



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



September 12, 2019

What's Up (Coming)

September 2019

- Sept 20 & 21 – Popcorn Pickup

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October 2019

- Oct 5 – SCC Day of Service
- Oct 10 – RT & OA
- Oct 18-20 – Webelos Woods
- Oct 27 – Show n Sell returns due

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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 had a fantastic summer and is ready for a new year. I want to thank everyone for making my one-year anniversary as District Executive special. I have all August Roundtable packets that include items such as Council Calendars. If you missed the August Roundtable, please see me so I can give you your Unit Roundtable Packet. Webelos Woods is coming up on Oct.18-20! Online registration is active. Please go to

www.sccbsa.org/matinecock to find out more about our Webelos Woods.

No more late fees! We are replacing that with “Pick Your Site” incentive.

Early birds get the worm. If you know who is going, pay for your unit’s attendance, sign up and pick the site you want. There is another incentive to help Fall recruitment. Non-Scouter Day Passes for 10/19 (Saturday) are available online and in the Roundtable Packets. I’m encouraging all Scouters to invite their friends not involved in scouts to see how much fun we are having in Matinecock and we are hoping they decide to join after.

Please encourage your scouts to invite their friends!

One last thing, we are focusing on district communication this year. We want all forms of communication to be seamless. I’m getting a lot of calls from future scout parents asking for contact information for local units. A lot of the information on beascout.org is incorrect and needs to be updated. Leaders, could you please go to my.scouting.org to update the contact information: are you a family of scouting (welcome girls) or boys only, and meeting places and time. If there was any change in leadership, you need to fill out a new adult application filling in the correct role with the correct unit number and with Charter head or charter organization representative signature. There is no need to fill out disclaimer if you are already registered, only a new application. National is working on the efficiency of switching roles with a click of a button from the Key 3 but it is not set up yet.

Please ask questions. We are here to help. I want to wish everybody a great year and I will be with you every step of the way. So please reach out if you need anything at all.

Yours in Scouting, Taliesin C Powell, District Executive – Matinecock

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“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”



Cub Scouting

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

Webelos Woods is coming!

What the heck happened to August?! September is already in full-swing. School has started. The packs and dens are kicking off the new year right. It's also popcorn seasons! And Webelos Woods is right around the corner. It's a lot to take in, but this is an important event for the new Webelos I leader (and the current Bears leaders) to know about.

Webelos Woods is an exciting opportunity for the Webelos I den. Not only do they get a chance to see what the Scouts BSA is all about, but they get to get a lot of requirements completed with help from the district troops. The older Webelos scouts might be more focused on figuring out which troop they want to join later this year, but the younger Webelos can just focus on having fun. Plus, it's a chance to go camping in a beautiful, local setting!

It's important for the other dens to know about it (especially the Bears) so they can plan for it for next year. IMHO, succession is a big obstacle for Cub Scout packs. The more we can do to ease that passing of the torch, the better. The Webelos II leader should let the Webelos I leader know some of the ropes so they get the most out of the experience. The Webelos I leader should let the Bear leader know about their first thoughts. If the pack has a new Cubmaster, it might be good for them to visit for a few hours to get the lay of the land and meet some of the other Scoutmasters. After all, not only do the scouts bridge over...so do a lot of the leaders.

Be sure to give Webelos Woods the attention it deserves. It's not just a camping trip, or a chance to check off a lot of requirements. It's a huge networking event for scouts and leaders. It just happens to take place in a beautiful, scenic settings with dozens of fun activities happening all around you. You know...like most scouting events! 😊 I hope to see you (and your successors) there.

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

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Summer is over and Fall is upon us! Before you put away all the summer memories, don't forget to apply for the *National Summertime Pack Award*. It's really easy. First, did your Pack

have an activity in June, July and August? If you answered “yes” then you qualify! Now all you need to do is fill out the application and send it in to Council. You can find the application (and additional information about the award) here:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/national-summertime/>

Dens that have greater than 50% participation in all summer events qualify for the Den award. You can apply for the Den awards on the same application.

Did you have Scouts that attended all the events? They qualify for the pin. The only trick is knowing which pin they should get. They should get the pin of the rank that they are, not the rank they are working on.

If you had Scouts that attended Scout camp (resident or day camp), they are well on their way to the **Outdoor Activity Award**. This is a patch that is worn on the pocket flap of their uniform. Each year the number of requirements to get the patch increases so encourage the boys to earn them early! For additional information see the website below:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/cs-outdoor/>

Now that the end of summer business is taken care of – look to the Fall. Fall is recruitment time! Well, anytime is good for recruiting, but now parents are looking to plan their kid’s year, so this is a great time to get new Scouts! Here are some things to do:

- 1) Post that you are recruiting for Scouts on Facebook pages about your school or that is for your area.
- 2) Contact your PTA at your school and ask them to “eblast” a recruiting message.
- 3) Populate your PIN on BeAScout.org.
- 4) Ask to have a recruiting table at Meet the Teacher Night.

The possibilities are endless! Be creative and enthusiastic about the program.

YIS Greg Galustian, Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 218, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Scouts, BSA

Where Eagles Dare

Does your Troop have a hole in it?

It’s not unusual and it can sneak up on you in just a few short years. The “hole” I refer to is a gap in age levels. The gap could be caused by a year when, for some reason or many reasons, a number of boys drop out. This often happens within a year of joining or around age 14 or 15. It is also why annual diligence directed toward recruiting new boys is very important. Even in a

Troop that seems healthy, with a patrol of boys at every age, one or two can drop out and friends tend to follow and soon you have a hole that will be a problem when you need older boys leading the Troop. There are no sure-fire ways to prevent the age gap from happening, but there are a few things you can do to try and keep a Troop that is represented at every age from 11 to 17+.

- Recruit new scouts every year. Visit Packs. Go to Webelos Woods. Get an M&M person working for you.
- Follow up with interested Packs and Webelos families after Webelos Woods
- Be sure new Scouts have a great experience. Protect them with an ASM of New Scouts and a reliable Troop Guide. Be sure they have plenty of Advancement opportunities and get recognized ASAP.
- Start a high adventure program to keep older scouts interested.
- Monitor the numbers. If scouts stop coming to meetings, find out why with personal phone calls and resolve any issues that might lead to scouts leaving the Troop.
- Have activities that foster friendships between boys which will help them to stay involved. If some scouts seem to be loners, find ways to involve them.
- Get parents involved! Boys with involved parents tend to stay on and have a good chance of reaching Eagle.

Speaking of Eagles, if you have 16 or 17 year old Eagles in your Troop – find them satisfying jobs. Don't let them get away!

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)



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Upcoming Training

100th Anniversary Woodbadge Course: N2-404-19 – September 13-15, 2019, October 4-6, 2019

Sept 24, 2019	Life to Eagle Talk
Sept 25, 2019	Den Leader Training
Sept 28-29, 2019	BALOO (Joint with Trailblazer District)
Oct 23, 2019	Cubmaster/Pack Committee/Pack Trainer
Nov 2, 2019	Den Chief
Nov 13, 2019	Scoutmaster / Ass't Scoutmaster: Part 1
Nov 20, 2019	Scoutmaster / Ass't Scoutmaster: Part 2

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.

Matinecock Life to Eagle Talk - Tuesday, September 24th: 7:30 PM-9:00 PM - St. Anthony's Church – Lower Church, 20 Cheshire Place, East Northport, NY. Cost: FREE

Deadline: **Please pre-register no later than Monday, September 23, 2019 at sccbsa.org/lifetoeagle.** This is a Uniformed Event.

A 1.5 hour presentation for Star and Life Scouts, and their parents. Eagle Coaches, Troop Eagle advisors, and Scoutmasters are also welcome to attend. Any Scout can become an Eagle - it just takes a serious desire (by the Scout, not his parents!) and a huge dose of persistence. We will show Scouts, their parents, and their advisors how to avoid many hours of work and frustration in the journey. The seminar will walk participants through the entire Eagle Service Project, with lots of hints and suggestions along the way. It will be led by members of the Matinecock Advancement Committee. The easiest and fastest way to register is online @ sccbsa.org/lifetoeagle.

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 and welcome back to a new Scouting year!

First, this is a reminder that all registered leaders need to take Youth Protection Training and complete the course before the end of the year. If you need help or have any questions, please reach out to the District Training Chair, Greg Aylmer.

Next, the re-chartering season will begin in October. Please be ready to work on the re-charter packets within your units and with your Unit Commissioners. Also, we will hopefully have the packets ready by October's Roundtable Meeting, so please send a representative just in case.

Finally, the district is looking for individuals who would like to become 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 to 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.

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

Yours in Scouting,

George J. S. Smith, Matinecock District Commissioner

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Religious Committees Activities

Matinecock District Religious Relationships Coordinator

Calling for any news items (for the walls) from anyone that sees an item in their local papers. The balance of the 2018-2019 clipping books will be going to the Smithtown Historical Society by end of September. If anyone has any 3-ring binders (preferably of the 3-4 inch size), I can use them for our press clipping books. If anyone has any questions about religious emblems and who to contact for their scouts, please contact me and I'll send you in the right direction/contact person for your specific religious beliefs. Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecamerlady@verizon.net

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

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:

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
- 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

Suffolk County Council, BSA, 2019 Popcorn Fundraiser

Show N Sell Distribution – September 20 & 21 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)
Show N Sell Product Return – October 27: 1:00 to 3:00 (Service Center – by appointment)

Take Order & Prizes Due – November 4

Take Order Distribution – November 15 & 16 (Clare Rose – Yaphank)

Take Order Payment Due – November 25

COMMISSION STRUCTURE & SCOUT REWARDS

Base Commission is 33% - Potential to earn 39% Plus Scout Prizes or Cash (extra 3%)

- Returning Unit Bonus – 2%
- Loyal selling unit Bonus – 2%
- Attend Kickoff Bonus – 2%
- Growth Bonus – 3%

To earn the Growth Bonus, you must increase your sales over 2018 by:

Non-participating Units need to sell at least \$2,000

Units with Sales below \$1,000 need to increase by 20%

Units with sales between \$1,000 - \$5,000 need an increase of 15%

Units with sales between \$5,000 - \$10,000 need an increase of 10%



Units with sales in excess of \$10,000 just need to meet or beat 2018

Scout Award Details: Scouts who participate in the Popcorn Fundraiser and sell at least \$350 will earn an Amazon gift card! With an Amazon gift card, scouts can choose from thousands of prizes, not just certain ones Trail's End put together. Gift card increments increase based on gross sales per scout. In addition:

Each Scout who sells \$1,000 will be invited to our "Spin & Win" Pizza Party in Spring 2020!

Every scout who sells over \$2,500 will initiate a 6% match to a college scholarship account.

The tools and forms are all available online. For more information visit:

www.sccbsa.org www.trails-end.com (for online ordering & to create scout accounts)

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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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