



# MONTICELLO MESSENGER

November 2019

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

One of the more common questions at Eagle Boards of Review is "What merit badge most helped with your Eagle project?" Scouts will often start with Personal Management, but eventually, most will settle on Communication. Communication is a major part of any Eagle project, or for that matter, any project in Scouting. Whether you are a Crew Advisor working with Venturers, a Pack Committee Chair working with your Committee, or the District sending out information, clear and timely communication is essential. As a District, we must keep all unit leaders informed of upcoming events, training opportunities, and important news. Thus, I want to sincerely thank Michelle McCrone for volunteering to create and edit this new monthly newsletter as part of her Wood Badge ticket. We hope that you will find it useful.

This newsletter is just one of the many ways that we hope to improve the lines of communication between the District Committee and you. We also have our Google Group mailing list, Monticello District Registered Leaders (monticello-bsa). If you know of any registered adult that is not receiving emails from the District, please send their email address to me at [emm8xuva@gmail.com](mailto:emm8xuva@gmail.com), and I will add them to the email list (they can also go to <http://groups.google.com> and search on Monticello District Registered Leaders and request to join from there). We also have a live District calendar at <http://bit.ly/MonticelloDistrictCalendar>. We are working hard to keep the calendar up to date. Finally, our District Roundtable on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church (500 Park Street, Charlottesville) is an outstanding way to keep informed, to meet other Scouters, and to get useful tips on working with youth. Roundtable is open to EVERYONE! If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me know. Feedback is a gift (it truly is)!

Ed Murphy  
District Chair

## DISTRICT KEY THREE

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## DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Training Chair:  
John Lindegren  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 7 - Roundtable - 7pm @ FPC  
Nov 9 - Camp Shenandoah Work Day  
Nov 13 - OA Chapter Meeting - 7pm @ Westminster  
Nov 16 - Popcorn and Peanut Distribution  
Nov 20 - District Commissioner Meeting - 6:30pm @ FPC  
Nov 20 - District Committee Meeting - 7:30pm @ FPC  
Nov 23 - Christmas Tree Unloading #1  
Nov 29 - Christmas Tree Lots Open  
Nov 30 - Christmas Tree Unloading #2  
Jan 31 - Feb 2 - Valley and Southern Klondike



## TRAINING AREA

Hello Monticello District Scouters! We recently updated the District Training website with a focus on our core adult and youth training requirements and adult training awards.

Right now the District is about 78% "trained" for all registered adult positions. Unit Key 3 and Unit Commissioners, please review your unit's training status in your my.Scouting tools. Online training can usually be accomplished within a couple of hours and it is as easy as 1-2-3. Please reach out if your unit has any questions on training needs.

As a reminder, Youth Protection Training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

Interested in being a trainer? We're always looking to grow our bench strength for trainers, just let me know how you'd like to get involved.

John Lindegren  
Monticello District Training Chair  
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## REPORT FROM APPLE HARVEST

The Monticello District 41st Anniversary Apple Harvest Camporee was held from 11 to 13 October at Pleasant Grove Park in Fluvanna County with over thirty Troops and Crews and over 500 Scouts, Scouters, Webelos and their parents turning out to enjoy great weather, games, food and fellowship. We also had an estimated 150 Cub Scouts and parents on Saturday. Patrols were able to participate in up to 16 events to earn points to be the Best Patrol. The two most popular events were the javelin throw and the catapult competition. Though Troop 111's Cobra Patrol won the catapult competition, they just could not catch Troop 154's Scout Mom Patrol for the honor of Best Patrol. The Scout Mom's victory earned the patrol a wooden gladius, wooden medallions of this year's logo for each member, and the coveted Apple Harvest Best Patrol trophy. We look forward to another great Camporee next year and would like to leave you with a few of our favorite Scout quotes from the Patrol Passport.

What event/activity did you like the best? Why?

- Temple of Healing. "It was very realistic."
- Hatchets. "We got to throw sharp things."
- Catapult. "It was cool to see other designs."

What event/activity did you like the least? Why?

- Gladiator Escape. "Because my SPL can't tie a square knot."
- Gladiator Escape. "We suck at knots."

Reid Watts  
Apple Harvest Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to everyone that helped out with the Chick-fil-A night on Oct 23 at the Pantops and Woodbrook locations. This was an excellent opportunity for us to meet with families that were unable to make it to Join Scouting Night for their particular location. It's never too late to join Scouting!

Speed Dating is Back! Reminder that at the November Roundtable (Nov-7) we will have an opportunity for Webelos and AOL leaders to briefly meet with multiple Troops all at once. Troops need to send their Scoutmaster and SPL with informational displays and hand-outs; Packs should come prepared with plenty of questions.

Next month we will dig into the Webelos to Scouts transition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to lend a hand with membership activities.

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## CONTACT US!

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Congratulations to Jenifer Smith for earning her Wood Badge Beads!