REMINDER! Don’t miss out on this year’s Program Launch - Open to All Leaders & Committee Members Monday, June 11th 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Camp Bullowa

Get Ideas for your Unit
Outside Vendors with Program Ideas
Visit all of the District Committees
All Den Leaders, ASMs, Cubmasters, SMs, Committee are encouraged to come!
Raffles! Raffles! Raffles!

Don’t Miss...
6/11/18 – Rockland District Program Launch
6/15-17 – OA Ordeal Weekend
6/20/18 – Popcorn Kickoff
6/30/18 – SUEZ Fishing Derby
7/9/18 – Bullowa Summer Camp Begins
7/30/18- 8/4/18 – NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) 2018, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
8/18/18 – Woodbadge 1st Weekend
9/7-9/18 – OA Fall Ordeal
9/15-17 – Woodbadge 2nd Weekend
11/3/18 - UOS
3/16/19 – Merit Badge College

Volunteer Opportunities...
Looking to give an hour a week? We have 3 District Committees that are looking for your support;
• Finance – Friends of Scouting & Popcorn; is looking for volunteers to be hands-on in sharing the Friends of Scouting Program and/or to assist with popcorn collection and sorting for the units.
• Membership – Looking for volunteers to assist/be available and share the opportunity of scouting at membership table opportunities; street fairs, school fairs, county opportunities.
• Rockland Activities Committee – is looking for volunteers that want to be a part of the scouting events, you don’t have to be at event, but we’re looking for new faces to be a part of the Cub and Boy Scout event days.

Don’t forget to register for Camp Bullowa Summer Camp! Camp begins on July 9th!
Never heard of Fortnite? Your Scouts or Venturers can get you up to speed on the biggest video game phenomenon in years. The Battle Royale game for computers, consoles and iOS devices pits 100 players against each other to be the last player standing on an ever-shrinking map. There are forts to build, treasure boxes to open and storms to escape. It’s free to play, wildly addictive and lots of fun.

The game, while ultimately based around combat, imparts lessons in critical thinking, teamwork and wilderness survival — all lessons learned in Scouting.

With that in mind, I thought I’d come up with the Top 5 merit badges that would help you win that sweet Victory Royale.

But first, an obligatory “dadclaimer” (that’s a disclaimer written by a dad):

**Fortnite: Battle Royale is rated “T” for “Teen” and contains cartoonish violence. Fortnite, like all videogames, should be used in moderation. Time spent crossing the streams or climbing the mountains in Fortnite is not an adequate substitute for time spent crossing real streams or climbing actual mountains. Parental discretion is advised.**

### Weather
The Fortnite map is large, meaning a player conceivably could run around for the whole game without encountering anyone else.

That is, if not for the Storm. The storm harms anyone unlucky enough to be caught in its purplish path.

Every few minutes, the eye of the storm — the safe area — shrinks, forcing the players ever closer. Games usually end with three or four players confined to an area about the size of two football fields.

Reading the storm is essential to survival in Fortnite. The same is true in Scouting, as any Scout who earns the **Weather merit badge** will come to learn.

### Wilderness Survival
Let’s browse the requirements for this, my favorite merit badge from back when I was a Scout …

“Improvise a natural shelter.” Yes.

“Protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears and other animals of the local region.” If people count as “other animals,” then sure.

“Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost.” Oh, I absolutely have felt panic while playing this game.

Yeah, the **Wilderness Survival merit badge** is basically a perfect fit for Fortnite. The game even has Cozy Campfire that gives you health by standing near it. Pretty much the same as a real campfire, as long as you don’t get too close.

### First Aid
Fortniter, heal thyself. When you’re hurt in Fortnite, you simply find some bandages or a med kit and restore your health bar.

In the video game world, it’s really that simple. In real life, though, things get a little more complicated. Is the injury a sprain or a strain? A bruise or a broken bone? Scouts who earn the **Eagle-required First Aid merit badge** learn how to recognize and treat these injuries and many more.

### Pioneering
The good Fortnite players (a group of which I’m not a member) say the game really comes down to who’s the best builder.

Players collect wood, brick and metal during the game and use those materials to build ramps, walls and towers. If you can build a structure that’s taller and sturdier and more complex than your opponent, you’re at an advantage.

And if you’ve got experience building things out of wood for the **Pioneering merit badge**, you’re at an even bigger advantage.

One reminder, though: “All pioneering projects constructed for this merit badge must comply with height standards as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting.”

So those seven-story-high wooden ramps are best left in the virtual world.

### Orienteering
Another thing you need to know about Fortnite is that it’s more fun when you play with friends.

There are three main modes: solo, duo and squad (teams of four). In duos and squads, players use their voice headsets to communicate with each other.

That makes two skills essential: a knowledge of basic compass directions and the ability to read a map.

For example: When your teammate says “meet me at the house at 45º,” he or she wants you to head northeast.

Good thing you’ve earned the **Orienteering merit badge**. You’ll be the best teammate ever.
Summertime Activities for Cubs

During the summer months while school is out, packs may not hold regular meetings but can remain active through summertime activities. Summertime activities are open to all returning and new Cub Scouts who have registered with the pack, including rising Tiger Scouts who will formally begin their Cub Scout experience in the fall. A Pack typically selects a wide range of summertime activities, many of which qualify Cub Scouts to complete requirements for various adventure loops or pins. In addition, each Cub Scout who participates in at least three summertime activities will earn the National Summertime Award pin.

A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award by planning and conducting three pack activities - one each in June, July, and August. This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. Individual scouts that participate in all three pack events can receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin. Starting in 2008, there is a different color pin for each Cub Scout rank so earning the pin each year has more incentive. National summertime pack award. Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag.

Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon.

The purpose of the National Summertime Pack Award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during the time periods when school is out of session for several weeks or months. If a pack is in a ‘year-round school’ (or is part of a home-school association), the pack could earn the Summertime Pack Award by having a special pack activity during those breaks.

A scout that earns the Summertime Pack Award pin should display it pinned on the right pocket flap. Multiple pins may be displayed from each year it is earned. If the scout has also earned the Outdoor Activity Award, it should be sewn on the right pocket flap and then the summertime pin pinned through the patch.

According to national BSA employees, since the goal of the Summertime award is to have Packs continue the program through the summer, the summertime award scouts receive should match their current rank rather than the rank they are working towards.

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

Bannock Recipe
This Recipe is meant for Boy Scouts.
Ingredients:
4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons oil
1 1/2 cup water
Optional: brown sugar, cinnamon, raisins, honey, ...

Instructions: Mix ingredients and add water until you have a doughy consistency - don’t just dump all the water in. Knead approximately 10 minutes. Add sugar, honey, or raisins if you want it sweeter. Grease and heat a frying pan. Form and press the dough into cakes. Lay the bannock in the frying pan. As the bannock cooks, move the cakes around so they don’t stick. When the bottom crust has formed and is browned, flip the cakes over. Cooking takes about 12 minutes. Sprinkle with honey or brown sugar and eat.

You can mix all the dry ingredients into one bag at home. Instead of cooking in a frypan, you form a footlong roll of dough about an inch in diameter and wrap it around a stick. Cook this over an open fire. Makes 12-16 bannock cakes.

Train Wreck Recipe
This Recipe is meant for Boy Scouts.
Required: Spatula, Skillet, Pot
Preparation: 2 Burners

Ingredients:
1 lb. Package Bacon
1 lb. Package Sausage Links
1 32oz. Bag Cubed Hash Browns
12 Eggs
Syrup

Instructions: Cut bacon and sausage into 1-inch pieces. Stir and cook bacon and sausage in hot skillet until thoroughly cooked, for at least 5 minutes. Put bacon and sausage in the pot and cover with lid to keep warm. In skillet, cook hash browns until they are crisp on the outside. Add bacon and sausage and stir. Mix eggs into hash browns. Stir until eggs scramble in with hash browns and are cooked firm. Add syrup as desired. Serves 6-8 scouts.
Northern New Mexico’s Philmont Scout Ranch, which has drawn generations of Boy Scouts who arduously train for its rugged trails and peaks, has canceled five weeks of backcountry treks because of a large wildfire.

By Jamiel Lynch and Phil Gast CNN

(CNN) -- Northern New Mexico’s Philmont Scout Ranch, which has drawn generations of Boy Scouts who arduously train for its rugged trails and peaks, has canceled five weeks of backcountry treks because of a large wildfire.

Officials on Monday afternoon announced the “difficult decision” to cancel treks that were scheduled for June 8 (Friday) through July 14.

It was not immediately clear how many scouts and leaders will be affected.

“The safety of our youth participants, volunteers and staff is a priority for everybody at Philmont Scout Ranch and the Boy Scouts of America,” the ranch said on its website. “While efforts continue to extinguish the fire currently burning in the backcountry, the anticipated damage and inability to access the affected areas makes it currently impossible to host backcountry programs.”

“Until the fire is extinguished, the areas are inspected and the damage assessed, it is impossible to definitively state when those programs will resume,” the statement said.

No residences have been lost to the Ute Park Fire, but 14 Philmont outbuildings burned late last week. Staff preparing for the treks were evacuated Friday.

The 36,000-acre wildfire was 23% contained by late Monday. While conditions were more favorable for the 500 men and women tackling the blaze, critical fire weather and smoky conditions are expected in coming days, officials said.

Philmont officials said they were notifying crews. They hope the backpacking treks resume after July 14 “with altered itineraries, assuming the backcountry is safe and infrastructure is restored.” It was not clear if or when treks will be rescheduled.

Comments on the ranch’s Facebook page expressed disappointment, but lauded the move to put safety first.

“I really feel bad for the scouts that are going to miss their treks, because I remember how much hard work goes into going on a trek and how excited I was each time I got to go there,” one commenter wrote. “I have no doubt that they will do everything they can to reschedule the treks for the crews that are being canceled.”

CNN reached out to Philmont for more details but received no response by late Monday. The Boy Scouts echoed the Philmont statement.

In addition to its natural beauty, the ranch offers various programs -- such as fishing, black-powder rifle shooting and rock climbs -- across 140,000 acres in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. The first scouts came in the summer of 1942.

Generally, treks last for seven days or 12. Successfully completing the hike and doing three hours of conservation work make participants eligible for a prized patch in the shape of an arrowhead.

Programs scheduled at the Philmont Training Center are canceled through June 23. A family event for the next day is still on schedule. A leadership program a few miles south of the base camp is not affected.

“We will continue to work with local, state and federal authorities to continuously evaluate the fire and air quality to ensure that we can safely deliver (an) outstanding program,” Philmont said.
Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends not only on having new members join the unit, but also on engaging youth and their families in the unit experiences so that they feel welcomed and want to stay.

The role of the New Member Coordinator is to ensure that both keys to success take place. Every Unit should have one! The New Member Coordinator (NMC) position has been designed to:

• Be a FUN and engaging position.
• Form relationships with new members and their families.
• Use a team approach by encouraging more than one NMC in a unit, allowing them to tailor their work to individual interests/expertise, as well as to recognize the particular needs of the unit.
• Fit every type of unit, every age level and every program.
• Be recruited and supported by key unit leadership.
• Be provided with training both online and face to face.
• Be mentored by the District Membership Chair and become part of the District Membership team.
• Be visible and easily identifiable at unit gatherings by their Welcoming smiles and their BSA “Welcome” logo that they display and wear on an activity shirt, on a hat or vest or in some cases, a pin on a field uniform.

The benefits of having a New Member Coordinator can be substantial!

Has your unit done a Friends of Scouting Campaign? Your investment in Hudson Valley Council Friends of Scouting helps to fund:

• Programs and activities throughout the Hudson Valley Council area
• Camp scholarships for youth who could otherwise not participate
• The Scout Service Center, which coordinates Scouting activities and provides customer support
• Accident and liability insurance to protect youth and adult members
• Professional staff who counsel, guide and inspire volunteer leadership
• Camps for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
• Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
• Advancement programs that recognize Scouts learning and achievement of goals
• Development and distribution of literature and training materials
• Leadership training for today’s youth, tomorrow’s community leaders

And much more! We can have a FOS guide come to your unit to present, and whatever is collected is much appreciated. There is no minimum to donate.
PACK 29

On May 18 we had our Blue and Gold dinner. Our Committee Chairman AJ Servidio is also a Culinary School Graduate and owns AJs Catering and Take Out. Needless to say the food was awesome. We had 3 boys achieve Lion. Joseph Punnoose, Michael Montiel and James Ledson. We had 4 boys achieve Tiger. Joseph Verrino, Timothy Carron, Shane Calandrella and Diego Palacios. We had 9 boys achieve Bear. Ryder Strayton, Silas Edla, Daniel Punnoose, Patrick Cooney, Enzo Servidio, Matthew Montiel, Kieran Ucker, Thomas Calabrese, Zachary Martinez. Three boys earned their Arrow of Light. Sawyer Kurisko, Cy Ameri and Jake Bodkin. The highlight of the evening was graduating 4 boys into Boy Scouts. Sawyer Kurisko, Cy Ameri, Jake Bodkin and John Willson. Congratulations to all the scouts for their hard work. Also a big thank you to all of the parents and our awesome leaders.

BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 33

Troop 33 is excited to welcome 6 new scouts to our crew. We look forward to many exciting adventures ahead! Our scouts demonstrated their patriotic spirit, respect, and American pride at a Memorial Day service held at the Nanuet Veterans monument; sponsored by the American Legion Naurashan Post 794, Jewish War Veterans, and the Nanuet Fire Department. A big thank you to Councilman Don Franchino, for posing for a picture with our Scouts. A tasty lunch was had by many after the service at the amazing new Nanuet Firehouse. God bless all of those who have served and continue to serve, to protect us and our freedom. A BIG thank you to our leaders for all that they do to help us continue to build the future of America... one Eagle at a time!
BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 79

Troop 79 kicked off May with cabin camping for two nights at Camp Bulowa (rah rah). The boys worked together hiking and hauling all gear up the hill to the Mohican cabin. It was an activity and fun-filled weekend. The Scouts kept the rifle range busy with both BB’s and 22s. At Lake Boyce the fish were biting! Many catches, all tossed back. The boys worked together on all their meals - from planning to prep to cooking & cleaning. Our new scouts completed their totem chip and fire chit. Sunday after breakfast the skies opened-up and the take-down was done in the rain! A few leaders and Scouts then continued on to the camp-o-ree/pushmobile race in Pearl River. They prepared & staffed the food booth and yes they were non-stop busy! Memorial day weekend the boys headed to Pensilvania for a full day of white-wafer rafting down the Lehigh on perfect summer-like day. The water level on the river was quite high due to all the recent rain which made for a fast ride down the nine mile section with minimal rock obstacles. Of course there were classic water fights between rafts with not just water guns but the 5 gallon bailing buckets as well! All making for another great day of fun and adventure for Troop 79! We closed out the holiday weekend proudly marching down Main Street in the annual New City Parade honoring our veterans. Additionally, the Scouts held an outdoor meeting at Camp Bulowa to practice their volleyball skills in a lead-up to the summer camp Troop tournament. They held a Q&A for our new SPL candidate. New scouts got to finish up their cyber chips. Last, the boys did a good-turn and helped out at the American Legion, weeding and planting for Spring. The international themed district camporee and raft race was cut short due to weather but the Scouts had a great Friday and Saturday regardless! Although mother-nature didn’t always cooperate it couldn’t dampen the Scouts spirits this month ....It is with great pleasure we announce (3) Scouts earning the rank of EAGLE! CONGRATULATIONS Richie Bialik, Josh Feldberg and Ian Sudol! We look forward to attending your upcoming summer court of honors!

VENTURE SCOUTS

CREW 97

On May 4-6 Crew 97 attended the Northeast Region Area 2 Venturing Camporee, at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp in Suffolk County New York. It was a fantastic opportunity for my fellow scouts and I to meet other Venturers throughout the region. It was great to view a sea of green shirts as the Venturers participated in archery, rifle, swimming, canoeing, climbing wall, silk screening t-shirts, and branding. Later in the day, we walked down to Long Island Sound to view a beautiful sunset. We then took part in an awesome campfire where each skit and song was better than the next. There was not a dull moment over the entire weekend. Crew 97 is looking forward to next year when we can go to this great event again!
Are you ready?

Let's GO!

Summer Camps 2018

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Please contact Donna Helt at (845) 566-7300 x 307 or donna.helt@scouting.org

Check website for updates.
www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Hudson Valley Council
## 2018 Summer Camp Fees

### Camp Bullowa Cub Scout Day Camp
- **Week 1, Day Camp:** July 9-July 13
- **Week 2, Day Camp:** July 16-July 20
- **Week 3, Day Camp:** July 23-July 27
- **Week 4, Day Camp:** July 30-August 3
- **Week 5, Day Camp:** August 6-August 10

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### Camp Nootemeing Cub Scout Day Camp
- **Week 1, Day Camp:** July 9-July 13
- **Week 2, Day Camp:** July 16-July 20
- **Week 3, Day Camp:** July 23-July 27
- **Week 4, Twilight Camp:** July 30-August 1 (3 evenings)

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### Traveling Cub Scout Day Camps
- **New Windsor Day Camp:** July 9-July 13
- **Chester Day Camp:** July 16-July 20
- **Greenville Day Camp:** July 23-July 27

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### Boy Scout Adventure Camps
- Same weeks as Cub Scout Day Camps at Nootemeing and Bullowa

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### Cub Scouts/Webelos Overnight Fees
- Each Scout must have an accompanying adult
- Cub Scout/Webelos Overnight Camp: $25 per Scout + $25 per Adult Partner = $50

### Siblings, Boys and Girls can Attend Cub Scout Day Camps!
- Boys/Girls ages 7-10 can attend.
- Boys/Girls age 6 can attend with Adult Partner.
- Boys/Girls NOT registered with BSA can attend but must pay a one-time fee of $25.

### Expanded Hours
- Camp activities run 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Drop your Son/ Daughter off as early as 7:30 am and pick-up as late as 5:00 pm for $75 extra per week!
- Busing available for Camp Bullowa ONLY: $75 extra per week!

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What is WOOD BADGE?

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting’s adult leaders. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

Wood Badge teaches participants the basics of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving and managing conflict. Once the skill is learned, each member is given the opportunity to use the skill as a member of a successful working team.

Wood Badge is more than just mechanical course work. Wood Badge is the embodiment of the Scouting Spirit.

The Wood Badge course is limited to the first 48 paid-in-full participants. Sign up early and pay in full to guarantee your spot!

**Weekend 1**

Camp Nooteeming
Salt Point, NY
August 18-20, 2018 (Sat-Mon)

**Weekend 2**

Camp Bullowa
Stony Point, NY
September 15-17, 2018 (Sat-Mon)

Each weekend begins early on Saturday and ends late afternoon on Monday.

**Fees**

The course fee includes all food, camping, program materials, and insurance. The cost will be approximately $300. Scholarships are available. Please contact the course director for information. Registration will be posted on the council website early in 2018.

**Contact**

Jessica Brighton
Course Director
V: 914-443-3845
jbole12@gmail.com
Qualifications

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. (Youth 18 and older may attend if the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.)

- Have completed the basic training courses for your scouting position.

- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record forms A, B & C (available at www.scouting.org), prior to the start of the course.

The Wood Badge Ticket

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in your units, districts, and the council. The Wood Badge “ticket” represents your commitment to complete a set of five personal goals related to your Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. In addition, the ticket gives you the opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership and team building skills presented during the course. You must complete your Wood Badge ticket no later than 18 months after the practical phase of the course (3/23/20).

Recognition

Upon completion of the Wood Badge ticket, you will be presented your Wood Badge beads, neckerchief, woggle and certificate at an appropriate public ceremony.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return,

Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America’s youth.

How Is Wood Badge Presented?

Wood Badge consists of two phases. The first is the practical phase. This consists of 2 three-day weekends at camp plus two patrol meetings between the weekends.

The second, or application phase, occurs after the weekends and consists of “working your ticket”.

What is in it for you?

The 2014, article in Scouting magazine describes Wood Badge this way:

“Volunteers expect fun and fellowship at a Wood Badge Course but much more awaits...Is Wood Badge a stress-free vacation? No.

But for a vacation that tests your limits, gives meaning to your time spent in Scouting and makes your job as a leader easier, just say yes to Scouting’s pre-eminent training course for adults.

Your six-day all-inclusive Wood Badge experience comes with decades of scouting knowledge, a skilled and helpful staff and a guided tour though the entire scouting program from Tiger Cubs to Venturing.

Wood Badge is expertly designed to stress you out, tie you in knots and take you on the same emotional roller coaster we put our scouts on as they advance in the program...

You might not leave Wood Badge feeling relaxed, but you are guaranteed to be recharged and ready to tackle any problem your Scouts throw your way. And it just might be the most fun you have as a scout leader!”

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