

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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What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



June 13, 2019

What's Up (Coming)

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'm back from my Commissioning and District Operational Basic Training that was conducted at National in Dallas, Texas. I have gained a lot of new insight and learned to better use my tools in my toolbox. I am back now feeling invigorated and rejuvenated. I'm ready to help grow this program and increase our membership to 4,000 kids: Boys and Girls. I hope every Unit takes part in Spring Recruitment or has the mindset that recruitment is all year long, not just in the fall. We have all new recruitment supplies that will help spread the word that we are still relevant in the community and we provide the best youth program. I know the craziness of the year is dying down and we are so close to summer. I want to thank you all for your hard work this year. Please take advantage of our Summer Merit Badge program taking place at St. Hugh's Church in Huntington and get those kids out to Baiting Hollow. Let them have an experience of a lifetime. One of my fondest memories of the Scouts, BSA was attending summer camp and bonding with different scouts from different units. Leaders, volunteers, and parents of Matinecock, you are the true unsung heroes of this district. All the time and dedication you give can never be fully appreciated. This is all for the kids and to better the world for tomorrow. As an Eagle Scout who never knew what happens behind the curtains until I joined the professional staff, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. August 15th, 2019 is our next Kickoff Roundtable. I hope to see many of you there to get information for the upcoming brand-new year. Check our website frequently: www.sccbsa.org/matinecock because I will be providing up to date information daily. This is the best way to find out quickly what is going on in our district. Thanks again and I will see you at camp or at our August Roundtable.

Taliesin C Powell, District Associate – Matinecock
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District Chairperson's Message

June is always an interesting point in the Scout year. It is both an ending and beginning at the same time. There are year-end Courts of Honor,

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”

pack award ceremonies, unit picnics, preparation for summer camp, and youth that move up to the next stage of their career. As a beginning, we now begin the program and event planning for the next Scout year. A beginning that continues the Scout circle of life preparing our youth for bigger and better things. For all you do as unit committee members, uniformed leaders, and parents – Thank You.

At the District level, we also have an end and a beginning. And a thank you to express. Mike Shef has stepped down as District Chair. His tenure has involved a tremendous amount of work coordinating District functions that support you. This behind the scene effort is not always seen or readily apparent. But is always there. We are fortunate that Mike will continue as District Vice Chair providing leadership with that distinctive Shef smile and sense of humor. Thank you, Mike.

The District staff is also preparing for the 2019-2020 Scout Year. We have scheduled our District events, are coordinating training with Council, and are making efforts to provide a safe and fun environment for our District youth. The unit commissioners are continuing their ongoing preparation to be there to support you. Always upward is our joint goal with you, as Scouting is the joint venture we share.

I wish you a great and safe summer. Good Luck and good weather. See you in August at Program Launch.

Don Ghee, Matinecock District Chair



Cub Scouting

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

Summertime Pack Activities

Aside from recognizing achievements, cub scout pack awards (and den awards) offer guidelines on best practices for running a pack. The same is true for the National Summertime Pack Award (NSPA).

All it requires is for the pack to host three activities during the summer, one in June, July, and August. If scouts participate in all three, they can receive the NSPA pin. If a den attends all three with more than half their members, the den receives an award.

Some potential summertime activities include:

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| -Fishing Trip | -Baseball Game |
| -Campfire | -Family Camping/Hiking |
| -Brookhaven Summer Sundays | -Beach Day |
| -Outdoor Service Project | -Bring a Friend BBQ |

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 kickoff event in August!

Yours in Scouting,

George J. S. Smith, Matinecock District Commissioner
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Religious Committees Activities

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

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

- Religious Metals Board of Review Make-up Date: Monday, June 17, at St. High of Lincoln Church, Huntington Station at 7:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room next to the Gymnasium.
- 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:

Scout Sabbath services will be held at the JCOS Chapel at BHSC every Friday evening during the summer camp season.

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



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Important - On Line Training Changed Jan 2, 2019



Upcoming Training

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

From the Advancement Committee Scoutmasters: Save the date for your Star and Life Scouts - the Fall Life-to-Eagle Talk will be held on **Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:30 PM** at the lower church of St. Anthony of Padua in East Northport. (If you have a Life Scout itching to start an Eagle project before September, have him reach out to David Hunt, 631 754-2767, CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org - small sessions are being conducted over the summer on an ad hoc basis.)

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.

-Cub-Parent Weekend at BH or Schiff

-Anything fun...it's the summer!

Summer is a great time to have events when the scouts are out of school and relaxed. You can certainly include achievement adventures in the outing, but sometimes it's fun to just give the scouts free time in the great outdoors and let them cement their scouting bonds. It is also a way to keep the pack momentum going from the school year, and maybe talk to a few new parents in a less stressed environment...maybe even convince them to volunteer for a pack position.

Getting a cute lil' certificate and flag ribbon is awesome. There is no doubt about it. But the method behind the madness is building a strong, resilient pack where scouts make lifelong friends and internalize the scout oath and law into their lives. Most pack level awards (JTE, NSPA, etc.) have that at their core. I encourage you to host some fun summertime events. Get the ribbon for sure, but more importantly, keep scouting top of mind year-round for your scouts.

James Maltese, Cubmaster, Pack 66, Asst. Roundtable Commissioner,
sm.pack66ny@gmail.com



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

The Summer is right around the corner and the weather is perfect to get out and do early some summer camping locally.

We have great resources for summer camp as well, Baiting Hollow Scout Camp. The COPE course is very impressive and challenging.

Baiting Hollow does not have a Webelos only or Webelos specific program. However, any of the Cub Scout programs are appropriate for Webelos Scouts. The Cub Scout Resident Camp should offer Webelos more challenges than the Day Camp programs at Baiting Hollow.

If you're seeking a Webelos only Program some Scout Camps like Yawgoog in R.I. offer a Webelos Camp option for the week. This works out well if there's an older sibling going to Yawgoog with their Troop.

Have a great summer!

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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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.



Scouts, BSA

Where Eagles Dare

USING A SAFETY MOMENT IN SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

What do nuclear power plants, construction sites, aircraft carriers, and many hospitals have in common with Scouting? All constantly look for ways to eliminate hazards that could be life altering or fatal. One tool used by many safety-conscious groups is the safety moment or safety briefing that starts each meeting or activity with a pause to discuss a hazard or risk that can be prevented. The safety moment focuses the attention of the group on safety and how to achieve it. That's the "why" of the safety moment. Let's address the who, what, when, where, and how next.

Who can deliver a safety moment? Anyone who is willing to be prepared and to step up. Ideally, each Scout or Scouter (with some preparation) could step up and make a difference within his or her unit or group.

When and where should a safety briefing be delivered? At the beginning of a meeting or just before an activity—especially one that has some. What makes a great safety moment? Almost anything that focuses or educates the audience on a safety topic. The BSA publishes several safety moments, and new topics are being developed on a regular basis. Other topics can include the use of checklists or safety tools such as PAUSE or focus on something such as hydration, safe driving, or simply the location of fire extinguishers or evacuation routes. The Guide to Safe Scouting, the Scouting Safely website, and the Health and Safety newsletters are also great sources of ideas. If you have information that's accurate, don't shy away from discussing injuries or other incidents that occurred during a recent outing as long as the focus is on learning and prevention. Make it simple and easy to understand, and help the learners know how to apply the message.

How should the message be delivered? All messages should be delivered using facts and simple language and should be appropriate to the audience. Using a handout, slides, or a demonstration will help assure that those who hear the message understand it and know how to apply it. The message should be delivered in just a few minutes. Don't belabor the point or make it difficult

See the national website for more information

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>

A special thank you to all who attended this year's roundtables !!

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



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.