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Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting:

EOCS Camporee April 12-14 @St. Basil Academy Garrison NY, male scouts age 11 and up. For Information contact: Laura Hanjoglu Goerke 631-366-3542 or email hangoerk@optonline.net



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



March 14, 2019

District Notes

**Tenure Units being recognized at the March 21,2019 Fellowship Dinner
(note date is different from the council calendar):**

Pack 178 – 30 years	Pack 310- 55 Years**	Troop 32 - 85 Years
Pack 42- 75 Year**	Pack 22- 65 Years	Troop 12 – 95 years**
Troop 343 - 50 Years		

** Photo received

Don't forget – your units are being honored! Come on down to the Fellowship Dinner and celebrate the 100th anniversary of our council, and your unit's longevity! \$85 single ticket, \$170 couple. No tickets at the door. Register now! <https://www.sccbsa.org/Fellowship2019>

The Nick Demidovich Memorial fund is offering confidential financial assistance and summer camperships for scouts with families in need. Contact Peter Demidovich with questions at 516 983-5109 or Peter@PeterDemidovich.com

Important links to sources of information:

Matinecock District: Website: <https://www.sccbsa.org/matinecock> email: matdistrict@gmail.org

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbsa.org> National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: www.seascout.org

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: www.jewishscouting.org

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: www.ccos-drvc.org

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to www.nccs-bsa.org

Shinnecock Lodge web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

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What's Up (Coming)

March 2019

- Mar 21 – SCC Fellowship Dinner

April 2019

- Apr 11 -RT & OA

www.SCCBSA.org
Once stop instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources, along wit a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!

For more useful links to scouting information, see the last page.

Greetings Matinecock,

A lot of wonderful things are happening in our district and 2019 has only just begun. We had 13 scouts earn their Religious Emblems during Scout Sunday. Another scouter earned their Macabee emblem in the beginning of March. And we had our first female Troop, T218 take off. I know there are other female troops in the works and we can't wait for those units to get off the ground so they can experience our Scout, BSA program. So many amazing scouts have earned their Eagle Rank in the beginning of this year and so many Packs have done their Blue and Gold Ceremony. Congratulations to all the scouts and units for making the Boy Scouts of America a benchmark in youth programs. And a very special thank you and congratulations to Matinecock's hard working volunteers: without you, there is no program for our kids.

You may be noticing the mailbox system hasn't been running and the flyers are not cluttering the table as much. We are putting a lot of emphasis on our website: www.sccbsa.org/matinecock for our units to have access to all the flyers and materials at any time. We will be keeping attendance with an excel program that is still in the works. As the Boy Scouts of America, we are taught not to leave a trace and the amount of paper and waste I produce for Roundtable goes against every fiber in my Eagle Scout body that we must change how we give our information. So, if there is any information on the website that needs to be updated, please send me an email: talpowel@scouting.org and I will fix the website. As of now, it is currently up to date.

There are a ton of events coming up so keep an eye on the website:

- April 13th: Matinecock Pinewood Derby ← My Personal favorite!
- Mar 30th: Spring Area Two Key Leader Conference
- Mar 21: Council Fellowship Dinner (see below)

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”

- May 25: Calverton National Cemetery Flag Placement (sign up by April 15th)
- National Annual Meeting: May 29-31st - Registration and Flyer

March 21st: The **SCC Recognition and Fellowship dinner** is being held at the Stonebridge Country Club. Celebrate the achievements of your units and your friends in this **100th Anniversary of SCC**. Matinecock is celebrating with 2 Silver Beaver honorees: **Tammy Campagnola-Levinsky & Michael Shef** and our Honor Spirit Award Recipient: **Luke Goehring** from T200. For full details and to register to attend, see: www.sccbsa.org/Fellowship2019

Keep up the great work and keep your eyes out for emails from me. I'm trying to visit all of units once this year to show support. Thank you so much for those units who opened their doors and made me feel like I was part of your family. Thank you to Pack 5, Pack 471, Pack 66, Pack 409, Pack 312, Pack 225, T3, T539, T5, and T3333. I can't wait to see all of Matinecock's units and see what different kinds of programs you run. Thanks for coming to Roundtable.

Taliesin C Powell, District Associate – Matinecock
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Cub Scouting

Wolves and Tigers and Bears! Oh, My! (Since 1930)

Dealing with Rambunctious Scouts: Two Sides to Everything

I've often described den and pack meetings as guided chaos. At their ages, Cub Scouts have a ton of energy that they need to burn off, which can be a beautiful thing. It can also be challenging at times when you are trying to keep a schedule or their attention focused to the task at hand. I've struggled with this over my time as a leader. Here are some of my struggles:

1. "Signs Up!": All leadership training that I've participated in says that you should just put your sign up and let it sweep through the crowd. However, in a room filled with 60+ scouts and siblings, the silent gesture may go unnoticed for some time. A leader will inevitably shout "Signs up!" to get the attention of the scouts and speed the process along. I'm torn on this. It is a magical thing when the room quiets within seconds of a silent sign (the "right way"), but when you need attention and quiet quickly, patience can be a fleeting thing and a loud "Signs up!" can get the job done. My preference: The Cubmaster puts up the sign silently and let someone else make a shout to speed the process along if the situation demands it.

Next, the charters are still being processed at the Council office. If there are any errors found during the processing, your Unit Commissioner will be contacting you to fix the errors.

Finally, if you are a pack and plan on having a Blue & Gold for your pack this year, please let your Commissioners and myself know, as we would like to be invited to celebrate the accomplishments of your Scouts!

Thanks again for all that you do for the youth of our district and I hope to see you all at next month's Roundtable.

Yours in Scouting,

George J. S. Smith, Matinecock District Commissioner

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A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Please note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

- **Monthly Conference Call Meetings** - Mar.18 – **NEW TIME 8:30 PM**
- **March 30-31 - Pope Pius XII Retreat** - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Conference call Meetings are held monthly as indicated above, Contact: Chris Coronese, 718.704.4127 for conference call details. All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join.

Jewish Committee on Scouting: Save the dates:

Annual Conclave is at Schiff Boy Scout Camp. June 7, 8 and 9th, 2019. All scouts, their families and friends are invited including girl scouts.

Jewish War Veterans, Mickey Marcus Post offers two \$250 scholarships to Suffolk County, Jewish high school seniors who are Eagle, Star or Life rank, and have earned at least one Jewish religious award. Submit a 250 max word essay to Phyllis Stein, topic: "Jews in the military from the Revolutionary War to the Present day." Deadline to submit is **Memorial Day, 2019.**

Any Jewish Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and for Eagle Scout recognitions (for Scouts of any faith), please contact Phyllis or Barry

Interested in the Jewish Committee on Scouting? Join us at **our monthly meeting, on the third Monday of the month**, unless a holiday or otherwise notified. Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge, 7:00 p.m. All Scouters are cordially invited to attend. For local JCOS information contact:



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Important - On Line Training Changed Jan 2, 2019

The courses are being updated, and the new versions launched on Jan. 2, 2019

Any partial progress you've made toward your current training plan won't carry over to the new one. Who was affected?

If you started but didn't yet finish your work on position-specific training (Cubmaster, den leader, committee chair, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster), you're in the affected group.

Upcoming Training

Outdoor Ethics Training April 5-7 or May 17-19, Schiff
<https://www.sccbsa.org/files/9792/Outdoor-Ethics-Course-Flier>

NYLT Training: April 12 - 14 & April 26 - 28, 2019
www.sccbsa.org/nylt

Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster training: April 13, 2019

From the Advancement Committee

Eagle Coach training will now be offered in small group settings on a near monthly basis. Each session limited to six attendees, so register early. Contact David Hunt, CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org for details and to register.

We want you to become the best leaders in Scouting!!!

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Greg Aylmer @ 631-664-0089 or bsataxi@optonline.net.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

Good evening Matinecock District!

First, we still have units who have not turned in their charters to the Council office. Please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you need assistance, please contact your Unit Commissioner as they are here to assist you with the process.

2. Parents' Presence: Parents are welcome to participate in every event. However, once the scouts are wolves and up, some parents drop the kids off for the den meeting. At a recent den meeting, there were only about two parents left in the room at one point...and the scouts were incredibly well-behaved. One of the remaining parents mentioned that he's noticed scouts are better behaved without their parents in the room, perhaps due to shared authority between the parent and the den leader. I'm torn. Are scouts better behaved when there are just the adult leaders guiding the pack? Or do parents offer a second layer of authority, even if they are just playing Candy Crush on their phones in the back of the room?
3. Communal Code of Conduct: Each year our den spends part of the first meeting coming up with a code of conduct so that everyone involved agrees to the rules and the consequences of breaking those rules. It is very effective and including the scouts increases the impact. However, we do not do this at the pack level, and it shows. How do you get buy-in from all the scouts at the different age levels, and enforce the rules with limited leadership and parents not paying attention? I'm torn. Pack meetings should be fun, but we need to make sure we are invited back to the meeting place. Perhaps having pack-wide codes of conduct that the den leaders "jedi-mind-trick" the scouts into thinking they made it up on their own could help at the den level, and then simply carrying over the common rules to the pack level might have an impact. The rules are the easy part. The enforcement of the rules can be difficult, time consuming, and take away from the spirit of the event...but it is a requirement.

Dealing with so many scouts at so many different stages in life is no easy task. There are tips and tricks everywhere on the internet. I'd love to hear from you about what works best with your packs. In talking with other leaders, I think this is a common pain point. In the end, I think it will come down to the individual scouts, the individual dens, and the individual packs to determine what works best. It can be very helpful to have a bunch of tips to try to ensure a safe, respectful, and fun scouting event.

YIS. James Maltese, Cubmaster, Pack 66, Asst. Roundtable Commissioner,
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Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

March is here and your Bridging Webelos 2 Scouts are gone and on to their new Boy Scout Troops now. So now what?

Time to get those Webelos 1 Scouts to step up into the spotlight as the leaders of your Pack now. Try and find some easy and simple tasks for them to help lead an activity with younger scouts. Build their confidence. For example, find a couple two man dome tents and let the Webelos help show the younger scouts how to assemble them. This is always a fun Pack Night activity for the boys.

YIS Greg Galustian, Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 218, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Matinecock District, Den Leader Pack 746 (Tri-CYA Outreach Pack)
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Scouts, BSA

Where Eagles Dare

Much of Scouting is learning. Though, regularly the best learning takes place on occasions when Scouts are having fun and aren't at all aware they're learning anything, periods set aside for relevant instruction are a fundamental part of a normal troop meeting.

The Skills Instruction portion of a troop meeting can feature topics that are theme-related, rank-related, merit badge-related, or readiness-related, as in preparing for a special activity, project, or event.

When it's appropriate to feature a special presentation, revealing demonstration, or the introduction of a new skill that's of interest to the entire troop, a period of group instruction can be included in the troop meeting agenda. These kinds of sessions can be presented by adult or junior leaders, or by a visiting expert. Depending on its content, group instruction can be brief, or it can be scheduled to encompass the entire time devoted to the portion of the meeting dedicated to instruction.

Since Scouts most always are of different ages with varying degrees of experience and levels of proficiency, during skills instruction, the troop generally divides into different groups. In Program Features these groups are categorized by levels and termed: essential, challenging, and advanced. Often, the criteria for which instructional group a Scout attends is what will benefit him most in accordance with his individual needs, as well as the needs of the troop.

Skills instruction sessions should be presented by well-prepared Scouts serving as troop instructors, adult Scout leaders, or outside authorities willing to share their knowledge with the troop.

As much as possible, **instruction should be hands on and activity based.**

Some References:

<https://troopleader.org/group-instruction/>

<https://troopleader.org/skills-instruction/>

Stuart Weinberg – Matinecock Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner sbetberg@gmail.com

Announcement: Female Troop 218 – Open House and Recruitment night!

Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts Program, FEMALE TROOP 218 will allow the organization to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model while also meeting the needs of today's families. Now ALL Eligible Youth are able to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank.

Come by to Visit and/or Join on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7:30 - 9 PM

St. Elizabeth Church, 175 Wolf Hill Rd, Huntington Station 11746

Contact Scoutmaster Tammy Campagnoal-Levinsky: TammyRCL@GMAIL.COM or 516-983-0209

Troop Committee Chair Deirdre Hill: Deirdre.Hill@resideo.com or 631-697-4647



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

Registration for any events: <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area2>

Please see the Area 2 Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126120642299/>

SCC Venturing Information: If you haven't already done so, join the SCC Venturing VOA Facebook site:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif¬if_t=group_activity

- **SCC VOA meetings** are held the last Sunday of each month @ St Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma from 6:30 – 8 PM. For more information, contact **Dave Ryder** at dryder1@optonline.net or 516-965-3382.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Associate Advisor and NER Program Associate Advisor, bobbsa57@gmail.com; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.