



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



November 14, 2019

### What's Up (Coming)

#### November 2019

- Nov 15 & 16 – Popcorn Pickup
- Nov 16 – SCC Day of Training

#### December 2019

- Dec 12 – RT & OA

[www.SCCBSA.org](http://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,

We are nearing the half way point to the Scouting year and I have already seen our kids involved with so many festivals, parades, and community service projects. Thank you so much to our volunteers and leaders for giving our youth amazing guidance and an amazing program.

A couple of things coming over the horizon: ALL OF THIS INFO IS ONLINE AT: [WWW.SCCBSA.ORG/MATINECOCK](http://WWW.SCCBSA.ORG/MATINECOCK)

Winter Camporee- E Pluribus Unum is on January 24-26<sup>th</sup>.

Silver Beaver Award nominations and Honor Spirit Award- This is the time to honor our wonderful volunteers (like YOU!) and to honor our Scouts that reflect the Scout Oath and Law. Please submit those forms for any candidate you feel that deserves this award. And speaking of awards, please keep in mind any candidates for Spark Plug awards and District Award of Merit. You can turn in those forms at any time.

Matinecock Re-Chartering Day- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ The South Huntington Library from 6:00-9:00pm. If you have questions about Chartering or unsure about the process, then this is the best place to learn and to make sure that the paperwork is correct. Charters are being passed out today.

Matinecock Training Day- November 16<sup>th</sup> @ Clare Rose Distribution Center. Offering training classes for: Youth Protection Training, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster training, Specific leader training, and a lot more. Make sure all adult leaders have taken Youth Protection training and Hazardous Weather training.

Scout Shop Giving Tree- Starts now to December 16<sup>th</sup>, donations help scouts who may need uniform and uniform items. \*\*Reminder from Scout Shop, orders can not be put on hold until after Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**IMPORTANT**- Please turn in all new youth and adult applications from your recent Fall recruitment. I want to make sure all kids are covered under our insurance and that they get credit for their ranks and achievement. With the change to a new private insurer, they are going to be much stricter than in the past. I want to make sure that every youth and adult is covered for any unexpected situation.

I know that the late news on fee increase has put our units in a tough

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

situation especially since most of our units have already established their budget and collected fees for the next year. I want to express that your patience, cooperation, and understanding is greatly appreciated. National's Board took a vote and said from here on; any change in national fee's, policies, etc., will be announced before the end of summer. Thank you Matinecock!

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

Greetings Matinecock District! November is a month of both stopping to take note of what we can be thankful for and to get busy prepping for the holiday season. On behalf of the District Committee, may all of you have much to be thankful for and your preparations result in the best of the holiday season. In giving thanks, don't forget to give thanks for our Scouting family.

- We welcome Ryan DiBernardo, Council Executive, to this month's Roundtable. He's here to informally meet with you and answer any questions you may have.
- I call your attention to the Training page in this month's edition. November 16th is the free Day of Training for the entire Council at Clare Rose in East Yaphank. Are you fully trained? Be Prepared to deliver on Scouting's promise.
- It's also Silver Beaver nomination season. Who do you think needs to be nominated for the highest volunteer recognition a Council can confer? Nomination forms are available on the Matinecock webpage on the Council website. Speak with Greg Aylmer or me if you have any questions on the nomination or honoree selection process.

All the Best,

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



## *Cub Scouting*

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

We made it through Recruitment Season. We made it through Popcorn Season! And now we slide right in to Re-chartering Season. (I bet you thought you could catch a break 😊 ) Re-chartering focuses on gathering everyone who is active in your pack: leaders and scouts. However, a key component is also making sure the leader training is up to date. This year, council has asked that we not only complete Youth Protection training (YPT) each year, but also Hazardous Weather Training (HWT). It's a big ask, but a worthy one.

If we are to stay vigilant about keeping our scouts safe, it only makes sense that we renew these trainings every year. Both of the courses should take less than 2 hours to complete. It is a great refresher about what to look out for from people or Mother Earth. If it gets to a point where you are completing the sentences of the experts in the videos, then we have done our job. More than likely, though, you'll watch them again, and hopefully pick up on something new.

Also, keep in mind that the training can be offered to any adult involved with the pack, especially Lion and Tiger parents. The more people that know about the dangers of hazardous weather, the better. The more we advertise the steps BSA is taking to combat bullying and sexual assault, the better, especially to new parents who might be cautious because of what they hear on the news. It also might encourage additional volunteering within the pack. (I know these trainings are old hat to us weathered scouting veterans, but if you look at it with fresh eyes, it's really an impressive set of training modules.)

So, yes...it's true. We have to take YPT and HWT again before the end of the year, but for good reason. We take them to prevent anything bad from happening to our scouts, either from horrible, damaged people or from the unyielding power of nature. Keeping everyone safe is definitely something to be thankful for each and every year.

Happy Thanksgiving, y'all.

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

### *Bridging to Boy Scouts*

All Units should be getting ready to recharter their Unit at the end of the year. The Units Committee Chair is responsible with this task.

One good tip is to take advantage of the Districts Rechartering work shops which are held each year. These workshops are especially helpful for new Chairs that are assigned this task. If you are unable to attend the work shop please reach out to your Units Commissioner.

Second tip is to be aware of those youth and adults that are not participating anymore. Try reaching out to them with a face to face or an actual phone call versus an email or text message. Make it personal.

Lastly, checking on Webelos transition and following up is very important. If a youth is still on your charter that transitioned then you may want to call Council to inquire.

Webelos transition is where most youth fall out of scouts, so it's imperative that you try and follow up with the youth that transitioned and just check in on them.

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# *Scouts, BSA*

## *Where Eagles Dare*

### **The Order of the Arrow**

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

- **What are the youth qualifications?** Be a registered Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout; be younger than 21; have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping within the past two years (including one long-term camp); hold the First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank; be approved by the unit leader; and be elected by the youth members of the unit.
- **What are the adult qualifications?** Be a registered Scouter, meet the OA camping requirement, and be nominated to and selected by the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults who may be nominated is based on the number of youth members elected.
- **Who conducts unit elections?** A two- or three-member team from the lodge or chapter visits a unit meeting or activity to conduct the election. (Note: A lodge typically serves the same territory as a council; many lodges are divided into chapters, which often align with district boundaries.)
- **Can our OA troop representative conduct our election?** Only if the Scout has been trained by lodge or chapter leaders and has been asked to do so. The OA troop representative can play an important role ahead of time by promoting the OA and ensuring good attendance at the unit election.
- **What is the unit leader's role?** In addition to facilitating scheduling, he or she gives the election team a list of registered active members who meet all eligibility requirements, including attitude and participation. He or she should also verify that at least 50 percent of the registered, active members are present for the election.
- **Who can vote in the election?** Any registered, active member younger than 21, whether an OA member or not, may vote. Voters may vote for any or all of the people on the ballot.
- **What determines a member's election?** Any member who receives votes from at least 50 percent of those who turn in ballots is elected. New Scouts who don't know their peers well are encouraged to not turn in ballots; abstentions don't affect the results.
- **Do members have to be present to be elected?** No.

- **Can we have a second election during the year?** No. However, an election can be rescheduled if 50 percent of the registered, active members younger than 21 are not present the first time.

**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*

## A Day of Training

**Saturday, November 16 at Clare Rose in East Yaphank**

Suffolk County Council is offering a **free** leader training opportunity on Saturday, November 16, at Clare Rose in East Yaphank. (Just off William Floyd Parkway.) BSA training concentrates on preparing volunteers to deliver on the BSA promise through demonstrated best practices and ensuring the health and safety of everyone. We all should aspire to ensuring Be Prepared applies to adult leaders.

Who can avail themselves of this opportunity? Well, just about everyone:

- New Member Coordinators,
- Uniform leaders (Cub, Scouting BSA, & Venturing),
- Unit committee members,
- Unit & Roundtable commissioners,
- District staff.

Just Some of the Classes

- Cub Scout Den Leader Training
- Cub Scout Cubmaster / Ass't Cubmaster
- Scoutmaster / Ass't Scoutmaster
- Troop Committee Challenge
- Crew Committee Challenge
- Adult Youth Protection
- Safe Swim Defense
- Risk Awareness
- Eagle Coach Mentoring
- Webelos To Scout Transition
- New Member Coordinator

And More !!!!

**Sign up at**

<http://www.sccbsa.org/dot>

### **Additional Upcoming Training**

Nov 13, 2019	Scoutmaster / Ass't Scoutmaster: Part 1
Nov 20, 2019	Scoutmaster / Ass't Scoutmaster: Part 2
Mar 27-29 & Apr 17-19 2020	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

### **From the Advancement Committee**

David Hunt and Joe Pokorny, from the Matinecock District Advancement Committee, will be leading two classes at the Council Day of Training on Saturday, November 16th: **Eagle Coach Training at 9 AM**, and **Merit Badge Counseling at 10 AM**. Not too late to register at <https://www.sccbsa.org/dot>.

The next small Life-to-Eagle presentation will be on Sunday, January 8th, at 5 PM. Life Scouts who are interested should contact David Hunt at [CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org](mailto:CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org). Limited to 4 Scouts and parents.

*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,

First, the charter packets are available at tonight's Roundtable! Please pick up your unit's charter packet at the table where you check-in for the Roundtable near the entrance of the cafeteria.

Next, we will be hosting our District-wide Re-Chartering Night on December 5th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the South Huntington Library. The Unit Commissioners from our district will be there to help answer any questions pertaining to the charter. In addition, the district will be collecting completed charters.

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 you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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 [thecamerlady@verizon.net](mailto:thecamerlady@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, November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Boy Scout Day or Recollection – 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:**

- **JCOS and annual Awards Breakfast – March 1, 2010** at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge
- **Scout Sabbath Services** (more dates as we are informed/updates with times, addresses and contacts at Dec 2019 and January 2020 RT): **Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge – Feb. 7** (Fri evening); **East Northport Jewish Center Feb 14**(Fri evening) – **special commemorative Scout Sabbath patch will be given to all in uniform (scouting, military, etc.)**
- 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:**

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

**District Notes**

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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