

### **TOP CLOUDS: 3.1.21 edition**

An online edition of this Apache District Newsletter can also be found @ <http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals>

### **Apache Roundtable for Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - On schedule.**

Agenda is posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-roundtables>

Brady Drummond-Ryan, bradydryan@gmail.com

Apache Roundtable Commissioner

### **On Schedule - Eagle Project Proposal Reviews, Thursday, March 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**In-person** and virtual reviews of Eagle Project Proposals are available.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

Scouts should follow instructions for scheduling posted at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>, then Project Review Information,

### **2021 Camp Card Sale**

The 2021 Camp Card Sale launched on January 30. Camp Cards, sales envelopes, tracking sheets are available at the Scout Shop.

Please contact Brian Sweeney, Hornets Nest District Director and 2021 Camp Card Adviser, for details.

#### **Key Dates**

March 12 Redistribution day; 50/50 day. Each unit must turn in cards or money if the unit has not sold more than 50%. Cards will be redistributed to units that have sold ALL of their original allotment and want additional cards to sell.

April 9 SALE ENDS! Unit account settlements begin. All cards and money must be turned in! Units turn in Leaders' Tracking Form. For every 20 cards that a Scout Sells, the Scout is entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. One Scout will win.

April 16 Last day to receive 50% commission.

April 17 Commission reduces to 40%.

April 18 Units may settle their accounts at the Council Service Center on or before this date.

April 19 Grand Prize Drawing

April 23 Commission reduces to 25%.

April 30 Commission reduces to 15%.

May 7 No commission.

The Grand Prize Drawing winner will receive a youth annual pass to the US National Whitewater Center (USNWC), valued at \$189.

### **Cub Pack Support Task Force**

We are starting up a new Cub Pack Support Task Force in the Apache Commissioner Corps and need YOUR help. Many of you are familiar with the unit commissioner role which partners a specific commissioner with a specific unit. We're expanding on that model to create a team of experts to assist Cub Packs across the district that have a targeted need.

We are seeking two levels of support for this. First are seasoned leaders who can commit to monthly meetings designed to review packs who are in need of this targeted help and formulate plans to assist. Second, a network of leaders within the district who are subject matter experts on specific areas such as recruitment, programming, camping, or fundraising. These folks would be available as "on-call" support when needs are identified in their areas of expertise.

If you can help out with this, or if you know someone who can, please contact Chris McLean at [chris.m.1995@live.com](mailto:chris.m.1995@live.com) and Jason Bennett at [jrb287@hotmail.com](mailto:jrb287@hotmail.com).

## Recruiting Ideas for Your Unit

Recruiting is tough right now with no access to traditional CMS schools, many charter organizations with closed buildings, and families justifiably skeptical of in-person meetings. The following ideas are for your Unit to leverage now (and in the future!):

[Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) – promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Facebook – if you don't have a Unit page, that's fine, many HOA's or neighborhoods have a page where you can promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Charter Org News – ask your Charter Org to promote what your Scouts are doing in their news or bulletins. Have them share on their Social Media channels.

Local School Principal & PTA – do you know the Principal and/ or PTA where most of your Scouts come from? Now is the time to build and foster those relationships. Clean up around the school, take pictures and have them post on their Social Media channels.

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at [andy.waligowski@gmail.com](mailto:andy.waligowski@gmail.com)

Bryan on Scouting Blog, January 21, 2021

“Before you meet, make sure you screen for COVID-19”

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/01/21/before-you-meet-make-sure-you-screen-for-covid-19/>

This article includes 2021 updates and links about COVID risk management.

## Cub Scout Meetings – Where Do We Go?

If your Charter Org is closed, you can still meet outside. Now is a great time to keep the outing in Scouting. Meet at public parks – Town or County parks are open. If you can't have traditional Den Meetings, meet as a Pack and let the Scouts learn Scout skills – some may be advanced or repeats, but get them outside and have them bring a friend!!

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at [andy.waligowski@gmail.com](mailto:andy.waligowski@gmail.com)

## Cub Scout leaders

These resources may be helpful to planning Cub programs:

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29281/Lion-Leader-Parent-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29282/Tiger-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29283/Wolf-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29285/Webelos-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/10/05/den-leader-guides-cub-scout-leader-book-available-in-print-and-digital-formats/>

These Cub Scout Adventures video resources can help your next den meeting:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/08/25/these-cub-scout-adventures-video-resources-can-help-your-next-den-meeting/>

## Merit Badge Information

Current merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Optional merit badge workbooks: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

## Scheduled Merit Badge Courses

**Merit Badge Saturdays at Belk Scout Camp – On-line registration and payment are open for Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Nature Merit Badge courses.**

Links to Merit Badge Guide, information, on-line registration, and payment are live at <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/merit-badge-saturdays-2021/2778528>

**NEW – Spring Camp on Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10-11, 2021, at Camp Grimes** Mecklenburg County Council invites Scouts and troops to participate in Spring Camp 2021, a summer-camp dress rehearsal with 18 merit badge courses offered. Summer Camp kitchen staff will provide food for Friday night Cracker Barrel, Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper, and Sunday breakfast. Links to a Spring Camp Guide with schedule, merit badge options, pre-event merit badge homework, on-line registration, and payment are open at

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/spring-camp-2021/2778926>

**Schedule Your Own Merit Badge Courses**

**Climbing Merit Badge**

**Scuba Merit Badge**

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

**BSA Conservation and STEM Award Information**

<https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement>

**Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects**

**“Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department”**

Mecklenburg Park and Recreation Department has developed [new](#) “Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department” in collaboration with Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee.

Park and Rec welcomes Scouts and units to initiate and execute community service and conservation projects at Park and Recreation facilities, including parks, recreation centers, greenways, nature preserves, historical sites. Lists of these facilities and sites are posted at

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Pages/Home.aspx>

The Guidelines document is posted at

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtUwnVHgSnYL\\_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtUwnVHgSnYL_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing)

**ADVANCEMENT NEWS:**

**NEW – Advancement Update: Extensions Beyond Age 18**

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, local councils have the authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the 2021 edition of the Guide to Advancement (GTA), expected to be published early in 2021. These extensions are not automatic. Scouts must complete and submit an extension request form.

More information is available at

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/>

**Updates for Rank Advancement/Camping Requirements in COVID-19 FAQ**

BSA National has added temporary changes to rank requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

## **How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>

The Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee has endorsed and approved Boards of Review conducted through videoconferencing.

## **Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities**

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/>

## **Volunteers Needed – Eagle Projects and Eagle Boards of Review**

Last year 120 Scouts in the Apache District earned their Eagle Rank. In addition, a similar number of Scouts presented had their Eagle Project Proposals to members of the District Advancement Committee for their review of the projects prior to the Scout's commencement of their project. As Scouting grows in the Apache District, so does our need for Project Proposal reviewers and Eagle Board reviewers. Project Proposal reviews occur on Roundtable nights on the second Thursday of each month at St. Vincent de Paul Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Eagle Boards of Review are usually scheduled on troop meeting nights with the respective Scoutmasters. We will provide the necessary guidance and training. For those interested, please email the Apache Advancement Chair, Dean Elledge at [apache.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:apache.advancement@gmail.com).

## **Eagle Application Packets with Complete Merit Badge Advancement Records Requested**

Life Scouts and Troop Advancement Chairs: please include a printout of a Scout's advancement record from Scoutbook or from the Scout's ScoutNet profile from the Council office, including all merit badges earned, in the Eagle Application Packet that goes to Council. These records will allow the Troop and the Council to promptly process recognition of the Scout with Eagle Palms, if the Scout qualifies.

For further Advancement information, please contact your Apache District Advancement Chair or visit <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> or <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

## **Eagle Board of Review Questions**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/09/14/20-questions-to-ask-at-your-next-eagle-board-of-review/>

## **Tools for Eagle Projects**

Charlotte ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

<https://charlotte.toolbank.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqwzlkJWv8>

Scouts and units may also borrow tools from Belk Scout Camp for service and conservation projects.

## ***NEW* – Review Good News**

Experience an unbelievable Pinewood Derby:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/02/17/lets-give-an-emyy-to-this-packs-broadcast-quality-virtual-pinewood-derby-race/>

## **From the Pond**

**Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge Counselor Guides**

<http://bsacai.org/news/9270910>

[Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)  
[Fly Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)

### **Merit Badge Counselor Registrations**

If you are not a merit badge counselor or need to renew, please visit the Council's Advancement page at <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement>. Please remember that all Merit Badge Counselors need to renew annually, usually in November.

### **FISH ON!!!**

#### **Outing in Scouting**

Long distance trails in NC

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article239278463.html?intcid=connatix>

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

<https://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads>

#### ***NEW* - On a cold winter evening, bring Dutch oven cooking and baking to your Scouts:**

Intro to Dutch Oven Cooking

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/>

Dessert recipes

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/dessert/>

#### **Scouting at Home**

**Merit badges** for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

#### **Movies for Merit Badge Advancement**

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

#### **Remote Scouting**

<http://www.scoutshare.org/>

### **APACHE DISTRICT NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Dens**

**Apache Spring Cuboree at Camp Grimes**

April 16-18, 2021, Friday-Saturday-Sunday

#### ***NEW* - Philmont Trek for Female Scouters and Scouts**

Want to have a Philmont adventure this summer? Female Scouts and Scouters can join

Troop 111's 12 day trek, June 13 to 25, 2021. Please contact Towner Blackstock

at [townerblackstock@gmail.com](mailto:townerblackstock@gmail.com), 704-491-4010.

### **COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**Scout Shop News**

**First aid kit supplies and survival kit supplies** are available in the Mecklenburg County Council Scout Shop so that dens, patrols, and individual Scouts have resources for these advancement requirements:

**Webelos First Responder** requirement # 6. Put together a simple home first-aid kit. Explain what you included and how to use each item correctly.

**Webelos Walkabout** requirement # 2. Assemble a first-aid kit suitable for your hike or activity.

**Tenderfoot** requirement # 4d. Assemble a personal first-aid kit to carry with you on future campouts and hikes. Tell how each item in the kit would be used.

**First Aid Merit Badge** requirement # 5. Do the following:

(a) Prepare a first-aid kit for your home. Display and discuss its contents with your counselor.

(b) With an adult leader, inspect your troop's first-aid kit. Evaluate it for completeness. Report your findings to your counselor and Scout leader

**Webelos-AOL Castaway** Requirement # 2. Do all of the following.

A. Learn what items should be in an outdoor survival kit that you can carry in a small bag or box in a day pack. Assemble your own small survival kit, and explain to your den leader why the items you chose are important for survival.

### **First Aid Skill - What is a "ring string"?**

A ring string is used to compress swelling from a finger where a ring is stuck and otherwise cannot be removed. Swelling might occur from arthritis, trauma, infection, burn, or medical conditions like heart or kidney diseases that cause fluid retention. A ring string could be string, a strand of paracord core, fishing line, dental floss, sewing thread, narrow ribbon, a rubber band. A ring string can be wrapped from fingertip toward the ring to force swelling under the ring. A tooth pick, a rounded end of a safety pin, a pen tip cover, or other fine blunt probe can be used to push the string beneath the ring. By gently pulling on the end of the string passing beneath the ring, the ring string unwinds off the finger and pushes the ring toward the fingertip where it is removed. If swelling is only partially improved by the first wrapping, the wrapping and removal process can be repeated. Applying hand lotion or cooking oil or soap as lubrication to the swollen finger can allow the ring to slide off more easily.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrDROoJAF4I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6MjZExWmvs>

### **Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Dens**

#### **2021 Cub Day Camps at Belk Scout Camp**

June 7 - June 11, Monday – Friday      Etowah + Hornets Nest Day Camp

June 21 - June 25, Monday – Friday      Apache Day Camp, Theme is "Weird Science"

### **Attention: Bear and Webelos Dens and WAC Youth Staff**

#### **Webelos Adventure Camp 2021 at Belk Scout Camp – Unit Registration Now Open**

Unit registration for Webelos Adventure Camp is now open. Visit the [WAC webpage](#) on the council website under the Camping menu. There you can find all the information you need to sign up your Scouts to escape the great indoors this summer.

Do you have what it takes to serve on **WAC staff**? Think you can be a hero to a young Scout? Join us this summer at Belk Scout Camp for Webelos Adventure Camp.

If you think you would be a positive addition to our camp staff complete a Camp Staff

Application: [WAC Staff Application](#).

Session 1: Thursday, July 8th through Sunday, July 11th

Session 2: Sunday, July 11th through Wednesday, July 14th

Session 3: Thursday, July 15th through Sunday, July 18th

For more information contact the WAC Camp Director, Sasha Timkovich  
[WACDirector@GMail.com](mailto:WACDirector@GMail.com)

**Attention: AOL Dens, Scouts BSA Troops, Summer Camp Staff**  
**2021 Camp Grimes Dates and Deadlines**

<https://www.mycampgrimes.org/dates.phtml?ver=5>

September 15, 2020	Staff Employment Applications Accepted
January 15, 2021	Troop Camper Deposits Due - \$20.00 per Scout
April 15	Campership Applications Due
March 26	Online Merit Badge Registration Begins @ 8:00 am
May 1	Balance of Camp Fees Due
May 5	OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline
May 14-15-16	OA Beaver Days
June 6 - June 11	Staff Week
June 13 - June 19	Week 1
June 20 - June 26	Week 2
June 27 - July 3	Week 3
July 4 - July 10	Week 4
July 11 - July 17	Week 5

**NEW – Exploring**

Exploring is for young men and women 10-20 years old (beginning 6th grade).

Engaging with career professionals, middle and high school students gain unique, real-life opportunities to experience varied career choices aiding in a more informed decision about future careers.

Below is the 2021 Career Exploring survey link to share with 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. By completing this survey, students will receive an invite from participating businesses if there is a career interest match.

<http://bit.ly/ExploringSurvey2021>

If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, or perhaps you would like to serve as a career mentor, or if you have any other questions, please send email to

[Monica.Zeleznik@Scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Zeleznik@Scouting.org)

**National Scouting**

***Scouting* magazine news**

The print version of *Scouting* magazine ended with the May-June 2020 issue.

A brand-new *Scouting* magazine app is available now in the App Store and Google Play.

Archives of old editions are at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/backissues/> and at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SCOUT/>

**BSA High Adventure Base reservations**

**Northern Tier**

Check out Summer, Winter, and Autumn Adventures at <https://www.ntier.org/>

**Philmont**

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/>

Some crew slots for 2021 are open. Registration is open for Individual Treks, Ranch Hands, STEM Trek, OA Trail Crew, Trail Crew, Roving Outdoor Conservation School, Rayado, Family

Adventure Camp, Training Center Conferences, NAYLE, Philmont Leadership Challenge, PhilBreak, Autumn Adventure, Volunteer Vacation.

### **Florida Sea Base**

Check out 2022 Sea Base information and registrations at <https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

### **Summit Bechtel Reserve**

Check out High Adventure, Scout Camp, Training and Conferences at <https://www.summitbsa.org/>

### **International Scouting**

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

July 17-28, 2021, Central Florida Council International Scouting Jamboree  
<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

July 18 to 22, 2022, 16th World Scout Moot

Young people aged between 18 and 26 years on the first day of the Moot are eligible to attend as participants. For more information, please check out

[WorldScoutMoot.ie](http://WorldScoutMoot.ie) and [US Contingent Information Page here.](#)

Opportunities for service on the staff (International Service Team aka IST) will be open.

August 1-12, 2023, 25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemanguem, South Korea

2023 World Jamboree Host Site

<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org>

2023 USA World Jamboree Contingent Site

<https://wsj2023.us>

European Scout Voluntary Program

<https://www.scouting.org/international/ecamp/>

Participants must be 18 to 30 years old and must commit to serve on camp staff in Europe for at least 6 weeks.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

<https://www.kisc.ch/>

International BSA Blog

<https://www.scouting.org/international/international-adventure/>

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER**

### **New and Old—Where To Go Camping Guide 2021**

The Catawba Lodge *Where To Go Camping Guide* is alive and well at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ndu4241iDZnpVFMplqDohSRGk7pYDkq3indesA22wQ/edit?usp=sharing>

The *WTGCG* is a large file (275 pages) with all kinds of information related to camping opportunities, in local camps, parks, state and national forests, High Adventure Bases, national and international events, by way of car camping, backpacking, and float trips.

**Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email**



Some of you may not know how to access your Lodge email account, or may be unaware that you have one. You can find instructions on forwarding all of your Lodge emails to your personal email account at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwrGkVVw08OudS1xSHZlb1RSS1U/view?usp=sharing>

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

The Catawba Lodge Executive Board (LEB) established dates for Lodge events in 2021 at its January meeting:

February 12-13 OA Ordeal at BSC

March 20 OA Spring Fellowship at BSC

April 17 OA Workday at MSR

April 23-25 OA Conclave at Camp Daniel Boone

May 14-16 OA Ordeal & Beaver Day at MSR

June 4-6 OA Ordeal at BSC

September 10-12 OA Ordeal at BSC

October 1-3 OA Fall Fellowship at BSC

December 3 OA Banquet at BSC

### **OA High Adventure Opportunities**

Summer, 2021

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)

<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

### **OA, Southern Region, 2020 National Leadership Seminars (NLS) (for youth)**

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

### **OA, Southern Region, 2020 Developing Youth Leadership Conferences (DYLC) (for advisers)**

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/dylc/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

### **TRAINING NEWS**

<https://www.scoutshop.org/trained-leader-strip-280.html>

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066\\_Training\\_Awards\\_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Training_Awards_WEB.pdf)

#### **“Trained” Patches for Youth Leaders**

Scout youth leaders who have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), den chiefs (Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers) who have completed Den Chief Training, and Venturing youth leaders who have completed the Crew Officers Orientation or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) may wear the Trained Leader emblem with their badge of office.

Den Chief training is available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training/>

ILST and ILSC are available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

Youth should print their certificates to present to unit leaders for facilitate record keeping.

## Youth Training

**SEALS** (for youth) and **IOLS** (for adults) courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend in November on an ongoing basis.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

**SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills [for youth] at Belk Scout Camp**

**Canceled SEALS course:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 12-13-14, 2021

<https://sites.google.com/site/mccseals/home>

**Next SEALS course:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 12-14, 2021

**National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA "Top Gun") at Belk Scout Camp**

Online registration is open for NYLT scheduled for June 27-July 2, 2021 at

<https://sites.google.com/view/nyltopgun>

**National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont**

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

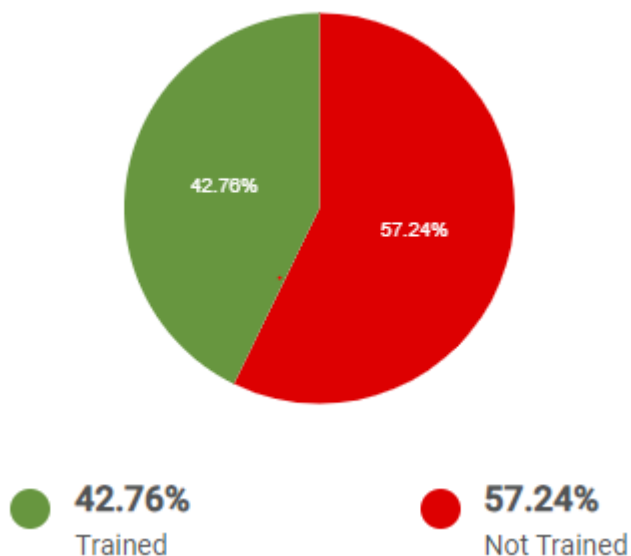
**National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit**

<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle/>

## Adult Training

### Apache District

Apache District's percentage of trained leaders in "direct contact" roles is shockingly low, just 43%. What parent would send their children to a school with that few of their teachers certified to teach? In this condition, how can we support and defend Scouting. Help us remedy this!



Please get trained to position online through the following links, and if you are a Scoutmaster or ASM, please sign up for OLS. This will entitle you to wear a "Trained" strip.

- Den Leader & Assistant Den Leader: <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1055> - 125 minutes
- Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster: <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1051> - 117 minutes
- Scoutmasters & ASMs: <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1194> - 192 minutes
- Pack Committee: <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1063> - 53 minutes
- Troop Committee <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1195> - 102 minutes
- Merit Badge Counselor <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1188> - 35 minutes

### **Unit Training Achievement**

Congratulations and thanks to our units with 100% trained direct contact leaders:

- Pack 613
- Troop 11
- Troop 111
- Crew 167
- Crew 249

Units with 75% or higher trained. Keep climbing!

- Troop 9
- Troop 56

For more information, please contact District Training Chair Towner Blackstock at [townerblackstock@gmail.com](mailto:townerblackstock@gmail.com), 704-491-4010.

### **Upcoming Courses**

For information on

Upcoming Cub Leader Training and on

Upcoming Scouts BSA Leader Training, please go to <https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

### **OLS (Outdoor Leadership Skills): May 22-23, 2021**

<https://sites.google.com/site/outdoorleaderskillsmcc/home>

### **BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp**

BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

Information on future courses will be posted at

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

### **Wilderness First Aid**

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

### **MCC Wood Badge S5-415-20 at Belk Scout Camp**

Wood Badge S5-415-20 is scheduled at Belk Scout Camp, starting on **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 7:00 am through Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 5:00 pm** and **Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 7:00 am through Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

### **COPE and Climbing Instructor Level 1 training**

April 30-May 2, 2021 at Belk Scout Camp  
<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

Philmont Training Center 2021 Conferences [for adult volunteer training]  
BSA Family Adventure Camp  
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/>

### **Recognize Scouter Excellence**

#### **“Trained” Patches for Adult Leaders**

Adults leaders can find requirements for earning their “Trained” patches at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained\\_Leader\\_Positions.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained_Leader_Positions.pdf) along with references to online training courses available at <https://my.scouting.org> Another resource is <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> Online District Committee training is available.

Units, recognize your uniformed leaders by presenting them “Trained” patches and the following awards. These knots require training to position and tenure:

- Den Leader Award
- Scout Leader's Training Award (Any leader)
- Scouter Key (Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)
- Unit Leader Award of Merit (Committee submits for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)  
Requirements and tracking forms: <https://boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

#### **Square Knots**

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