



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



October 10, 2019

### **What's Up (Coming)**

#### October 2019

- Oct 18-20 – Webelos Woods
- Oct 27 – Show n Sell returns due

#### November 2019

- Nov 14 – RT & OA
- Nov 15 & 16 – Popcorn Pickup

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***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,

It has been a great start to the scouting year. We are cooking with gas and I appreciate everyone's hard work.

Last push for our Webelos Woods. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> is the last call for registration. If you need more time than that, please reach out to me and let me know what the situation is, and I will work with you and your unit. Please remember to pick your site when you sign up at: [www.sccbsa.org/matwebeloswoods](http://www.sccbsa.org/matwebeloswoods). Online registration, site map, and leaders guide (for rules and regulations of the Seminary). For Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> activity at Webelos Woods, if you want to participate, we are encouraging units to have candy for trick or treaters. Bring out your best costumes. Walk around and mingle and trick or treat for some candy. Council tent will have candy to help join in on the fun! I will be talking more about Webelos Woods today and I will be sitting off to the side to talk more one on one about Webelos Woods if you need.

Changing gears - Some of you may have heard that Boy Scouts of America is going through a financial restructuring and we are no longer able to insure ourselves. Because of this change, National has made it known that fees will be increased. We will not know what this will be until the end of October. We will let you know as soon as the information is available to us.

I hope all our units had a great recruitment. Please remember to turn in those applications as soon as you get them. November 1st is the deadline to recruit:

- Packs - 12 scouts to receive your Pinewood Derby Cars provided by Council.
  - Troops - 4 new scouts for Troops to receive \$180 for NYLT.
- I don't want anybody to miss out on this great deal to save their units some money.

*“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”*

Remember, our website: [www.sccbsa.org/matinecock](http://www.sccbsa.org/matinecock) is up and running with all current events and information. This is the best place to get your information. Also, please update your beascout.org pins by going into my.scouting.org and clicking on organizational manager to fix your contact information

Thank you so much Leaders, volunteers and parents for all your hard work.

Yours in Scouting, **Taliesin C Powell, District Executive – Matinecock**  
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***From the District Chair:***

Hello Matinecock! It's October and that means Webelos Woods. Our annual gathering of packs and troops for a good time and good food. To our pack leaders, remember that this is October and we're heading into cold weather with sometimes a sprinkling of liquid sunshine. Make sure you have proper equipment to keep them warm, dry, and hydrated. Your BALOO trained leader(s) are the best way to appropriately Be Prepared for eventualities.

Speaking of training, we just had 8 Matinecock leaders complete Wood Badge training. All training puts leaders in the best position to keep them safe and have a good time. But we definitely had a mountain top experience for N2-404-19. Just ask anyone wearing a plaid neckerchief. Next year's course, N2-386-20, is already set to roll. Look to identify training for your current and future position. And don't miss N2-386-20. It helps assure your success and the best for all the youth.

***Don Ghee, Matinecock District Chairperson, [matbuff@yahoo.com](mailto:matbuff@yahoo.com)***



## *Cub Scouting*

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

***What is this Webelos Woods thing?***

When I was in scouting, I don't remember there being so many choices in scouting. As far as I knew, there was one pack for the school district that fed into one troop. I was incredibly lucky that they were both awesome. In Matinecock District, we are fortunate to have a thriving scouting environment with several packs and troops to pick from. In an effort to make finding a troop to bridge into easier, Webelos Scouts are encouraged to participate in Webelos Woods.

At the event, troops from the district set up different experience stations for the Webelos. Troop X might have a first aid station. Troop Y is set up for fire building. Troop Z is putting on a cooking demonstration. Coincidentally, these stations correspond with a lot of Webelos requirements, so astute leaders and scouts can get a lot of adventures completed over the weekend. And, here's where the magic happens. While the Webelos are taking part in the fun, they are interacting with the scouts from all the different troops in the area

and hopefully finding one that is a great match. Additionally, the adult leaders from the troops are on hand to answer any questions Webelos and/or parents might have about the troop. From a leader perspective, you also get to meet other leaders from around the district to see how they run things and maybe improve how you do things back at your pack or troop. Plus, there are camp-wide activities AND it's another reason to go camping in October! It is truly a wonderful event.

It can be overwhelming with so many troops and packs participating. I would encourage you to prioritize the visits to troops near where you live and spend some time there with the scouts. I am sure the troop 45 minutes away will have some awesome experiences for the scouts, but keep in mind finding a troop to call home is a key outcome of the weekend. More than likely your scout will find a great fit with a troop closer to home, making getting to meetings and interacting with their patrol that much easier.

So, what is Webelos Woods? It's a chance for advancement for the Webelos. It's an opportunity to find the perfect troop. It's a chance to get questions answered from troop leadership. It's a chance for district-wide comradery. It's a complete scouting experience wrapped up into one awesome weekend. I hope to see you there.

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## *Webelos Scouts*

### *Bridging to Boy Scouts*

#### *Troop Questions for Webelos Scouts*

Webelos Woods is upon us, and with that comes a big choice each scout needs to make: What's next for my scouting career? Hopefully, scouting has become an important part in their lives at this point. But which troop should I join? This can be an intimidating decision. To help ease that pain, here are some questions you should ask any troop you are considering joining after you bridge over in the spring.

- 1. Does my child feel comfortable in this troop? (Priority #1)*
- 2. Does this troop accept female scouts? (Does it have a female troop for my younger cub scout sisters?)*
- 3. When and where does this troop meet?*
- 4. How many scouts are members of the troop?*
- 5. How often do you go camping?*
- 6. What are some of the signature events the troop takes part in?*
- 7. Does the troop participate in high-adventure trips?*
- 8. How are the activities funded?*

9. *Is the troop youth-led, or is there a lot of adult involvement?*
10. *What other activities do the scouts get involved in besides scouting?*
11. *What type of service projects does the troop get involved with?*
12. *At what pace do Scouts advance in rank?*
13. *Has the troop earned Journey to Excellence over the past several years?*
14. *Anything else that concerns you, or is important to you...*

The most important thing is that the scout feels comfortable in the troop in order to keep scouting safe, fun, and exciting. However, as scouts get older, the number of activities tend to increase, so having a troop that is convenient to participate in can be a plus. It is also important to remember that if you join a troop and it doesn't work out, it is very easy to try another one to see if it's a better fit. We have a lot of strong troops in Matinecock District each with distinct personalities. If you spend some time, it is very likely your scout will find a perfect fit.

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 Matinecock District, Den Leader Pack 746 (Tri-CYA Outreach Pack)  
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*Scouts, BSA*  
*Where Eagles Dare*

#### Recruitment Tips:

1. Remember that **Scouts BSA** recruiting happens all year. Don't think of Scout recruiting as having a "season." You can add new Scouts to your troop all year long. And doing so helps maintain your troop's health and bring in new energy and enthusiasm.
2. Appoint a troop membership chairperson. Every successful recruiting effort needs a strong leader. Find a committee member who can take the lead on growing troop membership.
3. Encourage peer-to-peer recruiting.
4. Attend the Pack or second year Webelos meeting to extend an invitation for them to join your troop, visit your troop, and provide information about Summer Camp to get the boys excited!
5. Work with your District Executive and District committee to learn of any boys that are undecided or potential Webelos that you can invite above and beyond those in your feeder Pack. Many times we have boys and families that could use other options. As we know every Troop is different and perhaps yours is the right fit for a family – they just don't know it yet as they have not visited!
6. Plan a great crossover ceremony with the Pack to welcome and celebrate new Scouts joining your Troop. Remember to invite and include first Year Webelos and even Bears (soon to be Webelos) so they can see what their goal should be and look like! You should already be working to familiarize your Troop to the soon to be second year Webelos

(current 1st years) and first year Webelos (current Bears). Start training Den Chiefs so they are ready to meet and work with these groups in the fall. Have a plan in place of communication to these groups for the next year so they know your Troop and it is a seamless transition.

7. Plan a great meeting activity and a great first time camping with your Troop for new Scouts. By getting them involved and tailoring some activities and meetings to your new Scouts you will create the welcoming atmosphere you need to keep and get them ready for Summer Camp!
8. Remember your new Scouts and parents are NEW TO BOY SCOUTING! Be welcoming and inviting. Leaders and Scouts should show Scouting spirit and be exemplary examples of the Scout Law to new Scouts and their parents!
9. Get your new Scouts to get their handbooks and begin working towards rank advancement right away in the first meetings and outings!

**Stuart Weinberg** – Matinecock Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner [sbetberg@gmail.com](mailto:sbetberg@gmail.com)



## *Venturing/Sea Scouts*



### **Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:**

**VenturingFest 2020**, the third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from June 28-July 3!

**VenturingFest 2020** is a special Scouting event at SBR that's **open to registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, Scouts BSA (age 14+) and adult leaders across the U.S.** This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, Venturing activities and so much more! Festival-goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends at the event.

**Sign up as a participant or staff member now:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

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

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

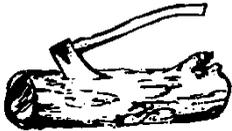
**SCC Venturing Information:** If you haven't already done so, join the SCC Venturing VOA Facebook site:

[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*

## Upcoming Training

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](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).



# Commissioner's Corner

*Unit Service and Roundtable*

Good evening Matinecock District and welcome back to a new Scouting year!

First, as stated previously, charter season is almost upon us. The charter packets will be ready by the end of October and can be picked up at the Council Office. The Unit Commissioners within the district are here to help during the re-chartering process. Please work with them to ensure the renewal packets are completed accurately and on-time.

Next, the National Office at the Boy Scouts of America has sent out an email to volunteers requesting them to sign a Background Check Authorization form. These forms will be part of the charter packet. Please have each of your registered leaders fill out this form and turn all the forms in together with the rest of your recharter renewal packet.

Finally, as a reminder, all registered adult members of all units must be Youth Protection trained for all of 2020. Please make sure that all of your unit's registered adult leaders have completed their Youth Protection Training online at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) or an in person training offered by our district. If you need help with completing the training online or are unable to attend the in-person training, please contact your unit's Unit Commissioner who will be able to assist you.

Thanks for all that you do for Scouting and I hope to see you Webelos Woods!

Yours in Scouting,

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

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# *A Scout is Reverent*

## 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. . 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 [thecameralady@verizon.net](mailto:thecameralady@verizon.net)

### **Catholic Committee on Scouting:**

We thank Mr. Austin Cannon for his 30 years of service as the coordinator of the Diocese of Rockville Centre Scouting office. Please continue to send your email communications to [scouting@drvc.org](mailto:scouting@drvc.org).

Save the dates:

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Cub Scout All Saint’s Day – St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station 9:00 AM – Noon

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Boy Scout Day or Reflection – Blydenburgh County Park, 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

\* This event is open to all Scouts and Webelo Dens, \$ 10.00 fee payable on arrival

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – International Peace Light Celebration – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst 7:00 PM

**Interested in joining the Catholic Committee?** All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join. Contact: Eric Hansen (631)290-1314 [eric.george.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:eric.george.hansen@gmail.com)

### **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 [thecameralady@verizon.net](mailto:thecameralady@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:**

For Information contact: Laura Hanjoglu Goerke 631-366-3542 or email [hangoerk@optonline.net](mailto:hangoerk@optonline.net)

## District Notes

### Suffolk County Council, BSA, 2019 Popcorn Fundraiser

Show N Sell Product Return – October 27: 1:00 to 3:00 (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 40% Plus Scout Prizes

A. Loyal selling unit Bonus – 2%

B. Attend Kickoff Bonus – 2%

C. 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](http://www.sccbsa.org)      [www.trails-end.com](http://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](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-drvc.org](http://www.ccos-drvc.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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