At a special Eagles on the Hill gathering in Washington, D.C., more than 100 people — most of them Eagle Scouts — gathered to celebrate Scouting. Among those who assembled in the stately Committee on Ways and Means Hearing Room on Wednesday were Eagle Scout congressmen, Eagle Scout congressional staffers, Eagle Scout students and Eagle Scout business leaders. The event was hosted by the National Eagle Scout Association and NESA-DC, the National Capital Area Council’s NESA chapter.

Eagles on the Hill serves as a vivid reminder that Scouting has real power on Capitol Hill. Even when Eagle Scouts in Washington differ on political issues, they’re united in the belief that Scouting continues to instill essential character values and leadership skills.

Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, Eagle Scout
1. “As we were engaged in Scouting, we were growing as young people and trying to make this country better.”

Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming, Eagle Scout
2. “When I was in Scouts, I remember working on Citizenship in the Nation merit badge, and I thought, ‘When am I going to use this?’ Now I use it every day.”
3. “Earning Eagle keeps getting harder and harder and harder.”

Rep. Chris Collins of New York, Eagle Scout
4. “Go to work, do your best, Be Prepared, and you will sleep well at night.”
5. “[Welcoming girls into Scouting] was the right thing to do, and I commend the Scout board. … Mike [Surbaugh], you showed leadership in that.”

Mike Surbaugh, BSA Chief Scout Executive, Eagle Scout
6. “Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters created this experience that transformed these young lives into what we see today.”

Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
7. “There is no replacement for hard work. There isn’t an Eagle Scout out there who didn’t work hard.”
8. “Be conservation-minded. Recognize the need for conservation. And do some thing about it. The Boy Scouts have been the leader in conservation since the very beginning.”
9. “Thank you, Scouts. Thank you leaders of Scouts for what you do. Because our great nation is in your hands.”
Updated YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING Now Available

Update Your Training by October 1, 2018

Take the Training/Watch the Video

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth.

These changes include:

Updated Youth Protection Training, including insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse. This is the designated Youth Protection Training for all adults. All volunteers must take the new training by October 1, 2018, no matter when they took the previous training.

An expanded ScoutsFirst Helpline to aid volunteers and families in addressing potentially dangerous situations.

Unlimited counseling and support for healing to anyone who has ever been abused in Scouting.

Youth Protection Training for youth members available in 2019.

In addition to updated training, we recently announced new policies to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements, including:

As of January 1, 2018, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training.

As of January 1, 2018, no council, regional, or national leader will be allowed to renew their registration if they are not current on their Youth Protection Training.

As of September 1, 2017, no unit may re-charter without all leaders being current on their Youth Protection Training. Registrars no longer have the ability to approve charters without full compliance.

Effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

With these changes, and many more outlined in the documents listed below, as well as the overview video, we will continue to build a safe environment for our youth.

As an advocate and champion for youth protection in Scouting movement, I encourage you to watch the video, become familiar with the resource documents, take the training and spread the word.

We realize the Oct 1 training deadline will be a challenge for some – but the safety of our children is too important to delay.

Thank you for your work in sharing the message of safety in Scouting. You make difference every day, in ways you may never know. Truly, Youth Protection Begins with You.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson
Director, Youth Protection

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Rockland District Annual Awards Dinner

Now is the time to honor our Scouting Leaders who have unselfishly given their time and effort to our sons/daughters by attending the Rockland District Dinner.

Seating will be 10 people per table. We encourage every unit to reserve one or more tables, which will enable you to receive a discount from the single registration price. All units should consider covering the cost of any recipient they nominated.

Date: April 29, 2018
Location: Casa Mia Manor House, Rt. 303, Blauvelt, NY

Be sure to order your tickets in advance!
A full table of 10 — $370.00 until Apr 16
Normal registration until Apr 16 is $40.00
Late registration Apr 17-25 is $45.00
(No Registrations accepted after Apr 25 or at the door)

Any questions, please contact Dinner Chair George Ferguson (e-mail: gnf1@mail.com cell: 201-259-3759)

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Rockland District Represented at Suffern STEM Fair and YouthFest

We were excited to promote Scouting — and the new Family Scouting program at the Suffern STEM Fair on 3/3 and YouthFest on 3/11.
Community STEM Fair on April 21, 2018 Hosted by Boy Scouts

The Rockland District, Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting a Community STEM Fair on Saturday April 21, 2018, 9:00am to 2:00pm at North Rockland High School, 106 Hammond Rd, Thiells, NY 10984.

The event is open to everyone and will be free. The goal is to introduce or reinforce the excitement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to all school age children.

The fair will include a display of science projects, team competitions, presentations, displays, prizes, refreshments and family fun!

Many companies, organizations and colleges will be there to share their expertise.

**How Scouts can participate in the 2018 STEM Fair:**
Your Pack, Troop or Crew can participate as a unit with a STEM related presentation or exhibit (we will provide you with tables, power... for your booth) -

Email troop61@optonline.net if your unit would like a booth and/or need an idea for a presentation.

Individual Scouts can participate by presenting a science project –
• The project can be in the field of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
• The project can be an existing project that you designed and built previously OR brand new project.

**Registration is required. Go to**
www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district

***Dens or Patrols can participate in team challenges –***
Some challenges may require preparation.

**You can volunteer to help at the event –**
Both adults and scouts can volunteer to help at the event. Email troop61@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer.

For more details and to register to participate in presenting or competing, visit: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district

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**RECIPES OF THE MONTH**

**Irish Soda Bread**  Serves 8
Traditionally soda bread was baked over hot coals in a covered skillet, trapping steam from the dough to produce a wonderfully crusty loaf of bread—a setup anyone can re-create in a Dutch oven.

**Prep Time: 5 min  Cook Time: 55 min  Total Time: 1 hr**

**Ingredients**
- 3 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/8 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 1/4 cups buttermilk

**Instructions**
1- Preheat Dutch-oven to hot (450 degrees, using 10 briquettes under and 20 on top.
2- Cover the bottom of a deep 10-inch cast iron Dutch oven with a sheet of parchment paper.
3- Combine flour, salt, and baking soda in a large bowl and whisk.
4- Stir in buttermilk until dough is fully moistened
5- Scrape dough into Dutch oven and smooth with a spatula into a rough boule-like shape.
6- Score deeply into quarters with a sharp knife, cleaning the blade between each slice.
7- Cover and bake until well risen and golden, 55 minutes.

**Dutch Oven Corned Beef & Cabbage**  Serves 8
This is the most famous dish to eat on St. Patrick’s Day and it’s easy to fix in a Dutch oven.

**Prep Time: 15 min  Cook Time: 2 hr 45 min  Total Time: 3 hr**

**Ingredients**
- 3 lbs corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 18 small potatoes peeled
- 8 medium carrots, halved crosswise
- 1 medium head cabbage, cut into 8 wedges

**Instructions**
1- Place brisket, contents of seasoning packet, brown sugar and bay leaves in a large Dutch oven; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 2 hours.
2- Add potatoes and carrots; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, just until beef and vegetables are tender, 30-40 minutes. (If pot is full, remove potatoes and carrots before adding cabbage; reheat before serving.)
3- Add cabbage to pot; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until cabbage is tender, about 15 minutes. Serve while hot.
This past month Troop 21 from Suffern combined learning about history with camping, and took a trip to Boston and hiked The Freedom Trail. The scouts stayed at Camp Sayre, which is the nicest scout camp they have ever stayed at! They began their adventure at Boston Commons. The scouts had 16 questions to answer and 16 stops they had to make as they hiked through the city streets. They stopped at various historical churches, burial grounds and the site of the Boston Massacre. A fun and interesting stop was an active duty battle ship, the USS Constitution. The 294 steps to the Bunker Hill Monument was worth the effort! Afterwards they were able to grab a bite at the Warren Tavern, where George Washington used to eat! A great trip that combined learning about US history as well as being outside and exploring!
UNIT NEWS

Scouts Attend Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknown in Washington, D.C.

Recently Crew 97 ventured into New York City to see a closed rehearsal of Frozen on Broadway. Before the rehearsal, we visited the New Amsterdam Theatre to learn how a Broadway show is created and produced. We also learned a little of the history of Broadway and Disney Theatrical Group. We then walked over to the St. James theatre to actually see Frozen in rehearsal. We met the President of Disney Theatrical Group, Tom Schumacher, as well as the company managers. We also had the opportunity to listen into the show on the stage managers headsets. It was really an amazing trip for all of us.

On February 26, Rockland Scouts Robert Reicher, Chris Meda and Dan Meda had the honor of attending the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown in Washington, D.C. They were invited guests of Debe Free, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion of the State of New Jersey.
First Annual
Merit Badge College
Saturday, March 24, 2018
Minisink Valley HS, Middletown, NY

American Cultures
American Heritage
Chess
Citizenship in the Community*
Citizenship in the Nation*
Citizenship in the World*
Collections
Communication*
Crime Prevention
Dentistry
Digital Technology
Disability Awareness
Electricity
Entrepreneurship
Exploration

Fingerprinting
Fire Safety
First Aid*
Game Design
Indian Lore
Law
Lifesaving*
Movie making
Photography
Public Speaking
Robotics
Scouting Heritage
Signs, Signals & Codes
Swimming
Textiles

Detailed Registration Information Coming Soon!

*Eagle Required Merit Badge

Scheduled Merit Badge Selections as of November 2017  Subject to Change
2nd Annual
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

WHEN
Saturday
April 21, 2018
9:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE
North Rockland High School
106 Hammond Rd, Thiells, NY 10984

Open to everyone
- Lots of activities and displays.
- Must be under 18 years of age to participate in displaying a science project or to compete. Participate as individuals or as groups.

For more details and to register to attend and participate, visit:
www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district

Questions? Email troop61@optonline.com

A Boy Scouts of America, Rockland District Event.
Our Pushmobiles are built using many colors...

...but they are powered only on BLUE and GOLD!

Rockland District

Spring Cub-O-Ree

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2018, 12:00 to 4:00 PM (rain date May 20)

Place: Pfizer Parking Lot, 401 Middletown Road, Pearl River

Pushmobile Derby, Bike Rodeo, Climbing Wall, Food, Fun, and more!

(Registration coming soon)

For more information, please contact Dave Damo (damo2000@optonline.net) or Karen Breslow (alanandkarenbreslow@gmail.com)