

# 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:

### May

13-15: NE Region Venturing Event

14-15: Cub Adventure Weekend Barton

20-23: OA Induction Weekend

21-22: Cub Adventure Weekend Tuscarora

27: B-Mets Scout Night Game

### June

2: Recognition Picnic

4: Gopher Day at Tuscarora

18: Beaver Day at Barton

18: Fishing Derby at Tuscarora

### July

3-9: Boy Scout Resident Camp – Week 1

10-16: Boy Scout Resident Camp Week 2

17-23: Boy Scout Resident Camp Week 3

25-27: Eagle's Aerie at Tuscarora

24-30: Boy Scout Resident Camp Week 4

### August

31-8/6: Boy Scout Resident Camp Week 5  
(Barton only)

8-13 NYLT at Tuscarora

22: Hiawatha Program Kick-off

**View our Complete Cub Scout Summer Calendar on Page 3**

*View Our Council Calendar at*

*<http://www.bpcouncil.org/Calendar>*

## Recognition

Every year the Maine-Endwell community has a dinner to honor teachers, staff, parents, and community members who go above and beyond to help support our schools and students.

This year, one of the recipients was Jason Gilbert, Cubmaster of Pack 209. He has stayed on as Pack Master after his oldest son moved to Boy Scouts and while his youngest son was still too young to join Cub Scouts. He's a "first in, last out" member of our Pack - setting things up before every event and helping pick up when we're done. Jason is also Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 236.

He organized a Day of Caring to help clean up the local Girl Scout camp. He worked with the BU Engineers without Borders group to help rebuild after the floods. He has shaved to raise money for St. Baldrick's. Jason is a wonderful role model for the children in Pack 209 and for their siblings.

## Scouts Making a Big Impact

Scouts from the Hiawatha District show that they live by their oath "help other people at all times". Total service hours submitted by Hiawatha district troops and packs for 2015 totaled 21,518. Service projects included food collection and distribution, meal deliveries, serving food, trail rehabilitation, conservation, tree planting, litter cleanup, community beautification, and much more.

Thank you to all of our scouts, leaders, parents, and volunteers for your hard work and dedication to our communities. Your service to our community provides some of our best marketing tools. They send the message that Scouts are here, making life better for others.



2016 Scout Expo

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[www.facebook.com/hiawathadistrict](http://www.facebook.com/hiawathadistrict)



NYLT Staff Development Day

***“The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.”***

- Baden-Powell

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers



2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Idituskus

## Commissioner’s Sandbox

Playing the hand you’re dealt.

Units have ups and downs and all we can do is try to succeed in giving the boys a rounded program. Unit commissioners can help by giving you ideas you may not have thought about. Commissioners may provide ideas such as opening up your pine wood derby to the school and/or community, having an ice cream social, teaching the boys a concept from a different angle, or using a first aid game to teach first aid. The ideas are endless as well as the experience that your Unit Commissioner can provide. Just Ask!

P.S. don’t forget to get your card when you sign in at roundtable.

## Top Knot

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you.

The award is earned by completing rigorous activities in up to six areas including camping, aquatics, conservation, hiking, riding, and adventure.

For additional details please visit:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Youth/Awards/NOA.aspx>



## From our Scout Professionals

**A tip from Stacy:**

The season is winding down for our Cub Scout den meetings. It’s May already and we all know the “No School, No Scouts” statement right? Well that shouldn’t stop you from doing a pack activity once a month in the summer. Not only does doing an activity a month allow for more “Fun and Cool” things that Scouts enjoy like camping, fishing, hiking, trip to the zoo, etc. But it also keeps them engaged and seeing their scouting buddies all summer. Sure, you won’t have 100% attendance due to families traveling but, those that are in town and looking for things to do, will thank you for the opportunities. Besides, how cool would it be for your unit to earn a “Summertime Pack Award” ribbon for your pack flag? Ask me how to apply!

Are your dens finished with their requirements for rank advancement already? Keep them interested by working on electives as well. They can earn as many as they want for their rank and can collect them on their belts. Just like the old belt loop program, they can add up and continue around their waists. Don’t let them lose interest or stop doing den meetings because they are finished with requirements. There is so much more to learn and so much more fun to be had.

## Note from our Editors

Want to give back but don’t have a lot of a time? Consider helping at an upcoming event!

Our district has some great events scheduled for 2016-2017, including camporees, lock-ins, and much more. To make these events great we need your help.

Reach out to Fran Bialy, Program Chair. Every little bit helps!



### Merit Badge Lock-In

Would your unit be interested in joining other troops for a fun filled evening of merit badges, food, fun, and games? If so, we need to hear from you! The event will be planned **ONLY** if we have enough units interested.

Please complete the survey: [Survey : Greeting](#)

Please reach out to Renee Denney for additional information



Pack 218 Blue and Gold

## Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

### 2016 Hiawatha Recognition Picnic



**When:** Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 7pm – 8:30pm

**Where:** Waterman Conservation Center,  
403 Hilton Rd, Apalachin, NY

**Cost:** \$5.00 & Dish to pass

Please join us for the 2016 Hiawatha Recognition Picnic as we honor many dedicated volunteers.

Hot dogs and burgers will be provided please bring a dish to pass. If you have an outstanding volunteer in your unit that you would like to recognize, please reach out to our District Director Adam Kovalchick.

### Cub Scout Adventure Weekends

Camp Barton – Things that Float

- May 14 – 15<sup>th</sup>

Camp Tuscarora – Medieval Times

- May 21- 24<sup>th</sup>

We invite Cub Scouts of all ranks to attend one of our weekend camps with their parent/guardian and family. You are able to have a chance to come see what your camps have to offer, experience the great outdoors, and have fun. Activities may include Archery Shooting, Handicraft, games, and many more surprises.

Cost is \$20/youth and \$15/adult and includes three meals. See additional information/registration at [bpcouncil.org](http://bpcouncil.org)

### Cub Scout Summer Program

#### Day Camps

- Cole Park - June 27 – July 1, Harpursville, NY
- Camp Archbald - July 11-15, Kingsley, PA
- Bowman Lake - July 18-22, Oxford, NY
- Izaak Walton League - July 25-29, Homer, NY
- Greenwood Park - August 1-5, Maine, NY
- Camp Barton - August 15 – 19, Trumansburg, NY

#### Cub Scout Resident Camp

- Session # 1, August 1-6, Tuscarora Scout Reservation
- Session #2, August 11 – 13, Camp Barton

#### Cub Scout Planning Conference

- July 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vestal NY

### Upcoming Program Year

2015-2016 Program year is quickly coming to a close. Has your unit started looking at your 2016 -2017 program? Join us on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Roundtable to learn about some of the exiting events our district will be offering next year.

Please contact Fran Bialy for additional information and/or save the date flyer