



COMPASS

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2018

Compass Taking a New Direction in 2018

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:
CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW
TO JUMP DIRECTLY TO PAGES

TRAINING	5
ADVANCEMENT	7
CAMPING & OUTDOOR PROGRAM	9
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS	11
DISTRICT NEWS	14
SUPPORTING SCOUTING PROGRAMS	17
COUNCIL CONTACTS	20

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2018 Summer Camp
- 2017 Membership
- 2018 Friends of Scouting
- Upcoming Events
- And more!

This is the last issue of *The Compass* as a periodic newsletter published every 8-10 weeks.

Beginning in 2018 we will become more timely, publishing the news and information our leaders and partners need as dedicated e-mails as needed. We anticipate 2-3 articles a week to arrive in your in-boxes, and the intention is to keep them short and on the topic promised in the subject.

Once a month there will be a digest containing a description of recent articles and a link to visit them on the web.

Using modern e-mail practices we can also respect your time by tailoring the audience. For instance, Cub Scout advancement changes can be sent only to registered adults in Cub Scout Packs, or Eagle Board updates sent only to Troops and Crews.

We have a variety of tools to share the good news and happenings in the Western Massachusetts Council. Roundtables, fireside chats, and Commissioner visits offer in-person conversations. Our Facebook pages offer a digital experience with posts and discussions. And www.wmascouting.org is a repository of all kinds of information. Flyers and postcards for your family message center (the 'fridge?) are still going to your home.

Having said that, what are we missing? How do you want to stay informed? We're listening! Tell us by emailing wmascouting@scouting.org or share your thoughts with your professional staff, commissioners, or me.

Yours in Scouting,
Philip Brodeur
Vice President of Marketing

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JEFF GLAZE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Our plate is FULL!

Hi all,

I'm writing this during the holiday season, as our thoughts are turning toward family and friends, a time of reflection, and a time of optimism for the future. In the world of Scouting, 'the future's so bright, you've gotta wear shades'!!!

Here are the first 10 reasons why:

Our Council continues to evolve and strengthen. We may be 'turning the corner' on membership this year, with a number of new units and strong recruiting this fall.

Moses Scout Reservation is getting better and better – with the majority of the renovations volunteer led (thanks Steve Kenniston) our camp is pretty impressive, and attracting units from outside the Council.

New Summer Camp – we are in the planning stages of a 'public' summer day camp next summer. Much of our camp acreage is underutilized, and this camp will include bus service, and run from 8 am – 5 pm providing day camp for boys and girls ages 6-15. And who knows, after spending the summer with us, maybe they'll ALL get into our program!

Girls!!!! Yes, finally we will be welcoming girls into Cub Scouts next summer. We'll have 'girl dens' from Lions to Webelos, along with boy dens, and they'll all get together at Pack meetings. We'll be rolling out training and detailed info in the spring so we can all take advantage of this great new opportunity for ALL kids!

In 2019 Boy Scouts will welcome girl troops, following our traditional program, and yes, we'll be very excited to congratulate our first female Eagle Scout, likely sometime around 2021.

It appears we're finally making progress with engaging more Scouts and leaders from Berkshire County. It's been 10 years since the merger, and some people felt they weren't welcome in our new Council, but those barriers seem to be finally breaking down. Welcome to ALL from throughout Western Mass!!!! Be involved in Scouting!!!!

Our Council staff has developed very nicely, into what I think is the best staff we've had in years! If you don't know Eric, Leslie, Ruthann or Alex, our excellent Trading Post staff, or Jason & Tim at our camps, I suggest you reach out to them. They are an excellent team who are paid to SERVE YOU!!!!

After a very successful National Jamboree, our Council is putting together a contingent for the World Jamboree in 2019, to be held at The Summit in West Virginia. If your son or daughter misses this one, it will be a long time before the World Jamboree is back in the U.S.

We're coming off another successful auction, and moving toward closing another year 'in the black'. And while this seems like a very non exciting detail, it means our Council is in good financial shape, thanks to many volunteers who work very hard through the year, so thank you all for your support of Scouting.

The world continues to struggle with honor and decency – from politicians to actors, and the world seems to starve for those who have integrity. WE are providing a path of decency and integrity for our youth, so it feels good to be 'part of the future' of our country and our society. Thank you to all Scouters who understand and support the mission of the Boy Scouts: 'To help young people make ethical decisions in their lives'.



Jeff Glaze

Council President



Yours in Scouting,

COMMISSIONER CORNER

Change is a good thing!

Over the past few months, we've had some significant changes to the Commissioner Ranks that I want to make you aware of.

First, **Greg Williams** has been named as the District Commissioner for the Metacomet District. Greg follows Dave Levine who served as DC for a few years and who helped us to maintain a presence in Met. We appreciate all the time and effort that Dave put in as DC, and know that he'll continue to do a good job as a Unit Commissioner in the Holyoke area.

In the few months since Greg has been on board, he's already making a strong impact. He's holding regular meetings and has been able to recruit a few new UCs, which are desperately needed across the Council, and he's certainly working with his District Executive to provide great service to the units in his district.

After five plus years as DC in General Knox, **John Benjamin** will be stepping down in January. John has done a great job in GK helping to get the re-charting process dialed in, and serving in part as the expert on commissioner tools. But don't worry, because John is not going far. Beginning in January, John will head up the newly re-established CampMaster Program for WMC. In this role, he will continue to work with units by welcoming them to Camp, and also log his contacts in Commissioner Tools. He's also lined up to assist next year with his favorite Commissioning activity – re-chartering!

Stepping in at the position of District Commissioner for GK is **Fritz Schmidt**. Fritz is no stranger to Scouting, the WMC or to Commissioning, so I expect that he'll hit the ground running. We're very excited that Fritz is on board and I'm looking forward to learning from his expertise and vast experience.

Last but certainly not least, is a new Assistant Council Commissioner. As with Fritz, **Bob Walz** brings over five years of Unit Commissioner service experience with him to this role. As many of you know, Bob earned his Doctorate of Commissioner Science a few weeks ago at the very successful 35th Annual College of Commissioner Science that Peter Matrow runs. I'm very excited to be working with Bob in this role and know that he will be a strong addition to our team as we continue to recruit new commissioners for more changes coming to the Scouting program.

I'd like to thank all the Commissioners in WMC for what you do to support our youth. I know you all work very hard to help units to grow and thrive, to make our districts and council stronger, and to provide great roundtable programs.

My sincere gratitude.

Yours in Scouting,

Sam Everett
Council Commissioner



Sam Everett
Council Commissioner



SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE

DAVID KRUSE, SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Webelos to Boy Scout transition

Thank you to those who attended the council key 3 fireside chats the last week of November. It is encouraging to see Scouters who care so much about Scouting and want to see it continue to improve at all levels of the movement. Expect to see more fireside chats throughout the year and around the council as we strive to improve and grow Scouting to serve more youth with our awesome program.

A question that came up during the one-on-one conversations after one of the chats was "how can we improve in transitioning Webelos to Boy Scout Troops?" I will share a few suggestions that I shared with him.

The most important thing is to have a strong relationship between the troop and the pack, especially the Webelos leader and den. A few examples that worked for me when I was a Scoutmaster, and that I have seen along the Scouting trail follow.

- 1). Have the troop attend the pack Blue and Gold in February, the Scouting anniversary month, and use it as a brief court of honor. This will give the pack a chance to look into their Scouting future.
- 2). Make sure the troop provides den chiefs for the packs dens. It is a key leadership position for the troop, and your den chiefs should be Boy Scouts that the Cub Scouts in the pack will look up to and find fun and inspiring. When Webelos are ready to transition to the troop they will already have a friend in the troop. Making the transition less intimidating and more natural.
- 3). Make sure that those who could be transitioning to the troop have the troop calendar well in advance. We can't expect to give a family the calendar with weekend outings and a week of summer camp in March and expect that their family calendars will somehow fit into the troops schedule. Give them the calendar in September and allow them to plan and give them something to look forward to.
- 4). Make sure Webelos attend resident camp. There is nothing scarier for many young Boy Scouts than going off to summer camp with the troop if one has never been on a week-long camping experience. If we don't get Boy Scouts to summer camp their first year, we are likely to lose them. This starts at the pack.
- 5). Finally make sure that the troop and the pack are in constant communication. An assistant Scoutmaster could be assigned as a go between with the pack. Make sure that the pack knows all the fun things that the troop is doing. Give them something to look forward to, Take no chances, leave nothing to chance in this area.

As always, thank you for what you do to serve the youth we serve through Scouting programs. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks for helping kids!




David Kruse
Scout Executive



TRAINING

With the many changes in the Scouting program upcoming, the New Year should bring updates to many of the training courses we currently offer. We will strive to keep you up to date with any revisions as they are made aware to the Training Committee.

Chartered Organization Representative training is now available online. The training explains what a charter is, what the Scouting unit is, what their position entails, and the BSA standards and volunteers.

There are a couple of other new courses on the BSA Learn Center that you may want to take a look at as well: There is training available now called Chaplain Training. The training encompasses interfaith considerations, religious emblems and award, and the Chaplain's roles and responsibilities. We also now have a new adult leadership position available called the New Member Coordinator. This is the person is there to make your new Scouts and their families feel welcome and want to stay. Training for this position is available there as well. Also, Succession Planning for Volunteer Leaders is a training that caught my attention. The goal for this training is to teach volunteers how to recruit new leaders and how to plan to replace leaders.

These trainings and more can be found on <https://bsalearn.learn.taleo.net>.

Many of our Boy Scout Troops offer leadership training to their youth members through a program called Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST). The new syllabus for this course has been released and is available online at https://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST_IntroSyllabus_9_11.pdf. If you do not currently offer this program to your units, you are missing out on a great opportunity to help your Boy Scouts with leadership positions with tools of organization leadership skills to help them succeed in their new position.

From everyone on the Training Committee, we would like to wish you a Happy Holiday season and wish you the best for the New Year.

Thank you for all that you do.

Mary Benjamin

Training Committee Chairperson



Visit the BSA Online Learning Center to access many online training courses

COUNCIL TRAINING CHAIRPERSON: MARY BENJAMIN - training@wmascouting.org

TRAINING STAFF ADVISOR: STEVEN ROBERTS

YOUTH PROTECTION

Everybody whose Youth Protection training has expired should retake it as soon as possible. The unit re-charter paperwork is due in early December. Any person whose Youth Protection has lapsed will not be reregistered with their unit. If those persons are key to the unit re-chartering, then the paperwork will not be processed. Holding back a units re-chartering only hurts the youths in the unit. So, keep your Youth Protection up to date and current and that means for the whole charter year.



There has been changes in the Youth Protection policy. Some of the changes you may not notice like the cancellation of the grace period on new registrations because our Registrar Gail has always followed the better practice of not registering anyone who is not Youth Protection trained. You should already be aware of the new YP2 training course that is to be rolled out on January 1st because I have been writing about it. Another of the changes that has come out in advance of the new YP2 deals with Boy Scout Summer Camp. With the new adult registration requirements all adults attending Boy Scout Resident Camp must be registered and part of the registration is Youth Protection training and a criminal background check. Other changes may be coming as well so keep informed. While it is strongly encouraged that adults attending any overnight activity be Youth Protection trained, it is not required until the activity is longer than 72 hours. This time line is one of the things being looked at.

Now for the monthly statistics. As you can expect, I was disappointed that our council overall total percentages went down each of the last two months. I had hoped that the numbers would have at least stayed the same if not increased toward the goal of 100%. However, we were not alone in the decreases. Percent totals decreased across the board as you can see the decreases in both the Northeast Region and National figures. I can only guess that as in the past, leaders wait until just before re-charter time to renew their training. Or, as has been suggested, they are waiting for the new course to come out.

	National %	Northeast Region%	Western Mass %
September	88.09	92.33	92.13
October	86.64	90.95	91.34

These numbers should all go back up after all the re-charter paperwork is processed.

Remember – Youth Protection begins with **YOU**.

Peter B. Izyk
Council Youth Protection Champion



ADVANCEMENT

“Certification of Applicant” on an Eagle Scout Application

Happy Holidays to all! Eagle Scout applications are one of the trickiest applications to understand, especially if you are rushing to get it filled out for a Board of Review or 24 hours before the Scouts 18th birthday – not that anyone does that!

But in all seriousness when going over the Eagle Scout application, which is done at every Eagle seminar within the Western Massachusetts Council, it is important to read it over very carefully, even multiple times, to make sure that your Eagle candidates are completing EVERY requirement.

The most overlooked part of the Eagle Scout applications is where the Eagle candidate signs on the dotted line. There is a statement that says “On my honor as a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout, all statements on this application are true and correct. All requirements, with the exception of my Board of Review, were completed prior to my 18th birthday.

BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE!

The application then goes on to state – in bold letters no less – **“In preparation for your Board of Review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.”**

This is supposed to be attached (or accompany) the Eagle application. This is the candidates’ opportunity to, in a way, brag about themselves. There are no specific guidelines in the “Guide to Advancement” and if you go on-line you can find all sorts of “helpful hints” to guide the candidates. It is not meant to be their first dissertation, but it should be something that has substance and meaning, even if the candidate is honestly stating that they have no idea what they want to do in the immediate future. This part of the application asks the candidates to look at what they have accomplished to that point and realize how it can positively affect their future ambitions.

And as 2017 comes to a close and we look back on everything that has been accomplished by our Scouts, there is one Venturer in particular that I would like to point out – Jacob Adams of Crew 168. On Tuesday November 21, 2017 Jacob went through a unique Board of Review with not only adult Scouters and community members, but youth members of the Crew as well asking him about his trail to earn the Venturing Summit Award, the highest honor in Venturing. Jacob is the first in the Western Massachusetts Council to earn this prestigious award. He is an inspiration and a true leader in Scouting and we look forward to seeing what more he will do in the future! Congratulations again Jacob!

Yours in Scouting,
Joshua Hall

Pictured to the right is Jacob Adams of Crew 168 being congratulated for being the first youth in the council to earn the “Venturing Summit Award”



COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: JOSHUA HALL - advancement@wmascouting.org
ADVANCEMENT STAFF ADVISOR: STEVEN ROBERTS

CAMPING & OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Summer Camp Program Evenings

This year we are bringing back the Summer Camp Program evenings. Details of the specific dates and locations are still being finalized, so watch the Summer Camp pages of the Council website for more information on these events. Each evening will give you an opportunity to learn the latest information about our Boy Scout Resident Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp programs, all in one place. You will hear about these programs from the camp directors and members of their staff.

Introducing the Woronoco Heights Outdoor Center

As part of our ongoing expansion of the use of the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation, we are pleased to announce the introduction of the **Woronoco Heights Outdoor Center**. This program will run on weekends during the non-summer camp season and will provide participants with a variety of programs. Our initial offerings in 2018 will be restricted to one Saturday a month from January to June but will expand to multiple Saturdays in the future. The programs offered will be seasonal and will be provided by our own program committees and some of our Learning for Life groups. If you have a program that you would like to offer, please let us know.

The cost for this program will be minimal with an introductory rate this spring of only \$5 per person. This gives you access to all of the programs offered on that day. This program is open to anyone, male or female, whether or not they are registered in the BSA. For units who are camping at Moses on these weekends, this provides you with some additional program to consider for your weekend. This can also be used by a unit as a recruiting tool by inviting non-Scouts to join you for the day. Individuals are also invited to come and take part in the program, you do not need to come with a unit.

What: Woronoco Heights Outdoor Center – tagline here!!!

When: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

Cost: Introductory rate of \$5 per person

Who: Anyone, male or female (age 5 and above). You do not have to be registered in the BSA to participate in this program. Note: Some programs will have age limits.

Upcoming Programs:

January – Ice fishing, snow shoeing, blacksmithing, fire building and a winter ecology skill

February – Ice fishing, snow shoeing, welding, radio, fire building,

March – Rifle, shotgun, black powder rifle, cooking, ATVs

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM: JOHN WILLEMAIN - program@wmascouting.org

PROGRAM STAFF ADVISOR: STEVEN ROBERTS

CAMPING & OUTDOOR PROGRAM CT'D

MassJam 2018

It's time to **Gear Up for MassJam 2018**. This year's theme is Together **Towards Tomorrow** and will focus on how STEM plays a part in almost every activity that we do in Scouting. The event will be Columbus Day weekend, October 6-8, 2018 at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds in East Falmouth, MA. This event is open to Troops, Crews and Posts. Webelos are also invited to attend with a Boy Scout troop. For more information, visit our MassJam page at <https://www.wmascouting.org/massjam2018> or the official site at <http://www.massjam.org/>. Registration is open for units at the official site. Reserve your space today!



Our council is also responsible for staffing some areas. If you'd like to assist with any of these areas listed below, please contact the person in charge of each area.

Sub-camp: Mary Benjamin at bboopcakes73@comcast.net

Rockets Action Center: Brian Regan at kb1igm@gmail.com

Sports Action Center: Dave Flaherty at dflaherty@ashtonservices.com

We are also looking for people with medical certifications or who have access to medical equipment that could be used. If you can help with this, please contact Blake Edwards at qrzw1im@gmail.com.

World Jamboree 2019

The **24th World Jamboree** will be held July 21 to August 2, 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia. This is a great opportunity to spend time with Scouts from all over the world as together they "**Unlock a New World**". Space for both staff and participants will be limited, so you should get your application in now. For more information about the jamboree, you can visit our webpage at <https://www.wmascouting.org/worldjamboree> or the official site at <https://wsj2019.us/>. To apply to attend or be on staff, please visit <https://wsj2019.us/apply>.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM: JOHN WILLEMMAIN - program@wmascouting.org

PROGRAM STAFF ADVISOR: STEVEN ROBERTS

CAMPING & OUTDOOR PROGRAM CT'D

NEW Summer Day Camp offering

As you know, we have been operating a traditional summer camp at Moses Scout Reservation for over 70 years. With declining enrollment in Scouting, and the loss of units who go 'out of Council' for summer camp, it's very difficult for us to operate a viable summer camp operation with the numbers needed to pay for the overhead. We understand that units like some variety from time to time, and we feel that we've maximized the number of 'boy weeks' at the current operation.

However, we have a 1200+ acre camp with lots of extra space and facilities, and there is lots of demand for summer camp experiences – especially day camp for families where parents work during the day and their children need a full day activity.

So, earlier this fall the Council has embarked on utilizing the Woronoak area for a summer day camp. We have evaluated the other camps in the area, the demand for this kind of offering, and done some extensive planning on the logistics of putting this together. We have been in contact with the National Council to be sure what we offer will comply with our obligations as a Scout Council. We have engaged a marketing firm to help us with naming, logo, website, and promotion, and plan to 'go public' with this in January, 2018.

The concept will be to provide bus service from various locations around the Council, so parents can drop off their child between 7 am and 8 am. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at camp, and the daily program will vary each week, but largely include traditional camp activities, like hiking, fishing, arts & crafts, nature, rock climbing, archery & age appropriate shooting sports, swimming & boating etc.

This will be open to any youth, ages 6-15, and yes we will be recruiting camp staff from the area to run this operation. This is a nice opportunity for college students, teachers, or others who have time in the summer to work on a fun activity and make some money. We are following BSA guidelines and key staff will be required to attend BSA National Camp School.

The hours will be 8 am to 4:30 pm, so campers will be returned to their parents at the end of the day, with smiles on their faces and likely a bit tired from a day of fun and adventure! Once the summer is over, if they have enjoyed their time in camp, then perhaps these campers will join Cub or Scout units back in their home towns.

Of course, this camp is open to our existing Scouts, so if your child is in need of care during the day in the summer, he or she can sign up! If your son's unit is attending summer camp, he can certainly be with his unit during their week(s) in camp and then attend this day camp during the rest of the summer. Our tentative schedule is 4 weeks in July and 2 weeks in August. If there is additional demand for a residential camp, we may expand this to both a day an overnight camp in 2019.

We haven't finalized fees or fixed program yet, but if you'd like to be involved, or have children who you'd like to have attend, please contact the Council office.



CAMPING & OUTDOOR PROGRAM CT'D**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**

We are gearing up for our "Passport to Adventure" Cub Scout Day Camp!! We are excited to offer Day Camp at 4 separate locations again this year.

July 2-6 at Camp Horace A Moses 2pm-8pm -

This week's camp will be our twilight camp running from. Campers will be able to enjoy the cool evening summer air, while partaking in BB guns, archery and SWIMMING.

July 9-13 at St. Helena's Chapel 9 am- 3pm- Lenox

This week's camp will offer, a focus on STEM while we explore the "Passport to Adventure".

Campers will be able to learn about BB and Archery along with crafts and scout skills.

July 16-20 at the Chicopee Sportsman's Club in Granby 9am-3pm

This week campers will be able to shoot BB, Archery and Slingshot along with learning, Scoutskills, crafts and fun and games.

July 23-27 at East Longmeadow 9 am- 3pm-

This week campers will be able to shoot BB, Archery and Slingshot along with learning, Scoutskills, crafts and fun and games.

Our camp staff is in full swing designing our new program to make a fun and exciting program!!

Payment Schedule

\$50 per scout deposit due by 4/1/18

\$175 Early bird fee due by 5/1/18

\$200 Full fee due by 6/30/18

\$50 refund to parents/guardians- one adult to one scout.

Look for more information of all the changes and program fun coming to the summer of 2018!!

Membership Matters - Let's Catch a 1000!

"Let's Catch a 1000!" has been the slogan of our fall membership growth campaign. Did we hit the mark? Not yet, but we'll continue to monitor our growth and we'll surpass that benchmark as we go forward.

Why continue to keep track even as the fall campaign draws to a close? Because Scouting and its many benefits is so important to our youth. Scouting has made a difference in the lives of me and my family. I'm pretty sure it has impacted your life, too. Maybe there have been experiences you wouldn't have had without Scouting. Perhaps your child learned a new skill, or gained the confidence to try something really challenging. Many families appreciate the time they spend together at Scout outings. I remember the Tiger Scout who told me he knew he had a friend whenever he saw someone in a Scout Uniform. We've also had more than a few stories of Scouts who've landed their dream jobs through their Scouting experience.



Congratulations to our newest Packs and Troops in Appalachian Trail, General Knox and Metacomet Districts. After a lapse of too many years, Holyoke youth have a Pack to join in their city and several other communities around the council have seen a Troop or Pack successfully restarted. New units mean more opportunities to join and lead to more Scouts in every unit within the town. More Scouts leads to better outcomes for more families in all our communities.

Congratulations to those units that have shown membership growth in 2017. In addition to having more families sharing Scouting, Packs showing growth have earned a discount on their Pinewood Derby cars; Troops and Crews have earned a discount on a cabin rental at camp equal to the percent of 2017 growth compared to Dec, 31 2016 membership. Offer Scouting to more youth and families, grow your unit and enjoy the incentives you earn.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS CONTINUED

Congratulations to the following Packs that served more youth in 2017 as compared to their year-end membership on December 31, 2016:

Appalachian Trail District – Pack 3001, Pack 3008, Pack 3026, Pack 3028, Pack 3038, Pack 3042.

General Knox District – Pack 5, Pack 49, Pack 77, Pack 82, Pack 94, Pack 108, Pack 138, Pack 177, Pack 272, Pack 295, Pack 359, Pack 454, Pack 550, Pack 570, Pack 1774

Metacomet District – Pack 9, Pack 85, Pack 118, Pack 303, Pack 500, Pack 705

These Packs have earned a percentage discount on their Pinewood Derby cars equal to their percentage of growth over 2016.

Congratulations to the following Troops and Crews that served more youth in 2017 as compared to their year-end membership on December 31, 2016:

Appalachian Trail District – Troop 120, Troop 1003, Troop 1004, Troop 1008, Troop 1021, Troop 1023, Troop 1028, Troop 1038, Troop 1040, Troop 1093

General Knox District – Troop 5, Troop 7, Troop 83, Troop 90, Troop 138, Troop 164, Troop 168, Troop 303, Troop 338, Troop 359, Troop 821, Troop 1849, Crew 164, Crew 359

Metacomet District – Troop 5, Troop 6, Troop 11, Troop 18, Troop 18, Troop 104, Troop 303, Troop 504, Crew 1, Crew 413

These Troops have earned a percentage discount on winter cabin rental at Moses Scout Reservation equal to their percentage of growth over 2016.

Explorer Post 9214, Post 9730 and Post 9784 all in Appalachian Trail District also served more youth in 2017 than in 2016.

Welcome to the following new units that chartered in 2017:

Appalachian Trail District - Pack 55

General Knox District – Troop 1774

Metacomet District – Pack 19, Pack 104, Pack 504, Troop 317



SUPPORT SCOUTING PROGRAMS

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Our 2018 FOS campaign will soon be underway! Help support the Western Massachusetts Council!

To learn more or to schedule a presentation, [contact your district executive](#).

To view the 2018 FOS brochure or to make a gift to Scouting, visit our [website](#).

We will begin scheduling 2018 presentation later in this fall.



This sample may have been slightly modified to more effectively reproduce your design in embroidery. Every effort will be made to match colors perfectly. However, due to texture, brilliance, colors and shades available, and dye lot differences, there may be a very slight variation in color or shade.

(Unit Leader Patch)

2018 Friends of Scouting Incentive Patches



Bronze Border Patch
\$200-\$399



Silver Border Patch
\$400-\$499



Gold Border Patch
\$500-\$999

This sample may have been slightly modified to more effectively reproduce your design in embroidery. Every effort will be made to match colors perfectly. However, due to texture, brilliance, colors and shades available, and dye lot differences, there may be a very slight variation in color or shade.



This sample may have been slightly modified to more effectively reproduce your design in embroidery. Every effort will be made to match colors perfectly. However, due to texture, brilliance, colors and shades available, and dye lot differences, there may be a very slight variation in color or shade.

Ghost Patch
\$1000 and up

Contribute to our Friends of Scouting Campaign today!



Professional Staff

David Kruse

Scout Executive and CEO
David.Kruse@scouting.org
x 7002

Eric Oulette

Assistant Scout Executive/COO
Eric.Oulette@scouting.org
x 7034

Steven Roberts

Program Director
Steven.Roberts@scouting.org
x 7004

Alex Cantor

Senior District Executive
General Knox District
Alex.Cantor@Scouting.org
x 7031

Lesley Birk

District Executive
Metacomet District
Lesley.Birk@scouting.org
x 7014

Ruthann Eagen

District Executive
Appalachian Trail District
Ruthann.Eagen@scouting.org
x 7032

Mike Brennan

Business Manager & Accountant
Mike.Brennan@scouting.org
x 7001

Beverly Pond

Accounting Assistant
Beverly.Pond@scouting.org
X 7036

Council Locations

Westfield Service Center

1 Arch Road, Suite 5
Westfield, MA 01085
Open Mon.-Fri. 9AM-4PM,
Office: (413) 594-9196
Toll-Free (800) 649-1735
Fax: (413) 562-1041

Westfield Service Center Trading Post

Open Mon. & Wed. 9AM-7PM,
Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9AM-4PM
Sat 10AM-2PM
wmctpost@scouting.org
x 7005

Pittsfield Service Center

2 South Street, Suite 125
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Open Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
8:30AM – 3:30 PM,
Tues. 8:30AM-7PM, and Sat.
10AM-2PM
Office: (413) 594-9196
Toll-Free (800) 649-1735
Fax: (413) 236-0902

Gail Wojtkowiak

Council Registrar & Office Manager
Pittsfield Service Center
Gail.Wojtkowiak@Scouting.org
x 7018

Chesterfield Scout Reservation

22 Sugar Hill Road
Williamsburg, MA 01096

H. A. Moses Scout Reservation

310 Birch Hill Road
Russell, MA 01071
Phone: (413) 568-0211

Council Website:

www.wmascouting.org

Council Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/wmascouting

Council Officers

Jeffrey Glaze

President
jglaze@epi-ctr.com

Samuel Everett

Council Commissioner
councilcommissioner@wmascouting.org

Joe Case

V. P. Administration
jpcase@amherst.edu

Michael Dubois

Treasurer
mdubois@massmutual.com

Jim Law

V. P. Finance

Jeff Sattler

V. P. Fund Development
BMC@basonwilson.com

Cheryl Izyk

V. P. Membership
cdizyk@comcast.net

John Willemain

V. P. Program
johnwillemain@comcast.net

Steve Kenniston

V. P. Properties
skenniston@theedg.net



Join
our
email
list!