



Sussex Bi-Weekly Newsletter- Week of August 13, 2018

The next and last popcorn unit training in Sussex is this week!!!! Tuesday, August 14
There is still time to have your unit prepared and trained in August.

Tuesday 08-14-2018 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sparta Presbyterian Church

 [Map this session](#)

32 Main St

Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Click for location details:

<http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2346328>

[More training locations throughout the council are listed in the popcorn section below.](#)

Membership Road Shows – The next and final Sussex Membership Road Show to help your pack prepare for fall recruiting is scheduled for this week!!

- **Tuesday, August 14th, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**, at the Andover Boro Fire Department, 152 Main St. (Route 206 North). Register by emailing al.thomas@scouting.org.

[More locations listed below in the membership section below.](#)

Roundtables

Never been to a roundtable before? Been a while since you have attended a roundtable? Give yourself a chance to get reacquainted with our monthly roundtables that provide you with helpful, important information on upcoming district and council program events. Roundtables are a great night of fellowship and information sharing on successful best practices. Learn from other fellow Scouters what they do best to improve their program for our Scouts, as well as tips on how to keep you up to date with your leader specific training for your role in your unit. There are breakout sessions for the Cub Scouts and Boy Scout/Venturing/Exploring programs. Always a free event!

Sussex roundtables take place the first Thursday of each month, September-May, at Wallkill Valley Regional High School, 10 Grumm Road, Hardyston, (off Rt. 94) from 7:30pm-9pm. The June roundtable is the council wide Tradeshow of Scouting, located at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany.

District and Council Program Events:

Jersey Jamboree

JerseyJam 2019, “This is one Jamboree that you do not want to miss. Scout’s honor.” To be held October 4th through the 6th at Waterloo Village in 2019. For more information, contact Don Beach, Jersey Jam 2019 Chairman, at sonnyowl@gmail.com. Reserve your site now:
<https://scoutingevent.com/358-JerseyJamSaveaSite>



Scout Night Events

Many of our local sport teams, museums, and amusements offer Scout Days and discounted ticket fees. Be sure to check out the latest events at <https://ppcbsa.org/cub-scout-programs/>.

Sussex Cub Camporee

The Sussex District 2018 Fall Cub Scout Camporee will be held on September 28 to 30, 2018 at Winnebago Scout Reservation. Start building your CHUCK WAGONS! Scouts will be using a wagon for activities and will need at least one per unit. Cost: \$18.00 includes dinner, and children under 5 are free. Contact information: Darlene Kishpaugh 973-222-5576 darlenescouter@gmail.com.

Membership

What if We Don't Get Enough Girls? – Since registration of girls may be uneven and you may not have enough for a den at each rank level, the national organization is allowing multi-grade dens for girls. Meeting plans are available that allow girls of different ages to work on their own rank requirements at the same meeting. The point is to give an opportunity to families who want Cub Scouts for their daughter. If you have questions about adding all-girl dens, contact Sussex Family Scouting Chair Bob Brady, rbrady@gibbonslaw.com.

Membership Road Shows – There are three Membership Road Shows remaining to help your pack prepare for fall recruiting, including an extra session that has just been added for:

- Tuesday, August 14th, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, at the Andover Boro Fire Department, 152 Main St. (Route 206 North). Register by emailing al.thomas@scouting.org.

The other Road Shows will be:

- Saturday, August 18 in Somerset from 8:00-9:30 am, register at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-Roadshow>.
- Monday, August 20 in Succasunna from 7:00-8:30 pm, register at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-Roadshow>.

The Road Shows will discuss Best Recruitment Practices, Lions program, Family Scouting, new member coordinator, BeaScout and online applications. Bring all the leaders from your pack who are involved in planning for membership.

Watch LIVE – If you cannot attend a Road Show in person, the council membership committee is pleased to announce the addition of a Facebook Live showing of the 2018 Membership Road Show! All leaders are invited and highly encouraged to attend and watch from the comfort of their homes. The LIVE session will be streamed for free from the Patriots' Path Council Facebook page on Monday, August 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. All you need to do is go to, <https://www.facebook.com/ppcbsa>, and wait for us to go live at 7:00 pm sharp. A web link will be provided to you allow access to all materials discussed in the session.

New Member Coordinator in Each Pack – The new member coordinator is a new position on each pack's committee. Your NMC makes sure that new families are welcomed and leave their first meeting



connected with the pack. This is a great way for someone with an outgoing personality to help families feel at home right away. They wear a distinctive red polo shirt that makes them stand out for the new folks to find. On the adult application for your new member coordinator, write "NMC". If one of your current committee members is taking the NMC role, please let us know by emailing al.thomas@scouting.org.

Ordering Materials for Cub Scout Recruitment – the form for ordering Cub Scout recruitment materials is attached in below link. It has pictures of the flyers that are currently available. You can also order lawn signs, posters, on boarding envelopes, etc. All materials are free, paid for by Friends of Scouting donations. The form can be faxed to 973-267-3406 or scan it/send a photo to Beth.MillerPorter@scouting.org.

Leader Specific Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and summer is a good time 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.

The next, upcoming trainings are:

Cub Leader Specific Training- August 25, 2018 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Cranford United Methodist Church in Cranford

October 2, 2018, 6:30-9:30 pm, Vermeule Community Center, North Plainfield

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

BALOO Training- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation- Packs must have a BALOO trained leader on all campouts

September 15, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Winnebago Scout Reservation Winter Lodge

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

Additional dates:

September 22, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Cranford United Methodist Church in Cranford

September 29-30, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm – NEW 2 Day Overnight Course!!! – Camp Somers

October 6, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Winnebago Scout Reservation

More dates to be announced, stay tuned

Boy Scouts- Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

September 15, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Cedar Knolls Service Center.

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



Additional dates listed on training page: November 3 at Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, Bedminster

Venturing Leader Trainings:
Consult the council training page for upcoming trainings.

For all upcoming program specific leader trainings, please go to <https://ppcbasa.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.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)- Winnebago Scout Reservation

NYLT is a rigorous youth leadership training program that provides skills for life and is designed to benefit and enhance the leadership teams of troops and crews. It is fun, challenging, and informative. The NYLT course centers on the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. NYLT is a seven-day course, or two weekends in late fall.

Who may attend?

Registered Boy Scouts 13 years of age or completed the 7th grade, until 18 years of age that have obtained First Class.

OR

Registered Venturers 14 years of age, or completed the 8th grade, until 21 years of age.

A course is currently underway this week. The next available course dates to register for are:

Weekends of November 9-11 and November 16-18 (must attend both weekends)

Registration details available at www.ppcnylt.org

Contact Andrew Joiner, NYLT Staff Advisor, andrew.joiner@scouting.org or

George Hemenetz, NYLT Course Director, cdnylt@ppcnylt.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!!! The Venturing, Exploring Xperience Advisors Committee (VEX) will be hosting an Advisors Meeting and BBQ on Sunday, September 16, Camp Somers, MASR, 5:30PM. Meet the VEX Advisors Committee as we talk about what VEX has done over the last year and the journey we are looking to take with your crews and posts over the next year!

VEX Night Climbing Event at MASR, Natural Rock Wall-Sunday, September 16, 7:30 pm.
Open to any youth 14 - 20 years of age. Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts are ALL welcome to attend! Price: \$20 per person (if you are climbing).

Rock climbing on Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation's natural rock face will take place at night under the lights. Join us at 5:30 pm for a BBQ at the COPE site prior to the night climb. Registration is now open on the council website, ppcbasa.org. Click on council calendar, September 16, or click on this link to register:

<https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2393922&orgkey=716&ReturnURL=/app/calendar/month/716/2018-09-01,2018-10-07/716/0/>

Advisors are encouraged to participate.
Please Register by Wednesday September 12, 2018.

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.

Popcorn and Friends of Scouting

Popcorn:

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August trainings

8/14 7:00 – 8:30 pm Sparta

8/16 10:00 – 11:30 am Cedar Knolls



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8/22 7:00 – 8:30 pm Cedar Knolls

8/25 10:00 – 11:30 Cedar Knolls

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For 2018 the committee updated the “Preparing your Unit” commission structure. These are the details:
Commission by preparing your unit: Your unit can earn up to an additional 3% in commissions by:

• Earn 2% Commission by:

Submitting a photo or video to the Camp Masters Kick Off Contest OR scheduling your unit’s sale kickoff and inviting your district kernel (please give at least one weeks’ notice, copy Beth.Millerporter@scouting.org on the invitation)

AND

Having your unit popcorn kernel attend a Council Popcorn Kickoff or workshop this year as follows:

- A returning 2018 unit kernel who was trained in 2017 can attend one of the council popcorn kickoffs.
- A new 2018 unit kernel *must* attend one of the council popcorn kickoffs. (It was strongly recommended that the unit kernel also attend the Michael Beck session, but not required as part of the commission structure.)

• Earn 1% Commission by:

Having another unit leader or parent attend the Michael Beck workshop OR any one of the council popcorn kickoffs (the session attended does not need to be the same one attended by the unit kernel. We recommend that the unit consider sending a leader or parent that may be a future unit kernel to participate in one of these sessions.)

Thank you to all participating units that picked up their Show and Sell orders on Saturday, August 11. Good luck with your sales and have fun!

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: The next Sussex roundtable will resume on September 6 at Walkkill Regional Valley HS, in Hardyston, 7:30 PM.



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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://ppcbsa.org/districts/black-river-district/>
See “Forms and Information” on lower right side of page.