeting as possible to allow for the youth to participate in running the chapter.

**2011 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. 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 that status of any members lodge dues is available to the unit leadership by contacting the Old Dominion Chapter Adviser, Mr. Jeff Morrow, at [oddscoouter@cox.net](mailto:oddscoouter@cox.net).

### Key Upcoming Events:

- June 5: — Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- June 11: — Lodge Leadership Development – Camp William B. Snyder
- July — NO Chapter Meeting
- July (4 Weeks): — Summit Corp – New River Gorge National River, West Virginia
- July 16 – 17:— Goshen Bus Loading - AT& T Building; 3033 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, VA.
- Aug. 1-6:— Indian Summer - Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, N.C.
- Aug. 7:— Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- Sept. 16 – 18:— National Leadership Seminar – Camp Alpine, NJ
- Sept. TBD:— Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity – Alexandria Coast Guard Station. Stay Tuned for Details

## V3 (cont.)

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The 22nd Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held on, November 4-6, 2011, 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, 2010.*

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.

Adair Petty  
 Venturing Vice Chairman  
 Old Dominion District

## MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

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### 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  
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District Professional Joe Gouda  
[joseph.gouda@scouting.org](mailto:joseph.gouda@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 — Vacant  
**HELP WANTED**



Above: Team and Crew 1511 hiking the AT  
 Below: V3 Rockband Competition at the Spring Camporee



# POPCORN 2011

## Plan your Fall Popcorn Campaign NOW for Best Profit!

We are striving to help NCAC reach \$5 Million in sales this year! Early planning will help ensure your unit has a successful campaign and earns more profit! Have your popcorn chair or a unit representative send an e-mail to the address below to get on the e-mail list. Kickoff Training sessions start June 21st, and locations are still being finalized. Popcorn Chairs, Unit Leaders and/or Committee Chairs are all welcome to attend!

**Online sales** continue through the summer, so encourage your scouts to sell to family or friends out of the local area. Online sales will count for Popcorn Campaign prizes and scholarships from Aug-Dec.

**Not Just for Cub Scouts!** Does your TROOP or CREW NEED FUNDS? Do SCOUTS WANT TO EARN MONEY for High Adventure, Camps, or Equipment? Popcorn Sales can help your unit or scouts earn money to cover those costs! If your Troop/Crew does not plan to have a unit popcorn chair, the Scouts may join the District Sales Team. Contact Karin at the address below to get interested scouts signed up.

Have questions or need to get on the e-mail list? Send a message with name and contact information to Karin Linehan at [ODDpopcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:ODDpopcorn@yahoo.com). Get updated training and sales information online at <http://www.scouting.org>. Click on Support Scouting, then look for POPCORN and click on Important Dates for 2011-2012.

## 2011 Training Dates – (*italics indicates a change from last month*)

- *jun 21, Aug 6, Sep 17 – Marriott Scout Service Center 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD*
- *Jun 23 – St. Stephens Methodist Church, 9203 Brad-dock Rd, Burke, VA*
- *Additional dates in Jun, Aug & Sep are pending. Check the website for updates.*

## 2011 Important Sale Dates (*italics indicates a change from last month*)

- Aug 5 - Early orders due
- Aug 20 - Early order pick-up (no chocolate) Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield \*
- Sep 9 – Popcorn Order Due – Case orders only
- Sep 24 - Popcorn Pickup Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield \*
- *Oct 2 - Mid-Sale Order Due - Case orders only (Date was changed from Oct 7)*
- *Oct 15 - Mid-Sale Popcorn Pickup Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield \**
- Nov 16 (Wednesday) - Final Popcorn Order (cases and individual containers) & Prize Orders Due
- Dec 3 - Popcorn Pickup # 2 Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield \*
- *Dec 19 – Final payment and any outstanding prize orders due*

\* orders over \$10,000 will be delivered to the location of your choice.

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