



National Capital Area Council e-Newsletter

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Please Pass On to All Your
Scouting Friends



A Chance to Finish Earning those Merit Badges!

Do you have Scouts who nearly completed that Canoeing Merit Badge at Goshen Scout Reservation this summer? Come to Merit Badge Day at Camp William B. Snyder on Saturday, September 16 for an opportunity to finish it up! This Merit Badge Day will feature instruction on 12 different merit badges. Counselors will be on hand working Scouts through Archery, Astronomy, Aviation, Canoeing, Environmental Science, Fire Safety, First Aid, Indian Lore, Lifesaving, Rowing, Soil and Water Conservation and Swimming. Space is very limited, [sign up TODAY](#) to avoid missing out on this monumental opportunity!

There are several other exciting NCAC events remaining this summer, such as the [Trainer Development Conference](#) and [Goshen Labor Day Family Weekend](#). Visit us [online](#) to learn more.

2006 Wood Badge Reunion: A Legacy of Service

The National Capital Area Council is calling on every Wood Badger to attend the inaugural Wood Badge Reunion. Whether you took the first NCAC course in 1954 or have just started writing your ticket, the council wants to see you there! The event will feature fellowship, food, program updates, historical displays and the Wood Badge Trading Post. Dubbed "A Legacy of Service" this reunion will also serve to mobilize the talents of the NCAC's Wood Badge community to give back to Scouting in an organized, collective effort. The Wood Badge Reunion will take place on Sunday, September 17, from noon to 4 P.M. at the fabulous Camp William B. Snyder Dining Hall. Details and Online Registration is available [here](#). Pre-registration is required. The registration fee includes a catered meal and a participation patch. You may also order a new NCAC Wood Badge red fleece jacket when you register!



First Annual 10K Run and FUN RUN

The NCAC will host the council's first ever [10K Run](#) and FUN RUN at Camp William B. Snyder on October 14, 2006. 10K Run participants will circle the grounds of the camp, including the beautiful North Fork Wetlands. During the race a Fun Run will be held for family and friends. All 10K Run participants will receive an official t-shirt; FUN RUN participants will receive a patch. Runners can register online, or download a registration form [here](#). Registration is also required for the Fun Run. To make this great event run smoothly the council will need the assistance of volunteers with such duties as registration and water stations. Those who choose to help out will receive a special limited edition "staff" patch and breakfast. Please contact Dan Carroll for details at dc Carroll@boyscouts-ncac.org or 301-214-9113.

Virginia Scout Shop Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the new Virginia Scout Shop will be on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 9:00 am. Bill Rucker, National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Executive Board member, will serve as the master of ceremonies; Scouts from Troop 991 chartered to the Ravensworth Elementary School PTA will present colors and other ceremonial duties; Sharon Bulova, Vice Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Don McIlvaine, General Manager of Ravensworth Properties LLC, Mitch Filipowicz, Senior Project Manager of HITT Construction and Scoutmaster of Troop 991 will all speak briefly at the ceremony. Scouts from Troop 991 will actually "cut the ribbon!" Come on out and enjoy some refreshments, give aways, and lots of good fellowship. And don't forget to shake hands with Al Santillo the store manager. The NCAC, along with the National Council, BSA, is delighted to be able to provide this Virginia store to be able to better serve the many thousands of Scouts and adult volunteers in our Virginia communities. The Scout Shop is located in the Ravensworth Shopping Center, [5234 Port Royal Road](#), Springfield, just off the I-495 (beltway) at the Braddock Road exit.



100 Years of Scouting

Founded in 1910, we are fast approaching the 100th anniversary year of Scouting. The National Capital Area Scout Shop and brand new Northern Virginia Scout Shop are already stocked with "100 Years of Scouting" merchandise. Hats and patches are available with other exciting items to follow. Don't miss out on these commemorative collectibles.

Growing Native

Growing Native is a year-round volunteer program that engages people of all ages in "getting nuts" and planting trees for clean water. *Growing Native* is looking for help collecting native hardwood seeds to be used to plant streamside forests next year. Seeds that drop from trees in your community may be collected and bagged by type, then delivered to a local drop-off site. Following [proper collection guidelines](#) will help ensure that the seeds you gather grow successfully into trees. Collect individually or with your family, pack or troop. Due to the overwhelming participation of Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs in the past, *Growing Native* is developing a booklet that presents how the program's activities provide opportunities for Cub Scouts to work on their forester pin and Boy

Scouts to work on their forestry and soil and water conservation badges. Beginning in September the *Growing Native: Go Nuts for Scouting* booklet will be available at the Marriott Scout Service Center and through the [Growing Native](#) website.

Visit the new "[Service Requests, Places to Go, and Interesting Questions](#)" Web page on the council website for more exciting unit opportunities.

Final Washington Nationals Scout Day

There is only one Washington Nationals Scout Day left this summer. Come out to RFK Stadium to support your team on Sunday, September 17th and receive the third in a series of Nationals Scout Day patches. Bring your whole pack, den, troop, or crew to and receive a large group discount. All Scout groups will be seated together and the pack bringing the largest group will receive an on-field Spirit Award. These discounted seats are available to all Scouts as well as their family and friends. Please note that tickets must be purchased 48 hours prior to Scout Day to receive the discount and patch. For more information contact Bree Wagner at 202-541-1763 or bree.wagner@nationals.com.



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