



Sussex District Bi-Weekly Newsletter-Week of July 30, 2018

Family Scouting Adventure Joining Events –Come for an evening of BB and archery on August 1 at Camp Wheeler or August 2 at Watchung Day Camp for families not yet in Cub Scouts. Current Cub Scouts can come for \$5 or for free if they bring a friend not yet in Cub Scouts. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-FSJ>

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 is open at 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 is open at www.ppcbsa.org on the Sussex and Fishawack calendars. (If using the Sussex calendar, you will be redirected to the Fishawack page.)

Popcorn August 11 Show and Sell pick up location:

Ultraflexx

1578 Sussex Turnpike Bldg.

Randolph, NJ 07869

Units will be informed of their scheduled pick up time

BALOO Training for Cub Scout Leaders:

New dates have just been added. See training details below. All packs must have a BALOO trained leader on all campouts, including district family camporees.

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.

Adventure Cards

Adventure card sales should be entering the final push to earn cash for camp. It will soon be time to return your receipts on August 10th.

The Adventure Card sells for \$10.00 and the unit keeps \$5.00 to be used for Scout earnings accounts or for the general fund raising for the unit. The cards carry popular coupons for major chain stores. The



real value this year is the mobile application which offers thousands of coupons nationwide. For more info contact Mike Loughman at Michael.loughman@scouting.org.

Membership

Membership Road Shows – 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). Road shows 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 to direct families to packs that will accept them. The form must be signed by your chartered organization executive officer, chartered organization representative, Cubmaster and committee chair. If you have questions about adding all-girl dens, contact Black River Family Scouting Chair Matt Sipple, mattsipple@gmail.com, or Membership Executive Al Thomas, 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 chartered 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.*

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Have Some Down Time This Summer? Help Families Find You – Cubmasters, committee chairs or charter organization representatives can take a few minutes to update your BeAScout pin. Families will be going to BeAScout.org to find the pack that is best for them. Please make sure your pin is active, that the correct leaders are selected to get notices, and that the pin indicates whether you are a boy pack or have dens for girls and boys. Step by step instructions can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/BeAScout_UnitPin_Management.pdf.

Is Your Post Recruiting for Exploring at Your Local National Night Out?

You may not be thinking about recruitment, but there's a great opportunity if your community is hosting a national night out this summer on Tuesday, August 7th.



Sponsor a table, host an activity, spread the word with the community about why Exploring is such a cool program!

For free Exploring resources and recruitment materials, reach out to our membership executives, Al Thomas, al.thomas@scouting.org, 973-919-0389 or Javier Juarez at 973-765-9322 x257, javier.juarez@scouting.org.

WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

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



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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-SMSpecifics>

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

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster position specific trainings will also be held at PPC Summer Camps:
Winnebago Scout Reservation: Flintlock Building across from main parking lot.

Wednesday, August 1.

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation-Camp Somers Dining Hall

Thursday, August 2.

Time: Check in at 8:50 am. Course from 9am -12:00 pm, then 2:00pm-4:00pm. (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

(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://ppcbbsa.org/committees/training/>

Important, useful online trainings are also available via 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 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.

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

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

George Hemenetz, NYLT Course Director, 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, at 6:00pm, 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://ppcbsa.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. There is a separate registration for the BBQ. Registration to open soon on the council website, ppcbsa.org. Click on committees/Venturing-Exploring. Advisors are encouraged to participate. 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:

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

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

8/9 6:00 – 7:30 pm Chatham

8/13 7:00 – 8:30 pm Somerville

8/14 7:00 – 8:30 pm Sparta

8/16 10:00 – 11:30 am Cedar Knolls

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.)

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Randolph, NJ 07869



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Additional Upcoming Important Dates:

The Sussex roundtable will resume on September 6, at 7:30pm, 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