



What's the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable News and Events



March 12, 2020

What's Up (Coming)

March 2020

- Mar 19 – Fellowship Dinner – *rescheduled to 6/11*
- March 28th - [Andrew McMorris Walk-a-thon](#)

April 2020

- April 3rd-5th Spring Camporee @ South Haven (Joint with BT)
- April 4th- [District Pinewood Derby](#) @ William T Rodgers Middle School

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For more useful links to scouting information, see the last page.

Hello Matinecock,

I want to congratulate all our Webelos that have crossed over to Troops this month. I want to thank the parents and the leaders for all their hard work and dedication to the kids. I'm limited on space so I will condense as much as I can.

Corona Virus- Hot topic and a lot of questions about our procedures how to handle events. We are asking our parents and leaders to go to

www.coronavirus.gov to find out the facts and the preventative measures you can take. All programs in Matinecock will continue such as: Excellence in Education fundraiser, Round table meetings, other type meetings, etc. We will follow suit with the schools in our district. So far, no school has closed its doors, so all programs are good to go. There will be information up on www.sccbsa.org/matinecock about the virus and how to protect yourself.

Fundraisers: We have our Excellence in Education Cocktail party on Saturday, March 21st honoring Steven Hartman. He has done so much for our kids in and out of scouting. If you know him and what he has done, please consider going and showing support. It is going to be a fun evening. You can sign up at

www.sccbsa.org/mateead

The Andrew McMorris Memorial Walkathon & 5K will be on March 28th. The money raised from this event will help finish the Andrew McMorris lodge at Baiting Hollow Scout camp: <https://www.sccbsa.org/walk2020> You can also sign up as a digital walker if you can't make it out to Baiting Hollow that day.

Fun activities: A few save the dates: please keep your eyes out for:

Our Matinecock Celebration Dinner honoring YOU! All our volunteers and leaders deserve all the credit, and this is your day. April 30th @ American Legion Hall Post 360 in Huntington from 6:00-9:00pm. Awards like: District Award of Merit, Spark Plug, Dan Beard, James E West, etc.

Manor Farm Field Day- on Sunday, May 17th, @ Manor Farm from 10am-4pm.

CALLING ALL PACKS. If you need help recruiting or getting involved with a fun activity. Why not both? Reach out to me and let's work on an activity your Pack can run at the event. It is a free event, but we are asking for a toy donation to be made so we can give it to Stony Brook Children's Hospital. This is open to anyone in the community. Everyone is welcome to attend. Even Troops if they want to help their packs. Food and drinks will be provided to those adults/scouts that come out and help.

Charters: If your unit hasn't completed its' Charter renewal, we must finalize it now. With the changing of insurance policies, your entire unit at this moment

"Scouting is a game with a purpose."

isn't covered under our insurance if something happens. YPT is the biggest culprit of why units are not re-chartering in time. So please, encourage those who need to take it to do it this week. Please relay the information that it needs to be done every single year and it is to protect the kids as well as protect you.

Admiration and Respect: I loved all your pictures for Blue and Gold and Pinewood Derby. It blows my mind when you guys pull it all together and make a wonderful event. I love hearing when you call your committee family because we are. I will always have your back and try to help you any way that I can.

Thank you so much for all that you do!

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

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

The Art of the Ask

I strongly dislike asking people for assistance. I feel like it's an imposition to them. What if they don't have the time? What if they don't do a good job? It's my responsibility as the leader, so shouldn't I have to do it? But that is a dangerous line of questions, especially in a volunteer organization. It might actually do more harm than good. So, let's break it down:

What if they don't have time?

We are all in the similar positions. Lives are filled with "to-do's" and we are all busy people. I believe that tasks and schedules are like gases and containers. Tasks will inevitably take up the entire time allotted to them just as a gas will fill whatever container it is placed. So, adding a few extra tasks will fit, just with a bit more pressure (Shout out to my science folks!). And, if tasks are shared, the pressure will be considerably less. Plus, it's an opportunity to grow the leadership team. Never be afraid to spread the load. It'll prevent burn out for the leader. It'll encourage a sense of community in the pack. It might even encourage more parents to step up and take a formal leadership position.

What if they don't do a good job?

Everyone wants to do a good job, especially when our kids are involved. They might not do it exactly like you would do it...but that means they might do it better! When you mix new volunteers into the mix, they bring new ideas from their own experiences. They might even bring new ideas from overhearing comments from parents that were never shared with pack leadership for whatever reason. The point is, this is how events evolve and get better. And, if it doesn't work...we're scouts. We roll with it and we'll know what not to do next year. It's a win-win. Thomas Edison said, "I haven't failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." As leaders with good intentions, we should never fear failure. At the very worst, it'll be something we can laugh at for years to come.

Isn't it my responsibility as a leader?

As leaders, we are responsible for making sure things get done, not necessarily for doing them ourselves. Delegation of tasks is a fine art, but one that must be learned. If not, the pack's program gets stale, the leaders get overwhelmed, and the fun begins to get sucked out of events. One of the most impactful lessons I took from Wood Badge is how many people it takes to pull off a successful scouting program. It

takes a lot. One or two dedicated leaders cannot pull it off. It truly takes a village. Here's the secret though: Think about how much fun you have as a leader. I know we always joke about how much time it takes...the ol' "one hour a week" bit. But don't you love it? I do. I believe in this movement. It brings me so much joy. Think about how quick we are to recommend scouting to our kids' friends, and their friends because it's such an incredible program. Shouldn't we be just as quick to recommend becoming a leader, or at least pitching in. We're not tricking people into having a terrible time. As leaders, we need to hone our skill at "the ask". We are asking people to get more involved in scouting. That's a beautiful thing.

James Maltese, Cubmaster, Pack 66, Asst. Roundtable Commissioner, sm.pack66ny@gmail.com



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

As Webelos scouts get closer and closer to bridging over there becomes a bond between the families that grows stronger each year. Some of these families have actually been together since Tigers or Wolves.

Throughout the years these families grow a stronger bond as they see their scouts mature. When scouts become Webelos the parents are asked by some Packs to assist in some annual traditions that the previous Webelos parents fulfilled. Such as the planning and setup for the Blue & Gold ceremony and the Bridging ceremony.

Another hands on task the parents in some packs take on is assisting with creating, assembling & painting an arrow of light award plaque to be given to each Scout that earns the arrow of light award.. This is time consuming but is a really nice way to get the parents involved with celebrating their scouts accomplishments.

There's also some fun adult social events that come from this friendship of being a Webelos parent. Good times and nice memories celebrating the end of the Cub Scout journey and on to new adventures whether that be in scouting or not.

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Scouts, BSA

Where Eagles Dare

Tough Scout Challenge

The Tough Scout Challenge concept is intended to capitalize on the National Geographic Channel's series "*Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?*". The TV show can serve as inspiration for local unit that challenge youth to demonstrate mental and physical fitness, character strength, leadership skills, teamwork, and planning. The Tough Scout Challenge is based on the concept of situational leadership—a scenario in which there are several potential solutions but none that are clearly "right" or "wrong." Situational leadership challenges have been used in other leadership development arenas with great success due to the flexibility of the process. The overall intent of the Tough Scout Challenge is to build stronger teams and develop more effective Scouting leaders.

The BSA "low COPE" program can serve as a starting point for developing a Tough Scout Challenge.

Appropriate obstacle courses may also allow Scouts to test their knowledge and capabilities while working as a team. Every attempt should be made to incorporate Scouting skills.

In a troop meeting setting, the Tough Scout Challenge should fit the planned completion time of 15 minutes for an inter-patrol activity. This makes the “game time” of the troop meeting a useful leadership development and team-building experience. Longer format challenges could be used for a campout event. Keep the equipment required for each challenge to a minimum so all patrols can attempt the challenge at the same time. If this is not possible, the patrol attempting the challenge should do so in a location where other patrols cannot observe them; this way, each patrol can develop a unique strategy for addressing the task. Each patrol must complete the challenge according to standards you provide. There should be no specific “right” or “wrong” way to complete the task, and in some cases, the task will not be completed successfully. The challenge should be a controlled opportunity for patrol leaders and other youth leaders to exercise leadership methods and skills, and to develop problem-solving and team-leading strategies.

Once the Tough Scout Challenge is completed—or the time limit has been reached—the patrols should be reassembled and a post-activity review should be conducted.

In this review, you should:

- Reveal the intent of the challenge.
- Allow each patrol leader to explain how his patrol addressed the challenge.
- Share information and feedback to help develop leadership.

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.sccbsa.org/NESA>

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.**



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.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Upcoming Training

Mar 27-29 &
Apr 17-19 2020
April 19th, 5 PM

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Life-to-Eagle Talk - a 90-minute program for Life Scouts about to start a project. This small group session will be held at David Hunt's home in Northport, and limited to 4 Scouts and a parent each. Email CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org to register.

April 23rd (at
roundtable)

The Eagle Scout Project - What uniformed leaders and committees need to know! - This will be presented at the Scouts BSA break-out session. Please join us for a session run specifically for troop leadership and committee members. We will cover all the basics that you need to know before approving an Eagle Scout proposal, fundraising application or Project Report.

May 14th (at
roundtable)

Merit Badge Training and Panel Discussion - Everything you wanted to know about merit badges but were afraid to ask! This will be presented at the Scouts BSA break-out session. We will cover blue card procedures, merit badge counselor training requirements, counselor approval by Council and District, number of merit badges that one person may counsel, group instruction, and much more.

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.

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!

First, 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.

Next, this is a reminder that unit charter certificates and membership cards are no longer be sent out. If you would like a copy of your charter certificate and membership cards, they are available when logging into my.scouting.org for a print out.

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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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. Thanks to all of the scouts and their families who joined us at the various 2020 Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday services. We hope that it inspires the youth to earn their religious emblems. We look forward to 2021 and your participation again. If anyone has any questions about religious emblems and who to contact for their scouts, please contact me and I'll help you find the right contact person for your specific religious beliefs. Thank you. Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecameralady@verizon.net

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Scouts who are working on their Ad Alteri Dei should be 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:

- See if your eligible to apply for the **2020 NJCoS Eagle Scout College Scholarships** (deadline March 15, 2020):<https://www.jewishscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Eagle-Scout-Scholarship-Application-Fillable1.pdf>
- Pennacook Lodge's ***Shomer Shabbat Order of the Arrow Ordeal*** (August 19-21, 2020)
We will obtain the necessary Regional approvals to induct candidates from outside the Spirit of Adventure Council as provided for In the Page 25 exception (OA-GOA). This exception is ONLY for candidates who cannot attend any of their own lodge's ordeals for religious reasons.
- Pennacook Lodge is hosting, a Shomer Shabbat group as a part of its NOAC contingent. The fee is \$728.50. To register, go to:
<https://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/event/2020-noac-national-order-of-the-arrow-conference/2612779>
This group is being organized solely for the benefit of Shomer Shabbat Arrowmen who, for religious reasons cannot travel on Saturday. For more info, contact Dr. Eli Stillman (ISTillman@bidmc.harvard.edu).
- 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:

Scout Sunday 3/22 9:45 am St Paraskevi Greenlawn

For Information contact: Laura Hanjoglu Goerke 631-366-3542 or email lgoerke9@gmail.com

District Notes

Fellowship Dinner – Rescheduled to: **June 11, 2020** – East Wind, Wading River, NY
Make plans to attend this year’s dinner, reconnect with friends and be part of congratulating the following honorees from our district:

Silver Beaver Award Recipient: Christopher O’Connor (Pack 328)
Honor Spirit Award Recipient: Michael van Loon (Troop 125/Crew 872)

District Notes Matinecock Tenure Units being recognized:

Pack 75 – 25 years	Troop 410 – 50 years	Troop 106 - 65 Years
Troop 539(B) – 35 years	Pack 379- 50 Years **	Pack 5 - 70 Years **
Pack 539 – 45 years**	Troop 403 – 55 years **	

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Spots are still available. If you have not bought your tickets yet, you can still do so at:

<https://www.sccbsa.org/Fellowship2020>

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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