

## JULY 2021

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## *Happy 4th of July*

*245 years ago—We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by  
their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among  
these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR.....

### Scouting and Parental Involvement



I was asked just the other day, what did I think the reason Scouting has been in decline since the 1970's and what is going to be the driving factor that turns this trend around. I will admit it made me do some real soul searching. Then I happened to watch a documentary on one of the Internet feeds about causation and correlation. Why is Scouting strong in one demographic and not in another? Why is it, if you were in Scouting as a youth, there is no guarantee that your children will be in the program? Frankly, I don't have the answer. But I have a good guess what the cause of decline is, lack of parental involvement.

A quick search on the Internet of "Parental involvement and achievement" produces on the order of 13,100,000 results. Research organizations, academic institutions, and a myriad of other well know collectives have published articles proving this is a key factor in youth development, and growing productive members of society. If you take this looking glass called involvement and apply it to all of our Troops, Crews and Packs, you will see the strongest of Units have parents that show up, put away the cell phone, and focus on helping the other parents who drive the Unit. I am not going to call them Leaders. When we use this term it gives those who are not Leaders an excuse to say, Oh that's not my job, that's the Leaders job. When I see a struggling Unit, most of the time it stems from too few adults stepping up to help.

I have a list in my mind of the adults I have known over the years, who are so over worked, yet they are always there to help the youth. They are the selfless givers of their time who never get the recognition they so deserve. I also have a list of unknown parents who stand in the back, or just drop and run. I don't know their names. Mostly, because they weren't involved. The parents who were involved didn't have any skills when they showed up. They could only light a fire with lighter fluid, and God help everyone if they had a knife and a sharpening stone. But I would take forty of them for every Unit. Because right beside every one of them would be a youth, their youth, saying, "Where are we going this weekend."

If you want to save Scouting, get involved.



Joe Reisinger, Council Commissioner







**and I'm really happy  
this month!**

21 Troops arrived at My Happy Place on Sunday, June 27th, with approximately 326 Scouts and Leaders. We welcomed our first female troops (4).

Camp is full of enthusiasm, energy, and happy faces from Scouts all over the State of Virginia. Of course, they got a little wet and it wasn't from the my lake water

Scouts are working on merit badges, the gaga pit is busy, and spending money like crazy in the Trading Post.

It's so nice to hear the sounds of scouting at it's best.

Thanks to all the staff for their time and dedication to Camp Shenandoah and the volunteers who have help prepare me for this summer.

See you next month,

*My Happy Place*



**50th ANNIVERSARY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AWARD:**

The Environmental Protection Agency, as part of a public awareness campaign to celebrate its first 50 years, has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to create an award for members of troops, crews and ships. This new award will recognize youth who research and learn about the subjects of human health and the environment, as the EPA develops its vision for the next 50 years. The objective of the EPA award is to combine a variety of disciplines to challenge and educate youth; introduce them to the breadth of the EPA's involvement in environmental protection and conservation; and encourage them to research, investigate, experiment, demonstrate, survey, and study air pollution, water pollution, solid and hazardous waste, and ocean dumping. This award can be earned from now through 31 December 2021.

More information, including a link to the application for the award, can be found here: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/01/19/scouts-can-help-protect-the-environment-by-earning-the-new-environmental-protection-agency-award/>

**BSA SUMMER OF SERVICE:**

<https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/>

Join Scouting families across the country in a spirited Summer of Service! As we have throughout our history, Scouting families are answering the call to work together in service of the greater good. From public health drives, to caring for the environment, to assisting neighbors in need, Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities. Now more than ever, our world needs that Scouting spirit once again. Let's step up! Together,

we can answer the call to make a positive impact in our neighborhoods and communities. Join us today, with projects big or small, in a Summer of Service!

**PROJECT SOAR (Save our American Resources):**

<https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/the-environment>

Project SOAR - Save Our American Resources - was a nationwide conservation program started by the BSA in 1971. During the 2021 Summer of Service, Scouts participating in an environmentally-focused project can earn recognition for both the Summer of Service and the 50th Anniversary of Project SOAR. SOAR certificate: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SOAR\\_Design\\_Certificate\\_Print.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SOAR_Design_Certificate_Print.pdf)





DON'T MISS THIS!

**OUR BUSINESS HOURS ARE CHANGING**

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June 1st - October 1st, 2021  
The Scout Shop will be  
**CLOSED**  
**EVERY MONDAY**

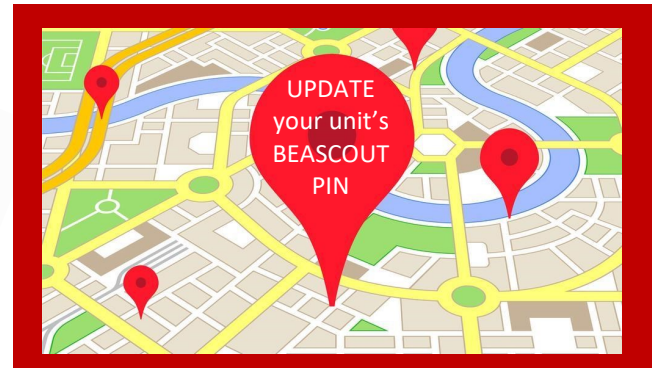
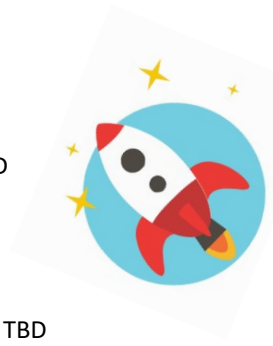
**POPCORN TRAINING DAY**

**July 23, 2021**

**Council Service Center**

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**BLAST OFF to FUN!****Fall 2021 Join Scout Night Orientation****Monticello:** August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Location: TBD**Southern:** August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Location: TBD**Valley:** August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, Location: TBD**Massanutten:** August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Location: TBD

**Friday, September 17, 2021**  
**Shenandale Gun Club**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021**

**AUGUSTA EXPO EVENT CENTER  
FISHERSVILLE, VA**



Featuring special guest speakers Chris Runion & John Avoli



**STAUNTON'S FIRST BOY SCOUTING ORGANIZER (Staunton Boy Scouts in 1911)**

In the Spring of 1911, the Boy Scouts movement had taken hold in Staunton, Virginia. Almost immediately, several Boy Scout troops were formed, sponsored by a number of the city's major churches and civic organizations. These first generation scout troops became the crucible in which early Scouting in Staunton was refined. The image above shows the first known photo of some of Staunton's scouts in 1911. During this time, a local young woman, Josephine B. Timberlake, was acclaimed as the organizer of the first troop in the city. Ms. Timberlake was a member and sometimes officer in the Yellow Jackets organization, a co-ed camping society headquartered in Staunton, with members from over a dozen states, beginning in 1904. Josephine attended Mary Baldwin College and began her career as a teacher in Staunton after her graduation in 1906.

A Staunton Daily Leader article from March 13, 1911, provides the first notice of the formation of a scout troop in the city by the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School department, where the Beaver and Owl patrols were organized. The Staunton Dispatch-News reported that Herbert Rawlings, McCue Marshall, and Duffield Brereton had met the requirements for Tenderfoot Scout, making them Staunton's first recorded Boy Scouts. Ms. Timberlake was praised in newspaper accounts as the instigating force behind the organization of this troop. Her notoriety was put on par with that of General Robert Baden-Powell, the

Founder of Scouting worldwide.

The First Presbyterian Church Troop's Owl Patrol consisted of: Rodes Nelson (patrol leader), William Myers (assistant patrol leader), Hallie Ball, Craig Harris, Kenneth Paine, and Mulford Brereton. The Beaver Patrol was led by McCue Marshall (patrol leader) and Sidney Rawlings (assistant patrol leader), while Duffield Brereton, Monroe Southard, Allen Caldwell, Rudolph Brandenburg, and Frank Merriken completed the group.

By April, several churches in the city organized their own scout troops in quick response to what the First Presbyterian Church had begun, including; the Emmanuel Episcopal, Methodist (with H.H. Blease as Scoutmaster), Baptist and Trinity Episcopal churches with over 50 registered scouts active among these five troops. Secretary W.D. Hoge soon reported the YMCA had a new troop led by Scoutmaster Marshall White. By mid-May 1911, approximately 100 boys were registered in Scouting in the city.

By 1919, Ms. Timberlake ended her connection with Scouting in Staunton. She had been essential in the formation and development of this youth movement here. Without her, there is little doubt that the Boy Scouts in Staunton would have been without an effective leader and promoter who used her ability for the betterment of the boys in Staunton.





# Massanutten District

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Summer is in full swing with lots of activity going on. We are seeing packs across the district holding summertime activities and troops returning to normal with camping trips and service projects. We've had some new Eagle Scouts and we have some more projects happening. Not only that, but Camp Shenandoah is open and most of our troops will be out there throughout the summer. Make sure to say hello to your District Director, Josh Calderon, who will be working in the kitchen each week on Thursday and Friday.

While the middle of summer is packed with activities, we're looking forward to the fall. We're gearing up for the August Roundtable. We will have some more information on that coming soon as we firm up a location, but it's going to be a great time. It's all about recruiting! We want to help our units recruit, and we're going to kick it off with a Roundtable Join Scouting Night. This isn't just about telling you how to do it and going over the materials, this is a live JSN that we will be advertising all over the district. We want people from every unit represented so that we can have representation there for families that will show up as well as so you can experience our district JSN and take that knowledge to host your own unit's JSN.

We have decided that since Monticello's Apple Harvest will be held at Camp Shenandoah, this year, we will not be holding a Massanutten District camporee this fall. We will be picking up our district events with the Klondike Derby, though, and are planning for the fall camporee that has been planned to be moved to the spring.

This is also a reminder that we want to see Scouts at our community events. Check your town's community events calendar to find out what is going on and reach out to see what kind of role your unit can play. If you have any questions about this, or anything else, feel free to contact a member of the district leadership.





# Monticello District

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## Roundtable

There will be no Roundtable in July and we will meet again on Thursday, August 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to kick off recruiting in the new school year.

## 2021 Friends of Scouting Luncheon

This year the Monticello District will once again be hosting the Annual Friends of Scouting Luncheon on August 26th, 2021 at the Boar's Head Resort from Noon to 1:30PM. This event not only supports local scouting, but also celebrates the achievements of local scouts as well! This year's esteemed speaker will be Dr. Taison Bell who has been instrumental in caring for and supporting those impacted by COVID-19. This year's Friends of Scouting theme has been all about heroes, and he has certainly earned the title of hero! The FOS Luncheon is the largest fundraiser that the council hosts every year. It helps to provide vital funding towards local scouting and keeps scouting alive! If you would like to be a sponsor for this year's FOS luncheon or would like more information, please contact Sue Hart, Assistant Scout Executive, at [susan.hart@scouting.org](mailto:susan.hart@scouting.org).

## FOS Luncheon Sponsorship Levels:

**Presenting Sponsor:**

**\$7,500 and above**

**Cabinet Sponsor: \$5,000**

**Luncheon Sponsor: \$2,500**

**Table Sponsor: \$1,250**

## Eagle Scout Project

If you have an Eagle Scout Project that you would like featured at our luncheon, please contact Gary Kellenberger, Monticello District Executive, at [gary.kellenberger@scouting.org](mailto:gary.kellenberger@scouting.org).

## Apple Harvest

Our annual Apple Harvest Fall Camporee will take on October 8-10, 2021 at Camp Shenandoah. Cub Scouts are invited out for a day of fun activities on Saturday October 9. Save the date follow the website for updates:

<https://www.vahcbsa.org/appleharvest>



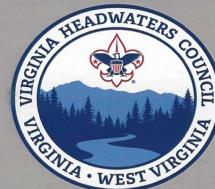
# UVA Health



**Taison Bell, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
University of Virginia

## SAVE THE DATE!

August 26, 2021 • Noon to 1:30 PM  
Boar's Head Resort  
Charlottesville, VA

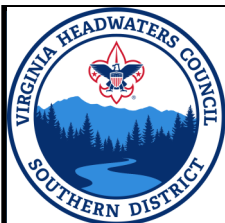


## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING LUNCHEON

CHARLOTTESVILLE

BOAR'S HEAD  
RESORT





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## TROOP 2 and TROOP 5

Attending the First Week of Summer Camp at Camp Shenandoah Since 2019



SOUTHERN DISTRICT, BSA

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Vista Links Golf Course**  
**Buena Vista, VA**

\$200/Team of 4  
Includes cart, green fees and lunch

**September 11, 2021**  
"We will never forget."

### WANT TO WIN A \$1000

See a member of a Southern District Unit or a District Committee Member and purchase a \$5.00 Drop Ball Ticket. What is a Drop Ball Ticket. 2,000 numbered golf balls with a matching ticket will be dropped and the one going in the hole or closest to the hole wins \$1,000. You do not have to be present to win. Get your ticket today.....Good luck



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## Remember that we do not have a roundtable meeting in July.

For our August meeting, we want you to find a place in your community and host a sign up night! Liz will be at National Night Out (if it is happening) and welcomes any and all units to join her.

## Speaking of roundtable, your Key 3 want to hear your

**thoughts!** Should we change nights? Venue? (We need to include the OA if we decide we do.) What about the format? After not meeting in person for so long, now is the perfect time to revamp. We also want your ideas - what topics do you want to see? Are there special guests you'd like to invite? Help us give you what you want and need.

Speaking of the **OA**, the **Nagatamen chapter** grew by 4 new brothers at the June Fellowship.



## COUNCIL TRAINING

Summer is here and Outdoor Activities are in full swing, are you prepared as a leader to deliver the program to our youth? With Covid-19 restrictions being lifted now is the time to go online to the BSA Learning Center and do the online training for your position. Would you want someone to take your children into the outdoors that has not been trained in the basic outdoor skills to lead a group of youth on a trip? Probably not, so take advantage of the additional time you may be having at home to brush up on your skills.

We also should be working on making sure that all leaders and staff have completed Youth protection. Two items need to happen to make sure that your units stay 100% certified.

First, Districts need to appoint a Volunteer to fill the Position as the Youth Protection Champion. This person's job is to see that units are being proactive in not letting Youth Protection Certificates expire during a Charter Year. The Key 3 of the District would need to go into the Position Manager and assign that person so that he has access to records.

Each Unit also has a Youth Protection Champion as well and this person should be assigned from the Unit's Committee. Unit Key 3 would also need to grant access to records by going into the

Unit's Position Manager and assigning that person. Their job would be to prevent any certificates from expiring during the Charter year as well.

We must embrace this so that we can maintain 100% current on Youth Protection with all registered leaders to be in compliance with the National Office and provide youth and leaders with a safe environment.

Monticello is looking to do Back-to-School Position Specific Training + CPR/AED in the August/September time frame but no dates have been confirmed. Also, if you have Training needs Contact your District Training Chair for In-person Training. They are there to see that you are successful.



**Every Youth  
Deserves A Trained  
Leader!**