



The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

March 10, 2011

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5	<i>The Old Rag</i> input due	
7	OA Chapter Meeting	
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24	District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
25	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

Membership— Spring Roundup Training Thu, 3/10 at 7pm (right before Roundtable). See page 5.

Spring Webelos-to-Scout "Check-in" Thu, 3/10 @ 7pm (right before Roundtable), for Unit Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, New Scout Coordinators, see page 5.

Cub Scout **Day Camp** information—a Medieval Adventure—with early bird **discounts** and opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn Camp Goshen credit, is discussed on page 11.

Nomination forms for the district's annual **Outstanding Scouter and Unit** awards are due April 14. See page 6 inside for details

District Pinewood Derby - March 12th at Springfield Mall—Don't miss this great opportunity to 1) carry home a trophy that can choke a horse, and 2) see all the great cars from our entire District - Details inside on page 7.

Spring Camporee—April 29-May 1 at Harpers Ferry. A wide ranging program for Boy Scouts and Venturers is planned. See details inside starting on page 2.

Merit Badge Jamboree—Held on March 5th was a big success. Summary statistics are on page 4. Some photos from the MBJ are scattered throughout this issue

Required Scoutmaster training courses are being offered in March. See details on page 9.

Information on an **Eagle Scout Scholarship** availability. Application are due by April. 15th. See page 3.

The ODD will become more involved with the **Exploring** program. Introductory information and training information are included inside on page.

New Tour Plan (replaces Toru Permits) is explained on page 10.

Do you know who your **Eagle Scout Board** members are? We name names inside on page 7.

A preview of coming **Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Varsity Roundtables** topics is found on on page 7.

A **FOS update** can be found on page 2.

Key 6 Award Nominations are due April 7th. See moe information on page 11.

The **District Annual Business** meeting date and elections schedule has changed to November. See the note on page 2 for details..



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

March Update!

As most all of you know, the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS) is a very simple yet crucial financial fundraiser for the National Capital Area Council. Units pass out brochures, explain just why our council needs funding and what the money will be used for via a short presentation during a meeting with the parents, then collect the donations. I want to remind everyone to please not let FOS fall off your radar screen. Last year more than ever, council committed to providing first rate programming that every unit had an opportunity to participate in. The Centennial Camporee at Goshen on Memorial Day weekend was fantastic. This spectacular event did not pay for itself with just the registration fee. In order to keep the event to a modest price that everyone can afford, council relied on other funding sources like FOS to supplement this event. Please take the time to pass this message along to the registered members of your unit so we can keep a program like this vibrant. Traditionally our District has been a strong supporter to the FOS campaign. Let's keep up the pacesetting efforts!

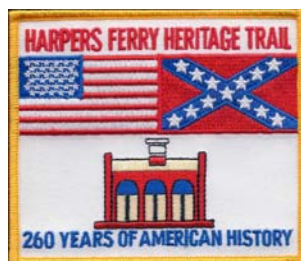
Thank You!
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Old Dominion District
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Doug Cochrane
Deputy Vice Chair of Finance
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DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Due to the change in the Council calendar in which the annual NCAC business meeting was held in February 2011, the annual District Business Meeting will be re-scheduled for November 2011. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. Anyone interested in being nominated for a district position can contact me at jm@rephlo.com or my HP 703 451-9473.

John Rephlo
District Nominating Chairman



OLD DOMINION 2011 SPRING CAMPOREE

April 29th through May 1st

We're camping at the Harpers Ferry KOA <http://www.harpersferrykoa.com/>. Parking is at a premium so plan ahead to take as few vehicles as necessary.

We will have Civil War reenactors camping with us and there will be program opportunities to visit their campsites and Scouts will have an opportunity to go through a short "Camp of Instruction" and see what Civil War era boot camp was like.

The campground is a half mile walk to the National Park visitor center where scouts and scouters can catch the park shuttle busses into the historic town. Be aware that there is practically no parking available in the town.

There is a Harpers Ferry Heritage Trail through the park and we will provide you the Heritage Trail guidebook. If you complete the questionnaire a special Heritage Trail patch (see above) can be purchased at the Camporee for \$3.50. We will also have a scavenger hunt in conjunction with the heritage Trail hike.

If you want a longer hike we have the 10 mile Maryland Heights trail hike that will take you by foot down into Harpers Ferry, across the Potomac River, up Maryland Heights to see the stone fort ruins then back down to town and return to the campground.

Activities include more hikes, bikes trails, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy headquarters, horseback riding and opportunities for the older Scouts and Venture Scouts to whitewater raft on the Shenandoah River, and more.

Complete information on all these activities and more can be found in the Camporee Guidebook available for download from the ODD Web Page, District Documents and Forms section. For questions please contact Camporee Director, Jerry Prentice at jerry@prenticegroup.com or 703-425-1589.

Annual District Awards Dinner

The Annual District Awards Dinner is being held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on May 25, 2011. Tickets will be available at the April and May Roundtables or by contacting Nam Chi at NCACOldDominion@gmail.com.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



Commissioner Staff News

Welcome to Tom Peterson who has replaced Dora Judson in the LDS area and Dennis Ratliff (UC) who replaced Dean Stinson as Boy Scout side Roundtable Commissioner. Thanks to Dora and Dean for all of their hard work and contributions.

Roundtable Attendance for February

- Cub Scout – 38 Scouters from 22 out of 37 units (60%)
- Boy Scout – 42 Scouters from 23 out of 34 units (68%)
- Venturing/Varsity – 22 Scouters from 7 of 23 units (29%)

Charter Renewal

I appreciate the efforts of ADC for Recharter Renewal Hubert Fry and all commissioners for all of your hard work over the past several months to complete our charter renewal, which is very close to completion.

Centennial Quality Program

Congratulations to the commissioner staff for their contributions toward attaining another year of Centennial Quality District as one of 13 of only 20 districts to make it this year. A significant factor was achieving 81.5% of units with CQUA (second highest in council). The award for units with 4 years of earning CQUA will be a hiking staff-style medallion that can be placed on the unit flag-poles. These will be available at some point via BSA supply. Unit CQUA streamers were available for pickup at the Commissioner Staff meeting. Those that haven't been picked up yet will be at Roundtable.

Journey to Excellence Program

It is up to commissioners to continue the education process for this program with our units over the next several months and the rest of the year. It is important for units to understand the program goals and point system early as some goals must be met in the first part of the year. Commissioners can also directly impact district JTE accomplishment this year by unit visits logged into the Unit Visit Tracking System and unit achievement of bronze awards or higher. You can also indirectly influence district JTE accomplishment by encouraging unit leader training and camping programs.

Commissioner Support to Spring Camporee

The Old Dominion Commissioners will be out in force to support the Spring Camporee the first week in May. We need commissioners to assist Cyndy Blake Fri-

day night and then take over Saturday and Sunday, Parking assistance and meet/greet units Friday night, General unit assistance Saturday throughout the Camporee activity areas, and Campsite Inspections Saturday afternoon. What a chance to wear your distinctive Commissioner neckerchiefs and provide commissioner service to our district in the classic setting - a camporee. Please let me know by email when you can assist.

New ADC Position

We need an Asst District Commissioner (ADC) for New Unit Service. Generally that ADC would oversee service by the commissioner staff to our new units and ensure they are getting quality commissioner support. Please see me if interested (you can even wear an ADC patch!).

Commissioner Neckerchiefs are still available at nearly every district event from Vickie Trumbetic for only \$12. Don't miss out – get them while they last!

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
scottstaron@msn.com

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO FAIRFAX COUNTY EAGLE SCOUTS

College Access Fairfax, a non-profit organization that works to help Fairfax County high school graduates find financing for higher education, is offering a one-time scholarship award to an Eagle Scout. The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to one Eagle Scout based on applications.

Applications for the Eagle Scout scholarship can be gotten from High School Guidance Offices or by going to www.collegeaccessfairfax.org

The deadline for submission of applications is April 15. All Eagle Scouts are encouraged to apply. Last year the scholarship was awarded to Samuel Ogbe of Hayfield High School.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



I want to start this column off by thanking some wonderful District Volunteers. The first BIG thanks goes to Fred Woody and his Klondike Team. This year's Klondike in early February went off seamlessly. I have heard many troops say how much their scouts enjoyed it.

Fred and his team do an outstanding job every year. Thank you Fred!

Yesterday was the District's Merit Badge Jamboree (MBJ). This event was another magnificent production by Cyndy Blake and her large team of volunteers. Cyndy reports over 400 scouts attended, making it the biggest MBJ yet! BIG thanks to you too, Cyndy!

Next, I want to share with you all a letter I received as a response to my article last month on Compassion. In future columns, I would love to address other comments, questions or advice that ODD scouters have. If you have anything you think would benefit others, send it to me at brown.hollyh@verizon.net.

Dear Holly,

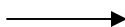
Today the more rare species in Northern Virginia seems to be the Volunteer. With the economy not doing well and parents stretched thin with other activities we should be THANKFUL to have the volunteers that we have. What puzzles me is why do we complain when or volunteers make a correction of our Scouts? Why do we instantly fire off an email or phone call and not give this person some benefit of doubt. How many here have been at summer camp when a monsoon appears at this same volunteer puts themselves in harm's way for your Scout, but when your Scouts feelings get hurt you have to fire off an email to complain. I am a parent as well and I understand nurturing and ensuring my children are treated fairly. I want to encourage all parents to use compassion, like you article described.

Today when you see a Volunteer, thank them. The next time your Scout comes home and says Mr. Such and Such doesn't like me, sleep on it. After a day or two take the Volunteer out for coffee and here their side of the story.

I have been a volunteer for 5 years and I have yet to find the Scout Volunteer that doesn't CARE. I have found Adults that work 10 hour days, manage their kids sports schedules and still give time to Scouting.

Today, THANK a VOLUNTEER

YIS,
Name withheld



MERIT BADGE JAMBOREE RESULTS

On Saturday, March 5th, around 600 Scouts, Scouters and other adults came together at Annandale HS for the 8th ODD Merit Badge Jamboree. If success could be measured by the faces of the Scouts and Counselors as they were working in their Merit Badge Classes you would have to say the day was highly successful. If you want to measure it by numbers here you go:

There were 35 units represented and 387 Scouts in attendance. Seven units came from outside the ODD. Of the total number of Merit Badges attempted, 618 were earned!

See photos elsewhere in this issue.

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.)

Lastly, FOS 2011 is in full swing. We are not only counting on, but really need every unit's support!! Thank you for all you do for scouting!

Holly Brown
Chairman
brown.hollyh@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

You have one more chance to attend Spring Roundup Training

- When: Thu, 3/10 at 7pm (right before Roundtable)
- Where: Thomas Jefferson HS Cafeteria
- Who: Both Cub Scouters AND Scouters (yes, that means you, Mr. Scoutmaster!)
- Why: Because spring is a GREAT time to recruit new Scouts, we'll provide you the tools!

It sure has been a cold winter, but don't let that fool you--Spring will be coming around the corner before you know it—and with it, Spring Roundup! What is Spring Roundup? Well, on June 1st all of those current Kindergartners whose parents asked about Cub Scouts at Back to School nights will be 1st graders in the eyes of the BSA. In addition, all of those current 5th graders will be 5th grade graduates and ready to join the Boy Scouts. We'll be providing your leaders insight on how to plan and execute an effective Spring Roundup of all those new Scouts for your unit.

Help Wanted: Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator

We continue to have a vacancy in the critical position of Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator. This Scouter is responsible for training our pack leaders, supporting their recruiting efforts in the spring and fall, and tracking results to identify packs that may require assistance. This is a great opportunity for a "graduating" Cub Scouter whose son is moving on to Boy Scouts to help our ODD packs "Do their best." Please send a note to Dan Ehrlich at: cubmaster678@verizon.net to volunteer.

Webelos to Scout: Come by for our Spring Webelos-to Scout "Check-in"

- When: Thu, 3/10 at 7pm (right before Roundtable)
- Where: Thomas Jefferson HS Cafeteria
- Who: Unit Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, New Scout Coordinators
- Why: Support and Networking for the "Launch and Landing" of our New Boy Scouts

Spring is almost here. The weather is getting warmer, the District Pinewood Derby is approaching, and our 2nd-year Webelos are or almost ready to become Boy Scouts. For the adult leaders there's a ton of planning we need to do for all the springtime activities, pinewood races, Arrow-of-Light Ceremonies ... and Bridging Ceremonies. I know you're busy ... I was there last year with my own Webelos II Den. But to make sure your boys successfully "launch" into Boy Scouts we need to do a little

bit of extra work ensuring a smooth transition. And that starts with helping our boys choose their new Troop.

For some boys the choice of which Troop to join is easy. But as February slides into March many boys still haven't made their choice. Some may wrestle with the decision - one that would be hard for an adult, let alone a 10 year-old. Perhaps there are two groups of friends each in or going to different Troops. Or perhaps the boy is drawn by a different Scouting activity list or Troop style than many of his Den mates. The internal conflict that arises from these choices can overwhelm a 5th grader – thoughts of loyalty to an "old gang" versus "new opportunities," or needing to choose between two groups of friends, some of which he's known since he was a Tiger. For many boys this is the first time they've truly felt the weight of a decision they need to make.

Cubmasters, talk to your Webelos II Den Leaders and check on the status of each boy. You should know where each boy stands in his decision-making process. Identify those who are struggling with their choice and then talk to the parents. Without our support they may be tempted to just "not decide" and fade out of scouting. Find out if there are scout and/or parental uncertainties and look to assuage those concerns. Give the kids (and parents!) some perspective and guidance. Make sure they know you understand their dilemma. Be available to help and give reassurance that no one will be upset with their choice. And lastly, remind them that, at least in this case, no decision is permanent. A boy can change his mind and switch to a different Troop. That piece of info – knowing he can change his mind – will often help calm the fears and help our scouts come to a decision.

Please, feel free to contact me anytime!!!

John Ruby, Webelos-to-Scout coordinator
703-839-2524

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 cubmaster678@verizon.net
District Professional	Daniel Anderson daniel.anderson@scouting.org
Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator	HELP WANTED — Vacant
Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator	HELP WANTED — Vacant
WTS Coordinator	John Ruby john.ruby@cytechservices.com
New Unit Coordinator	HELP WANTED —Vacant

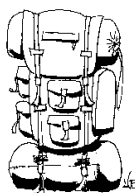
GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

CUBSCOUTS: As warmer weather and outdoors activities loom closer our March Round Table for Cub Scout leaders will focus on the transitions taking place in units all over the area. As a Den Leader, how do you go about getting a Den Chief and how do you make the best use of one once you have them. Webelos and their parents are bridging to Boy Scouts - what impact does that have on your unit leadership - do you have a transition plan in place. Tigers become Wolves and Wolves into Bears - how do you support those changes within your unit and thru the summer. Rising First Graders are eligible to join as Tigers - have you done your recruiting and do you have a summer program to support them. And what about those NEW Tour Plans and Medical Forms - how do they impact your unit. What? You haven't heard about them? Better get to Round Table then. And those leaders that have spent so many One Hours, helping your Pack Go, how do you track and record their efforts in order to recognize them and build a strong Scouting bio for serious recognition.

Also, our core value for April is Faith. We will talk about that and how to make it important for your Scouts. Bring a new leader and come to Round Table to get them started strong.

Boy Scouts: The best Spring Camporee in years is coming in a few months and as of today the program is set. Come to Roundtable and get a sneak preview (it will be held Apr 29 through May 1 at Harper's Ferry. It will be a Civil War theme but also include horseback riding, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, hiking and more).



The Boy Scouts will also be discussing the latest update/change to the National and Council Tour Plan Policy. We will review the changes from the old forms and have a Q&A session and review so that each unit will be able to successfully use the new form. We will also touch base on the changes to the medical forms.

Venturing: The main Venturing Roundtable topic this month will be a presentation on how to conduct an Ethical Controversy. A Venturer is required to participate in two Ethical Controversy activities to earn a Silver Award and this month will help you with conducting these in an educational but fun way. We will also provide up to date news on current topics and future events.

Varsity: The Homestretch - identifying and practicing the teamwork processes and skills needed for a successful Summer High Adventure activity.

DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT AND UNIT LEADER AWARDS

Nominations for the Old Dominion District Outstanding Unit and Unit Leader awards are due by April 14. Nomination forms are on the district's web site, www.boyscouts-ncac.org >> [Districts](#) >> [Old Dominion](#) >> [District Documents and Forms](#). An email containing a link to the forms was sent to the district's Yahoogroups e-mail list in February.

These awards are for unit scouters in all programs — Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity and Sea Scouts. The form is to be submitted by each unit's Committee Chair. Nomination forms can be placed in the marked box at the March or April roundtables, or mailed or e-mailed to Tim Kelly at the addresses on the forms.

At the least, each unit is urged to nominate its "Distinguished Unit Scouter." There are no specific requirements for that award; each unit can decide who its distinguished scouter is for the past year (one per unit).

Please take advantage of this district program for recognizing your volunteer leaders for all that they do.

Questions: Tim Kelly, kelly99@verizon.net, 703-866-1240.

SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

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

To subscribe, from the new address, or add a new subscription, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoo.com

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

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



DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY MARCH 12, 2011

Old Dominion District Pinewood Derby 12 March 2011 at the Springfield Mall. Rules and registration forms available from ODD website: Document and Forms link (see link below) Set up is in front of JC Penny - and you can enter the mall at 8 am entrance 6

Who can enter? Each Pack can enter five cars in the speed category – one per age group and 15 cars in the show competition as follows: two per age group and five from the pack overall to compete as District wide winners in five specialty categories of Best Racecar Design, Best Military Design, Best Scout Spirit Design, Most Humorous Design, and Most Innovative Design. All cars entered as Show competitors compete for all trophies – i.e. if a car won best in show in your pack, it could win “Best Scout Spirit Design” at the District, a car that won Best Racecar Design for your pack, could win Best in Show for its age group.

Registration of cars for the derby starts at 8:00 AM. Boys registering their cars for the speed events should expect to have their cars checked to see that they meet all of the rules. We hope to start racing at about 9:00 AM. We have four tracks to expedite the racing and we will start with the youngest boys first. The finals will be held after the age based racing is finished.

Cost - \$8 per boy. Each boy will receive a collector's item, One of a Kind, Old Dominion District Pinewood Derby neckerchief slide – see the design above

Trophies (huge Trophies) for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Web I and Web II for Speed and Show as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (really huge) trophies for overall winners in Speed and Show. There are also, as mentioned, five additional trophies District wide for Best Racecar Design, Best Military Design, Best Scout Spirit Design, Most Humorous Design, and Most Innovative Design. Show judging will be going on while the races are being held. As soon as all races are finished, we will award the trophies. Hopefully, the event will be concluded by 2:00 PM

Max participation – if your speed winner can't make it – keep going down the line until you find a boy who can come – same with show – send the boys out – they will love looking at all the cars from the many Packs in our area.

We are past the mailing deadline—please hand deliver registration form and payment to: Bob Colella, 9247 Northedge Drive, Springfield VA 22153.

Volunteers – we can use some help with registration of cars on the morning of – if you are available and would

National Capital Area Council Old Dominion District EAGLE BOARD COMMITTEE

Any member of the District Eagle Board is available to review projects, represent Council on our District's Eagle Boards, and provide information or assistance and guidance. The ODD members include:

James B. Hedrick or Susan C. Hedrick	<redacted> home <redacted> work <redacted>
Ken Davis	703-941-9018 home daviskenjared@aol.com
Holcombe Thomas	<redacted> home <redacted>
Kevin O'Shea	703-644-4852 home scouter980@att.net
Jerome (Jerry) Prentice	703-424-0342 work jerry@prenticegroup.com
Fred Woody	703-644-1088 home 202-685-5727 work 703-628-411 cell fred.woody@navy.mil
Susan Woody	<redacted> home <redacted>
Mercedes Baker	<redacted> home <redacted>
Cong-Tru Nguyen	703-495-6592 office congtrunguyen@yahoo.com

Contact Susan Woody, Fred Woody, Susan Hedrick, or Jim Hedrick for assistance with special needs Scouts or alternate advancement rank requirements.

like to help – we will throw donuts at you! Email Bob Colella at rkascolella@verizon.net if you can help.

Registration form at:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017>

THE TRAINING PAGES

Need to get trained for your new position fast? Most training is available online at www.olc.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-nac.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.



Above: District Chairman Holly Brown and Fairfax County Supervisor John Cook at the Town Hall meeting held at the at the Merit Badge Jamboree

The following classes are available online

On-line training is available at: 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.

Commissioner Training

Course Taught	Date	Responsible District
Basic	March 12, 2011	Western Shore
Basic	April 2, 2011	Bull Run
Basic	May 7, 2011	VA Central
Basic	May 14, 2011	MD North
ADC	March 26, 2011	Colonial

Contact John Pastino at: <redacted> for additional information on Commissioner Training.

Scoutmaster Specific Training March 19

Join us for a day of learning and sharing - focusing on the tasks that Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters deal with routinely. This is the second of three required training sessions for the Trained strip (the other sessions being This is Scouting and Outdoor Leader Skills). Come join us and help your troop and Scoutmaster by becoming trained. Time – 8AM to 4:30PM (doors open at 7:30). Location – Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield VA 22150. Prerequisite is This is Scouting and there is no cost. Pre-registration required, sregiste4r by by filling out the form at:

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEdTZURkcTZGLTVjb3djbjBrMFNSNGc6MA>

New trainers always welcome - if you're already trained but would like to share and continue learning - please consider helping the District SM Training Team. We would love to have your assistance in training other scout leaders. Call Kurt Langenwalter 703-690-4238

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Monday, March 28 and Friday – Saturday, April 1-2

This is the third required training session for the “Trained” as a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity, or Venturing leader. The training covers basic scouting skills in an adult campout setting. The program will be conducted at Springfield United Methodist Church and Camp Highroads. The cost is the cost of food. We'll have fun, experience new techniques and gain lots of tips to make the Outdoor program a fun and memorable part of your troops scouting adventure.

The course runs Monday evening and then a Friday evening through Saturday evening. You must pre-register to reserve a slot for either course by filling out the form at:

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEdTZURkcTZGLTVjb3djbjBrMFNSNGc6MA>
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When you register it will ask for your BSA Registration Number. After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you have any questions email me at: woeck.boy_scouts@cox.net



EXPLORING COMING BACK

Effective immediately, the Exploring program will become a component of Old Dominion District. At this time there are no existing Explorer posts in the district, though efforts are already underway to launch the program.

Exploring is a co-ed vocational program under the auspices of the Learning for Life program, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. It serves young men and women ages 14 to 21 who are interested in learning about a particular field through hands-on experiences, mentorship and the pillars of Scouting. Of the 12 total career fields available in Exploring, the most popular fields for Explorer posts in Northern Virginia are: Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS, Law and Government, Health, Engineering and Culinary.

The transition of the Exploring program is designed to give existing and future posts the same quality support that our traditional units (packs, troops, teams, crews and ships) currently receive. By having a larger entity (like the District and therefore its committee) taking an interest in Exploring, the hope is to grow the program well beyond its current levels. Explorers should also support current Scouting programs. Consider having EMS Explorers serve as our First Aid Officers at Day Camp, asking Engineering Explorers to run a Pinewood Derby clinic or Law Enforcement Explorers to handle crowd control and parking at Camporee. These scouts, and their connections to chartering organizations, can be a tremendous resource.

Let's welcome Exploring to the Old Dominion family. If you know of any interested scouts or organizations that may be interested in learning more about Exploring, please contact Daniel Anderson at danderson@boyscouts-ncac.org.

Daniel Anderson
Virginia Central Field Director

For adults who are interested in learning more, there is a training session planned for March 24th, 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 PM, at the Scout Service Center. See the flyer distributed with this issue of *The Old Rag* for more information.

NEW TOUR PLAN EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011

Tour Plans replace local tour permits and national tour permits and must be submitted on a paper form. The online tour permit program will be suspended but will be accessible for a short period of time so units can get leader training and vehicle information that may have been saved there.

A fillable and saveable online Tour Plan form can be found on the National BSA website:

<http://www.scouting.org> > Volunteers > Forms > Tour Plan

Q. When do I need to file a Tour Plan?

A. When any of the following apply:

- When conducting the following activities outside of council or district events:
 - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of council borders not to a council-owned property
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- At the Council's request

Q. What is different on the tour plan vs. the tour permit?

A. Several items:

- The council is the reviewer of all tour plans; no regional review is required.
- The tour plan consists of a tour planning worksheet that is completed by the unit/contingent. After processing, the council retains the tour planning worksheet and returns the tour plan to the unit.
- The plan can be printed on standard 8 ½-by-11-inch paper!
- 21- vs. 14-day advance notice requested for units to submit the plan for your review.
- A single point of contact (not on the tour) for council use included.
- Defined reasons/times when a tour plan must be submitted for council review.
- Updated Pledge of Performance. —————>

COMING OA EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Summary of Recent Chapter events

Key Upcoming Events:

- March 18 - 20: Lodge Fellowship – Camp William B. Snyder
- April 29 – May 1: District Spring Camporee – Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity
- May 13 – 15: Chapter Spring Ordeal – Camp Moss Hollow
- June 3 – 5: Section Conclave – Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD
- Sept. 16 – 18: National Leadership Seminar – Camp Alpine, NJ



Above: Scouts showing their work at the March 5, 2011, Merit Badge Jamboree.

Tour Plans may be hand-delivered or mailed, 3 weeks prior to the tour, to the council office at 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20814, or faxed to 301-564-9513. Tour Plans may also be sent via email to Sandra Escoto, sandra.escoto@scouting.org Please reference Tour Plan in the subject line of your email.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2011 MEDIEVAL ADVENTURES!

July 11-15, 2011 at Occoquan Regional Park!

Spring is coming and Day Camp Registration is OPEN! Register up through 5PM, APRIL 18, 2011 to receive an **Early Bird discount** and send your Cubs to camp for only \$160. Financial assistance is available in some cases by submitting a camper aid application no later than April 15th. Registration is open and Pack Coordinators can find



current information online. Go to boy-scouts-ncac.org, click on "Camps" and then "Cub Scout Day Camps" for more information.

Boys in grade 1 (as of September 2011) through Webelos are eligible to attend day camp. One adult per every five scouts (Wolf through Webelos) is required to escort these adventurers. Tiger Cubs must have an adult partner attend camp with them (this adult may not be counted in the 1:5 ratio).

Adults: If you have an adventurous streak and can spend a week with us, please consider joining our Staff. Each Full time staff member gets FREE CAMP REGISTRATION for one Cub Scout! We really need your help so we can provide a lot of programs for our campers. The more staff we have, the better camp will be! So join us now and get your Cub in for FREE!

Boy Scouts: We need your help too! Scouts age 14 and older serving all five days will receive a \$75 credit toward camping at Goshen Scout Reservation! Scouts under age 14 can earn service hours while helping a parent or scout leader with a station. Den Chiefs can also earn hours by accompanying their Den at camp!

Cubmasters & Committee Chairs: Want to get your Cubs excited and encourage the parents to register for camp now? Schedule a Day Camp Presentation for your next Pack Meeting!

Have questions, want to volunteer or get a presentation scheduled? Contact Karin Linehan at:

ODDaycamp@gmail.com or 703-475-9669.

KEY 6 AWARD NOMINATIONS

**Do you know an exceptional adult volunteer?
Nominate them!**

Every year our District honors extraordinary adult volunteers for their contributions by awarding them with the Key 6 Award at the Annual District Awards Dinner in May. The criteria used to select these outstanding individuals includes: service or contributions above and beyond their unit, contribution to achieving ODD Scouting goals, special projects, contribution to the community and service to youth outside of the scouting movement.

Nominations are due by Thursday, April 7th 2011. If you need more information on the nomination process please contact Nam Chi at: 703-338-4851 or NCACOldDominion@gmail.com.



Above: Cyndy and Steve, your ODD Merit Badge Jamboree registration team hard at work.

Below: You can lead a scout to pizza but you do NOT have to make him eat (at the Merit Badge Jamboree).



V3 VIEWS

- April 8-10, 2011, Fri-Sat or Sun, Venturing Summit 2011 has been changed to **Aspire Venturing Officer Association (VOA) Leadership Development Conference**, Camp Rodney, MD. (see details below)
- April 9, 2001, Sat, 9 am to Noon, **Potomac River Watershed Conservation Project**, Oxon Cove, Oxon Hill National Park – All Scouts and Scouters welcome – Please come (see details below)
- April 29,30 and May 1, 2011, Fri-Sat or Sun, **Old Dominion Spring Camporee Venturing Out Adventures** (see details below)



We hope to capture the attention and attendance of all Area 6 council and district VOA presidents, vice presidents, advisors, staff advisors and Scout Executives – as well as those interested in supporting or serving in these positions in each council and with the area. Details about Aspire can be found here.

*Yours in Venturing,
The Area 6 Venturing Officers
Christine, Cody, Jose,
Kelsey, Casey, and Paul*

Venturing Summit 2011 has been changed to Aspire Venturing Officer Association (VOA) Development Conference for District, Council and Area VOAs , April 8-10, 2011, Camp Rodney, MD.

Dear Area 6 Venturers,

The much anticipated Area 6 Venturing Summit will be replaced this year with a training event that will have an emphasis different from our area Venturing events in the past. Due to a refocus of priorities, we have decided to take a more responsible road and concentrate our leadership efforts on revitalizing the structure of and collaboration between area and council Venturing leadership. Once the foundation for council Venturing leadership is established and the involvement from our eight member councils is built-up, we will look forward to collaborating on a great Summit in the future.

With this goal in mind, we proudly announce: Aspire: Area 6 VOA Development Conference. See website for details - <http://www.ne6venturing.org/aspire>

If you aspire to improve the scope and outreach of Venturing crews, districts, and councils in our area, we look forward to seeing you April 8-10, 2011. Aspire will provide participants with the opportunity to learn how to implement the essential elements for the organization of Venturing leadership in our eight member councils. Presentations will cover various subjects, including the new Venturing Standard Operating Procedures, election processes and tips for the implementation of Venturing Officers' Associations in YOUR council. To encourage Venturing leadership on all levels, we include a model VOA meeting and breakouts sessions concentrating on bylaws, goal setting, and keeping your group in check. Those attending will receive bunkhouse or Adirondack lodging, electronic copies of each presentation and valuable opportunities to connect with other Venturing advocates through fun activities including a Velcro wall, scavenger hunt, gourmet cooking activity and Venturing Jeopardy!

Contact: Christine Luczka, Area 6 Venturing President at: area6@nerventuring-bsa.org

Potomac River Watershed Conservation Project, Oxon Cove, Oxon Hill National Park. Ventures, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Scouts are invited to gather at Oxon Hill National Park, Maryland, just north of the new National Harbor on the Potomac and north of the Wilson Bridge, to help in the Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup day. Last year, volunteers cleaned almost 3 tons of debris out of the Potomac River. With the help of Venturers, we will make it 4 tons this year.

Oxon Cove is one of the places that needs the most help and the Venturers are the ones to do it. Join other Ventures in this fun and very worthwhile service project.

So wear your grubbies, and rubber boots if you have them, and come help us preserve our national river. It flows right through our council, so what better place to help. If you do not have rubber boots, no problem – there is plenty to do without getting in the water.

Please email Adair Petty, ppetty1@cox.net to let us know you are coming but just come. Mike Stumpf and Molly Stumpf are the chairpersons for this event.

For directions to and information on Oxon Hill National Park, see their website - <http://www.nps.gov/oxhi>

Venturing Out Adventures at the Old Dominion Spring Camporee, April 29-30 and May 1, 2011. The Old Dominion District Camporee will be at Harper's Ferry. There will be Venturing Out adventures for Venturers, Varsity Scouts, and Sea Scouts. Mark your calendar and come for the fun and challenge.

Venturing Crews, Varsity Teams, and Sea Scout Ships are invited to a "Meet & Greet" Friday evening in the Venturing Common Area about 9:00 pm.

On Saturday, Crews/Teams/Ships will "Venture Out" on their own adventures. They can team together or do their own unit thing. Following are some of the possibili-

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ties. If you need help setting one of these up, ask Adair Petty well in advance. Many of these activities require reservations well in advance. There are costs for some of these activities.

- Rafting, Tubing or Canoeing the Shenandoah
- Biking the C&O path
- Hiking a distance on the AT including visit to AT HQ. (Adair Petty will lead a 10 mile AT hike/stroll from Harpers Ferry to the north, including a stop at the ATC Headquarters.)
- Fishing – either lake or river
- Horse Back Riding
- Possibly Black Powder Shooting
- Historical Scavenger Hunt of Harpers Ferry
- Visit to Antietam Battle Field and Ice Cream Shop in Sharpsburg

On Saturday evening, Crews/Teams/Ships are invited to eat dinner together in the Venturing Common Area at 6:00 pm. Each unit is challenged to enter the Titanium

Chef cooking contest that will be held in the Venturing Common area starting at 5:30 pm to be judged and shared at 6:00 pm. This is a backpacking one pot menu or for you Sea Scouts, a galley one pot menu. You must use a backpacking/galley one burner stove.

After Camp Religious Services while the Scouts are at Campfire, Crews/Teams/Ships are invited back to the Venturing Common Area for a short awards ceremony and then a “Rock Band” competition with audio and video. Each unit will perform a tune at Expert level from the Rock Band Series. The tune will be a Random selection as picked by the software. Each unit must have a singer. We will then announce the winner of the Titanium Chef contest. The rest of the evening will be spent getting to know each other better as we hang out in the Common Area. A Venturing appropriate movie may also be shown during this time

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