



Sussex Bi-Weekly Newsletter- Week of August 27, 2018

Youth Protection Update

All units are reminded of the need for all registered adult leaders to complete the updated, new online BSA Youth Protection Training. There are four modules to complete, which takes about an hour. Training needs to be completed by September 30 to allow an individual to recharter with a unit. Training can be completed on your My.Scouting account.

An official updated letter on Youth Protection will be emailed to unit leaders.

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.

Commissioners Breakfast-Saturday, September 8

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders in all Scouting units. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America and help units deliver great opportunities and program. After all, our Scouts deserve it!

On Saturday September 8, our council commissioner will be hosting a free breakfast which will help veteran and new commissioners with great information and tips on assisting and serving Scouting units. If you are interested in becoming a unit commissioner to help fellow Scouters, please consider attending this breakfast if your schedule allows.

Click here for flyer and to register:

<https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2389567&orgkey=716&ReturnURL=/app/calendar/month/716/2018-09-01,2018-10-07/716/0/>

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://ppcbasa.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

Membership Road Shows – A recording of the Black River District Membership Road Show is posted at <https://www.facebook.com/ppcbasa/videos/403215673538720/>. Technical difficulties limited how much we got on camera, but our presenters gave a wealth of information about best recruitment practices, Family Scouting, Lions, and new member coordinator. On the recording, the different topics begin:

New Member Coordinator – at 0:00

Family Scouting – 16:30

Lions – 35:00

Best Practices – 57:00

The segment on BeAScout.org was not recorded but all the materials that the presenters showed are available at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kTNpk428gGnRmDXzTwOaEjvaXovO1mPM>.

Fall Recruitment Dates – Our Sussex membership team is tracking each recruitment event this fall. Please send the date of your fall recruitment to Sussex Membership Chair Mary Comerford, lakemail@optonline.net or Sussex Vice Chair of Membership Karen Rozek, karen.scouter@gmail.com.

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. See attached brochure. 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 available via this link:

<https://ppcbasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-CS-Recruiting-Materials-Revised-1-18.pdf>



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.

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>

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

BALOO is a day-long instructor-led course, conducted at the Council level. A day of fun and learning introduces Cub Scout adults to the skills needed to plan and conduct “entry-level” pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping. The emphasis is on family fun activities that don’t require advanced outdoor skills. BSA’s Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught, along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a safe, exciting, and successful overnight camping experience.

Register now for the new BALOO 2-Day Course on September 29-30, 2018 at Camp Somers and pay this one time only promotional rate of \$20!

The new BALOO training course is an overnight curriculum (1.5 days) presenting BSA’s Cub Scout level camping policies along with instruction on basic camping skills. The intent of the program is to enable Cub Scout adult leaders to plan and conduct a safe, exciting and fun overnight camping experience for their pack. This program replaces the old BALOO course and OWLS training.

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

Venturing Leader Trainings:

See VEX info below for November 16 training date. 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.

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, ppcbsa.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

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.)



Please note, as of August 27, there are no additional popcorn trainings scheduled.

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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.

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.