



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



May 9, 2019

What's Up (Coming)

May 2019

- May 25 – Flag Placement
- May 30 – DAM Dinner

June 2019

- June 13 – RT & OA

July 2019

- July 11 & 18 – Summer MB session 1

August 2019

- Aug 1 & 8 – Summer MB session 2

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.

Hello Matinecock,

I hope everyone got a chance to enjoy their spring break and relaxed for a little. A very big thank you to all those who have shared their kind words and support for my family of three. I am blessed to be working with such wonderful people and an amazing youth program.

We are nearing our half way point and I wanted to thank all of our leaders and volunteers for all the hard work you have done to this point. There is a lot of new material on the www.sccbsa.org/matinecock website that you can check out. There is a sheet being passed around that has a list of all new material up on the website. When you get home, please take a look at all the new programs, camp, activities, and fundraising that we have to offer.

We had our 100th Anniversary Camporee last weekend and I wanted to thank all the units that came out and had a great time. It was amazing seeing all you there.

We are continuing to collect food donations toward Scouting for Food. We are trying to reach our goal of 100,000 lbs of food in honor of our Councils 100th anniversary. I will be collecting food at every Roundtable so if you have any spare canned food please bring it in. We are at 60,000 lbs and we have 40,000 more to go. If we keep chipping away, we will reach our goal in no time. We will be also accepting food donations at August Kickoff Roundtable and Webelos Woods.

We are still looking for a host unit for our Winter Camporee. Don't be shy, I know Troop 12 did an amazing job and is a tough act to follow but with a little creativity and enthusiasms, you will certainly give them a run for their money. Please reach out to myself or Kurt Rosenhagen if you are interested on creating an amazing event that our entire district will enjoy.

One last big thing, RECRUITMENT!!! There has been changes for the recruitment incentives. You must participate in One spring and One fall recruitment to qualify to earn the Pinewood Derby Cars (for Packs),

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”

Summer merit badge deals (Troops), and \$180 to NYLT (Troops). This is a deal that can save your units a lot of money. Packs need to get 12 new scouts for the entire year and Troops need 4 new scouts in spring to earn Merit Badge deals and 4 new scouts in Fall to receive \$180 to NYLT. Please share with me flyers for upcoming recruitment events for your Unit. If you need recruitment material, please reach out to me and I will get you all that you need from: Frisbees, flyers, BSA utensils, mini Boys life magazine, stickers, etc. I have posted all the different type of flyers you can use on our www.sccbsa.org/matinecock , under Recruitment Central.

Thank you everyone and I can't wait to see you down the trails.

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Cub Scouting

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

Yearly Pack Night Start, Stop, and Continue

As a Shout Out to Wood Badge (“Ask Me About Wood Badge!”), I think it is a great time to perform a yearly Start, Stop, Continue Analysis on our Pack Nights. Similar to Rose, Bud, and Thorn, it is a powerful way to review what worked, what didn’t, and what we could do better.

Start-1: Bathroom Passes. We need to tighten up our security procedures a bit as we’ve had some grumblings from the custodians. By giving a parent a set number of bathroom passes, we can better control the number of kids out of the cafeteria, as well as get the parents involved a little bit more.

Start-2: Good Behavior Incentives. We’ve had some parents mention that they’d like to see a bit more order behavior-wise from the scouts during pack nights. After writing down their names as “pre-volunteers” for the parental Hall Patrol (☺), perhaps instilling some pack-level incentive for faster responses to “signs up” would be helpful.

Stop-1: Heart Health Jeopardy with a local doctor. His “heart” was in the right place, but it was just a bit dry for the scouts. The giveaways helped a lot, but I don’t think we’ll do this one again.

Stop-2: PWD Tutorial. This was helpful for the older kids (and parents) but was over the head of some of the younger scouts. We might tweak this a bit with some stations so the little ones can have fun and the older scouts can hone their skills.

Continue-1: Jedi Training with the folks from Saber Guild – Endor Temple. They are a charity group that raise money for various local charities, and they put on a great show for the scouts. And they had a controllable R2D2!

Continue-2: Touch a Truck. This is just such a chaotic, educational, and fun night. It is a great way to kick the year off.

Continue-3: Bear Carnival. Not only is this a hilarious, successful night that doubles as a Spring-time recruitment night, but it's also good practice for event planning for the Bear Den to prepare them for their Blue and Gold in a few years.

This type of exercise does not take long at all, and it is a nice review of the year. It comes in especially handy during the spring and summer planning meetings when you start laying out next year's program. It's a good idea to revisit pack nights and events at the beginning of leader's meetings while it's fresh in people's heads. Start, Stop, and Continue is a nice gathering activity while waiting for all the leaders to show up to get people's juices flowing before the meeting really starts up.

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Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Similar to the Start, Stop and Continue strategy, I would like to share the Roses Buds and Thorns mindfulness activity. At the end of each Campout I like to circle up all the participants (yes adults too) and we share a mindful exercise called Roses, Bud and Thorns.

The end of the Scout year or a Campout gives plenty of opportunities to help scouts reflect. Use this Rose, Thorn, Bud activity to help your scouts think about the successes and challenges they encountered this year or weekend and to consider new ideas they've had or things they look forward to learning or experiencing.

STEP 1: Define/explain terms for the activity

Rose= A highlight, success, small win, or something positive that happened.

Thorn= A challenge you experienced or something you can use more support with.

Bud= New ideas that have blossomed or something you are looking forward to knowing more about or experiencing.

STEP 2: Brainstorm

Give Scouts 30 seconds to a few minutes to think silently and reflect on their their rose, bud, and thorn. Then give Scouts a few minutes to share. We try to start with the scout that is standing next to the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) or Scoutmaster and rotate the opposite direction so that we end with the SPLs or the Scoutmasters experience.

STEP 3: Debrief

Each scout or participant will Share their own rose, bud, and thorn, and then go around the circle asking scouts to share their rose, bud, or thorn or reflect on the activity itself.

STEP 4: Reflection

Check in after completing the activity and ask Scouts to notice their energy level and thoughts before and after the activity.

A possible extension for this activity is to brainstorm strategies for turning thorns into roses or to describe ways thorns might support learning and growing.

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Scouts, BSA
Where Eagles Dare

你好 –Hola- Привет – Ciao --.. .-.. --- Hello

Show others you speak their language with a special patch for your uniform – The interpreter strip.

What is an interpreter strip?

It's a small patch indicating that the wearer knows a language other than English. The language he or she speaks appears on the patch in that language — “Español” for Spanish, “日本語” for Japanese, etc. — so speakers of that language can easily spot a willing interpreter.

Do you have to be fluent to wear an interpreter strip?

Not entirely. However, you must be able to carry on a five-minute conversation in the language, translate a two-minute speech or address, write a letter in the language and translate 200 written words from the language.

Who can wear an interpreter strip?

Any youth or adult who meets the requirements listed previously.

Who determines whether a person qualifies for an interpreter strip?

The unit leader is the best option, although if he or she doesn't speak the language, it makes sense to involve a native speaker or a language teacher. A simple form to use is available at go.scoutingmagazine.org/interpreterform. Note that this form doesn't have to be turned in to purchase an interpreter strip at the Scout shop.

For which languages are interpreter strips available?

Cantonese (No. 404), Dutch (No. 393), French (No. 391), German (No. 392), Greek (No. 405), Hebrew (No. 18039), Italian (No. 400), Japanese (No. 406), Portuguese (No. 401), Russian (No.

402), Simplified Mandarin (No. 407), Spanish (No. 395), Traditional Mandarin (No. 408), Vietnamese (No. 409), American Sign Language (No. 18025) and Morse code (No. 615120).

American Sign Language and Morse code? How do those work?

The requirements are the same as those listed previously for sign language, except that you don't have to write a letter in the language. For Morse code, you must be able to carry on a five-minute conversation, correctly copy a two-minute message (in other words, write it down as it's transmitted) and send a 25-word written document, all at a speed of at least five words per minute.

Where is the patch worn?

Centered just above the Boy Scouts of America strip on the uniform.

Can someone wear more than one interpreter strip?

No. You can earn more than one interpreter strip, but you can wear only one at a time. If an interpreter strip is not available in a particular language, they may be ordered through National Supply as long as at least two are ordered.

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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¬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.



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

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – August 22-27, Baiting Hollow

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 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, the district is focusing on getting all unit leaders fully trained. 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 at our upcoming District Awards Dinner!

Yours in Scouting,

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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

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

- May 15 – All Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Books due – call 516.678.5800 ext. 245 for details
- June 1 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review, Assumption of the BVM Church, Centereach
9:00 AM call 516.678.5800 ext .245 for details
- June 7 - Religious Emblems Boards of Review *Makeup date – Location to be determined
- Vespers @ Baiting Hollow Camp: 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 6/2, 8/9

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?

All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join. Contact: Catholic Scouting Office: 516.678.5800 ext. 245

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 thecameralady@verizon.net
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net

Protestant Committee on Scouting:

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email lois40@optonline.net

Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting:

For Information contact: Laura Hanjoglu Goerke 631-366-3542 or email hangoerk@optonline.net

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

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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