



# What's the Point

## Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



December 12, 2019

### What's Up (Coming)

#### December 2019

- Dec 22 – OA Movie Fundraiser

#### January 2020

- Jan 9 – RT & OA
- Jan 24-26 – Winter Camporee

[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.

Happy Holidays Matinecock,

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy upcoming holiday. Thank you so much for all volunteering your time and giving our kids an amazing program. Thank you to all the Packs for doing amazing recruitment for the year and thank you to the Troops for putting on activities in December to invite the Packs that showed interest in your Troop during Webelos Woods.

A couple of reminders:

- We have our Winter Camporee: “Many Slices, One Pie” coming up on January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to our host units: T218 Boys and Girls, Troop 106, Troop 360, Troop 125, Troop 539, and the Order of the Arrow. I can’t thank you enough for stepping up and helping out Matinecock.
- Silver Beaver, Scout Honor Spirit Award, Spark Plug award, and District of Merit Award nomination due date is approaching. [www.sccbsa.org/matinecock](http://www.sccbsa.org/matinecock) will have all the nomination forms at a click of the mouse. Please recognize those parents and volunteers and Scouts that have made a huge difference in your unit.

Enjoy your time with family and loved ones. I can’t appreciate everyone enough or say enough to express my gratitude.

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy

Kwanzaa

Happy Holidays to all my scouting friends!

P.S. Don’t eat yellow snow.

Yours in Scouting,

**Taliesin C Powell, District Executive – Matinecock**

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

***From the District Chair:***

As we've now entered the holiday season, my message for December 2019 is simple. May everything good come to each youth, scouter, family, and to our Scouting family. There is a hustle and bustle that precedes family and friends gathering at each of our respective holidays. Each of our holidays celebrate a renewal of our immediate and extended family, and that includes celebrating everything Scouting as we head into the new year. May everyone have a happy and safe holiday season and safe Scouting in 2020.

One last note. My deepest gratitude to the Matinecock District staff and to all Matinecock unit leaders. Your efforts have been a gift that has been giving all year long. Thank you!

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

**2021 National Jamboree Staff Wanted!**

Registration is now open for older youth & adults to participate as Jamboree Service Team (JST) members. Program, medical, logistics, operations and administrative options are available to those with vocational expertise, skills or a desire to positively impact Scouts and guests attending Scouting's premier celebration. There will be three JST sessions during the 2021 National Scout Jamboree to allow flexibility to desired applicants. Selected volunteers will be able to select a session that best suits their schedule when applying to serve at the Jamboree. The following sessions will apply: Session 1 (July 17-24, 2021), Session 2 (July 24-31, 2021), Session 3 (July 17-31, 2021). Visit this link to apply: <https://jamboree.scouting.org> or contact Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com) for more information.



## *Cub Scouting*

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

### ***Cub Scouts with Disabilities***

Scouting is a wonderful program for youth with disabilities. They get to share in the same incredible, inspiring, educational, character-building, exciting program that we offer all youth. The goal is to allow them to fully participate in activities, and above all, be treated like every other member of the pack.

Disabilities come in all shapes and sizes. Some are obvious and some are not. Tweaking events to accommodate everyone can be straightforward (peanut-free meetings if a scout has a severe allergy) and some can be challenging (swimming events for scouts in wheel chairs). Becoming as inclusive as possible, like so many efforts in group settings, comes down to communication.

As leaders, we need to communicate with the scouts and parents to make sure we understand their needs. This can include helpful hints on how to effectively communicate with scouts with hearing loss, ADHD, and/or autism. It can also include discussions about

more physical considerations for scouts with mobility challenges. Scout leaders are not necessarily trained in how to deal with all disabilities, so getting an understanding about what other resources may be required to support the scout at events can be paramount to successful integration with the pack.

It may also be helpful, with the parents' and scouts' blessings, to discuss the disability with the other scouts in the den and pack. If the goal is to treat all scouts with respect, I find educating youth about conditions from the beginning can go along way to promote inclusion and avoid misinformation or behind-the-back whispers. Once scouts are supplied with the facts, a disability becomes less mysterious, fades into the background, and they can start focusing on just having fun instead of how different that other scout looks/acts.

Cub Scouting is not only a wonderful opportunity for the scouts with disabilities, but also the scouts without (or with different) disabilities. Learning to interact with people different from you is a huge part of scouting. It touches on the majority of scout-like characteristics from the Scout Law, including being loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, brave, and reverent. The other incredible thing is that the scouts start to take pride in how inclusive their events become and making sure all members of the pack can participate in them. They become better, caring citizens when they are exposed to people different from themselves. It can certainly be challenging to tweak events to make sure they are accessible, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

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

### *Bridging to Boy Scouts*

The basic premise of Scouting for youth with disabilities is that all youth want to participate fully and be respected like every other member of the unit. While there are, by necessity, units exclusively composed of Scouts with disabilities, experience has shown that Scouting usually succeeds best when every Scout is part of a regular unit.

If you are seeking local Troop engagement with your Webelos a good idea to see how the Troops awareness level is with disabilities then try organizing a Disabilities Awareness Activity with the local Troops and your Webelos.

The Troop can come up with FUN engaging and interactive activities so the youth can have a similar experience to what it's like to have an actual disability.

**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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# Scouts, BSA

*Where Eagles Dare*

It is that time of year when most people prefer to stay indoors, but not us scouters. One of the keys to staying warm is to remember COLD.

**C** Keep yourself and your clothes **CLEAN**. Dirt and body oils which build up on clothing destroy its insulating properties

**O** Avoid **OVERHEATING**. Clothing is designed to be taken off or added to in layers to maintain an even body heat.

**L** Wear clothes **LOOSE** and in **LAYERS**.

**D** Keep **DRY**. Wet clothing removes body heat 240 times faster than it will dissipate through dry clothing. Wet is trouble.

## What are the Signs/Symptoms of Frostbite?

- Skin becomes white and waxy in appearance
- Frostbitten limbs become hard like a piece of wood
- Tingling feeling in limbs, followed by numbness
- Aching or throbbing in limbs

## Symptoms for severe frostbite include:

- Blisters
- Gangrene (blackened limbs that result from dead tissue)
- Tendons, muscles, or nerves may become damaged

## What are the Signs/Symptoms of Hypothermia?

- Shivering (if they stop shivering it means their core body temperature has dropped below 88°F (31°C)).
- Numbness
- Loss of consciousness
- Apathy
- Weakness
- Impaired judgment
- Glassy stare

## IMPORTANT:

As you try to restore normal body temperature, warm their body slowly. Warming the body too quickly can cause shock and serious heart arrhythmias.

Warm slowly by gradually wrapping blankets or putting warm clothing on their body DO NOT submerge any of the body in warm water, nor put on an electric heating pad, or heating lamp as this can cause skin damage and irregular heartbeat.

Get the person medical attention immediately

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

## CALLING ALL 2019 EAGLE SCOUTS

The Suffolk County Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association invites our fellow Scouters, business and community leaders to honor the 2019 Centennial Class of Eagle Scouts for their accomplishment of earning the highest rank in Scouting. **SCC/NESA 2019 Eagle Recognition Brunch Sunday, January 5, 2020** Stonebridge Country Club 2000 Raynors Way, Smithtown, New York, 11787. Start 11:00 AM Cost: **2019 Eagle Scouts attend for free** Tickets start at \$75.00 with additional sponsorships available. **Registration can be found at <https://www.scbsa.org/2019NESAsponsors>**



## *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

Mar 27-29 & National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)  
Apr 17-19 2020

### From the Advancement Committee

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,

We are close to the end-of-the-year, which means charters are due! 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.

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 holiday season.  
Happy New Year!

**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:

**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. **There will be a JCOS meeting THIS Sunday evening, December 15 at 7pm.**
- 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

### Matinecock Tenure Units being recognized at the March 19, 2020 Fellowship Dinner:

Troop 322 – 10 years Pack 708 – 15 years Pack 75 – 25 years Troop 539(B) – 35 years	Pack 539 – 45 years Troop 410 – 50 years Pack 379- 50 Years	Troop 403 – 55 years Troop 106 - 65 Years Pack 5- 70 Years
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The dinner committee would very much like to include a group photograph of your unit, ideally with members of your charter organization to include in the program and slide show. Please email a group photo to: [g4fam4@aol.com](mailto:g4fam4@aol.com) and [ra1739@aol.com](mailto:ra1739@aol.com), AND [mputtre@hotmail.com](mailto:mputtre@hotmail.com). Thank you! Don't forget – your units are being honored! Put the date on the calendar and attend.

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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