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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL



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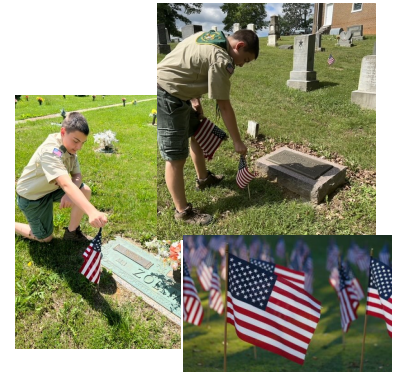
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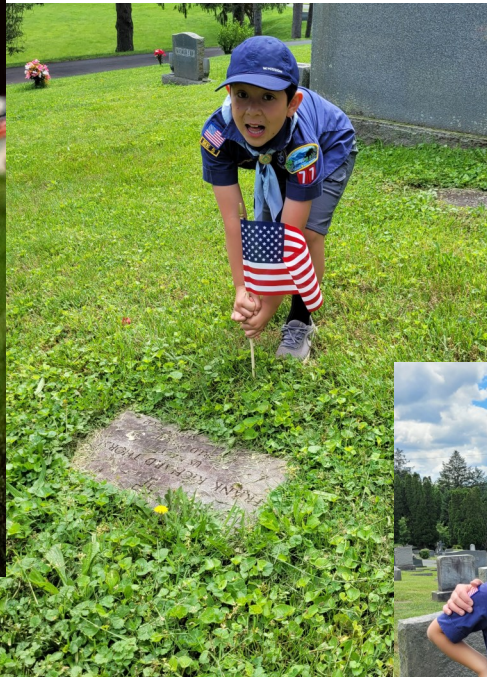
T-5, Parker Zollman, honors his two great-grandfathers.



TROOP 5 Lexington



We Honor and Remember those who served for our freedom at the Rockbridge Memorial Garden, Lexington, Virginia, and Falling Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Rockbridge County.



TROOP 37
TROOP 3711
PACK 77



Marshall Blair, P-77,
honors his grandfather,
John Blair.





Summer best wishes to everyone.

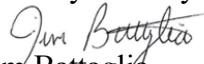
As we gear up for a fun filled summer of strong Scouting programs please keep in mind the guide to safe scouting and put safety first. This will be the first summer in a couple of years we are actually in full program swing and we will need to knock the dust off and get our camp legs underneath us again.

Camp Shenandoah is looking great and we are 95% staffed and looking forward to a safe fun summer experience for all of you. Leaders please make sure that every scout in your pack and troop has the opportunity to attend summer camp, if there are financial concerns please contact me, we can help. Our membership committees and executive board are laser focused on growing our base back to a healthy level. Every registered adult is on our membership committee, meaning we need all of us to recruit kids into our program.

Look for popcorn and peanuts information to hit the airwaves soon regarding training and kicks offs. We are expecting every registered family to sell at least \$750-\$1000 worth of product, this is an easy lift and we can all do it. We need your leadership and support as we gather momentum and strength heading into the 2022 school and scouting year.

With the recent events in Texas please take a moment in all of your meetings to review anti-bullying and safe firearm safety for all. We are a safe haven for all youth and need to be aware of these issues, they depend on us.

Thank you everyone and be safe and have scouting fun.


Jim Battaglia
Scout Executive

Summer Camp 2022 is Here!



We can't wait to say *Welcome Home* here at Camp Shenandoah! Webelos Resident Camp is June 22-June 25. Scouts BSA Camp will be weekly from June 26 through July 23. Scouts looking for an amazing summer camp experience can still register as a provision youth in July. Visit www.campshenandoah.org for details. And, to the nearly 1,100 Scouts and Scouters already



School is out! Let the fun begin!

Camp Shenandoah is ready to start up and every unit has outdoor experience events scheduled for the summer. We are finally able to get back to a robust schedule of outdoor activity. Life in our Council is good. Your Council Executive Board has been working continuously to insure a future for Scouting in our area. We have been consumed with finances and membership issues, but we all need to step back and remember the abundance of blessings we have. Scouting volunteers, parents and Scouts give us the bright shining hope we all need. The Program in our Council is second to none. We have some of the best Scouters in the country that bring amazing program and events alive for our Scouts. Our dedicated parents are the strength of every unit. Virginia Headwaters does the Scouting program, the way it is supposed to be done. You can be very proud of your Council. I know I am. Enjoy this prelude to summer.

Keep Scouting!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Hammond".

Steve Hammond
Council President



Like so many new adventures....

as a newly minted Council Commissioner each week, each turn in the trail, seems to open new opportunities for growth.

But I want to hit the Pause button for just a moment... It is Memorial Day weekend, and in my family Memorial Day has always been a special day of remembrance. A day to take time to remember those who have served our country and are no longer with us. A day to specifically honor those who have served and those who are now serving to

protect and preserve a uniquely American way of life. A time to reflect on the core values that give each day its purpose.

To all those who have served, those who are now serving and their families...THANK YOU.

As I drove by a local gas station Friday, it seemed that Memorial Day also marks the beginning of a new "summer of adventure season" for many people. There were cars and trucks with boats, trailers, campers and bikes all over town; and at the local big-box store, it looked like many families were getting prepared for the entire summer all on that one day.

As I thought about the activities going on around me, it occurred to me that as a council we need both. WE NEED the WHY and HOW of what we do.

We each need to remember that the WHY of what we do is in the Mission Statement ... to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We each need to be more aware of the impact of the HOW of what we do ... The world around us has always been in constant change, and we have in front of us once again, a "new summer adventure". So our challenge is to be creative and resourceful to adapt to the changing environment of this next "season of adventure" without losing our WHY.

EACH OF US CAN build and strengthen our unit, our district and council by:

... Reaching out and engaging families. Those who have not been part of our previous adventures and those who were, but are no longer involved in our unit;

... Being open to building connections with diverse and under-served populations by promoting, welcoming, and building trustworthy friendships;

... Staying in touch and take care of each other along the way so that no one feels lost or alone

So with this "new summer adventure" before us, our challenge is to be ever mindful of our WHY, be open to new and old friendships we can share this adventure with and to expand the HOW we can better serve the youth within our council boundary.

In grateful appreciation for all you do,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Burke".

Roger Burke - Council Commissioner



Bobby Glenn Beamer, 60, of Charlottesville, Virginia was born on April 6, 1962 in Galax, Virginia to Betty and Glenn Beamer. After graduating from Carroll County High School in 1980, Bobby earned an undergraduate degree in 1984 and master's degree in 1990 from Virginia Tech and a PhD in 1996 from Purdue University in agricultural economics where he met his wife, Gayle Erwin Beamer, whom he wed in 1993.

His accomplishment and job he was most passionate about and proud of was being a devoted father to his boys, Baxter and Tucker. He pursued anything they were interested in (including dinosaurs, space, birds, sea creatures, art, legos, music, and travel), challenged them to be life-long learners. He especially enjoyed reading to them every night, doing projects, taking them on adventures, and making them pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches, and quesadillas. He was known for making their award-winning Halloween costumes, crafting most amazing scavenger hunts that included clues written with clever poems, and whatever 3D cakes the boys asked for including dinosaurs with smoldering volcanos, angler fish, narwhals, and the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars.

And, for years he served as a registered leader with Pack 10, Troop 1028 (ASM and Committee Member), and attended SR-763-13 Wood Badge.

He passed away from a rare and aggressive form of dementia.



Our Thoughts and Prayers to his scouting family and loved ones.

**THEIR MEMORY
WILL LIVE FOREVER,**
in your heart~~



Scott Lancey - Father-in-Law
Gilbert L. Milks (95)
Keswick, VA - May 10, 2022

Sue Hart - Grandmothers
June R. Geyer (94)
Overlea, MD - May 19, 2022

Elizabeth J. Hart (92)
Lady Lake, FL - May 28, 2022

Jim Battaglia - Mother
Francine A. Battaglia (75)
Syracuse, NY - May 29, 2022

Gerry Locher - Wife
Elizabeth A. Locher (78)
Lexington, VA - May 29, 2022

To plant trees in memory,
please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).



WHAT IS NYLT?

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges.

NYLT is a challenging training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this intensive training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, positive attitude, and proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouts should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements. The course is especially useful for scouts who have an ambition to serve in leadership roles and are ready for the next level of training.



Register Now!

CAMP SHENANDOAH
July 31 - August 6, 2022
\$300 per participant

REGISTER NOW AT
campshenandoah.org/nylt



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Scouts BSA members must be at least 13. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops and earned First Class rank before attending NYLT.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships. It is recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience.
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors.
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course.
- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Have a Unit Leader recommendation.
- Have a complete and current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (within last 12 months).



ANY QUESTIONS

Contact - James Kinder
(cell) 618-534-6017
kinderfam@gmail.com

SUMMER CAMP IS COMING SOON.....

The weather is already hitting 80+ degrees and a lot of people are wearing shorts and flip-flops. Flip-flops aren't a great choice and many troops may discourage them or require foot ware that covers the toes. This is a good idea.

Please double check you camping equipment. Make sure you're ready for the unexpected.

If you have allergies then tell the Scout Master and other leaders. All medications should be secured with your leadership. Bring EpiPen, asthma inhalers or any other emergency meds needed and make sure your scout knows they need to keep them with them at all times and let their Scout Master know as well. Expect bug bites and too much sun if your scout doesn't pack properly. Raincoat and extra socks are great ideas.

Make sure your scout has their water bottle, hat and any materials for their merit badges. Scouts need to complete their prerequisites in order to complete their merit badge at camp. If the prerequisites aren't completed then the merit badge will be considered incomplete. It can be completed at another time.

If your scout is going to summer camp for the first time then they may get home-sick. Your troop likely has dealt with this before and camp staff is trained to work with it too. Talking to your scout about their first time at camp can help put them at ease and know that there are a lot of people and resources in place to get past that home-sick feeling. Your scout may want to pack a small game they can play with other scouts. For those scouts that need some alone time should speak with their SPL and Scout Master so no one thinks they wondered off.

The Trading Post is a popular destination after merit badge classes, meals and evening. Discuss your

expectations and money with your scout so they know what they can do while at camp.

Summer Camp presents many opportunities beyond merit badges and your scout should have a lot of fun. Your family should notice some personal growth within a couple of weeks after camp.

Ray Collins, Risk Management Chair

Friends of Scouting "Rise to the Challenge"

Our theme this year is "Rise to the Challenge" as an effort to encourage and push each other to do more than in year's past. Continuing for 2022 is our ability to TEXT to give. You can try it out now by texting "Rise2022" to number 844-615-4269.



Southern District Golf Tournament

Date: **August 15, 2022**

Location: Lexington Golf & Country Club

Sign Up Now - 540-463-3542



Annual Apple Harvest 5k Trail Run

Highlight: Exclusive trail run that traverses over up and down hills and through several creeks with scenic views

Date: **October 8, 2022**

Location: Camp Shenandoah

Apple Harvest Weekend

Date: **October 7-9, 2022**

Annual Harvest Dinner and Auction

Highlight: Over 300 live and silent auctions with food, drinks and music

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Save the Date!



WOOD BADGE

Sept 22-24 & Oct 14-15, 2023

www.vahcbsa.org/woodbadge2023

Virginia Headwaters Council presents

Galaxy Wars Day Camp

Come and save the galaxy with us this summer!

Take aim on our BBs and Archery ranges, play awesome games, make cool crafts, catch fish in the lake, and learn all about space as well as learning scouting skills!

When: June 20 - 23, 2022 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Where: Chris Green Lake in Charlottesville

\$135 for 4 days of camp.

\$75 WebRes Special - Monday/ Tuesday Only**

** Reserved for Webelos attending Resident Camp Only.

\$25 Discount for multiple scout families

\$25 Discount for 4 day volunteers

\$30 Sibling Camp available for children of volunteers while they are volunteering

Scouts will need to bring:

Hat

Sunscreen

Packed Lunch

Camp T-shirt every day

\$\$ for Thursday trading post

A cheerful spirit!

Register now at VAHCBSA.org





MASSANUTTEN District

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District Commissioner: Matt Phillippi

District Director: Josh Calderon

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Matt Phillippi: matt.phillippi.vahcbsa@gmail.com

Josh Calderon: josh.calderon@scouting.org

Summer is upon us.

Our West Virginia Scouts are out of school and in about a week our Scouts in Virginia will join them. Packs are moving into summer programming and camp staff are packing for their summer at Camp Shenandoah. It's a great time of year for Scouting.

If you didn't make your way out to All In for Scouting, you missed out on a great event. A huge thank you to Brothers Craft Brewing for hosting us and Sleep On It for being our event sponsor. We had nearly 60 people attending the event and everyone had a great time. We will be working to make the event bigger and better next year! A special shout out to Josh for putting a ton of time and effort into the event's success.

This month we will be visiting the Wild West with Cub Scout Day Camp from June 28-July 1 at Massanutten Presbyterian Church. Make sure to sign up your Cub Scout, now, to get them on the list. We can't wait to see them out there and having fun with other Cub Scouts from across the district.

Your unit should have its membership plan ready to go and the district key-3 is looking forward to seeing what you have planned. We're looking forward to helping all of our units grow Scouting in our community.

Don't forget that on our district's resources page there is a list of links to community calendars in our area. We at the district are committed to being present at a few community events this year, but we also want to see our units out there. Recruitment booths, car parking, parade floats, whatever it is. Summer is full of these events that are a great opportunity to show our community that Scouting is still happening.

Volunteer spotlight: **Sandon and Carly**

Knically have been present in our Scouting community for a while. Sandon grew up in Scouting in this district, earning Eagle with Troop 48. He has served several

positions in the OA, including Lodge Chief, and has received the Vigil Honor. As an adult he has also served in many roles including as a Scoutmaster and on the District Committee. He recently took over business at Sleep On It from his father, Don, who has been a figure in our council for many years.

His wife, Carly, was very active as a youth in the Venturing program in our council before the emergence of our troops for young women. She sat on our council's Venturing Officers' Association and represented the group to the Executive Board. We're grateful for both of these Scouters as they move onto their next step in Scouting by joining our Commissioner Corps



WANTED

• LIONS, TIGERS, WOLVES, BEARS & WEEBLOS •

WILD WEST

2022 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

BBs • Archery • Games • Cool Crafts • Much More!



Need to register by June 1st to get t-shirt

JUNE 28th - JULY 1st

Location: Massanutten Presbyterian Church

www.vahcbsa.org/massdaycamp



MONTICELLO District

District Chair: Ed Murphy

District Commissioner: Adam Everett

District Executive:



Pre-Camp / Pre-Summer Aquatics: Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA Swim Checks



DATE/TIME: Sunday, June 12, 2022 – 2:30pm to 5:30pm
(please arrive any time before 5:15pm)

LOCATION: Brooks Family YMCA, 151 McIntire Park Drive,
Charlottesville, VA



Cost? FREE !!



- Every Scout, Leader and Parent must complete the Scouts BSA Swim Classification Test annually if they will be participating in aquatics activities at Webelos or Scouts BSA Resident Camp, SeaBase high adventures, or during unit outings
- Camp Shenandoah and other Scouts BSA summer camps highly recommend Scouts and leaders complete swim checks prior to arrival at camp as a massive time-saver at check-in. Unit swim test rosters and results will be compiled and e-mailed to unit leaders to bring to camp, Sea Base, unit outings, etc.
- The Scouts BSA Swim Check is administered by the VAHC Aquatics Committee to determine one of two swimming ability classifications as follows:
 - Beginner - Jump feet first into water over the head, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn, and resume swimming back to the starting place.
 - Swimmer - Jump feet first into water over the head, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side, breast, trudgen, or crawl. Swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. Afterwards, rest for a minute by floating.
- Check in with the YMCA main desk at the front entrance, and you will receive directions to the pool area on the lower level. Locker rooms are available. **Completing the Swim Check takes only a few minutes**, we will run 2 per lane.
- **Directions:**
 - From the West, Rt 250 travelling East, exit to McIntire Park onto Rugby Road. Turn left to pass under Rt 250. Parking is in front of the YMCA building.
 - From the East, Rt 250 travelling West. Exit directly into McIntire Park at sign for park. Parking is in front of the YMCA building.

Questions? Contact Eric Cutright, SM T1029, ericcutright@comcast.net

Hope Lake

back to full strength! If you look closely down the left shoreline, you might just see part of our new fishing dock under construction!

Get that Swim Check so you will be ready to jump in!



Upcoming District Events:

June 2- District Roundtable - First Presbyterian Church

June 12 - Swim Checks, Brooks Family YMCA

June 18 - Camp Liger 1:00-3:00 p.m.

June 20-23 - Cub Scout Day Camp

June 22-25 - Webelos Resident Camp

July 31-Aug 6 - National Youth Leadership Training

August 4- District Roundtable - First Presbyterian Church

August 15 - Southern District Golf Tournament

October 1-2 - Cub Scout Fun Day and Family Camping - Camp Shenandoah

October 7-9 - Apple Harvest - Camp Shenandoah



SOUTHERN District

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District Commissioner:

Asst. Scout Executive: Sue Hart

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District Commissioner:

Sue Hart: susan.hart@scouting.org

MAY ROUNDTABLE - June 2, 2022 - Trinity United Church, Lexington - 7:00 PM

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING - Date and Location to be determined.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 15, 2022
Lexington Golf and Country Club

\$220.00 per Team
All inclusive - golf, cart, mulligans, longest drive, closest to the pin, and Lunch

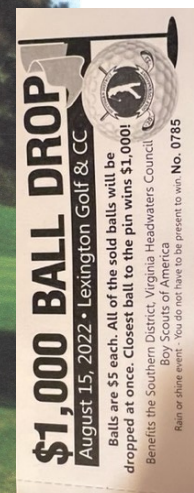
Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin will be award to a Male and Female Gofler

First Place \$450, Second Place \$350, Third Place \$250
To REGISTER - Contact Lexington Golf & Country Club
540-463-3542
or
Cindy Zollman - 540-460-4832

Door Prizes and Drop Ball Tickets to Win \$1,000 will be offered

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP
SELLING DROP
BALL TICKETS**

**- If you are
willing to help,
please contact
Cindy
Zollman at
540-460-4832
or Tom
Greenwood at
540-968-1343
and a book
will be
delivered to
you. Thank**



Clean-up Crew: Huge "SHOUT OUT" to Cub Scout Pack 2 for their service project last Saturday benefiting LGHA. The Pack picked-up trash around the campus and up ARH Lane. I will not repeat some of the items found, but will note that the island at Westvaco Road has been coined "Trash Island."



LGHA - Lewis Gale Hospital Alleghany
ARH - Alleghany Regional Hospital

**you for any help
you can give us.
We need to sell
2,000 tickets/
\$5.00 each.**

The 1953 Contingent to the BSA National Jamboree By Ray Ezell, Council Historian



In July 1953, a group of 50 scouts and leaders comprised the Stonewall Jackson Area Council's (now the Virginia Headwaters Council) contingent to the BSA National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch, California. Scouts from SJAC were assigned to three jamboree troops: Troop 34, Troop 32, and Troop 19 (an all black jamboree troop). The scoutmaster for the contingent was John H. Grimm, and Goree A. Waugh, Paul Davis, Russell McAlister, and John Fitch were assistant scoutmasters. Scout Rick East served as the senior patrol leader of the contingent. The contingent assembled at Camp Shenandoah for a shakedown for a few days prior to leaving by train for the Jamboree site in California. The scout train departed from Roanoke and consisted of 17 cars, including about 500 scouts. Fred Schwartz of New Hope, VA was the contingent scribe and sent periodic reports back to the Staunton newspaper which were published for its readers.

Read more of the history of Scouting in Central Virginia at, <https://historyofscoutingva.wordpress.com/>.



2023 National Jamboree July 19-28, 2023 Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

VAHC INFORMATION COMING

Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime. And there is simply nothing else like it on the planet.

What's a Jamboree? It's not camp. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could.

It's the beginning of your own heroes' journey that will challenge you to go farther than you ever thought possible. You'll reach deeper and lift yourself higher to become the best version of yourself.