

# Hiawatha Quarterly



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**REMEMBER TO JOIN US  
FOR OUR DISTRICT  
ROUNDTABLE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH  
MONTH AT APALACHIN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT  
7PM, 405 PENNSYLVANIA  
AVE. APALACHIN**

View Our Training Opportunities -  
[http://www. Bpcouncil.org/training](http://www.Bpcouncil.org/training)

## Upcoming Events:

### December

15 – Final Day to Turn in Charters  
26-30<sup>th</sup> – Scout Store Closed for inventory

### January

7 - OKPIK Classroom Session

### February

3 – Oakdale Mall Scout Expo  
9-11 – Okpik Weekend Session  
11– Eagle Recognition Dinner  
11– Scout Sunday  
16-18 – Winter Camporee  
24 – Council Recognition Dinner

View Our Council Calendar at <http://www.bpcouncil.org/Calendar>

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Hiawatha District Committee Members want to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Thank you to all members of our Scouting Family for keeping the scouting spirit alive all year long. We are grateful for all you do every day to support our scouting program!

## Front Page News!

Wow, what big news within our Boy Scouts of America program! Girls are officially in (starting in the 2018 – 2019 program year)!

For several of our units, particularly at the Pack level, this isn't really a change, in that our girls have already been participating. For those of us with girls, we can proudly give them that sense of fairness now in the recognition that they've long been seeing their brothers getting. They too can get formal recognition for their successes.

For whatever reasons the National BSA Board chose to open our doors, we can now see and recognize the establishment of an institutionalized equality between our boys and girls. I believe it's important to acknowledge some of the practical application pieces that National is putting into place with this change, particularly those associated with the maintaining of the single gender model within the new structure. This model will help us to serve all of our youth at their appropriate age and developmental levels.

We know that Scouting brings opportunities rarely found in other organizations for youth, like the character and leadership development, conducted in the year-round program. We highlight our process of individual and group success, with the community orientation and winning for everyone as a core theme.

It's now time to bring the questions to our pack and troop committees, to begin to discuss if and how we're going to bring the vision to life in our local units. Remember that in 2018, the plan is to bring girls into the Cub program- either as girl only packs or by incorporating girl dens into our existing packs. Girl only packs will be run independent from the boy packs, while incorporated packs offer the flexibility of coordinated pack and den meetings. Girl troops are in line for 2019, with more information to come- as always, reach out to your District Executive and our local Council for more support and guidance in this process.

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## Eagle's Nest

Hiawatha District Eagle Board Chair, George Schwarztrauber is retiring from the chairing the Hiawatha District Eagle Boards. The Hiawatha District thanks George for all his years of service and dedication to this important service to the Hiawatha District Eagle Scouts.

Greg Shepherd has volunteered to run the Hiawatha District Eagle Board of Reviews and Eagle Project Approval starting Jan 2018. Greg can be reached at [bpeaglechair@gmail.com](mailto:bpeaglechair@gmail.com) or 607-768-2634. The Eagle Project and Board of Review Requests process will remain the same. Please go to the following link for Hiawatha District Life to Eagle Information - [Eagle Board of Review Process Website](#).



2017 Lumberjack Day

## Commissioner's Sandbox

Our Hiawatha Unit Commissioners have been hard at work meeting last month to brainstorm ideas for improving the commissioner staff, recruit new commissioners and making sure Pack / Troop / Crew Charters are being sent to their units.

Please reach out to your unit commissioner if you have not completed your charter. They can assist you with answering any questions or trying to address any concerns. The deadline for re-charters is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Reach out to Ricky Webster if you have not heard from your unit commissioner.



## 2018 Pinewood Derby Season

Many packs hand out derby car kits during their holiday party. The holiday break is a great time to get started on designing your derby car and supplies make a great gift too.

Check out this boy's life article for tips on making a faster derby car - <http://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/2952/speed-secrets/>

## Top Knot

Do you know an outstanding and dedicated volunteer who always seems to go above and beyond the call of duty? A volunteer that always seems to go from one scouting project to the next. On February 24<sup>th</sup> we will honor some of those outstanding volunteers with the highest awards bestowed on a council level for service given.

**Silver Beaver Award** - recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council

**Venturing Leadership Award** - To recognize Venturers and adult Venturing leaders who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing at a council level.

**Sea Scout Leadership Award** - To recognize Sea Scouts and adult Sea Scout leaders who have made exceptional contributions to Sea Scouts at a council level.

All nominations are due to Rick Christ, Executive Director no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## From the Big Chair

Greetings Hiawatha Scouters...As you may or may not have heard, Hiawatha has a new District Director. Joshua Hanes started on November 1st and comes to us from South Carolina.

When interviewed, I did ask if he was prepared for the weather challenges and he was ready to embrace what the Southern Tier threw at us. Joshua is an Eagle Scout, Vigil member in the Order of the Arrow and Woodbadge trained, just to name a few of his long list of accomplishments. We welcome Joshua to the Hiawatha District and look forward to continuing with greatness.

In other personnel news, George Schwarztrauber will be stepping down as Eagle Chair for Hiawatha District. We thank George for his many years in serving that role and hope he'll be available for advice and counsel.

I am proud to announce that Greg Shepherd will be taking over the Eagle Chair position. Greg is an Eagle Scout and has officiated many Eagle Boards of Review. We look forward to working with Greg and please help me congratulate him in his new role.

Remember, Hiawatha is always looking for Unit Commissioners. If you have any questions or comments for me, please reach me at [steelebob@gmail.com](mailto:steelebob@gmail.com).

**Tips for Winter Camping**

Always bring a bit more than what you think you'll need - water, food, clothes.

Stay hydrated. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. Eat and drink plenty of carbs.

Keep a pot of hot water available for cocoa or Cup-a-Soup - these warm from the inside.

Fill coffee/cook pots with water before bed. It's hard to pour frozen water, but easy to thaw it if it's already in the pot.

**COTTON KILLS!** Staying dry is the key to staying warm and by wearing several layers of clothes you will keep warm.

Bring extra hand covering - mittens are warmer than gloves

Bring 2 changes of socks per day

Wear a stocking cap to bed, even if you have a mummy bag

For more tips visit:

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp>

**Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!**

**2018 Oakdale Scout Expo  
Blast off into STEM  
Saturday, February 3rd 9am-4pm**

Join our Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Explorer Posts, and Venturing Crews at the Annual Oakdale Scout Exposition and Pinewood Derby.

This is a PREMIER opportunity for units to highlight their uniqueness and recruit new boys. New this year setting up a display this year can be used to full fill one of the requirements for Quality Unit Award.

Scouts will be encouraged to collect materials needed to build design their own rocket ship by visiting each display for the chance to win a \$50.00 gift card from Game Stop.

Any questions reach out to the Activities Chair, Renee Denney, at [scouter.denney@gmail.com](mailto:scouter.denney@gmail.com)

**NEW Scout Shop Hours  
Starting November 1, 2017**

Monday through Friday 9:00am-6:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

**KNOTS**



**ROUGHING IT WITH STYLE**

Want to learn how to camp safely in the winter? Or do you want to learn some tips and tricks to share with your troop or crew? Take the OKPIK training course.

The classroom session is January 7<sup>th</sup>. The weekend session is January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Larry Blumberg, [lblumberg@stny.rr.com](mailto:lblumberg@stny.rr.com), if interested in attending this premier training event.

**CO – EDITOR NEEDED!**

The Hiawatha Quarterly is looking for a Co-editor to assist with gathering articles and most importantly editing. The quarterly is published just 4 times a year. Please reach out to Renee Denney if interested in lending a hand. Help us ensure our Hiawatha Units stay up to date on the latest scouting news!

**Magical Wizarding Weekend was a Huge Success**

The 2017 Fall Camporee brought out all sorts of wizards competing for the international wizard's cups. Some wizards travelling all the way from Endistrang or Hogawaitha!

The tournament began with a series of skill challenges, followed by a rousing game of Quidditch. Wizards then entered a contest of agility and wisdom in the Cup's race. Finally the wizard's bravery was tested in the search for the acromantula's lair.

Thank you to all of our unit leaders and volunteers who made the event such a success!

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2018 WINTER CAMPOREE TAKING PLACE FEBURARY 16 – 18<sup>TH</sup>. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON!**



What is the best Christmas present in the world?

A broken drum  
– you can't beat it!



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How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?

Only one, after that it's not empty any more!



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What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Can you smell carrot?



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