



# Roundtable rumors

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## Aims of Scouting Calendar



### Personal Fitness

May 4, 10am  
Opening of Carvers  
Creek State Park  
Sandhills Access

### Citizenship

May 16, 5pm  
Flag Placement  
ASOM  
Contact: Elizabeth  
Johnson  
910.964.7627

### Character

May 4, 10am  
Pack 757 Highland  
Elementary School  
Landscape Service  
Project  
Contact LJ Street

### Leadership

June 17-21  
Highlander Day  
Camp

## Upcoming Roundtables

**June 6**  
Joining Night/  
Recruiting

**NO JULY RT**

## Make the Most of the Summer

Camp-centric summer is sort of the off season for our District and Council level in-person training. You can still find opportunities on the calendar at [ocscouts.org](http://ocscouts.org), but courses like Wood Badge, Scouting University and in-person position specific training are generally fall/spring festivities. [The Philmont Training Center](#) in New Mexico holds family-friendly training conferences and adventures all summer long. Philmont will give your family the vacation of a lifetime. Give it some thought for next summer!

Locally, this is the perfect time to plop

yourself in front of the A/C for online [training](#). The BSA Learn Center is offering updated modules for nearly every program.

Not only has the BSA added an entire rank with Lions, we also welcomed young ladies! There are uniform changes underway, YPT has changed drastically, and parts of the program look different in this module than they have in previous years. Consider spending your "One Hour A Week" reviewing your position specific training and preparing to welcome new scouts in the fall with current information and all of the incredible new tools available to you!

If you have completed your Position Specific Training recently, take Safe Swim Defense (in the BSA Learn Center, under Program Safety) or Hazardous Weather Training.

Ralph Vogt, the District Training Chair is planning to conduct a Trainer's EDGE class in early June. Trainer's EDGE gives you the tools to train other Scouters effectively. It is crucial for high quality programming and training in our District. Email him at [training@highlanderdistrict.org](mailto:training@highlanderdistrict.org) to get on the list for the class.

Highlander District Day Camp 2019



JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

- Join Scouts from Highlander District and the surrounding areas for:
- Archery, BB's & Slingshots
  - Games
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Outdoor Skills
  - Cooking
  - Food tasting from the far reaches of the world!
  - And much more!



## Day Camp Registration ends May 27

Day Camp is made possible by the hard work of many volunteers. We would love to have more volunteers than we know what to do with! Scouts BSA Scouts who are 14 or older may also volunteer.

Active duty soldiers can request permissive TDY to volunteer at camp.

For a letter to share with your command, or information on how a Scouts BSA Scout can volunteer, email a request to [daycamp@highlanderdistrict.org](mailto:daycamp@highlanderdistrict.org)

# Unit YPT

[Youth Protection Training](#) is the most important training offered by the BSA, required for every registered leader, in every program, at every level.

Oconeechee Council previously offered a class at University of Scouting on whole unit YPT presentations. Keep an eye on the course guide this fall. If you see it, consider sending one of your Scouters so they can present YPT to your pack.

This conversation ties in neatly with Emergency Preparedness, Welcome Meetings, or informational meetings before overnight events. Unit YPT training is not covered at the den level.

Presenting YPT policies to an entire pack creates additional layers of accountability. Children and parents need to know that there should always be two registered leaders present. If Scouts and parents know that one-on-

-one contact is **never** permissible between a leader and a scout, then both know to report it immediately if it occurs.

Scouts should know these policies well before they join Scouts BSA when direct parent involvement decreases.

We understand that this can seem like an uncomfortable conversation, but it is an important one. One approach is to print out the [Barriers to Abuse](#) from Guide to Safe Scouting, and read it word for word. It's a lackluster presentation, but it guarantees that the information goes out correctly, and that's the foundation we want.



## A Scout is Courteous

If your pack enjoyed Cuboree, have your Scouts create thank you cards and mail them to: Camp Durant  
4637 Old Carthage Road,  
Carthage NC 28327



## A Scout is Thrifty

The weather is warming up, and hopefully you learned a lot at Cuboree! Reach out to your pack with a list of items that would be useful for pack camping trips, and see what can be found at yard sales. Be sure to think of 4 seasons gear when you make the list, and be clear about budget, receipts, and reimbursement. Happy hunting!

## National Study on Leadership Underway

“As part of the Building Evidence in Scouting Together study, researchers from Montclair State University and the American Institutes for Research will spend 2019 and 2020 surveying Scouts and adult leaders. Researchers will determine what makes a successful adult leader by examining the ways adults and Scouts work together. Learn more at [bsabeststudy.org](http://bsabeststudy.org)”  
-Scouting Magazine May-June 2019

# Commissioner's Minute

Looking back, my solid memories of childhood started somewhere around age 7. Everything before that is pretty spotty.

At Roundtable this month we looked at a ruler as a lifeline, where each inch corresponded to 8 years of a person's life. That means I had about 1.3 inches of memories where I lived under my parent's roof.

That is a small distance on a ruler.

It is my personal mission to fill my children's 1.3 inches with as much love, joy, adventure, and character as I possibly can. I believe that all

families in scouting programs share that conviction.

Cub Scouts reminds me of homeownership more than it does Little League; it's an investment in our children. Our volunteer leaders are responsible for upkeep of the program, payments, repairs, replacements and improvements.

While we do all of that work, we simultaneously create lasting memories within the program. Memories of camping, hiking, building, friendships, games, ceremonies, service, ethics and more.

When that 1.3 inches is over, we will have

raised children of considerable value to their communities, and gifted them impressive childhoods to reflect on.

If nobody else has said it to you this week: Thank you. Thank you for what you pour into Cub Scouts, into your own children and other people's children. Sometimes Scouting is a little more than we bargained for. Thank you for sharing the load with us. I am grateful that I get to build alongside you for these 1.3 inches. Onward and Upward,  
Leanne Bulger  
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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