



Black River Bi-Weekly Newsletter- February 12, 2018

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/Venture Crews)? We would love to hear and share the news at our roundtables! Please forward your stories to Marc Maratea, marc.maratea@scouting.org

Black River / Fishawack Webelos First Aid Rally 2018

On Saturday Feb. 10, 2018 the Black River- Fishawack First Aid Rally was held at Camp Somers at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation. Approximately 35 Webelos and 35 adults participated in the program. Webelos received training in all requirements for 'Emergency First Responder' and all participants had the opportunity to earn certification in First Aid and CPR. The program was organized by Rick Weber and Glenn Treier, and supported by many instructors and adult leaders. Lakeland Emergency Squad provided an ambulance to enhance the training experience. Congratulations to all volunteers and instructors who made this first annual event a success!

Leader Specific Training- 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.

The next, upcoming trainings are:

Cub Scouts- for Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, Den Leaders and committee members:
Saturday, February 17, 9AM-12PM, Council Service Center, 1 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls
<https://scoutingevent.com/358-14080>

Boy Scouts- Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training
March 10, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Cedar Knolls
<https://scoutingevent.com/358-SMSpecifics>

Important, useful online trainings are also available via my.scouting.org. Click on "BSA Learn Center"

Update on Youth Protection Training

The NEW Youth Protection is out, good for 2 years, very good training! However, there are several technical issues with the new, hour long training. If your YPT is up to date, please hold off to take the new training until it's up and running properly. Any adults in contact with the boys should be YPT trained. ALL registered adult leaders *must* be YPT Trained. If you have trouble with loading wait until later this week - they are working on that. An official announcement with update policies will be released in the coming weeks.



Order of the Arrow- Calling all boy scout troops, it's time once again to begin planning your Order of the Arrow election for 2018. The Order of the Arrow is a great opportunity for some of your more experienced scouts to keep them engaged and excited about boy scouts while increasing their own leadership skills and giving back to both Scouting and the community. The lodge is happy to send a representative to your meeting to help conduct the election. If you have any questions or to schedule an election please contact frankcacc@yahoo.com

Unit Service- Charters- Thank you to all packs, troops, and crews that have submitted your 2018 rechartering on time. 2017 charters expired on December 31. If your unit has not yet submitted its charter to the council for review and delivery, please do so asap. It is crucial for units to complete on time rechartering to maintain insurance coverage for all Scouting activities. *Units that have not submitted charters to council, and are not posted by March 1, will not be allowed to conduct Scouting meetings and functions.* All questions on rechartering should be directed to Marc Maratea, unit service executive, at (973) 765-9322 X240, marc.maratea@scouting.org
If you have any questions on unit service, or need assistance on any functional issues for your unit, contact Marc Maratea.

Boy Scout Recruitment

Our council membership committee has developed a plan to help troops actively recruit new 5th and 6th graders. Submit your info at <http://tinyurl.com/AOL2Scout> and a member of the committee will reach out to you.

Exploring Careers in Law for Teens- Young men and women, ages 14-20, who are interested in the legal profession, are invited to join Law Explorer Post 22. Exploring allows students to interact with professionals who will share their experience. Meetings will be held monthly on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon. For more information, contact Linda Mainenti Walsh, Esq., mainentiwalsh@ccfamlaw.com or Andrew Jacobs, Esq., ajacobs@arjacobslaw.com, or Al Thomas, al.thomas@scouting.org.

Exploring Careers in Finance for Teens- Young men and women, ages 14-20, who are interested in careers in Finance are invited to an open house for our new post at Boiling Springs Saving Bank, 448 Main Road, Towaco, on February 13, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Al Thomas, al.thomas@scouting.org, 973-765-9322 x229.

Reminder on Family Scouting Program/Early Adopters:

The next, and last, workshop on Family Scouting Early Adopters will be held on Feb. 17 at the council service center in Cedar Knolls. This training is required for any pack that wants to start forming all-girl dens now. To register for a workshop on Family Scouting Early Adopters, including Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/358-FSWS>.

All packs will be allowed to participate in Family Scouting in September. Dens will be single gender. Packs can be all-boy packs, all-girl packs or family packs with any combination of all-boy dens and all-girl dens.

For more information, contact membership executive Al Thomas, (973) 765-9322 X 229, al.thomas@scouting.org



PLEASE click on this link <http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/family-scouting-link/2286454> for additional information on Family Scouting and the Early Adopter pack application.

Spring Membership Breakfast:

Come have breakfast and learn all you need to know about Family Scouting, Lions, the New Member Coordinator, resources for Spring Recruiting, and receiving Online Applications. Saturday, April 7th, at the council service center, 1 Saddle Road in Cedar Knolls, from 8:00 am to noon.

Click on this link for more information, as well as how to reserve recruitment resources for your unit.

<https://ppbsa.org/membership/currentmembers/resources/>

Revenue Development-

The Friends of Scouting campaign help make possible the many programs our council and district provide to our Scouts and leaders. Thank you to the packs and troops that have provided a presentation date for our 2018 Friends of Scouting campaign. Many have had presentations already. FOS presentations should happen no later than March.

If your unit has not yet provided a presentation date, please contact development executive Maria Yosco, (973) 765-9322, X 224, or maria.yosco@scouting.org

The Scouting Adventure Card Sale

This initiative is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Cub Scout day camp, Webelos resident camp, Boy Scout resident camp, national high adventure activities, to purchase new camping equipment, etc. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$5.00) on each \$10.00 Adventure Card they sell. The sale begins in March and ends July 29, 2018.

This program is **RISK FREE**; units pay **NOTHING UP FRONT** and simply return any unsold / undamaged cards at settlement on or before August 10, 2018.

For more information and to participate, contact Program Executive Michael Loughman Michael.loughman@scouting.org (973) 765-9322, X226 or Beth Miller-Porter Beth.porter@scouting.org (973) 765-9322 X259

Black River Alumni Event-Save the Date

Join you fellow Scouting alumni for an evening of fellowship, fun, good food, and beverages with Scouting friends from your area. This free event will take place at the Rockaway River Barn, 11 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, on Monday, March 19, from 7-9PM. Learn about upcoming council and district alumni events and programs, and the latest updates on Scouting in our district. Door prizes and collector patches available.

This is a casual, non-uniform event. Register by March 18 at

<http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2272916&OrgKey=716>

Or go to the council website calendar www.ppcbsa.org

Click on March 18 event.



Black River Annual Recognition Dinner-Save the Date

The district awards recognition dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 6:30-9PM. This annual event honors Scouters for their efforts to our youth, recognized by their fellow volunteers. Be on the lookout for the promotional flyer and registration link on the district website in the coming weeks. Please consider your nomination for District Award of Merit recipient and Black River's Best recipient. Nomination forms are available on the district website at <https://ppcbasa.org/districts/black-river-district/>. *All nominations are due soon, by March 1, 2018.*

District Level Volunteer Registration

Snail Mail Alert, check your mailbox in early March for information regarding your district level (not unit level) registration! Be sure your youth protection training is up to date.

Council Annual Meeting

To be held on Monday, February 26th at the Hanover Manor. To download the registration form, contact Amy Schwartz at amy.schwartz@scouting.org.

More information can be found here

<http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2087485&OrgKey=716>

Cub Camping

Our camping department has activity placemats for your pack meetings or Blue and Gold at no cost to you. In addition to fun puzzles and activities, there is information on how to schedule a summer camp promotion. To reserve your set of placemats, contact Richard Hawkins at (973) 765-9322 X 225, or Richard.hawkins@scouting.org

Morristown Saint Patrick's Day Parade

If your unit is interested in marching in this year's Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade which takes place on Saturday, March 10 at 10 AM, on South Street in Morristown, please contact Scout coordinator Jim Danus @ jpdanus@outlook.com

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING DISTRICT AND COUNCIL EVENTS

District Roundtable

Tuesday, March 6, 8-9:30 PM. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna

Black River Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 7-7:45 PM. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna

College of Commissioner Science

Saturday, April 14, 2018. Brooklawn Middle School, 250 Beachwood Rd, Parsippany
Open to all commissioners who want to improve and adjust your skills to provide more valuable service to our youth, units, and districts. Open to anyone not yet a commissioner, but interested in learning what commissioner service is all about.

Register at

<http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2171313&OrgKey=716>

Or council website www.ppcbasa.org, click on council calendar, April 14.



2018 Cub Scout Electives Extravaganza

A day of activities based on Cub Scout elective adventures. Registration and class list will be available starting February 22, 2018, through the council calendar at www.ppcbsa.org

Sure to be a fun day for all Cub Scouts to earn many adventure requirements in one day!

For more info, contact council advancement chair Michael Merritt, michael@mischu.me

Certified Angler Instructor Course(CAI)

March 2-4, 2018, Mt Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Camp Somers

This course is designed to give Scouters tools and ideas to get Scouts fishing. The CAI course is for all Scouters (volunteer and professional) who wish to use fishing to recruit and retain Scouts. Learn how fishing enhances unit, district, and council programs. Fishing with Scouts is a great outdoor activity that provides Scouts with fun, skills, development, family participation, and strongly supports sound conservation awareness.

This is the ONLY CAI course in NJ this spring. Register today at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-18235>.

For more information, contact course director Paul Minenna,

paul.minenna@gmail.com , (201) 841- 1319

Maple Syrup and Pancake Eating Programs at MASR

Saturday March 3, 10, 17, 24

Sunday, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Bring your Scouts and families to a fun program at Camp Wheeler, Kent Center. This is a great activity for all Scouts and their families. After observing how sap is tapped from our trees and learning how syrup is made, enjoy all the pancakes you want with our homemade maple syrup.

Registrations by phone only. Contact Tom Stoddard at (973) 765-9322 X413 to reserve a time/date for your group.

Wood Badge Course N5-358-18 at Winnebago Scout Reservation

May 18-20, 2018

June 9-11, 2018

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader, the objective of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate as practically as possible the Aims and Methods of Scouting allowing you to provide a program which will have a profound influence on the lives of young men and women. You also will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way have a great deal of fun!

Visit our website at www.N5-358-18.org If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us through the contact information provided on the website or email the Course Director, Marty Foy MFoyBSA@gmail.com

For additional upcoming council or district activities, please visit the council website, www.ppcbsa.org
Click on “calendar” or “districts/black river”