

METACOMET NEWSLETTER

METACOMET DISTRICT, WMASS COUNCIL, BSA

[HTTPS://WWW.WMASSCOUTING.ORG/METACOMET](https://www.wmasscouting.org/metacomet)

Welcome Our New District Executive

Don Carlson begins his orientation Monday, December 3. He plans to attend both the District Committee meeting and Roundtable training in December. His work contact information is Donald.Carlson@scouting.org and 413-594-9196 x.7014.

Talking Points: *Introduction for Info Meetings About Scouts BSA*

- Thank you all for coming to the Boy Scouts of America's Scouts BSA interest night.
- We are thrilled to have you here and to get you started on the adventure of a lifetime. This is an exciting time as we prepare to welcome girls into our iconic program in February.
- Before we start, I want to make sure that you all understand that tonight we are discussing the BSA program that girls ages 11 to 17 can register in starting in February. We are affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America – not the Girl Scouts of the USA.
- If you are interested in joining the Girl Scouts, either in addition to or instead of this program, please visit www.GirlScouts.org for more information.
- And now I'd like to take some time to tell you more about Scouts BSA and the troop we will be setting up here.

Ways You Can Help Metacomet's 2018 JTE

1. Complete online my.scouting.org training for your position
2. Recruit and register one new Scout (send in applications you have in hand)
3. Verify all 2018 Scout rank advancements have been reported to BSA
4. Report all 2018 community service hours to BSA
5. Earn and report a unit JTE Bronze award or greater for 2018
6. Join the Metacomet District Committee as a Member-At-Large

Metacomet 2018 Celebrations (46 units)

- 25% of our units have already submitted **Online Charter Renewals** by 12/1/18
- 45% of our units helped us meet 98.10% of our **Family Friends of Scouting** goal
- 35% of our units sold over \$90,000 in **Popcorn** raising \$63,000+ for local Scouting
- Only 25 more Scouts are needed to meet our minimum **Membership** goal

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[HTTPS://SCOUTING.WEBDAMDB.COM/BP/#/](https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/)

Upcoming Dates:

Recharter Packet Due Date,
Dec 1

Commissioner Meeting, Dec 6, 6:30pm, Hatfield Elementary School, 33 Main St, Hatfield

District Committee Meeting, Dec 6, 7pm, Hatfield Elementary School, 33 Main St, Hatfield

Roundtable & Charter Turn In, Dec 13, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

WHOA Celebrates the Holidays, Dec 15, Moses

Commissioner Meeting, Jan 3, 6:30pm, Hadley Sr Center

District Committee Meeting, Jan 3, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

Roundtable, Jan 10, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

WHOA, Jan 19, Moses

Boston Museum of Science, Jan 20-21, Boston

Boy Scout Klondike, Jan 26, Tolgy Woods (Chesterfield Scout Reservation)

Cub Scout Yukon Daze, Jan 26, 9:30am, Tolgy Woods (Chesterfield Scout Reservation)

Small Pack Pinewood Derby, Mar 16, South Hadley

Metacomet Pinewood Derby, Apr 6, TBD

Merit Badge University & Adult Training, Feb. & Mar. 23th, UMass

Boy Scout Spring Camporee, May 17-19, Franklin County Fairgrounds

Family Camping Weekend, Jun 8, Moses

24th World Scout Jamboree 2019, Jul 22-Aug 2, West Virginia

Don't forget to follow the

Making Metacomet District GREAT!!!!

Don Carlson, District Executive
 Donald.Carlson@scouting.org

Bob Walz, Interim District Chairman
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Greg Williams, District Commissioner
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Upcoming In-Person Trainings:

- Jan 5—The Fundamentals of Training (Youth and Adult)
- Jan 10—Den Leader Position-Specific Training @ CS Roundtable—Part 1 of 2
- Jan 26—The Trainer’s EDGE
- Feb 14—Den Leader Position-Specific Training @ CS Roundtable—Part 2 of 2
- Feb 23 & Mar 23—Adult Training at Merit Badge University
- Apr 27-28—Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Boy Scout)
- Jun 7-9—Certified Angling Instructor Course
- Sep 6-8 & Oct 12-14—Wood Badge Course N2-234-19

<https://www.wmascouting.org/calendar/452/Training>

BSA Miscellany

- Any partial progress made toward online position-specific training for Cub Scout leaders and Boy Scout leaders will be lost when new updated versions launch on Jan 2. More info at <https://bit.ly/2SxsKO1>
- The Training Committees is committed to providing training where and when you need it. This “[Training on Request](#)” is facilitated by the volunteer Training Committee staff. If you and your Unit or several Units in your area would like a training course offered for you, we can help. Please fill out the request form online from the Council Training Website Dropdown Menu. Outdoor trainings are not eligible.
- Please schedule your FOS presentation now in your Recharter Packet to help our volunteer team
- Remember to enter your units Service Hours online at my.scouting.org under Menu>Legacy Web Tools>Service Hours Reporting. Our current JTE report shows great improvement with our Scouts on average providing 4.19 hours of community service each, up from 1.18 hours reported last year.
- Be certain that all Scout Rank advancements for 2018 have been reported to the  Council Registrar using an Advancement Report—<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34403.pdf>
- Have you installed the free myScouting mobile app? New bug fixes and features are being added regularly. You can complete online training here as well!
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/myscouting/id1186037730?mt=8>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myscouting&hl=en>
- Having a knowledgeable Scouter providing input can ensure a unit’s success. We are in need of unit commissioners to serve the Metacomet area. Please contact Greg at 413-297-4963 or greg.allen.williams@gmail.com in order to join in on the fun and make a difference in the Metacomet District.
- The Metacomet District has many opportunities, large and small, to help our units and district grow again. Please ask us how we might assist you in helping out.



WORONOCO HEIGHTS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

This program offers a variety of seasonal activities on one Saturday each month from September to June. These include ice fishing, show shoeing, rifle and shotgun, cooking, ATVs, blacksmithing, ham radio and more. This program is open to anyone ages 5 and up, whether you are a Scout or not. Whether you come with your unit or with your family, plan to have some fun. Each program is available from 9 am until 3 pm. You may arrive/leave at any time. Cost for a day’s activities are \$10 for youth up to 9 years old and \$15 for those 10 or older. Check-in will be at the Trading Post.

Dec 15 Jan 19 Feb 16

<https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA>