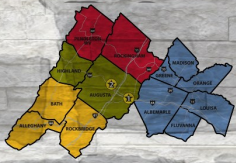


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HAPPY
Fourth of July

★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

From the
Virginia Headwaters Council
and
Camp Shenandoah



During the first closing Campfire of 2022, a Webelos Scout and her mother walked into the Campfire circle after Camp was dismissed for the week. She walked up to me; tears in her eyes, explaining how she didn't want to leave and how she's going to be working Staff at Camp Shenandoah as soon as she's old enough.

The Camp Staff has been hard at work since June 5th preparing physical aspects of Camp, as well as preparations for program instruction and delivery. This summer at Shenandoah we are happy to boast 52 full time Camp Staff, of which they participated in two and a half weeks of Staff training and development to prepare for the summer.

This summer Camp Shenandoah once again participated in the National Camp Assessment Program, having a team assess our Webelos Resident Week and Scouts Resident Camp. Both of which we are happy to boast we have been "nationally accredited" for Summer 2022. This assessment team inspected our Camp facilities and Staff for program standards, as well as health and safety concerns. This Summer, we have made strides to improve our staff's program knowledge by bringing in subject matter experts to instruct the staff on education methods for Scouts of all ages.

Our motto is an effort to constantly improve. Reflecting closely on feedback from adult leaders and national assessment teams, we take this feedback and take immediate steps to grow.

I would like to give thanks to Program Director Hunter Corbin, Camp Commissioner Warren Guthrie, and Health Officer Ben Chisholm for all of the work they have put in over the past six months in preparation for this summer. Each has gone above their responsibilities and are as dedicated as ever to each Scout in Camp Shenandoah.

Camp Shenandoah is a home to anyone who wants it to be, and the Camp Staff is as dedicated as ever to making your home a welcoming one.

See you at home soon,

Daniel Whitesell

Camp Director | Camp Shenandoah



National Camp Accreditation Boy Scouts of America Camp

Left to Right: Ben Chisholm, Medic; Warren Guthrie, Commissioner; Daniel Whitesell, Camp Director; Hunter Corbin, Program Director

Our team is under the guidance of Scott Lancey, Council Program Director.

Upcoming District Events:

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



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.



Scouts, Parents, and Scouters,

Summer has arrived and Camp Shenandoah is in operation. Monticello District just finished a very successful Day Camp, and more fun is coming throughout the summer. As we go through the summer, I would challenge every unit to plan for two crucial events coming in the fall: Membership recruiting and popcorn and peanut sales. Our Council's membership has declined over the years, and we need a great recruiting year to build us back up. Larger units have opportunities to have more fun and to provide a learning experience for more youth. We have the best leadership and character development program in the World today....let's share that learning with our citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

I have previously shared with you the precarious financial situation our Council faces. The Pandemic shut down much of our program and Camp for over 2 years and we are still not completely past that threat. Many units have fund raisers to support that specific unit, but none of those proceeds make it to the Council level. To be sure, without the Council operation, there would be NO Scouting program in our area. That's where sales of popcorn and peanuts comes in. The individual Scouts, units and the Council benefits from those sales. Please plan to participate in this very important fund raiser. Keep the Virginia Headwaters Council strong! Now, enjoy the outdoors.

Steve Hammond
Council President



THE FOURTH OF JULY - also known as Independence Day or July 4th - has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.

DID YOU KNOW?

John Adams believe that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest.

DID YOU KNOW?

Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 - the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.



Camp Shenandoah's New Fishing Dock

A BIG THANK YOU to Southern District Bruce Gardner and other volunteers for providing Camp Shenandoah with a new fishing dock. The new dock leads off behind the Ranger's house out to approximately 40 feet. There is a handicap ramp, and assisted handicap fishing access places on the dock. The dock has two 10' benches for classroom/merit badge instruction.

The foundation is recycled cinder blocks from the old JC Penny store in Staunton. Troop 29 has been the building crew. The project is supported by Rockingham Insurance, Spencer's Home Center, Lowe's in Staunton, and Bruce Gardner Insurance Agency.





There will be some upcoming opportunities for training in July units should make every effort to get people into these events.

On July 9th at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church there will be two training opportunities the first one is Join Scouting night and the second one is Popcorn and Peanut Campaign training the classes will start at 9:00 am and end at 11:30 am people on your committees should attend this training to be successful this fall.

Also, there will be opportunities to take IOLS at Camp Shenandoah during July taught by Warren Guthrie the dates of those classes will be the weeks of July 3rd, July 10th, and July 17th the classes will start at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Those that need this class should make every effort to attend.

Dan Dreelin

Council Training Chair



Scout and Scouters,

As you know, the Citizenship in Society merit badge is required for Eagle rank starting July 1.

However, any scout who completes all Eagle requirements, prior to July 1

(i.e. signed off no later than June 30) with the exception of their Board of Review is NOT required to have Citizenship in Society completed. To clarify, if requirements 1-6 for Eagle rank are completed no later than June 30, 2022, Citizenship in Society is not required.

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/citizenship-in-society-eagle-scout-requirements-clarification/>

Please reach out to your District or Council Advancement chairs if you have any questions or concerns.

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

YiS,

Marc Monfalcone

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PS: District Advancement Chairs – please pass this along to your District Chairs in the meantime, and be prepared for questions from your units.





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
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Risk Assessment Process**Summer Camp is here.**

Is your Troop ready? Are your scouts ready?
 Summer camp is more than merit badges and food.
 Do you have any scouts with special needs? Food
 issues? Allergies?

If you're not sure then you have some work ahead of
 you. Any scout with special needs is an opportunity to
 have a better experience at camp. It's common for
 scouts to get home-sick at camp but there is the
 potential for other issues to be addressed.

Please check with all the parents about changes that
 may effect your scouts. Check on the newest scouts
 going for their first summer camp and what helps
 keep them calm when they get scared or nervous.
 Make sure all your leadership at camp knows about
 the scouts special needs and techniques that work to
 help them regain their calmness.

All scouts should bring face masks too as the
 guidance for COVID may change.

Consider bringing games, cards and other activities so
 your scouts can have some self directed fun when
 other things aren't available or appealing.

Hope all scouts and adults have fun at camp this year.

Ray Collins

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

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, BSA

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lexington Golf and Country Club in Lexington, VA

To Benefit the Southern District, Virginia Headwaters Council, BSA

Register at
vahc.org/golf

AUGUST 15TH
2022

RAIN OR SHINE

Registration at 8:00 • Tournament Starts at 9:00
Shotgun Start

\$220/ TEAM OF 4

Includes golf, cart, green fees, mulligans, and lunch

Register at vahcbsa.org/golf or by calling
Lexington Golf and Country Club at (540) 463-3542



\$1,000 Ball Drop

Balls are \$5 each, closest to the pin wins \$1,000.00
Tickets can be purchased from Southern District Volunteers



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Summer is in full swing and everything seems to be happening all over the area.

Cub Scout Day Camp just wrapped up and Camp Shenandoah is packed with troops of Scouts having a great time. Pack 1 took part in a Flag Day celebration where we partnered with the Fort Harrison Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and retired over 200 unserviceable flags while dedicating a new large flag pole at A.G. Stacker. It was a great, albeit wet time. Events like that provide valuable opportunities to put Scouting in the public eye and show people that we are still active and a part of the community. Look for those opportunities to get in front of people in July, there are plenty of them.

In that theme, don't forget to send at least one, preferably two people to the Membership and Popcorn & Peanuts training on July 9th. We want your units to succeed in both of these areas this year, and this will be a valuable tool in that. Having two people from your unit that focus on these areas will be a big part of that recipe for success. We will not be having a Roundtable in June, so please consider this training as your monthly Roundtable. We will be back in August, though!

Hard to believe, but July is a slow month for district operations. Because of that I don't have much more to get into. Just stay safe, have fun, and Scout On!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Cory May received our Cub Scouter of the Year award for a reason. A retired high school math teacher, she has put in a ton of effort to revitalize Pack 1 into a thriving unit as Committee Chair and a Den Leader. She works extremely well with her Cubs while also volunteering in other roles for the local schools and keeping up with her and her husband's farm.

She is a regular Roundtable attendee and is always looking for opportunities to get her pack involved in the community which has shown results as the Pack 1 keeps growing. Keep up the great work, Cory!





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NO JULY ROUNDTABLE

NO JULY DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

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



The **2022 Scott Lee Distinguished Camp Service Award** was presented to **Mr. Gene Ramsey** at Camp Shenandoah during the dedication of the Scott Lee sign at the “Fork in the Road”.

Gene is an avid scouter and like Scott would do anything that was asked of him for camp and worked on his own without being asked. Gene is a Silver Beaver Recipient, merit badge counselor and retired school teacher. He enjoys canoeing and biking. Gene also helps refugees that are sponsored by his church. A devoted, faithful individual!



Troop 2 and Pack 2
Celebrate Flag Day
Clifton Forge, VA

