



Sussex District Bi-Weekly Newsletter-Week of June 18, 2018

Silver Beaver Nominations Due June 30!

It is never too early to submit your nominations.

June 30th is the deadline for nominations for the Silver Beaver Award. Please take the effort to nominate a most worthy volunteer.

Please note that anyone who has been nominated in the past and did not receive the award must be re-submitted.

The Silver Beaver Award is for distinguished and outstanding service to the youth of the Patriots' Path Council. It is the highest award the Patriots' Path Council presents.

CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION FORM: Silver Beaver Award Nomination

Forms ([PDF](#)) or ([Word](#))

Membership

Membership Roadshows – The Sussex Membership Road Show on June 13th equipped our packs for success in fall recruitment. Many thanks to Sussex Membership Chair Mary Comerford and Sussex Family Scouting Chair Bob Brady. If you were not able to attend, there are more road shows around the council during the summer (June 20 in Cranford, June 26 in Cedar Knolls, August 18 in Somerset, 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 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 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.

June 30th Application Incentive - If you have youth applications to hand in, those youth will receive free admission to one of our four Family Scouting Adventure Nights. Applications must be submitted to council by June 30. Please see the attachments.



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

(973) 765-9322X223

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

This course is for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, junior assistant Scoutmasters, Webelos den leaders & assistants, Arrow of Light den leaders & assistants, and committee members. This course is required to be a position trained Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmaster. It is recommended for den leaders to enhance the outdoor program for their dens.

Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A & B are required for this course!

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf



Courses will take place every Wednesday during summer camp at Winnebago Scout Reservation, Rockaway, NJ, and every Thursday during summer camp at Camp Somers, MASR, Stanhope, NJ. To register and for more details go to www.ppcbsa.org. Go to “Programs”, and click on “Training”, then register for your date of choice.

Venturing Leader Trainings:
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”

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:

July 1-July 7, 2018

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

Guide to Safe Scouting Updates

Important information was just released on the updated requirements on Safe Scouting and Youth Protection.

Adult Supervision: Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive

Link to access updated Guide to Safe Scouting:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>



If you have any questions on this update, contact Marc Maratea, unit service executive, (973) 765-9322X240, or marc.maratea@scouting.org

Update on Youth Protection Training

In Scouting, our first obligation is to provide a safe environment where we can foster character and leadership in our youth.

As an organization, we are committed to continuous improvement. This includes our approach to youth protection. As our understanding of these threats has evolved, so has our approach to keeping youth safe. We continue to rely on leading experts and the latest research to help us better understand threats facing young people and to design barriers to abuse.

The next generation of the Boy Scouts of America’s (BSA) Youth Protection program begins today. Our updated Youth Protection training draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and child maltreatment, as well as survivors, to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical abuse, as well as child sexual abuse.

The new training is available now on My.Scouting (<https://my.scouting.org>). The training includes three modules and a content review/ test, so please allow at least 60 minutes to complete the course. The BSA also recommends that you use Google Chrome and not Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge. Training is a critical part of our strategy, but it’s only one part. Along with the fully updated and revised Youth Protection training, the BSA is also implementing a comprehensive communications strategy that will provide ongoing information, training and resources across every aspect of Scouting.

By October 1, 2018, ALL BSA registered individuals eighteen years of age and older will be required to complete the updated Youth Protection Training.

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://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 on Saturday, September 15. Location and time to be confirmed soon. 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.

Popcorn Unit Kernel Trainings:

Tuesday, August 14 at 7pm

Sparta Presbyterian Church

Contact Maria Yosco for additional information and details.

maria.yosco@scouting.org - 973-986-0178

Adventure Card Update:

Just a reminder to sign up for the 2018 Adventure Card. 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.

Additional Upcoming Important District and Council Dates:

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



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