



## Black River Newsletter- Week of December 17, 2018

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!**

*Our January roundtable has been rescheduled to the following night, Wednesday, January 2, 2019, due to the New Year's Day holiday. This is a change from the previous reschedule date of January 8. Roundtables are a great opportunity for new and experienced Scouters to share best practices and techniques, and for new leaders to become more comfortable in their role. Roundtables are a great night of fellowship and are always a free event! The Black River district roundtable takes place the first Tuesday of each month, September-May, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, 8-9:30pm.*

### *Council Service Center Holiday Hours:*

*The Patriots' Path Council Service Center will be closing for the holidays at noon on Thursday, December 20. We will be closed through Christmas Day. We will be open on Wednesday, December 26, Thursday December 27, and Friday, December 28 during normal hours 9-5.*

*Unit charter renewals are being accepted at the council service center during our above scheduled hours of operation. Any available staff can meet with a unit representative to review your charter and deliver to our council registrar. All charters expire on December 31 and were due in early December to allow for correction of any possible errors delaying its posting.*

### *Special district charter drop off/ review session:*

*Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-7:30 PM, Millbrook United Methodist Church, 246 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, (church basement hall, near Route 10 East intersection and Dunkin' Donuts).*



## Scout Shop Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 20, 2018	9am-12pm & 4pm-7pm
Friday, December 21, 2018	9am-5pm
Saturday, December 22, 2018	9am-3pm
Sunday, December 23, 2018	Closed
Monday, December 24, 2018	Closed
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Closed
Wednesday, December 26, 2018	9am-5pm
Thursday, December 27, 2018	9am-5pm
Friday, December 28, 2018	9am-5pm
Saturday, December 29, 2018	9am-3pm
Sunday, December 30, 2018	Closed
Monday, December 31, 2018	Closed
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	Closed



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### Program Events:

**Registration is open for the Black River Klondike.** The Klondike will be held the weekend of Jan. 25-27, 2019 at Camp Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation, in Effort PA.

Early bird registration is \$17.00 per person until Jan. 11, 2019. After that it will be \$27.00 per person. Registration closes on Jan 18, 2019. Saturday dinner is included in registration. Go to [www.ppcbsa.org](http://www.ppcbsa.org), click on "calendar", "Black River District", "January 25" to register.

Or click on registration link here:

<https://ppcbsa.org/2018/10/06/2019-black-river-district-klondike-derby/>

**Webelos First Responder-Saturday, February 9.** This program is designed for the requirement "First Responder". You and your Webelos Scout will be earning your basic First Aid card and your CPR & AED Certification. Upon completion of the First Responder adventure, your Webelos Scout will have also earned the adventure pin. The program will be a 1 day event that will start at 8:00 AM sharp to 5:00



PM at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Camp Somers. The price covers the two courses and lunch. The price is \$40.00. If you take these courses on your own it would cost you over \$150.00 per person.

Click here to register for the event: <https://scoutingevent.com/358-22112>

## Jersey Jamboree

### JerseyJam 2019 Registration Is Open...and Filling Quickly

Patriots' Path Council has scheduled its JerseyJam 2019 – a jamboree for 5,000 Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Sea Scouts – for the weekend of October 4 – 6, 2019, rain-or-shine – at Waterloo Village, a 70-acre National Historic District located in Byram Township, New Jersey.

JerseyJam 2019 is open from the outset to ALL units in the Northeast Region, and site reservations are currently being accepted at [www.jerseyjam.org](http://www.jerseyjam.org). Attendance at JerseyJam is expected to reach capacity; as nearly 40 units representing 1,200 scouts and scouters have already registered for the event, which is nearly a year away.

The JerseyJam program will be jam-packed with:

- Outdoor Challenges, including Extreme Obstacle Course
- High Adventure: Climbing Wall, Tomahawk / Knife Throwing, Archery, BB Gun Shooting and much more
- Hands-on Pioneering and Backwoods Engineering Projects
- Extensive Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Exhibits and Activities
- Fun Competitions: Tug of War, Human Foosball, GaGa Ball, Ultimate Frisbee
- Military, Police, Fire and EMS Displays
- Special Events, including **Live Jump by the US Army's Golden Knights Parachuting Team**
- Secure Overnight Camping for Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts
- Saturday Evening Arena Show / Live Entertainment



Patriots' Path units can reserve their JerseyJam 2019 site right now online for only \$100 at [www.jerseyjam.org](http://www.jerseyjam.org), without firm numbers of attendees. The \$50 per person fee for Scouts and Scouters is due in July. For additional information contact Don Beach at [sonnyowl@gmail.com](mailto:sonnyowl@gmail.com). Scouters who are interested in serving as Staff members at JerseyJam should also contact Don as soon as possible.



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## Membership

**On-going Recruitment:** New members are always welcome! If a boy or girls join a pack late in the year, they can jump right in with what their den is doing and catch up on other requirements with Akela at home. If your charter renewal has already been submitted, our council registrar can still make additions as applications come in.

**Holiday Celebrations:** Your pack's holiday celebration is a great time for Cubs to invite friends to attend. These meetings usually allow plenty of time for new parents to meet others and learn about your pack.

**Counting Every Scout:** If you receive new applications after submitting your charter renewal, those new Scouts should still be registered immediately. Our registration department can add them to your charter so they are officially in Scouting and your leaders have liability insurance coverage.

**Scouts BSA Troops Coming in February:** Our council is preparing for the launch of Scouts BSA girl-only troops in February. New unit applications have been received for troops in Chatham, Edison, Long Valley, Morristown, Rahway, Rockaway and Sparta. Other troops are working to gather paperwork so they are ready for the launch in February.

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## Leader Specific Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and it's never too late to catch up on your training!

Many registered adult Scouters still need to take the updated, new Youth Protection online training (YP2). If you received a notice from your unit leader, or from the district or council indicating the need to take the training, please log onto your my.scouting.org account as soon as possible. *We cannot include any adults on a unit charter/roster if Youth Protection training has not been updated, and you may be responsible for holding up your unit's charter renewal.*

If you have not yet taken leader specific training for your Scouting position/role, please register for an upcoming training as soon as your schedule allows. Trainings are run by experienced, fellow volunteers that want you to be better prepared in your Scouting role to deliver the best, enjoyable program our Scouts expect from us.

Click here for upcoming Cub Leader Specific Trainings:

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-14080>

Click here for upcoming Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Trainings:



<https://scoutingevent.com/358-SMSpecifics>

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The FOS 2019 campaign is ongoing!

If you haven't done so already, please submit your presentation date to [maria.yosco@scouting.org](mailto:maria.yosco@scouting.org)

2019 LINKS ARE AVAILABLE, if you want to start your collection early, or want to make your own donation please request your link at [maria.yosco@scouting.org](mailto:maria.yosco@scouting.org)

**DO NOT USE ANY MATERIALS OR URLs FROM PREVIOUS YEARS** – YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO 2018 AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCURATELY POST IT TO 2019.

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**ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

***SAVE THE DATE: The January Black River roundtable, will be held on Wednesday, January 2, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, 8-9:30pm  
This is due to the New Year's Day holiday observance.***

***Commissioner's meeting preceding roundtable from 7-7:45pm.***

**Great Scouting Stories-** Do you have a great story to share showcasing Scouting and the great things your Scouts and adults accomplish in your community through Scouting (Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Venturing Crews/Exploring)? We would love to hear and share the news at our roundtables! Please forward your stories to Marc Maratea, [marc.maratea@scouting.org](mailto:marc.maratea@scouting.org)

For additional important, helpful information on your Scouting roles and upcoming district and council events, visit the district website at <https://ppcbosa.org/districts/black-river-district/>  
See "Forms and Information" on lower right side of page.