



## Sussex District Bi-Weekly Newsletter-Week of July 2, 2018

**Have a safe and happy Fourth of July with family and friends**

Effective July 1, 2018 Patriots' Path Council's Scout Shops will be operating  
on Summer hours through Labor Day

Cedar Knolls: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm, Closed evenings and weekends

Mountainside: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 2:00pm & 4:00pm to 7:00 pm,  
Closed weekends

### **Pack 90 Cubmobile Racing**

Sussex Cub Scout Packs are invited to join Pack 90 on Saturday, July 8th, 2018, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Racing will be on Main Street in Franklin Borough. Cost is \$5.00 per driver. For registration and questions: contact Barbara DeRenzo, 973-978-8834 or email [bbderenzo@gmail.com](mailto:bbderenzo@gmail.com)

### **Black River Family Bowlathon**

All are invited to this summer family scouting event to be held Saturday, August 4, at the Rockaway Lanes on Route 46 in Rockaway. Cost is \$12.00 per bowler for two hours of bowling, shoes are included in the price. Two sessions at 10:00 and 2:30 are available. Registration is open at [www.ppcbsa.org](http://www.ppcbsa.org) on the Black River Calendar.

### **Sussex Fall Cub Camporee-Save the Date**

The Fall Cub Camporee will be at Winnebago Scout Reservation the weekend of 9/28/18. The theme of the camporee will be "Winnebago's Wild Frontier." Cost is \$18.00 per person, and includes Saturday dinner. Children under 5 are free. Registration will open soon at [www.ppcbsa.org](http://www.ppcbsa.org) on the Sussex calendar.

### **Fishawack / Sussex Joint Fall Boy Scout Camporee-Save the Date**

The Fall Boy Scout Camporee will be a joint effort with Fishawack District. The event will occur on the weekend of 9/28/18 at Camp Somers, MASR. The theme for this event is STEM, and appropriate activities are being planned. Cost per person will be \$15.00, and registration will open soon at [www.ppcbsa.org](http://www.ppcbsa.org) on the Fishawack calendar.

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## **Membership**

**Membership Roadshows** – Our Membership Road Shows will prepare each pack to succeed in fall recruitment. There are two remaining road shows this summer (August 18 in Somerset and August 20 in Succasunna). Roadshows will cover topics of Best Recruitment Practices, Lions Program, Family Scouting, new member coordinator, BeaScout and online applications. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-Roadshow>.



**Family Scouting Response Required** – each pack must submit a “2018-2019 Cub Scout Unit Designation Form” declaring if you will accept all-girl dens or remain an all-boy pack. We need this info in order to direct families to packs that will accept them. The form must be signed by your charter organization executive officer, charter organization representative, Cubmaster and committee chair. If you have questions about adding all-girl dens, contact Sussex Family Scouting Chair Robert Brady, [rbrady@gibbonslaw.com](mailto:rbrady@gibbonslaw.com) or Membership Executive Al Thomas, [al.thomas@scouting.org](mailto:al.thomas@scouting.org). Each pack has the option of staying all-boy or adding all-girl dens. If needed, we may start new packs that are all-girl.

**Family Scouting Important Info** – Two questions have come up from several packs. What if we don't get enough girls to start separate dens at each level? *BSA will permit mixed-grade dens. Will AOL girls have a troop to join in February? Your pack committee and your charter organization do not need to deal with this. The district membership committee has the responsibility to form Scouts BSA troops to receive girls in February.*

**Family Scouting Joining Events** – Several fun events are planned at Camp Wheeler, MASR, or Watchung Day Camp for families not yet in Cub Scouts. Choose from aquatics, STEM, BB & archery. Current Cub Scouts can come for \$5 or are free if they bring a friend not yet in Cub Scouts. See attached flyer. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-FSJ>.

**New Member Coordinator** – Each pack should have a new member coordinator. This position on your committee can increase the number of folks who actually join at your recruitment nights and get those new members fully involved in your unit. New member coordinator is one of the topics covered at our remaining Membership Road Shows. For more information, contact Al Thomas, [al.thomas@scouting.org](mailto:al.thomas@scouting.org).

**Morristown Diversity Day** – On July 8<sup>th</sup>, our membership committee will have a table at Morristown Diversity Day to spread the word that Scouting is for every boy and girl.

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### **Commissioner Visits and Commissioner Unit Contact Reporting**

To all unit serving commissioners: thank you once again for your continued dedication and time supporting our units in the effort to continuously improve the Scouting program for our youth and adults.

Please remember you have a time limit of two months from date of contact, to enter your unit visit and/or contact before it is timed out and will not count or be credited as a JTE contact.

We want to be sure your valuable time and effort is not wasted by a simple non- entered contact report in your My.Scouting Commissioner Tools reporting system. Same for a detailed assessment.

As commissioners, our goal is to be the best friend to our units in our effort to support the four elements of excellence in unit service:

1. Supporting unit growth through the Journey to Excellence;
2. Contacting units and capturing their strengths and needs in Commissioner Tools;
3. Linking unit needs to district operating committee resources;
4. Supporting timely charter renewal.



Please have all your recent unit visits and contacts that are not yet reported, recorded into Commissioner Tools as soon as possible. This is critical for the continued successful JTE assessment of our districts and council. If you have any questions, please contact your district commissioner, Barry George, [Barryg.scouters@embarqmail.com](mailto:Barryg.scouters@embarqmail.com), or unit service executive, Marc Maratea, [Marc.maratea@scouting.org](mailto:Marc.maratea@scouting.org), (973) 765-9322 X240



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**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 Leader Specific Training-** August 25, 2018 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Cranford United Methodist Church in Cranford  
<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>  
September 22, 2018. 9 AM-4:30 PM, Cranford United Methodist Church.  
October 16, 2018. 9 AM-4:30 PM, Winnebago Scout Reservation.

**Boy Scouts-** Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training  
September 15, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Cedar Knolls  
<https://scoutingevent.com/358-SMSpecifics>

Position specific trainings will also be held at PPC Summer Camps:  
Winnebago Scout Reservation: Flintlock Building across from main parking lot.  
Wednesdays- July 11, 18, 25, and August 1.

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation-Camp Somers Dining Hall  
Thursdays- July 12, 19, 26, and August 2

Time: Check in at 8:50 AM. Course from 9-12:00, then 2-4:00. (The two hour break allows leaders to eat with their troops and be present during siesta.)  
For additional information, contact Ryan Foster, [ryan.foster@scouting.org](mailto:ryan.foster@scouting.org)  
(973) 765-9322X223



**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](http://my.scouting.org). Click on “BSA Learn Center”

**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 7<sup>th</sup> grade, until 18 years of age that have obtained First Class.

OR

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

Choice of course dates:

August 12-18, 2018

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

Registration details available at [www.ppcnylt.org](http://www.ppcnylt.org)

Contact Andrew Joiner, NYLT Staff Advisor, [andrew.joiner@scouting.org](mailto:andrew.joiner@scouting.org) or

George Hemenetz, NYLT Course Director, [cdnylt@ppcnylt.org](mailto:cdnylt@ppcnylt.org)

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**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, 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](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/venturing_exploring)

Email: [ppcventuringexploring@gmail.com](mailto:ppcventuringexploring@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATES!!!** The Venturing, Exploring Xperience Advisors Committee (VEX) will be hosting an Advisors Meeting on Sunday, September 16, Camp Somers, MASR. 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!

Sunday November 18th, 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.

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### Popcorn and Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting

The FOS Family campaign ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A special thanks to all units who participated!!! All of you did an amazing job!!!

We don't have final numbers yet, but we can report the following:

Black River participating units: 64

Fishawack participating units: 58

Sussex participating units: 44

We will have more numbers for you on the next edition.

### Popcorn:

There is still time to have your unit prepared and trained. Click for location details:

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

### July trainings

7/5 6:30 - 8pm Montville

7/12 7 - 8:30pm Clark

7/17 11-12:30pm Cedar Knolls

7/18 7 - 8:30pm Basking Ridge

7/25 7 - 8:30pm Cedar Knolls

7/28 10 - 11:30am Cedar Knolls

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.)

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**Additional Upcoming Important Dates:**

***The Sussex roundtable will resume on September 6, 7:30 PM, at Wallkill Valley Regional HS in Hamburg.***

*For additional upcoming council or district activities, please visit the district website, <https://ppcbsa.org/districts/sussex-district/>*

**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)

**\*\*\*Due to time sensitive information in this newsletter, it was sent out asap. My apology if any errors may exist in its content. Marc Maratea \*\*\*\*\***