

- **Dix Hills Jewish Center at 7pm)**
- February 14 (Friday evening)
 - **East Northport Jewish Center Feb 14**
- 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 thecamer lady@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

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 and ra1739@aol.com, AND 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
- 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



January 9, 2020

What's Up (Coming)

January 2020

- Jan 9 – RT & OA
- Jan 12 – OA Winter Banquet
- Jan 24-26 – Winter Camporee

February 2020

- Feb 9, Scout Sunday
- Feb 13 - RT & OA
- Feb 17-21 - Winter Camp

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,

Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you all enjoyed yourself and had a great time. I am pumped about all the cool things that are going to be happening in next couple of months. Lots of programs out in Baiting Hollow Scout Camp that you can get your kids involved with. Please check out our council website: www.sccbsa.org to see all the programs. While you are at, go to our district website: www.sccbsa.org/matinecock and get all up to date information on our district.

January 24th- 26th is our Winter Camporee: “Many Slices, one Pie”. That means...Cabin Lottery is today! We have two available Cabins: Tuocs-\$75 (sleeps 16) and Penataquit-\$100 (sleeps 20). Please put your name in the hat and cross your fingers! Winners will be picked once we received all contestant entries. Online registration for the Winter Camporee is up at: <https://www.sccbsa.org/matWC>

New 2020 Medical forms are needed to participate in Baiting Hollow Scout Camp. If you have the 2019 Medical Form, it will be fine for 2020 Baiting Hollow but come next year, it must be filled out with the new medical form that has additional information that the last one didn't. The medical form is up on our Matinecock website, click the link and print it up.

Turn in those charters if you haven't already. If you need help, please reach out to me or any other commissioner for support.

This year, I want to get new faces and young blood to fill in those missing positions. Please keep your ears and eyes out for any one that really believes in our program and you feel like can make a difference. Reach out to me if you feel like a parent/volunteer would be perfect to get involve with our program.

Keep up the great work. I'm here if you need me so please reach out to me. I'm extremely proud of all that you do and all the hard work your kids do.

Yours in Scouting, **Taliesin C Powell, District Executive – Matinecock**
talpowel@scouting.org, 631-924-7000 ext.131

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”

From the District Chair:

I hope all of you have had a safe and wonderful Holiday Season. And everyone is set to go for Scouting 2020.

Health & Safety are always our top priority. So I'm pleased to announce that Stu Weinberg has taken on the additional role of Matinecock District Risk Coordinator and will work with the 3 other Suffolk County Council District Risk Coordinators to provide the safest possible environment for the Council's youth. With this new role he's also joined the Suffolk County Council Enterprise Risk Management Committee. Stu has the deepest knowledge of Scouting's National Health & Safety requirements I know. He's been a Roundtable resource to all unit leaders and will get answers on any questions you might have on Safe Scouting and permitted activities. We should never forget - Let's Keep 'em Safe!

Thank you for all that you do.

Don Ghee, Matinecock District Chair, 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 for more information. **NOTE: Participant registration is now also open!**



Cub Scouting

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

Happy New Year, Matinecock!

Blue and Gold Season is upon us, and the Webelos II scouts have the difficult task of selecting a Scouts BSA troop to bridge into. Do they follow their friends? Do they pick a troop that matches their interests? Do they go with the troop that had the best food at Webelos Woods? No matter what it's a tough decision to make.

But I don't think it has to be as tough as it usually is if we increase their experience with different troops. There are several ways to do this:

1. Leverage Den Chiefs for your dens. It's great for the Scouts (advancement requirements). It's great for leaders (an extra set of hands). It's great for the scouts (they get to hang out with someone from a particular troop and see what they are about).

Finally, if you are a pack and plan on having a Blue & Gold for your pack this year, please let your Commissioners and myself know, as we would like to be invited to celebrate the accomplishments of your Scouts!

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

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

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Now that Advent and the Christmas Octave are over, Cub Scouts should be working on their Light Of Christ and Parvuli Dei awards with their parents so they can be turned in and awarded on Scout Sunday. Scouts who are working on their Ad Alteri Dei should be making progress and planning on attending the **Spring Retreat on March 21**. AAD candidates need to attend either the Day of Recollection or the Scout Retreat as a requirement. Pope Pius XII candidates need to put **March 28 and 29th required overnight** retreat on their calendars as well.

If a group is working on their awards that has not let the CCOS know, please send me a note with who is running it and who the boys in it are.

I'm praying for all of you who volunteer to offer these religious emblems and for all the Cubs and Scouts working on them while I am on a mission to Haiti and will get to meet Haitian Scouts.

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

Jewish Committee on Scouting:

- **JCOS and annual Awards Breakfast – March 1, 2020** at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge
- **Scout Sabbath Services** (more dates as we are informed/updates with times, addresses and contacts). At all of the Scout Sabbath services, a special commemorative Scout Sabbath patch will be given to all in uniform (scouting, military, etc.)
 - February 7 (Friday Evening):
 - **Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge at 7:30pm**



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Upcoming Training

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

High Adventure Training 2020!

A revamped high adventure training program is in the works for Suffolk County Council. We will be coordinating training courses to cover Basic Backpacking, Winter Backpacking, and a new series on the basics to Paddle, Pedal & Climb! The primary presentation will be done at a location TBD but we also are looking for units that want to learn how to spice up their high adventure program themselves and can present specific topics as needed as availability allows. Watch for future announcements and if you have any questions or suggestions please contact Mike Kramer, SCC High Adventure Training Coordinator at MKLeader2@gmail.com.

From the Advancement Committee

The next Life-to-Eagle presentation will be on Sunday, February 26th, at St. Anthony of Padua lower church at 7:30 PM. Life Scouts who are interested should contact David Hunt at CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org.

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!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

First, we still have units who have not completed and turned in their charters to the Council office. Please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you need assistance, please contact your Unit Commissioner as they are here to assist you with the process.

Next, the charters are still being processed at the Council office. If there are any errors found during the processing, your Unit Commissioner will be contacting you to fix the errors.

- Schedule events with troops. Foster relationships with the troops in your area so when they have appropriate events, the cub scouts can attend to see the troop in action. Maybe the troop can host a camping trip with the pack. Maybe they can plan a geocaching excursion. It is a great way for the entire pack (not just the Webelos) to interact with various troops to see what they are about.
- Maybe ask local troops to assist with your larger events. We've had local troops serve food, assist with pack nights when there is a parent's meeting, and assist with our pack's Pinewood Derby Impound.

Over the next few months, be on the lookout for different ways the pack can interact with Scouts BSA troops, and not just for the Webelos. Getting the younger scouts excited about what comes in the next stage of scouting is a great way to keep the momentum. With more exposure to different troops, the decision about what troop they should bring into (or IF they should continue in scouting) becomes a no-brainer. The scouts will have a much better idea about what troops they feel more comfortable in and why because of the history. While it's true the Webelos II decision is more pressing, it's never too early to get cub scouts excited about moving on to scouts.

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

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Members of the troop frequently participate in a Webelos-to-Scout ceremony, even when it is formally conducted by the Cub Scout Pack. During these occasions the troop's participation greatly contributes to the overall crossover experience. When Webelos are being recognized, frequently they cross a symbolic bridge from the pack to a troop. The troop's presence should be as impressive as possible. In this light, for most crossover ceremonies, there should be a good assemblage of Scouts in attendance, wearing their most complete troop meeting field uniforms. Naturally, if a troop neckerchief is to be presented, the troop members should be wearing theirs, and as always, Scout spirit should shine brightly throughout the proceedings.

The Bridge: Crossing a bridge from a Cub Scout Pack to a Boy Scout Troop is a symbolic act. If there's no actual bridge, most packs build or borrow a simple, portable, wooden one that's rustic with railings made of dead tree branches or rope and floored with scrap lumber.

What's Presented During the Crossover: Since with each level in the pack there's been a corresponding neckerchief, if the troop has a troop neckerchief, presenting one to each Webelos Scout crossing over is an appropriate symbolic gesture. The Webelos neckerchief is removed, and the pre-folded troop neckerchief is placed around the Webelos' neck, either with the same

slide or with one provided by the troop. Doing so, ceremoniously, with the friendly participation of assigned troop leaders creates a memorable moment. In conjunction with this, exchanging the blue shoulder loops with olive green shoulder loops provides added impact. A Boy Scout Handbook as well as the troop's unit numeral (if different than that of the pack's) can also be presented at this time.

Outdoor Ceremonies: Perhaps the most impressive of all Webelos crossover settings is one where the troop is gathered around a lit campfire in an area distinct from, but in view of, where the pack has gathered. Optimally, there is an actual bridge separating the pack and troop locations. After the Cubmaster addresses the Pack family and turns things over to the leader of the Webelos Den for their explanations and remarks, the Senior Patrol Leader from the troop, along with at least two other junior leaders, escort the appropriate Webelos Scouts (often with their parents) over the bridge, to the troop's campfire, which has been lit in their honor. Once over the bridge, the Scoutmaster and troop leaders greet the Webelos who join the troop's members seated around the fire. At that time, a new member investiture ceremony can commence. <https://troopresources.scouting.org/webelos-crossover/>

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

Lord Baden Powell's Thoughts About the Scouts' Own Service

For an open Troop, or for Troops in camp, I think the Scouts' Own should be open to all denominations, and carried on in such a manner as to offend none. There should not be any special form, but it should abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from any ecclesiastical point of view, but from that of the boy. Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided. We do not want a kind of imposed Church parade, but a voluntary uplifting of their hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others. **B.-P.'S**

OUTLOOK November 1928

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

Join the Suffolk County Council chapter of the National Eagle Scout Associations 4th annual **Comedy Night Fundraiser** on Thursday, March 26th, doors open 6:30 show @ 8PM. McGuire's Comedy Club in Bohemia. Tickets are \$20. Flyers are available at the handout table & Mike has tickets with him tonight! Contact Mike Kramer at MKleader2@gmail.com for more info and/or tickets. <https://www.sccbbsa.org/NESA>



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

VenturingFest 2020, the third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – 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¬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.