

West Wind Announcements March 2018

Additional Unit Charter Turn In Opportunity

Unit Charters may be turned in Monday, March 5 from 5:45 – 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd. Chelmsford.

Traffic Safety Merit Badge with Middlesex DA Marion Ryan

Traffic Safety Merit Badge, Thursday, 3/8 from 6-8 p.m. Speakers will include representatives from the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis & Reconstruction Section (C.A.R.S.) and the Billerica Police Department. The event will be held at the Central Office of the Middlesex District Attorney, located at 15 Commonwealth Avenue in Woburn. Scouts should report to the 4rd Floor Lobby by 5:45 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 6.

West Wind District Dinner is May 10

Lenzi's In Lowell 810 Merrimack Avenue, Dracut, MA 01826

Put this event on your calendars now. A great evening for fellowship with members from your unit and district. The evening will include the District Elections, (Brief) District Meeting, a special guest and Adult Awards. Please plan on attending – Hope to see you and many adults from your unit there.

Messages from our District Chairman, Jerry Cross

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

The Friends of Scouting campaign is upon us and once again I am reaching out to the units in our district to help us meet our goals. Our district has always strived for 100% participation, and we have been close for the last couple of years, and as of 3/1, we are at about 77%, so please sign up if you haven't already. In the next couple of weeks, Blue and Gold Banquets and Spring Courts of Honor will be coming up, so if you could find 10 minutes in your program for a presentation, it would be great. The generosity of the West Wind District has been outstanding, and I am hoping that it will continue. I am also looking for some new presenters this year, we already have 4 new presenters, please consider joining the team. If you are interested let me know. Jerry Cross 978-337-5970

Council Strategic plan:

The three key tenets of the plan:

1. **Enhance the outdoor program:** helping get Cub packs to camp, archery, ecology, swim, skate, hike more easily and regularly. Help provide Troops with easier access to the outdoor adventures that are typically out of reach, canoe trips, Rock Climbing, year-round COPE, STEM activities, merit badges, ice climbing etc.
2. **Parent Engagement:** helping unit leadership get parents off the sidelines and into the game! Scouting is a game with a purpose #letsPLAY
3. **Simplify:** the bureaucracy and complications of Scouting have all but taken ownership of the program for many volunteers. Providing opportunities to simplify the process, and deemphasize the protocols (other than safety) to empower parents to use the curriculum as they collectively see fit.

Training

Please note that Baloo and IOLS training is available every weekend at NEBC Milton

Mar. 6 CPR/AED (Mayflower Council) Nobscot Scout Reservation, Sudbury MA

<https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/cpraed3618/>

Mar 10 & 11 Remote Wilderness First Aid (Mayflower Council) Nobscot Scout Reservation, Sudbury MA

For more information see <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/wilderness-remote-first-aid-5-2018-03-10/>

Mar 17 Eastern Massachusetts Commissioners College 2018 (EDCO) Bedford

For more information see:

<http://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2195287&OrgKey=3304>

March 24 & 25 Solo Wilderness First Aid (New England Base Camp) Milton MA

Cost \$225. For more information and to register see:

<http://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2205690&OrgKey=909>

West Wind District Training Held at the same time and place as the Monthly Roundtable Meetings

April 5, 2018(Attendance at all 3 parts Mar, Apr & May is required, register with Eric Patel, ericppatel@netscape.net)

- Merit Badge Counselor Training
- Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- SPL/ASPL and PL/APL training
- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training - part 1
- Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training - part 1

Apr 6 & 7 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Mayflower Council) Camp Squanto, Plymouth MA

For information see: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/program/adult/training/>

April 7 & 8 Solo Wilderness First Aid (West Wind District Crew 7) Trinity Lutheran Church, Chelmsford MA

This course is FULL. See June 2 & 3 Course offering listed here.

Apr 13 – 15 and April 27 – 30 Leave No Trace Master Educator Course BSA (Mayflower Council) Nobscot Scout Reservation, Sudbury MA

For more information see:

<https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/leave-no-trace-master-educator-course-bsa/2018-04-13/>

Apr 20 - 21 or Apr 21 - 22 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Northern Light District) Lone Tree Scout Res., Kingston NH Required training for SM & ASMs. For more information see or to register see:

<http://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2271599&OrgKey=3304> (4/20-21)

<http://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2271650&OrgKey=3304> (4/21-22)

Apr 28 - 29 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)(Mayflower Council) Camp Squanto, Plymouth MA

For more information see: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/basic-adult-leader-outdoor-orientation-baloo/>

West Wind District Training Held at the same time and place as the Monthly Roundtable Meetings

May 3, 2018(Attendance at all 3 parts Mar, Apr & May is required, register with Eric Patel, ericppatel@netscape.net)

- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) [Train-the-Trainer]
- Troop Committee Challenge
- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training - part 2
- Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training - part 2

May 14 Cub Master Specific (Nashua Valley Council) Council Service Center, 1980 Lunenburg Rd, Lancaster MA

For information and to register see: <http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org/index.php/training/adult-training>

May 18 – 20 Leave No Trace Trainer Course (Mayflower Council) Nobscot Scout Reservation, Sudbury MA

For information see: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/leave-no-trace-trainer-course-4/>

June 2 & 3 Solo Wilderness First Aid (Merrimack Parks & Rec) Wasserman Park, Merrimack NH

For more information and to register see: <https://merrimack.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=488>

Cost \$150.00

June 6 Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (Nashua Valley Council) Council Service Center, 1980 Lunenburg Rd, Lancaster

For information and to register see: <http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org/index.php/training/adult-training>

June 11 Cub Scout Committee Member Specific (Nashua Valley Council) Council Service Center, 1980 Lunenburg Rd, Lancaster MA

For information and to register see: <http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org/index.php/training/adult-training>

Sept 15 – 17 & Oct 27 – 28 WoodBadge N1-251-18-1 (Mayflower Council)

This is the ultimate Scouter Training that parallels greatly with National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). This course will be a pilot for the new Centennial Wood Badge program and participants are eligible to earn the American Wood Badge Alumni 70th Anniversary Service Award! <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/01/24/earn-this-special-patch-to-celebrate-70-years-of-wood-badge-in-us/> The course will be conducted at Camp Squanto, 200 Cutterfield Rd, Plymouth MA & Camp Resolute, 75 Hudson Rd, Bolton MA. Cost \$300.

For information see: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/wood-badge-2018/2018-09-15>

<https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/wood-badge-2018/2018-10-26>

From the Training Chair

Youth Leadership Training

What is the required training for youth leaders (SPL, ASPL, PL, APL)? Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) replaced Troop Leadership Training (TLT) and is the leadership training given primarily by the Scoutmaster and the SPL to all the youth leaders in their troop. The SPL and the SM should team-teach the course.

Learning objectives:

- To introduce the Scout to his new leadership role and the expectations of that role
- To explain the role of all troop leadership positions
- To equip the Scout with vision and skills to be an effective troop leader
- ILST is organized into 3 modules, each of which should take 60 - 90 minutes to complete, with additional optional games and challenges to enhance the leadership lessons (and fun) of the course. ILST may be conducted in a variety of ways.

Three recommended formats are:

Conduct it in 1 session (single-day format) with several breaks

Conduct it over 3 different days, 1 module at a time (multi-day format)

Spread it throughout a weekend activity with meals, camping, or other activities interspersed between the modules (weekend format)

All Boy Scout troops should conduct ILST with every youth leadership shift (e.g. when scouts get elected to a new troop leadership position). Upon completion of ILST the Scout is qualified to wear the "Trained" emblem on his uniform. ILST is not a syllabus to be followed verbatim since every troop is different. Trainers can review the resource material and adapt it to their individual troop's needs. The ILST program is most constructive when attended by 6 or more Scouts. The syllabus can be found at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST_IntroSyllabus_9_11.pdf

Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Boy Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses such as National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) and a Kodiak Challenge Trek. For more information or questions contact West Wind District's Training Chair: Eric Patel, ericpatel@netscape.net

Activities, Events, Etc.

Museum of Science Overnight Dates for 2018

3/3, 3/23, 4/6, 4/28 For more info and to register see council calendar.

April 27 – 29 Area 1 Venturing Zenith at Lone Tree Scout Reservation

Venturing Crews from MA and nearby states will be gathering at Lone Tree for an Area Event. The theme is Survival and in addition to activities around that theme there will also be cooking, shooting, waterfront, training, networking opportunities. To register see:

<http://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2263460&orgkey=3304&ReturnURL=/a/pp/calendar/month/3304/2018-04-01,2018-05-06/-1/0/>

May 18 – 20 The Great Scout Cook Off (West Wind District) Spring Camporee

The location is yet to be finalized. Scout Patrols will be tested on their cooking skills, for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner as well as categories for trail mix, cracker-barrel and set up of cooking area. Search out your best recipes, make sure you do all the tweaks to them before the big day, and bring your chefs hats and aprons! Prizes and Ribbons for the champions. Scoutmasters - there will be categories for you too!!

New England Base Camp at Sayer, Milton MA / Adventure Card Events

Program available most every weekend. See: <http://www.newenglandbasecamp.org/locations-2/nebc-milton/>

New England Base Camp at Lone Tree Scout Reservation, Kingston NH / Adventure Card Events

2/17 Use your adventure card and take part in the open programs offered at Lone Tree. For more info see: <https://www.newenglandbasecamp.org/nebc-kingston-nh/>

Satellite Base Camp / Adventure Card Events See: <https://www.newenglandbasecamp.org/locations/>

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5/19, 5/27 Wolf: Finding Your Way 4/8, 4/22 Webelos: Castaway

Chelmsford

6/2 Tigers: Backyard Jungle 5/5, 5/19 Bear: Picnic Basket

Gloucester

5/12 Tiger: Backyard Jungle 4/21 Bears: Picnic Basket

5/12 Wolf: Finding Your Way 4/21 Webelos: Castaway

Saugus

5/6, 5/20 Tiger: Backyard Jungle 4/29 Bear: Picnic Basket

Wakefield

5/26 Lions: Fun in the Outdoors 4/14, 4/28 Webleos: Castaway

4/15 Wolf: Finding Your Way

Meetings

Mon. March 5 & Mon. April 2 West Wind District Meeting

The West Wind District will hold its next committee meeting on Mon. from 7 – 8:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd in Chelmsford. All scouters are invited to attend. The district has many opportunities for volunteers. If you're interested or know someone who may be, contact District Chairman, Jerry Cross (jeromepcross@yahoo.com)

Thur. April 5 West Wind District Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtables

All Scout leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings from 7:30 – 9 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 70 Concord Rd, Billerica MA.

Thur. April 5 West Wind District Commissioners Meeting

The West Wind District Commissioner's staff will meet Thur from 6:30 – 7:15 pm prior to the start of the Roundtable. All commissioners and those interested in becoming a commissioner are invited to attend. For more information, contact Tom Kubik at tom.kubik@infor.com

West Wind District Community Service

Lowell Canal WatersCleaners

Assist Lowell NPS partner organization by helping cleaning out Lowell Canals. They meet one Saturday each month 9-12noon May-Sept. Next dates are May 20, June 24 and July 22. Dates TBD for Aug/Sept. For date/location confirmation go to: <https://www.facebook.com/canalwaterslowell/> or contact Bob Gagnon at bgph00@aol.com or 978-853-4873. Plenty of parking at NPS Visitor Center at 304 Dutton Street.

Lions Recycle for Sight Service

A Lions Club Collection Box for old prescription eyeglasses will be at Roundtables through June. The glasses will be brought to Chelmsford Lions Club and forwarded to their Recycling Center where glasses will be cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. The recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle-income

communities where they will have the greatest impact. Only prescription eyeglasses/ NO sunglasses, eye glass cases, contacts, or hearing aids.

Advancement Committee News

Training Awards for Adult Leaders in Units

The Adult training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for *tenure*, basic and continuing *training*, and successful *performance* in their leadership role. The progress record forms and the requirements for all of the Adult Leader Training Awards can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx> (located at the bottom of the page). For questions or to submit a progress record for one of the Adult Leaders Awards contact Jim Shea at jeshea@gmail.com. To receive one of these awards at the District Dinner, please submit your progress record to Jim Shea or the council office by April 30, 2018.

Veteran Status

The Veteran Status recognizes adults for 5 years of registered service to the Boy Scouts of America. An adult receiving this award will receive the designation of "Veteran," provided the person agrees to live up to the Scouting obligations; to keep local Scouting authorities in the community in which residing informed as to availability for service; and further, to be as active in the promotion of the cause of Scouting as circumstances and conditions permit. The Veteran Status application can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-701.pdf>. To receive this recognition at the District Dinner, please submit the application to Jim Shea or the council office by April 30, 2018.

Spark Plug Award

Units are encouraged to look within and see if they have a registered Adult leader who is the "Spark" of their unit and nominate them for the Spark Plug Award to be awarded at the District Dinner. Nomination Criteria is 1.) someone who is instrumental in making a unit activity a tremendous success by demonstration outstanding leadership, 2.) continuous demonstrations of exemplary leadership at unit meetings and activities, and 3.) performs above and beyond the normal expectations of a leader in their position. (Only one nomination per unit!) Nomination forms can be found using the 2018 Packet of Award Forms link on the West Wind District page of the Spirit of Adventure Council web site (<http://www.scoutspirit.org/districts/west-wind/>). Nomination deadline is April 30, 2018.

Unit Leader Award of Merit

The Unit Leader Award of Merit is an award to recognize unit leaders who provide a quality Scouting experience for the members of their unit. Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Coaches and Advisors who have held the position for 18 months or more are eligible for this award. For more information on the requirements and to nominate a unit leader for this award see http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf. To receive recognition at the District Dinner, please submit the nomination form to Jim Shea or the council office by April 30, 2018.

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that is given to a Scouter at the District level. It is awarded to an adult volunteer for service to youth in the District. To nominate someone, complete the form located at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf> and turn it into Jim Shea (jeshea@gmail.com). Turn in all District Award of Merit nominations to Jim Shea or the council office by April 30, 2018.

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. To nominate an individual for the Silver Beaver Award please see the nomination form at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf and submit it to the council office by April 15, 2018.

Eagle Rank Application

The BSA has released a new version of the Eagle Rank application. All scouts applying for Eagle Rank should use the application that indicates “printed April 2017” on the bottom of page 2. The latest Eagle Rank application can be found at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf.

Eagle Board of Review March 15th at 7 pm

Eagle Boards of Review are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. To schedule an Eagle Board of Review contact Jim Shea at JEShea@gmail.com

Eagle Project Proposal

Eagle Project Proposals that have been approved by the beneficiary, unit leader and unit committee and are ready to be reviewed by the District Advancement Committee should be emailed to ww eagleproposals@gmail.com.

To Hold a Life to Eagle Scout Session

Contact Jim Shea at jeshea@gmail.com to sign up your troop to host a Life to Eagle Scout training session.

Eagle Application Process

Eagle Rank Applications should be submitted to the West Wind District Advancement Chair. Scouts can submit an application prior to (7:00 PM – 7:30 PM) the West Wind Roundtable held on the first Thursday of the month at the LDS Church on Concord Road in Billerica, during (7:15 PM – 7:45 PM) the monthly Eagle Boards of Review held on the third Thursday of the month at the LDS Church on Concord Road in Billerica, or by making arrangements with Jim Shea (jeshea@gmail.com) for an alternate time to submit their application. Before submitting their application the Eagle Candidate should send email to Jim Shea (jeshea@gmail.com) to insure availability.

To submit their application, the Eagle Candidate must provide the following:

- Completed Eagle Application including signatures of scout, the unit leader and the committee chair;
- The Eagle Candidate’s statement of ambitions and life purpose (see page 2 of the Eagle Rank Application);
- Completed Eagle Scout Project Workbook including all signature pages;
- Scout’s Advancement Report from Internet Advancement;

Once the application has been submitted and accepted as complete, the Advancement Committee will verify the application with the Council, will solicit the references for the scout, and notify the troop and scout when a Board of Review can be scheduled.

Advancement –West Wind District’s Newest Eagle Scouts (Pending National Approval)

It is with great pleasure and pride that the West Wind Advancement Committee has recommended to National BSA the following Scouts for the Rank of Eagle during the month of February, 2018:

Bradley Denis	Troop 41 Tewksbury
John Fox	Troop 81 Chelmsford
Vincent LaRosa	Troop 30 Billerica
Ben Mergendahl	Troop 75 Andover
Robert Pothier	Troop 79 Andover
Jason Vitale	Troop 79 Andover

We offer our congratulations and applaud their achievement. Well Done!

West Wind District Contacts

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