



Arrohattoc Drumbeat

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Overlooking the Arrohattoc District
Gary Gibbs Arrohattoc District Committee Chair

Hello Arrohattoc Volunteers,

It is hard to believe that we have crossed the mid-year mark. We have much to be proud of by looking at what we have already accomplished. We were the first district in the council to reach our Friends of Scouting goal of \$120,000. We exceeded our mid-year membership goal of 1724 total youth and a new Venture Crew, Crew 2880, was formed. Another Venture Crew born in 2009, Crew **2800, produced the spectacular Scout Bash 100 show at King's Dominion. Our** nominating committee identified an outstanding list of nominees for our district committee which was unanimously approved at our annual business meeting in May.

Even though we rightly deserve to be proud, we still have a lot of work to be done before we can achieve Centennial Quality District and the Golden Saber for top district for the year. Now is the time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and focus on the best months yet to come for our district. In doing so, we must push to honor the pledges made to Friends of Scouting. The Golden Saber is not about reaching your goal first. It is about delivering upon what was pledged. So please encourage all that pledged to fulfill their promise by giving. It is also imperative we have a highly successful Fall Scout Recruitment. The key to our membership goals are not only to recruit new scouts but to retain those existing scouts as well. Each unit has the accountability to build and offer a solid program to their scouts and provide the incentive to keep them in Scouting. In doing so, whether pack or troop, it will ensure we have our scouts advancing in rank in their units. Progress seen by rank advancement will help scouts realize their potential and be willing to stay longer in scouting. Lastly, all of our adult leaders must be properly and adequately trained to ensure we are consistent and able in the leadership of our youth.

Let me close by saying thanks to all of you that serve and participate in our district. I wish I could say job well done and sit back and relax. In truth, our job is never done. We must continue to strive to be the best and offer the best to our youth. We do that by raising the bar within our units. The simplest way to prove this is to earn Quality Unit. Another way is to ensure every leader in your unit is properly trained. Next is to ask each scout are they having fun. If you earn Quality Unit, have trained leaders, and your boys show they are having the time of their life, you have done your jobs well and your hard work will shine in our district.

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Arrohattoc's Eagles

- Sean Baird 2806
- Robbie Szymczak 2806
- Joseph Noel 2806
- Ryan Loviza 2806
- Daniel James 2806
- John Wilhelm Jr 2880
- Treyvon Whitlock 2880

- Scoutmasters: Send in the name of your Eagle Scouts and their Troop or Crew.
- Den Leaders: Send in the name of your Arrow of Light Scouts and their Pack.



Overlooking District Program Chris Sherman Vice-Chair - Program

Hello Arrohattoc Drumbeat readers. The word of the quarter is “Communications”. More specifically, the District Committee is striving to further improve our communications to all of you. As part of that we are taking a three-pronged approach.

First, Rob Bungarden will continue to produce the quarterly Drumbeat newsletter. Rob is doing a phenomenal job as Drumbeat Reporter, Writer, Junior Editor, Senior Editor, and Chief Bottle Washer.

Second, Jim Stallings, our Webmaster and electronic guru has continued to maintain and improve the District Web page, which can be found at <http://www.arrohattoc.org> <<http://www.arrohattoc.org/>> .

If you haven't been to the site lately, go check it out. Don't forget to bookmark it.

Third, we have asked District Rep and fellow Scouter, Steve Smith, to take point on overall District Program communications. Although the Committee has worked hard to communicate news on Program activities and events, there is always room for improvement. We are confident that Steve will help us with that need.

Steve will continue to rely heavily on the District contact list. However, based on feedback, it appears that not all contacts are sharing the e-mail correspondences with their units. If you are a unit leader, please share the e-mail notices from the General@Arrohattoc.org <<mailto:General@Arrohattoc.org>> with your Troop, Pack, Crew or Ship. If you are not currently on the District Distribution List, but wish to receive the e-mail messages directly, go to the District web page, select the link for “District Mailing List Manager” on the lower left frame, and then sign up to receive the general distributions.

You can also find a link to the District Calendar of Events on our web page. We recently noticed that a technical glitch had regressed many of the entries in the calendar. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the calendar has now been restored. It should now contain all District Program and Training events.

Speaking of events... for those of you that attended the June 5, 100th Anniversary event at Kings Dominion, we hope that you enjoyed the Arrohattoc-led arena show. The District scouts put on a very impressive show. Even the head of entertainment department at KD was amazed at the performance. Great job to all involved.

As always, thank you for all that you do.

Chris Sherman
Arrohattoc Program Committee



Overlooking District Finance Tammy Cahoon Vice-Chair - Finance

Well the Arrohattoc District did it!!! We worked hard and with the help of our great, District Executive, Marcus Ragland, along with other Finance Committee members we were able to be the first District in the Council to reach our Arrohattoc District Friends of Scout Goal in mid-May of \$120,000. Although we made our pledge goal, we still have to be reminded that we need to be *honoring those pledges as soon as possible before the end of 2010*. Many of our units were able to have presentations by our FOS presenters and increase their unit goals from the previous year despite the economic stresses of the times. There are still some units that are **still planning on having presentations. For those units that didn't give their families an opportunity to "show their love" for the scouting program, I hope** as they go to their *planning sessions this summer* they will be able to *pencil in a Friends of Scouting Presentation date early on in 2011* so each family can share in our celebration and excitement! I would like units to strive to find a parent or unit leader to be the unit captain and make the commitment in the early fall so we can start working to ensure each family has the opportunity to participate in the campaign and enjoy the opportunity to do so. For any unit leader or parent that feels they need to know more about what this **entails please feel free to call me and we can discuss the unit's needs and the approach** that is most helpful to the Council, District and the unit. I am always open to new ideas and approaches.

As our new District members prepare for our new year let me remind you that the *Finance Committee is willing to accept new and old members. For anyone that values the scouting program and wants to actively pursue our goals to ensure our scouts have great training, membership and programming, the Finance Committee may be for you!* I welcome you at our next District Finance Committee meeting or call me for lunch and we can discuss ways to make our District continue to strive for excellence!

Your Friend in Scouting,
Tammy Cahoon

Thank you to the great team of volunteers that lead the District to a Friends of Scouting success!

Thank you also to all the families and units that participated in FOS!

Please remember to honor your FOS pledges.

Are your Scouts receiving their Boys Life magazine?

Are your leaders receiving their Scouting magazine?

If you have scouts or leaders that should be receiving either Boys Life or Scouting, but **aren't, please contact Ashley Wyatt, the Council Registrar.** Also let your unit commissioner know, so they have visibility of scouts or leaders that are missing on these great sources of information on what is going on in Scouting today.



Arrohattoc District Training Dates

(For more info on training dates, check the Arrohattoc District Website)

ALL LEADERS should take (if they have not already done so) the following:

Fast Start Training

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Youth Protection Training

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

This is Scouting (Formerly New Leader Essentials)

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Trainers Edge (Formerly Train the Trainer)

TBD

CUB LEADERS should take the following:

Cub Leader Specific

Oct 8 (5:30PM) Southside Church of the Nazarene. Pre-register with Kathy McKee at

tkjm@comcast.net

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Nov 13 TBD Please pre-register with Kathy McKee at tkjm@comcast.net

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (OWL)

TBD

University of Cub Scouting/Deb Chief Training

TBD

BOY SCOUT LEADERS should take the following:

Boy Scout Leader Indoor

Sep 18 (Time TBD) Hopewell United Methodist Church. Jamie.walker@vafb.com

Boy Scout Leader Outdoor

TBD

VENTURE CREW LEADERS

Venture Leader Training

TBD

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Al Best - Venturing Training: ALBest@vcu.edu

Be part of the premier training team
in the Heart of Virginia Council!

Contact the Training Chairs if you can help as an instructor or support staff. Training materials are provided, based on BSA requirements and **years of experience of the training team. If you aren't sure how you can help, but want to be part of ensuring a great scouting experience for Arrohattoc Scouts, go ahead and ask. NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**



District and Council Key Events Calendar

- August 10-14 District Cub Day Camp
- August 31 Chesterfield County Fair Grand Parade (See District web site for more info)
- October 2 Fishing Fun Day at Albright Scout Reservation
- October 7 Scouting For Food-Units pick up bags before the start of Roundtable
- October 7 Recharter Pickup 7:30, Southwest Church of Christ
- October 22-24 Arrohattoc District Camporee (Unit Camping at Albright Scout Reservation)
- October 30 Scouting For Food-Bags out to homes in your assigned area
- November 4 Recharter Turn-in 7:30 – 9:00, Southwest Church of Christ
- November 6 Scouting For Food-Bags in from the homes you placed bags at

1st Thurs of every month Monthly Arrohattoc Roundtable

3rd Wed of every month Monthly District Committee Meeting

4th Thurs of every month Monthly Takachsin Chapter OA meeting

Arrohattoc District Training

- All courses are national BSA training courses presented by district volunteer instructors.
- You may take training in any district.
- There are four main components to Training (the first three can be done online at <http://www.olc.scouting.org>):

Fast Start Training

Fast Start training is the first step for any new volunteer and is to be delivered immediately after a new leader registers and before he or she meets with any youth member.

This is Scouting (replaces new Leader Essentials)

The new Basic Leader Training comprises two parts: New Leader Essentials for all unit-level leaders and Leader Specific training, which is based on the leader's unit-level position.

Youth Protection

Every leader in Cub Scouting should complete Youth Protection training, which provides essential information about working with youth.

Leader-Specific Training

These break out sessions are for specific positions within a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venturing Crew and some have an introduction to outdoor skills.



Takachsin Chapter of the Nawakwa Lodge Order of the Arrow Update

GW/Jeff Trail Building will repeat in, 2011. Make it part of your Troop plan! Last April, members of the Nawakwa Lodge set off for Covington, VA to continue the construction of a trail started as part of the ArrowCorps5 project. Over 80 Arrowmen, many from the Arrohattoc District, participated in this challenging high-adventure event. This event will be repeated in 2011 with an arrival in Covington late on April 1st and a return on April 3rd. Why not make this part of your troop camping plan? Let your older (14+) OA members attend GW/Jeff (leadership is provided). This will allow your troop to focus on a separate program targeted for your younger and non-OA scouts. Either way, this event promises to provide all who attend with opportunities for both fellowship and cheerful service.

OA Troop/Team Representative

Between now and October's Fall Fellowship, we will be building a list of Troops and OA Troop/Team Representatives. Please have your unit's representative send his contact information to chapter28chief@nawakwa.org. This will greatly reduce the time and effort required to do this. Don't have a Troop/Team Rep? This is a great opportunity to provide a youth with a leadership position. Visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr/troop.php> for more information on this position.

New Chapter Chief, Other Positions Filled.

We have a new Chapter Chief. Congratulations to Andrew Ramirez on being elected to this important position. You may already know him as he was formally our Chapter Elections Chairman. Other newly elected chapter positions include Elections Chairman – Ryan McNeilly, Spirit and Ceremonies Chairman – Jim Young, Service and Program Chairman – Adam White, Chapter Liaison – Will Boswell. We wish Andrew and his team all the best for this coming year.

Join the Takachsin Chapter (28) Nawakwa Mailing List

Are You Getting OA Chapter Updates? Stay current on Chapter meetings, events, and service opportunities. Visit www.Takachsin.net and click on —E-Mailing List Signup to join. Note that you will need to respond to a confirmation email.

Chapter Activities

We meet the 4th Thursday of the month Jan. to Oct. and the 3rd Thursday in Nov. and Dec. behind Hopewell United Methodist Church on Courthouse Road next to Rt. 288. In addition to our regular business and fellowship, we often have a theme to the meetings. We have had pizza nights, cookie nights, and board game nights (Apples to Apples is a favorite). We have also had training opportunities and demonstrations. Contact chapter28chief@nawakwa.org for more



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING POLICIES

Recently, the Boy Scouts of America announced important changes to its Youth Protection policies. The purpose of these changes is to increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting.

Effective June 1, 2010:

- **Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position.**
- **New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before submitting an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.**
- **Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.**

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the *Parent's Guide* in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

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Arrohattoc District Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony

July 10 2010 at Albright Scout Reservation





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® AND LEMELSON-MIT PROGRAM INTRODUCE INVENTING MERIT BADGE

Merit Badge Will Help Scouts Understand the Power of Creativity and Invention

Cambridge, Massachusetts (June 17, 2010)—The [Boy Scouts of America](#) (BSA), in partnership with the [Lemelson-MIT Program](#), today announced the introduction of the [Inventing merit badge](#), designed to encourage Scouts to be inventive and solve real-world problems. The new merit badge will provide Boy Scouts with an understanding of the impact and importance of inventive thinking and doing.

“Throughout the Boy Scouts of America’s rich, 100-year history, merit badges have given Scouts an opportunity to experience and learn about a variety of hobbies and professions. We are very excited about the Inventing merit badge and what the future holds as Scouts use the tools learned while working on the requirements to help make the world a better place,” said Robert J. Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. **“The Boy Scouts are extremely fortunate to partner with the Lemelson-MIT Program in the development of this merit badge. Their hands-on approach to learning, combined with their [InvenTeam](#) grants initiative, will continue to inspire youth to lead creative lives through inventing.”**

The Inventing merit badge will be awarded for the first time Thursday, June 17, at [EurekaFest](#), the Lemelson-MIT Program’s annual event at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) that celebrates the inventive spirit. As part of the formal awards ceremony, commemorative Inventing merit badges will be presented to several Distinguished Eagle Scouts, all inventors associated with MIT, including:

Kim Vandiver, dean for undergraduate research and professor of mechanical and oceanic engineering at MIT;

Edward Crawley, the Ford Professor of Engineering at MIT; and

Elmer C. “Neil” Lupton, president and CEO of NEMOmetrics Corporation and vice president of the BSA’s Boston Minuteman Council.

These honorees are exemplary role models who inspire today’s youth by setting an example of how inventive thinking can solve a problem and have an impact on the world. Scouts who have earned the Inventing merit badge from councils local to MIT will be honored at the ceremony as well.

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“Scouts represent a new generation of inventors, and we’re honored that they are embracing the significance of inventing,” says Leigh Estabrooks, invention education officer of the Lemelson-MIT Program. **“It’s crucial that we empower our nation’s youth to explore their ideas that can have an impact on their community. The technical skills and discovery process that come with earning this merit badge will teach them that they can invent solutions for today’s problems. Their solutions may help people live healthier, more productive, and more engaging lives.”**

“My experience in both my Eagle Scout and InvenTeam projects have helped me realize that I will not be satisfied with a career unless it allows me to help others,” said Harris Ramm, a 2010 Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam member from Omaha Benson High School and Eagle Scout from Troop 558 in Nebraska. **“My Boy Scout experience instilled in me a strong desire to serve my community, my country, and the world. My experience on an InvenTeam has shown me a path to that goal. Engineering and inventing are excellent ways to improve the lives of others. A single invention can change the world, and that is what I hope to do.”**



Check the District Website for more information!

- Join Scouting Night - August 21 930AM Southwest Church of Christ
- Chesterfield County Fair Grand Parade - August 31 6PM County Fairground

Check the Council Website for more information!

- Jamboree Show Webcast - July 31
- Richmond Area Clays Classis - October 14



BSA Supports Nothing But Nets

This summer, the Boy Scouts of America began the celebration of their 100th Anniversary and launched a partnership with the United Nations Foundation and *Nothing But Nets*[™], through which Scouts from around the country will work within their communities throughout the year to raise awareness about malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa.

The partnership was launched on August 27 by *Nothing But Nets*[™] Director Adrianna Logalbo and BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca at a malaria workshop in Detroit, Michigan. Bill Gates Sr., Distinguished Eagle Scout and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and Detroit Pistons player Deron Washington also attended the workshop to help educate dozens of local Scouts about malaria and nets. Read more about [Bob Mazzuca on his MVP page](#).

TOOLS FOR:

Scouts >>

Scout Leaders >>

The Boy Scouts of America joined the *Nothing But Nets*[™] campaign as part of its newly launched *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference* program, one of eight major engagement programs the organization is undertaking as part of its 100th Anniversary Celebration. *A Year of Celebration* is a recognition program that rewards Scouts, leaders, and BSA alumni for devotion to five of Scouting's core values: leadership, character, community service, achievement, and the outdoors. For the *Year of Celebration* service award, Scouts can choose to participate in the *Nothing But Nets*[™] service project.

Through this partnership with *Nothing But Nets*[™], Scouts will help build awareness about malaria and prevention by conducting service projects such as removing standing water in parks—a breeding ground for mosquitoes—and creating educational tools and activities that illustrate the impact of malaria on the global community. Read more about the partnership launch [here](#).



Join Scouting Night – Arrohattoc District

ATTENTION ALL PACK LEADERS!!!

Greetings,

I hope your summer has been filled with fun Pack activities and Cub Adventure Camp and you are all excited about attending the Arrohattoc Day Camp in just a few weeks!

It is hard to believe but it is almost August and that means we should be ready to shift into high gear for Join Scouting Night 2010!

Your Pack should have recently received a mailer from Council with some information for your use. If you haven't seen that packet, contact your Cubmaster and if they don't have it, check the Arrohattoc website to see if there is an update on Packet status or to contact the JSN Coordinator.

There are a few critical things that should have already happened in your units:

1. Identify your 2010 Join Scouting Night Coordinator
2. Your Pack Plan and Budget should be done
3. You should have identified your key leaders for the upcoming year
4. You should have decided what schools you want to recruit from
5. Your Tri-Fold flyer and your Parents Packet should be almost complete or refreshed for the upcoming year
6. Your Pack Display should be well underway

If these haven't happened yet, it's not too late but time is quickly running out!!! Units that get these things done and are ready for JSN have more success and that's what we all want!

Overall, the process will work basically the same as last year with schools open to multiple units with a District coordinator at each school to act as MC and help the unit coordinate all of the other setup tasks that need to happen.

We plan to improve the coordinator training and there will be some changes to parts of the program that we'll cover in the August Training meeting. There will also be some changes to the Boy Talk process and that will also be covered at the August Training.

Speaking of August Training... SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 21, 2010 at 10AM – Southwest Church of Christ is the JSN signups and training. Your pack must have **someone there to sign up for schools and get posters and flyers and yard signs, etc...**

The most up to date information about Join Scouting Night can be found on the Arrohattoc website at www.arrohattoc.org Look over at the Quick Links and you should find a link to a page with lots of helpful information.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, you can email JSNCoordinator@arrohattoc.org

I look forward to seeing you all in August ready for another successful recruiting season!!!

Yours In Scouting,
Glenn S. Simmonds
JSN Coordinator



Join Scouting Night – Call for School Coordinators

Greetings Leaders, District Members, and Commissioners,

It is hard to believe but it is almost August and that means we should be ready to shift into high gear for Join Scouting Night 2010!

Last year many of you stepped up and were School Coordinators. Thanks to your dedicated and excellent service, we had GREAT recruiting last year. That time of year has come again and we need your help!

We will be dealing with roughly 30 schools in a 20 day period. You can do the math as well as I can, we need a LOT of help!

The Criteria for a School Coordinator is:

- Not a unit leader of a unit that is recruiting at the school
- Able to follow a script
- Able to help the excellent Pack volunteers coordinate the tasks to be completed between the various Packs planning to attend
- Able to collect applications/money and get them to Marcus ASAP
- Have Fun

If you can do these things and are willing to commit to helping at two or possibly three schools in September, we need you! The more people we have, the lighter the work load on everyone! We hope to have two people at some of the bigger schools so the more hands we have, the better.

To volunteer as a School Coordinator, please email JSNCoordinator@arrohattoc.org with your name, phone number, **email, and dates in September and early October that you are available to help.** I know it's early but if we can pencil in some dates now, as soon as we have the School Night list from Council, we can assign folks and get the ball rolling.

The JSN Training Session is August 21, 10AM at Southwest Church of Christ. We'll be training the Pack Leaders and after that, we plan to do some additional Coordinator training for you so you are prepared. That is our Motto after all...

You can find up-to-date information about Join Scouting Night can be found on the Arrohattoc website at www.arrohattoc.org Look over at the Quick Links and you should find a link to a page with lots of helpful information.

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Glenn S. Simmonds
JSN Coordinator



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Chairman-Mr. Gary Gibbs
District Commissioner-Mrs. Marian Fletcher
Senior District Executive-Mr. Marcus Ragland

The Legendary Arrohattoc District



District Website Address
<http://www.arrohattoc.org>

Do you have new
Eagle Scouts
Or
Arrow of Light recipients

We want to honor them by publishing their name the Drumbeat.

Send their name and unit number to
arrohattocdrumbeat@gmail.com

2010 Scouting For Food

Help celebrate the Centennial of Scouting by making this the best year ever for Scouting For Food!!! More **info will soon be coming out, but as units plan their Fall activities, don't forget Scouting For Food. Remember** that this is the only Council-wide service project and more importantly provides much needed food for the Central Virginia Foodbank. The CVFB provides much needed help to neighbors in our communities.

Key Dates

- October 7. Units pick up bags before the start of Roundtable
- October 30. Bags out to homes is your assigned area
- November 6. Bags in from the homes you placed bags at

What needs to be done now

- Get the Scouting For Food dates on your unit calendar\
- Find an adult volunteer to lead your units Scouting For Food
- Come to the August Roundtable to receive your unit coordinator sign-up sheet and review your unit's assigned area
- Get the word out to your unit and get families to mark it on their calendar
- Check for more information at <http://sites.google.com/site/arrohattocscoutingforfood2010/>