



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL



BLACK RIVER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2018

CAMP WHEELER FUN DAY - On Thursday, November 8, just because you are home from school is no reason to stay home! For boys & girls in grades K-5. Parents are welcome to stay during their child's session. Parents of kindergartners or first graders must stay with them. Choose between 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Activities to include archery, BB, and rock wall climbing, hot dogs over campfire, & more! Free for anyone who joins Cub Scouts between August 1st to November 8th. Current Cub Scouts pay \$7.50 or come for free if they bring a Cub Scout age friend who is not yet in Cub Scouts. Register through the Sussex calendar, November 8th. Go to www.ppcbsa.org/districts/Sussex-district/. Click on "Sussex Calendar" box. Direct calendar link: <https://www.doubleknot.com/app/calendar/month?orgkey=907>

University of Scouting-Saturday, December 1, Randolph Middle School- Register Now!

Looking to get trained for your Scouting position? Are you interested in learning more about specific topics and are wondering "How do I find out about that?" Come spend the day at the 2018 PPC University of Scouting on Saturday December 1! We offer over one hundred classes on a wide variety of topics of interest to Scout leaders. Whether you are a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing or Exploring leader, we have topics of interest for you - a smorgasbord of opportunities! Come check out our registration page to see what we have for you.

Direct registration link <https://scoutingevent.com/358-UofS>

Click here for

flyer: https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA358/document_15343445100_3174.pdf

Regular registration fee of \$20 ends November 9. Late registration fee of \$30 in effect from November 10 through November 18. No online registrations after November 18, however, you may register at the door for \$40, and many courses will be closed.

Avoid the late fee- register now!!!

Den Chief training is also available, and older Boy Scouts and Venturers may find the classes helpful. The University is held at Randolph Middle School and both child care and a Cub Scout program are available while you attend classes. Come check it out!

Questions? Contact Dave Walsh
University of Scouting Chancellor
djwclar@optonline.net

Charter Renewal

Attention unit committee chairs:

Units should now be engaged in the online recharter process. We know it takes some time to get confirmation from all families regarding Scouts and adults remaining in the program, as well as new participants joining your unit. However, please do your best to complete your charter by December 1.

Internet Rechartering can be accessed using this

link: <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/UI/Home/default.aspx>

All units were sent the online recharter instruction packet via email in early September, with your unit specific access code. This changes every year. Contact unit service executive Marc Maratea with any questions, or if you need your access code. Marc.maratea@scouting.org, (973) 765-9322, X240

Charter drop off and review dates/locations have been announced! A schedule has been placed in all unit folders and will be posted on district websites. Drop off dates run through November and December. [As always, you may drop off your charter renewal at the council service center during normal business hours.](#)

Upcoming drop off locations for Black River:

Tuesday, November 6- Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Ave, 8:30-9PM(roundtable)

Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-7:30 PM, Millbrook United Methodist Church basement hall

246 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph (near Rt. 10 intersection)

Thursday, November 29, Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church library, 6:30-7:30PM
Church library in administration building, across from main church, 1 East Oak
Street

A Kidney Quest for Bob Williams, Roxbury Scoutmaster and Band Leader

Bob Williams, Succasunna resident and former longtime Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of Troop and Pack 159, is dealing with kidney disease and his wife, Kathleen, has embarked on a difficult quest: Finding somebody willing to become a living organ donor

Bob needs our help. If you or someone you know is eligible to help, please read this story:

https://www.tapinto.net/towns/roxbury/articles/a-kidney-quest-for-bob-williams-roxbury-scoutmaster-and-band-leader?fbclid=IwAR2Q3iYu8NU6L5Zer-EKGd_MgcAGg3rw97iULTaca22aGnyTWyGQ-o35pRY

Bob is known to many in the area not only for his work with Troop 159 of Succasunna but also as a radio personality. He also is a musician and is [involved with the Roxbury Arts Alliance and the Roxbury Boy Scout Jazz Ensemble.](#)

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, 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/>

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. 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, 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. Scouters who are interested in serving as Staff members at JerseyJam should also contact Don as soon as possible.

Membership

Launching Scouts BSA – William Bryant, a membership coach from the national office, will discuss how to start Scouts BSA troops and have them succeed. This meeting is open to everyone interested in growing Patriots' Path Council and this great movement. We will meet at the council service center in Cedar Knolls on November 15th from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please RSVP, mark.spaldo@scouting.org, so we can be prepared with material and refreshments.

Fall Cub Scout Recruitment Challenge – Recruit a friend into your pack and enter a drawing to receive a free week at day camp or a set of camping equipment from the Scout Shop. <https://247scouting.com/forms/form.php?OrgKey=BSA358&id=612>.

Leader Specific Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and it's never too late to catch up on your 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.](#)

University of Scouting- Saturday, December 1, Randolph Middle School.
See information at top of newsletter.

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-SMSpecfics>

Venturing Leader Trainings:

See VEX info below for November 18 training date. Consult the council training page for upcoming trainings.

For all upcoming program specific leader trainings, please go to <https://ppcbsa.org/committees/training/>

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

Hazardous Weather Training – is mandatory for “direct contact” leaders - if you are a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster or den leader that means you! Training is available on My.Scouting.org.

What is VEX???

Patriots' Path Council has formed its very own VOA-like structure called the VEX (Venturing Exploring Experience)! VOA is an acronym for Venturing Officer Association. The purpose of VEX is to support Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouting on a council level. By adapting the traditional VOA structure to support Sea Scouting and Exploring as well, we hope to use the VEX to grow and support the older youth programs within our council.

Our meetings will be the third Sunday of the month at 6pm, at the council service center. We will be planning some exciting events and would like input from the youth in the council. Please pass this information on to the youth in your unit.

For more detailed information on VEX activities, contacts, and resources, please go to our websites:

Vex website: <https://ppcbasa.org/committees/youth-executive/venturing-exploring-xperience/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ppcvexcommittee/>

Google Group: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/venturing_exploring

Email: ppcventuringexploring@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Sunday November 18th at 2pm- VEX will be hosting a Youth AND Advisors Training Day. Scout troops are more than welcome to send youth to become better leaders for your troops today, and better leaders for tomorrow! A VEX youth meeting will take place after both training sessions and trainees are encouraged to stay for the meeting! An in- person Youth Protection training will also be offered during the training day. Location: council service center, 1 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls.

Click here to register:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/358-VEXTrain>

Click here for flyer:

<file:///C:/Users/mamarate/Downloads/2018%20VEX%20Training%20Day%20flyer%20October.pdf>

Popcorn and Friends of Scouting

POPCORN

PRIZES CAN BE ORDERED STARTING ON 10/24
LAST DAY TO ENTER PRIZE ORDERS IS 12/10

11/17 Take order pick up

Black River

Ultraflexx

Packaging

1578 Sussex Tpk #4

Rd

Randolph

Fishawack

Econo Courier

75 Lackawanna Ave #B

Parsippany

Sussex

Sutherland

24 Brighton

Andover

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SORT ORDERS – COME HAVE SOME FUN WITH US!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The FOS 2019 campaign is officially open!

If you haven't done so already, please submit your presentation date to 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

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.

Questions contact:

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ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: The December 4 Black River roundtable, will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 203 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, 8-9:30pm

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

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

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