

## District Notes

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](mailto:Peter@PeterDemidovich.com)

Important links to sources of information:

Matinecock District: Website: <https://www.sccbsa.org/matinecock> email: [matdistrict@gmail.org](mailto: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](http://www.seascout.org)

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [www.jewishscouting.org](http://www.jewishscouting.org)

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: [www.ccos-drv.org](http://www.ccos-drv.org)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://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 the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



April 11, 2019

### What's Up (Coming)

#### May 2019

- May 3-5 – SCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camporee
- May 9 – RT & OA

**[www.SCCBSA.org](http://www.SCCBSA.org)**  
**Once stop instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources, along with 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,

My baby girl is born!! I'm so excited. With that being said, I will be out of the office from March 28th to April 12th. I will be working from home and answering emails but it will be limited. I do apologize if I don't answer you immediately and takes me a few days but I will get back to you as soon as I can. If you need something immediately or assistance, please contact Lauren Vlachos at [Lauren.vlachos@scouting.org](mailto:Lauren.vlachos@scouting.org) or Bobby Rabbitt at [Robert.Rabbitt@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Rabbitt@scouting.org).

Thank you so much for all the love and support.

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“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”



# Cub Scouting

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

Spring has sprung! April is here in full force. May is right around the corner, and June will be here before you know it. At this point, the rest of the year has been planned for months, so you should be able to just coast right into the summer, right? ...if only ☺

Just when you thought you could catch your breath, there is a ton of work that should be completed before the end of the school year to set your pack up for success for the upcoming year. A little planning now goes a long way, especially during the summer months when vacations and summer activities make getting leaders together tougher than being a one-eyed cat watching two mouse holes. In order to stay ahead of the game and make your life easier in the months-to-come, I recommend the following:

- Get your leaders lined up for next year *NOW!* We all just graduated many Webelos II scouts...and their parents. There are many holes that need to be filled. Fill them now instead of in the mad rush that is September.
- Hold a pre-program planning meeting with parents and leaders at the end of the year to review what worked, what didn't, and what can be added to the program. This review can help guide you in planning events for next year.
- Start recruiting now. The weather is delicious and ripe for recruiting events, especially for Pre-K scouts-to-be. Host a picnic or other fun outside events to draw next year's wave of Lions (currently Pre-K) and Tigers (currently Kindergarten). A spring-time flyer makes more of an impact than a September flyer that can easily get lost in the shuffle.
- If you do hold a picnic in June (which is a great idea to celebrate the beginning of summer, and for recruitment), get the planning committee together now. Park permits should have been submitted in January. Now is the time to plan the picnic events, food, equipment prep, etc. before the end-of-year rush.
- Remember to update your JTE scorecard, especially with any winter or spring service projects and Webelos-to-Scouts information. It is easier to do it while it's fresh in your memory.

It is so tempting to shake off the planning hats when the weather starts to get nice and summer is nigh. Warren Buffett said, "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Let's get planting while we can before we get overwhelmed by the end and then the beginning of the school year.

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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**

**Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** Conference call Meetings are held monthly as indicated above, Contact: Chris Coronesi, 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 Sunday 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:

- Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@verizon.net)
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net)

## Protestant Committee on Scouting:

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email [lois40@optonline.net](mailto:lois40@optonline.net)

## 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](mailto:hangoerk@optonline.net)



# Commissioner's Corner

## Unit Service and Roundtable

Good evening Matinecock District!

First, I would like to mention some leadership training figures with you. Currently, the district has close to 98% Youth Protection Trained with its volunteer leaders. However, only 39% of leaders within the district are trained for their assigned positions. If you would like to find out more about how to get your leaders fully trained, talk with your Unit Commissioner and our District Training Chair, Greg Aylmer on how to obtain training information and sign up for upcoming training opportunities.

Next, the district is looking for individuals to serve as Unit Commissioners. Do you like to help others and believe in the Scouting program? Do you like to share your Scouting wisdom and expertise with others to help ensure the success of the program? Would you like represent the district and council by holding a distinguished position which dates back to the early formative years in Scouting? If you would like more information on how to become a Unit Commissioner, feel free to talk to me during Roundtable or contact me via email or phone!

Finally, thanks again for all that you do for the youth of our district and I hope to see you all at the 100th Anniversary Council Camporee!

Yours in Scouting,

**George J. S. Smith, Matinecock District Commissioner**

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# Webelos Scouts

## Bridging to Boy Scouts

For most units the Blue & Gold Banquets, Bridging Over Ceremonies and Pinewood Derby's have all come and gone. Now you are left with the Webelos 1 scouts as your senior youth in your Pack...they are your new Leaders! This is a great opportunity to let them shine and introduce them to the rest of your unit as your new leaders for the younger youth. Perhaps assigning the Webelos 1 scouts to do an opening ceremony as the color guard. This would be a good way to help with this introduction and setting the stage for what is expected from them now. They should be the new "Role Models".

Spring is here and if you haven't yet now is the perfect time to get those scouts outdoors for some fun activities. especially the Webelos requirements that have seasonal considerations: Cast Iron Chef (try making a Hungryman breakfast with a dutch oven) & Webelos Walkabout (try a hike to the highest point on Long Island, Jaynes Hill 400'). If the five Webelos requirements are complete and your Den is ready to start working on the Arrow of Light then you are in great shape. The Scouting Adventure chapter is a perfect activity to start with, the Den will work like a Patrol in a Troop to prepare the scouts for the Troop experience.

Does your Webelos Den have a Den Chief from a local Troop? If not get one asap, ask your local troops if they have one available. This is probably the most important time to have a Den Chief actively involved with assisting the Webelos scouts. A Den Chief in a Troop can assist your Webelos Den Leaders with most of these activities.

If you have some Webelos that have never camped overnight yet, try encouraging them to campout at the 100th Camporee! This is going to be an incredible event that they really do not want to miss.

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# Scouts, BSA

Where Eagles Dare

## The Historic Trails Program

**WHY HAVE A HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD?** The award is designed to foster an appreciation of the ideals, principles and traditions that have helped make our country strong. It also connects Scouts with a local historical society or association, pointing them toward opportunities for further exploration of history.

**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?** Members of the unit must plan and participate in a historical activity involving either a historic trail or a historic site. Specifically, they must: (1) locate and study a historic trail or site, (2) hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or near the site, and (3) work with an adult group, like a historical society, to restore and mark all or part of the trail or site.

**ARE THERE NATIONALLY APPROVED HISTORIC TRAILS?** Yes. More than 300 trails have been approved. The BSA recommends that hikers use only the historic trails that have been nationally approved.

**DOES THE TRAIL WORK HAVE TO COINCIDE WITH THE HIKING OR CAMPING TRIP?** No.

**WHAT IF THE TRAIL OR SITE DOESN'T NEED TO BE RESTORED OR MARKED?** As an alternative, the unit may work with the adult group to plan and stage a historical pageant, ceremony or other public event related to the trail or site. The event should be of sufficient scope to merit coverage by the local press.

**WHAT RECOGNITION ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE?** Individuals who complete the award may receive an embroidered emblem (No. 188) and/or a leather patch

**IS EITHER RECOGNITION ITEM APPROVED FOR UNIFORM WEAR?** No. The recognition items are intended for display on things like tents, backpacks and patch blankets.

List of Approved Historic Trails: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/trails/>

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## 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&notif\\_t=group\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif&notif_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](mailto: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](mailto:bobbsa57@gmail.com); 631-981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

*Remember – Safety is always Job 1.*



# 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**

NYLT Training April 12 - 14 & April 26 - 28, 2019, Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

[www.sccbsa.org/nylt](http://www.sccbsa.org/nylt)

Scoutmaster / Assistant SM Training April 13th, Hauppauge High School 9:00-2:00

Outdoor Ethics Training May 17-19, Schiff Scout Reservation

<https://www.sccbsa.org/files/9792/Outdoor-Ethics-Course-Flier>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:bsataxi@optonline.net).