

METACOMET NEWSLETTER

[HTTPS://WWW.WMASCOUTING.ORG/METACOMET](https://www.wmascouting.org/metacomet)

2018 Metacomet Unit Participation

	FOS	Popcorn	Roundtable	12/1/18 Recharter	12/31/18 Recharter	Yukon Daze/ Klondike	Spring Camporee	Fall Fun Day/ MassJam
	46 %	35 %	61 %	13 %	50 %	41 %	42 %	35 %
P4003	X	X	25%		X	X	-	X
P4008	X		25%			X	-	
P4009				-	-		-	
P4017							-	
P4018		X	63%			X	-	
P4019				-	-		-	
P4034	X	X	63%	X	X	X	-	X
P4057	X	X	75%		X	X	-	X
P4085					X	X	-	X
P4104		X	25%				-	
P4118				X	X	X	-	
P4207	X				X		-	
P4209	X		38%		X		-	
P4210	X	X	13%		X	X	-	
P4303	X	X	63%			X	-	X
P4500	X	X	75%		X	X	-	X
P4504	X		63%		X		-	
P4505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
P4507		X	13%				-	
P4705	X	X	50%		X	X	-	X
T0005		X	75%		X		X	*missing data
T0006								*
T0008			50%			X	X	*
T0009		X	25%	X	X		X	*
T0010					X			*
T0011							X	*
T0015				-	-			*
T0016				-	-			*
T0018	X		75%	X	X	X	X	*
T0057	X		38%	X	X	X	X	*
T0103	X		13%					*
T0104								*
T0109					X			*
T0205	X				X			*
T0209			13%		X			*
T0210	X	X	25%	X	X			*
T0303	X	X	88%		X	X	X	*
T0306	X	X	38%			X		*
T0500			13%				X	*
T0504	X		63%		X		X	*
T0507	X		75%			X	X	*
T0550				-	-			*
T0701		X	13%	-	-	X		*
T0705			38%			X		*
C2001							X	*
C2303	X				X			*

Upcoming Dates:

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

Ice Fishing Festival, Jan 12, 9am, Tolgy Wood: Chesterfield Camp

WHOA, Jan 19, Moses

Boston Museum of Science, Jan 20-21, Boston

Boy Scout Klondike, Jan 26, Tolgy Wood: Chesterfield Camp

Cub Scout Yukon Daze, Jan 26, 9:30am, Tolgy Wood: Chesterfield Camp

Commissioner Meeting, Feb 7, 6:30pm, Hatfield Elementary School, 33 Main St, Hatfield

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

Roundtable: Duty to God—Joint Cub Scout/Boy Scout, Feb 14, 7pm, Hatfield Elementary School, 33 Main St, Hatfield

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

Making Metacomet District GREAT!!!!

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Upcoming In-Person Trainings:

Jan 5—~~The Fundamentals of Training (Youth and Adult)~~ **CANCELLED**

Jan 26—The Trainer's EDGE

Feb 16—TENTATIVE Den Chief Training TBD

Feb 23 & Mar 23—Adult Training at Merit Badge University

Mar 14—Den Leader Position-Specific Training @ CS Roundtable—Part 1 of 2

Apr 11—Den Leader Position-Specific Training @ CS Roundtable—Part 2 of 2

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

- Now four, not three BSA Aims: Character Development, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership
- Adult Supervision Update: Guide to Safe Scouting www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/#as
 - **Q:** The Barriers to Abuse say that there must be two registered adults present for all Scouting activities and meetings. Does that include merit badge counseling? Fund-raising events?
 - **A.** Yes. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader.
- Please be aware that starting January 1, 2019, the Westfield and Pittsfield Trading Posts will require an Online Advancement Report to immediately purchase advancement materials. All other advancement reports will have to go through evaluation and materials will be available for purchase after this evaluation is done. This can be in the form of:
 - Internet Advancement
 - ScoutBook that has been synced with and uploaded to ScoutNet
 - TroopMaster/PackMaster that has been synced with and uploaded to ScoutNet
- 2019 Registration/Insurance/Boys Life fee breakdowns are available to download on the [Metacomet District Webpage](#)
- Advance Notice: 2020 Western Mass Council insurance fees will increase from \$4 to \$7. More information is available online at www.wmascouting.org/offices
- 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871): As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. When to use it:
 - Anytime you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety and wellbeing is at risk, and you cannot immediately reach your Scout executive or local council.
 - If a Scout is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is unable to resolve the problem.
 - If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911.
- Scoutbook Enhancement: Not only is it now FREE, but the BSA has added a new daily membership one-way import from ScoutNET and my.Scouting into Scoutbook . The automatic membership update will greatly assist units in keeping their Scoutbook rosters accurate and current. It will also greatly assist units that have never used Scoutbook before to work with their rosters immediately without the need to manually load the unit roster. More information on the daily membership import can be found in the FAQ here: <http://bit.ly/scoutbookmembership>. Note: Service Hours do not currently sync to BSA JTE.
- 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.

