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LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TREK THROUGH NEW MEXICO WILDERNESS



A crew of teenage Scouts and their leaders went on a life changing summer trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont covers 214 square miles of vast wilderness with trails that climb from 6,500 feet to as high as 12,441 feet. During their trek Boy Scout Troop/Venture Crew # 717-I associated with Troop 202 sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Endicott and our Delaware Counter parts Troop 186 hiked over 73 miles over 10 days. The crew members departed Endicott on July 13. They visited the Peterson Air Force Base and Museum, Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak & its Cogs Railway, US Air Force Academy, and Royal Gorge with White Water Rafting. Troop 186 member was Dakota Madanat. Troop 202 Crew Members included Andrew Burlingame, Patrick Dimock, Colin MacHaffie, David Wilson, Alex Plesnar, Aaron Williams, Bruce Williams, Ed Plesnar, and Greg Shepherd.

The group of Scouts and their advisors carried everything they needed to survive during the trek on their backs while hiking from camp to camp. They participated in backcountry programs along the way including rock climbing, mountain biking, fly-fishing and gold prospecting. The trek included a conservation project where the Scouts learned and participated in the upkeep of Philmont's ecosystem. Along the trek, Scouts endured tough challenges including backpacking in bear and mountain lion territory, steep climbs, and often-inclement weather.

"They may meet only one other group of Scouts on the trail in an entire day of hiking," according to Backpacker Magazine. "Even in the most crowded destinations, each Scout group camps in isolation, out of sight and sound of all other groups." The crew made what amounts to a Scouting pilgrimage with their trip to Philmont. Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's premier high adventure camp and the largest youth camp in the world serving nearly one million participants since 1938.

Visit the **Baden-Powell Council Website** at www.bpcouncil.org and on Facebook at **Baden-Powell Council** for the most up-to-date information and dates for Council activities.

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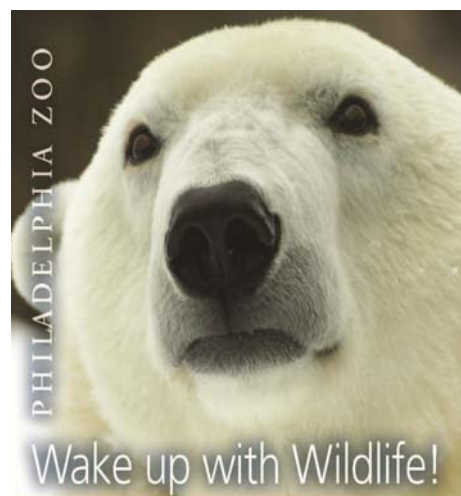
Themes for Fall of 2012

<u>Cub Scout</u>	<u>Boy Scout</u>
October	Nature
November	Business
December	First Aid
Responsibility	
Citizenship	
Respect	

EAGLE SCOUT CLASS OF 2012 RECEPTION



The Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America will recognize area Boy Scouts who obtained their Eagle Scout Rank in the calendar year of 2012. The Eagle Scout Recognition Reception will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013. The 2012 Eagle Scouts who attend will be paired up with an individual sponsor who works in the field of their career interest. This individual will be their sponsor for the afternoon, sharing with them his/her knowledge of their career field. This is a way to celebrate the accomplishments of our Eagle Scouts and a great opportunity for them to learn more about their chosen careers. 2012 Eagles should watch for their invitations in the mail and make their reservations quickly- this is something you won't want to miss!!



Experience Overnight Adventures at the Zoo.

Scouts take a guided night hike around the Zoo, have fun with up-close animal encounters and earn badge requirements! Visit philadelphiazoo.org for more information or call 215-243-5353 to reserve your groups Overnight Adventure today!



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Prepared For Life Roger B. Hoyt, Scout Executive

Recruiting Volunteers as Leaders and Mentors

It is the time of year when every council has plans in place to recruit youth into the program. It would be difficult to fulfill Scouting's mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral decisions without new recruits every year. But the youth we serve must have enough leaders to provide a quality program, and this year's membership plan will emphasize that point.

Temptation is always present when we recruit volunteers. We just can't seem to get it out of our minds. The temptation is always there to undersell the program, to take what we can get, to lower our standards.

Fortunately, in the Scout Oath we are charged to "do our best", and I cannot think of a better way to strengthen the Scouting program for our youth and for our communities than to work as hard this fall to recruit the highest quality leaders possible for each pack, troop, crew and district and council level position available. Here are a few tips and reminders:

1. SELECT--Don't settle for less than the Scouts deserve.
2. DON'T SAY NO FOR ANYONE.
3. SHARE THE VISION—Let them visualize being a part of making your unit or district work the very best.
4. TELL THEM WHAT IS EXPECTED—"Yes it takes time, but it is worth every second". Training and informing are essential.
5. TELL THEM ABOUT THE REWARDS-- This is not just another activity. We are developing better citizens and leaders. How do you put a price on changing a life?
6. SUPPORT THEM—Everyone wants to feel like they have a resource to be successful.
7. RECOGNIZE THEM—"Thank you" are two of the most powerful words in our language.

The temptation to do the job ourselves or to just work with those that seek to help will be very strong this fall, but do your best to reach out to those parents and other resources around your unit or district and ENGAGE them in supporting your unit or district activities. Scouting will be a stronger organization and the youth we serve will benefit from the effort.

Thanks for giving your time, talents and resources to our youth,

Roger B. Hoyt
Scout Executive

10 Commandments Hike

The Baden-Powell Council Duty to God Committee is planning our seventh annual **10 Commandments Hike, November 23, 2012**. The Hike will be held in Cortland, NY. Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Girl Scouts, Families of Scouts and Church Youth Groups are invited to attend.

The "hikers" will meet at a designated house of worship, register, and have one commandment explained by a member of the faith community. Then Scouts and others "hike" to other houses of worship where a commandment will be discussed. At each location a little bit about the faith community will be explained. A simple lunch will be served along the way.

For more information and registration form go to www.bpcouncil.org.

"Ordinary People Called To Serve"

The Baden-Powell Catholic Committee on Scouting hosting a day of reflection on October 20, 2012, at The Church of the Holy Family, 3600 Phyllis Street, Endwell, NY.

Games and fun activities are available for Scouts and Catholic youth ages 7 and up. Registration will begin at 8 AM and the day will conclude with 4:30 Mass. There will be a lunch served.

Spaces are limited, so register early. More information and registration forms can be found at www.bpcouncil.org.

Merit Badge Counselor List

The Council Advancement Committee has been working diligently for the last year to compile the most "up-to-date" and "certified" merit badge counselor list.

Most of our counselors have renewed their counseling positions in June. The new list will be available from your District Executive, The Council Website or a member of the Council Advancement Committee by September 15th.

Though you may have missed our new registration process it is still possible to register as a merit badge counselor. Contact Dave Alamo, 648-7888 (David.Alamo@scouting.org) or a member of the Council Advancement Committee for an application.

It is important to remember that only registered and properly renewed Merit Badge Counselors are certified to work with your scouts.

Memorial Tribute

The phrase "In Lieu of Flowers or gifts" appears quite frequently in obituaries, wedding announcements and other events. Memorial gifts are gifts to scouting in memory of a friend or loved one; Honor gifts are in recognition of an individual's achievement.

Gifts made in Memory Of:

Brian E. Boguhn
From
Donald G. Boguhn
Arthur Warrick

Daniel Klutts
From
Carman Garufi
Roxanne & Keith Wallace

Victor DelRosso
From
Calvin & Joan Organ
Red Hats
City Club of Ithaca
Kenneth & Julie Moebus
Michael Liguori
Richard & Shirley Schneider
Judy DiPasquale
Michael & Priscilla O'Connell
Heather & Charles Tallman
James & Terry Brynes
Mary & Paul Battaglia
Jerrold & Joline Mosher
Patricia & Kyle Thomas
Michael & Victoria Ambrosia
Thomas & Mary McDonald
GR & Cherry DiCaprio
Debbie Welch
Thomas Clark
Joe & Lois Mercanti
Jeanne Corbitt & Denise Beeners

Memorial notices are sent from the Council to the family of each of the memorialized individuals.

Congratulatory announcements are sent from the Council direct to the honored individuals.

To make a donation to the tribute fund, please contact Roger Hoyt at (607) 648-7888, ext. 105 or email at roger.hoyt@scouting.org.

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CAMPING NEWS

CUB SCOUT FAMILY ADVENTURE WEEKENDS

Camp Barton: Oct. 6-7, 2012
Camp Tuscarora: Oct 13-14, 2012

Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekends are theme based camping experiences for all Cub Scouts and Webelos offered in the Fall at our Camps—Barton and Tuscarora. Cub Scouts of all ranks are encouraged to attend these Weekends with their parents/guardians and other family members. Here's a chance to come and see what our Camps have to offer, to experience the great outdoors and to have fun!! *This year, enjoy Halloween at "Boo at Barton" and go BUGGY over "Cubs & Bugs" at Tuscarora!*

Come up for the day or make an overnight (optional) of it. About 70% stay overnight in either Cabins (Barton) or Winter Lean-to Units (Tuscarora) that house eight persons each. **Both cabins/lean-to's have bunk beds and mattresses. Cabin or lean-to space is at a first come, first serve so register early. Families may bring their own tents/camping gear if they like.** Note: An adult partner is required to attend this program. The cost is \$20 per youth and \$15 per adult and includes three meals (lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) as well as a Saturday night snack. Reservations and payment are due by Pack to the Council Office no later than 7 days before the start of the weekend you are attending or a late fee of \$10.00/ person will be assessed. A **Medical Form is required for ALL Participants including Adults.**

Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend Reservation Form

Pack _____ District _____

Parent Name _____

Child Name _____

Other Family attending: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Our Pack wishes to attend:

_____ Camp Barton 10/6 – 10/7

_____ Camp Tuscarora 10/13 – 10/14

Will you be staying overnight? Yes / No

Cost is \$20 per youth and \$15 per adult:

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail to: Baden-Powell Council
2150 NYS Route 12
Binghamton, NY 13901

WEEKEND CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Weekend camping reservations for the 2012 Camping Season can be made starting on September 15th. If your unit would like a special site or favorite cabin at Barton or Tuscarora be sure to get in early to insure you get your spot & date. District & Council committees can reserve for events prior to the 15th.

CAMP WORK DAYS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming service days at our camps. Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts, and Scout volunteers are wanted to help close up our camps and prepare for the winter months by cutting and splitting wood for our Units and District camporees. Dates are **Barton – Sat. Sept. 22nd, Paul Bunyan Day** and **Tuscarora – Sat. Sept. 22nd, Lumberjack Day.**

Lunch will be provided, and Units/Scouters may stay overnight one or both nights at no charge. Please register at the Scout Office with Heather at (607) 648-7888, ext. 113 or e-mail: campsec@bsamail.org so that we have a food count for lunch and overnight accommodations. There are also repairs to be made at both camps, so if you are handy or have a trade that will assist, please let us know. A member of the Council Property Committee will call you or your company.

2013 CAMPSITE DEPOSITS

With the great summer of 2012 hardly over, we have already started planning for the summer of 2013.

Now is the time to reserve your campsite for our 2013 Summer Camp Program at Camp Tuscarora or Camp Barton. Both camps hold their first week of camp during the first week of July. Tuscarora holds 4 weeks of Boy Scout Camp followed by 2 sessions of Cub Scout Camp. Camp Barton holds 5 weeks of Boy Scout Camp followed by 1 session of Cub Scout Resident Camp. Contact Heather at (607) 648-7888, ext. 113 at the Scout Service Center to make or confirm your unit's reservation for 2013.

Did you know that in 2012...

**1000 Boy Scouts,
247 Scout Leaders,
64 Cub Scouts,
And 43 Cub Leaders attended
Camp Barton.**

**480 Boy Scouts,
109 Scout Leaders,
79 Cub Scouts,
And 28 Cub Leaders attended
Tuscarora Scout Reservation.**

**283 Cub Scouts attended Cub
Scout Day Camp.**

**1906 Scouts & Cub Scouts
attended Camp with 427
Leaders!**

FALL OA INDUCTION WEEKEND

The Otahnagon Lodge Fall Induction and Service Weekend will be held September 14th-16th, 2012 at Tuscarora Scout Reservation. Reservation forms are available on the Order of the Arrow page on www.bpcouncil.org and in Pine Whispers. Contact Lodge Advisor Matt Slimowicz for more information at adviser@otahnagon.org.

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CAMP SEASON

The Baden-Powell Council would like to thank the camp staffs of Camp Barton and Tuscarora Scout Reservation for making 2012 another successful year of summer camping. In total, 1,480 Boy Scouts, 143 Cub Scouts and 427 leaders enjoyed a quality program experience led by our camp staffs. These young men and women consistently went above and beyond in all that they did to make sure that the promise was delivered. Their dedication and efforts continue to make the camps of the Baden-Powell Council some of the best in our country.

SUMMERTIME PACK AWARDS

September is that time of year when we ask Packs to complete their summertime pack award application. The award is presented to Packs who hold one event each month during June/July/August (Summer Camp and Day Camp count as events). If your unit has not turned in its application please contact your District Executive.

DAY OF CARING

We are pleased to share that the Broome County United Way scheduled Day of Caring projects at our Scout Facilities on September 7th or 8th at Camp Tuscarora. If your employer participates in the Day of Caring program we hope you will ask to be on a crew at our camp on one of these days. Please contact Roger Hoyt if you have any questions.

LET US BE YOUR GUIDE!

Scout Units and Non-Profit Agencies, Schools, Youth Groups, Churches, etc. are welcome to rent Camp Barton and Camp Tuscarora for the upcoming Fall and Winter season. Each Camp has a trained Campmaster and Ranger that will assist in making your stay an enjoyable one. If you would like to add some high adventure and extra programming for your weekend, consider a canoe/kayak/raft/tubing trip down the Delaware River; use of camp equipment such as canoes, kayaks, canoe trailers, mountain bikes, climbing tower, rifle and shotgun range, orienteering/land navigation course, etc., can be arranged through the Scout Office. We can also serve as your outfitter/guide for Canoe trips and backpacking trips throughout the north east. For a copy of our rental rates, rules and regulations, please contact Heather, our camping secretary, at 648-7888 x113, by fax: 648-7895, or e-mail at: campsec@bsamail.org.

Leave a legacy...

...remember scouting in your will or other estate plans.

2012 Fall Popcorn Sale Commitment Card

We wish to participate in the Fall Popcorn Sales

Unit Popcorn Chairperson _____

Date _____ No. of Active Scouts _____

Street Address _____

District _____

City/State/Zip _____

Unit Type and # _____

Home Phone _____

Fall 2012 Commitment:

Cell Phone _____

Show and Sell ____ Take Order ____

Email _____

Please send to Baden-Powell Council, 2150 NYS Rte 12, Binghamton, NY 13905
If any questions please contact your District Executive or the Scout Office: (607) 648-7888

2012 Key Popcorn Sale Dates

August 29th

Popcorn Training– Chenango Town Hall, 6:30 pm

August 30th

**Popcorn Training- Dryden VFW, 6:30 pm
Sales packets available at September Roundtables**

September 1st

Sale Begins

September 6th

Show and Sale Orders Due

September 22nd

Show and Sale Delivery (Pick Up)

October 19th

Last day to return Show N Sell Product

October 19th

Show N Sell Payment Due

October 26th

Sale Ends

October 31st

**Popcorn Orders Due
Unit Popcorn Orders Entered Online *www.trails-end.com***

November 17th

Popcorn Pickup Day

December 13th

All Money Due

December 20th

**10% penalty charged to units
with outstanding balances**

Hiawatha District

Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting in Tioga and Broome Co.

Chairman – Rick Sanguinito

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Commissioner – Don Perkins

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Senior District Executive – Sean Butterworth

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FALL ROUND-UP

It is that time of year again for all Hiawatha Units to think about Fall Recruitment. Every Unit is encouraged to run individual recruitment efforts by reaching out to youth in your area of influence. Please feel free to order recruitment flyers from the District with your recruitment event info, please order ASAP so we can be sure to get your needed flyers and other supplies. For more information contact Sean Butterworth at (607) 648-7888, ext. 108.

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Training- Vacant

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District Commissioner- Don Perkins n2ivw@cs.com

Senior District Executive- Sean Butterworth

Sean.Butterworth@Scouting.org

DISTRICT CALENDAR

September 5th – Eagle board of Review

September 6th – Roundtable, Commissioners meeting

September 13th- District Committee meeting

October 3rd – Eagle Board of Review

October 4th – Roundtable, Commissioners Meeting

October 6th – 7th – Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend at Camp Barton

October 11th – District Committee Meeting

October 13th –14th - Cub Scout Family Weekend at Tuscarora

November 1st – Roundtable, Commissioners meeting

November 7th – Eagle Board of Review

November 8th – District Committee Meeting

December 1st – Re-charter Day and FOS Presenter Training

December 5th – Eagle Board of Review

December 6th – Roundtable, Commissioners meeting

December 13th – District Committee Meeting

Taughannock District (Cortland & Tompkins Counties)

Chairman – Jim Graney

Commissioner – Mike Brown

Executive – Catherine Russell – x109

catherine.russell@scouting.org

Taughannock District Calendar

As you begin the new school year and recruit new members and volunteers, you will find our district calendar a useful tool. It contains recent updates, announcements, information about training and advancement, as well as more information about Journey to Excellence, so you can determine if you are on the right track to becoming a gold unit. Please visit our District website and explore. It is always getting updated, so check back frequently.

www.tompkinscortlandscouts.org

Boy Scout Basic Leader Training 1,2 & 3 and Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills

This October you have the opportunity to participate in a fully integrated “one-stop” weekend of Boy Scout Basic Leader Training parts 1, 2, & 3 and Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills. From Friday, October 26th at 7pm through Sunday, October 28th at 4pm, you will experience the ultimate training weekend at the Lime Hollow Nature Center in Cortland. Please register and make \$40 payment to the Baden-Powell Council office by Friday, October 19th. If you have any questions, contact Sheldon ‘Scoutmaster’ Craig, scairgpk@msn.com.

Boo at Barton Cub Adventure Weekend

Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend is off to a spooky start this year. Boo at Barton will take place October 6th-7th at Camp Barton. This is going to be a wonderful weekend filled with trick or treating, pumpkin carving, BB and archery, and so much more. The cost is \$20 per youth and \$15 per adult. Registration must be completed by Pack. This will be fun for the whole family. For more information contact Heather at the Council office, 607-647-7888.

2012 Fall Camporee

This year’s District Fall Camporee is “Montana Homrighaus and the Search for the Taughan Duck” and will be held October 13th-14th. Scouts will get the opportunity to earn their Search and Rescue Badge by engaging in a variety of activities. It is sure to be an exciting Camporee. For more details, contact Mike Homrighaus mhomrigh@twcny.rr.com.

District Calendar

- Tuesday, August 14 – District Program Kick-Off, 6:00pm at Dryden VFW
- Wednesday, August 22 – School Night Workshop, 6:00pm at Dryden VFW
- Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 24 - Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Barton
- Thursday, August 30 - Popcorn Kick-Off, 6:00pm at Dryden VFW
- Wednesday, September 12 – Roundtable: Life to Eagle Training
- Friday, October 5-6 – “Boo at Barton” Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend
- Friday, October 12 – 13 – “Montana Homrighaus and the Search for the Taughan Duck” Fall Camporee

Chenango District Chenango and Northern Broome Co.

Chairman – Chris Wilkinson

Commissioner – George Blood

Executive – Brittany Hulbert - x110

brittany.hulbert@scouting.org

TRAINING

The Boy Scout Basic Leader - BSBLT parts 1, 2, & 3 and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills – IOLS will be held at the Lime Hollow Nature Center, in the ‘old’ education center (3091 Gracie Road, Cortland NY 13045) and run from Friday, Oct 26 at 7 pm through Sunday, Oct 28, 2012 at 4 pm. You can register either by phone by calling the Council Office at 607-648-7888 or you can mail the application to the Scout Office at 2150 State Rte 12, Binghamton NY 13901. Please complete your registration and payment of \$40.00 by October 19, 2012. For any questions please seek Course Director - Sheldon ‘Scoutmaster’ Craig, scairgpk@msn.com, 607-273-3846 or Quartermaster - Larry ‘the food guy’ Blumberg, lblumberg@stny.rr.com, 607-797-0912. Don’t miss out on this one-stop weekend training opportunity!

FALL POPCORN

Congratulations on a great start towards our District’s popcorn sales! With spring sales behind us, we have already come close to half-way of our total goal! Want to learn how to carry this success into the fall selling season too? Come join us at our Fall Popcorn Kickoff which will be held at the Chenango Town Hall, August 29th, 2012 at 6:30pm. Each unit that attends will qualify for an additional 2% commission on their fall sale, be able to sample the fall product line, and meet with Trails End representatives. Please contact Brittany Hulbert at 607-648-7888; or Brittany.Hulbert@scouting.org with any questions.

FALL CAMPOREE

Save the Date! Chenango’s Fall Camporee will be held October 19th-21st, 2012 at the General Clinton Park in Bainbridge. We will be providing great food, fun games and activities. Cub Scouts are encouraged to come Friday night and camp for the night. More information and details to follow.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

- September 11th Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable—Oxford Academy High School 7:00pm
- September 12th Charter Organizational Representative Breakfast—Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Norwich at 8:00am
- September 18th District Committee Meeting –United Church of Christ, Norwich 6:00pm
- September 20th Eagle Board of Review—NBT bank in Norwich 6:00pm
- Oct. 2nd Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable –Oxford Academy High School
- Oct. 6th-7th Cub Scout Halloween Family Adventure Weekend at Barton
- Oct. 13th-14th Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend at Tuscarora
- Oct. 16th District Committee Meeting –United Church of Christ in Norwich
- Oct 18th Eagle Board of Review –NBT Bank in Norwich
- Oct. 19th-21st Chenango District Fall Camporee—General Clinton Park, Bainbridge
- Oct 26th-28th Boy Scout Basic Leader Training & Intro. To Outdoor Leader Skills
- Nov. 6th Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable –Oxford Academy High School
- Nov. 15th Eagle Board of Review –NBT Bank in Norwich
- Nov. 20th District Committee Meeting –United Church of Christ in Norwich
- Nov. 23rd Ten Commandments Hike, Cortland
- Nov. 30th Webelos Lock-In Invitational
- Dec. 1st –Re-charter Day
- Dec. 4th Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable –Oxford Academy High School
- Dec. 18th District Committee Meeting –United Church of Christ in Norwich
- Dec. 29th Eagle Board of Review –NBT Bank in Norwich

Delahanna District
Susquehanna & Eastern Broome Co.

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Commissioner – Vacant

Executive – David Alamo x115
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Training Chair & Roundtable Commissioner
Karen Galvin. 570-942-0916

A great emphasis again this year is going to be placed on training our unit leaders. Only a 40 % of our Direct Contact Unit Leaders were trained last year. An all - day training program is being planned for later in fall.

Camping Chair – Jim Trobridge.
570-833-4276

Jim Trobridge - "Our Camper Guy" is already thinking about Winter Camporee – January 18-20. Put this date on your calendar. Talk to Jim about some new activities. Reservations can be made through the camping Dept. at the service center. Call Heather at 648-7888 ex 113. Reservation forms can also be obtained at the council service center or from Dave Alamo.

District Commissioner

A search is currently underway for a District Commissioner. A strong and functioning commissioner system is critical in maintaining healthy units. Please step forward if you have interest in this position or if you have ideas for a likely candidate.

Cub Day Camp

Kudos to Mary Lou Scheffield and Karyn Armitage for running a very successful Cub Day Camp July 9th-13th. 57 Cubs attended camp this summer. The staff is asking that our Cub Units promote next year's camp. 80 kids in attendance will be our goal.

Dulcie Priestner and Jon Jones were for presented plaques of appreciation for their dedicated years of service to Cub Day Camp. Great Cub Day Camp programs contribute to strong Cub Packs. Thanks for your service to the Cub Program!!

DCAD

Peter Janicelli will be honored as this year's honoree for the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner for Susquehanna County. Reserve October 12th on your calendar for a golf outing and dinner at Golden Oakes in Windsor. Reservation can be made through Lori Moore at People's Neighborhood Bank or Dave Alamo at the Council office.

Is 5 minutes and
your opinion
worth the
investment for a
better scouting
experience?



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This is a way to provide direct feedback about your Scouting Experience.

It comes in the form of a twice-annual anonymous e-mail survey.

Scouts*, Scouters, and Parents in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be asked to help our program improve by taking the brief survey.

While email addresses are required, they will be kept in both a secure and confidential manner, accessible to BSA personnel only, and used exclusively for Voice of the Scout.

ACTION REQUIRED

Make sure your Unit Leader has your e-mail address. If you are not registered with the BSA, please pair your e-mail with the name of your scout, so we ensure that we match the proper scout with the proper parent e-mail.

*Scouts over 14, with parent permission.

Scouts over 14, parents, and volunteers will soon be sent an invitation to participate in a brief survey to help give voice to how Scouting can be better.

This is your opportunity to help the Scouting program improve.

Don't be silent.

Be honest.

Be heard.

Learn more:
www.bpcouncil.com



Chiefly Speaking...

My Brothers,

We now embark on a new Journey for this upcoming 12 months. I am very excited to be able to call myself Lodge Chief of one of the nation's greatest Lodges. This year marks the start of a new era in lodge history. Our 13 year streak of Quality Lodge has come to an end. However, do not fret; it is not because the LEC has failed to achieve it our 14th year, it is because National OA has terminated the program. They are following in the footsteps of National BSA in instituting the Journey to Excellence Program (J2X). I promise to achieve J2X Gold this year and start our Lodge on another 13 year streak.

My personal theme for this year is "Self-Improvement." Personally I want to improve my leadership skills and increase my service to this Lodge. I started on these goals by attending LeaderShape, a nationally recognized leadership development course. I have increased my service to the Lodge by becoming Lodge Chief, thus I will be able to serve more than just one chapter. In scouting there are many charges, an Eagle charge as well as a charge, or Obligation, for each of the OA honors. Thus, I give you my own charge: I charge you to go out and make yourself a better person. If you do this, a better world will ensue. Strive to improve yourself. Be the change that you want to see. All it takes is one person to make a huge change. I charge you, LEAVE A LEGACY

I will try to improve by leadership by being less of a pronounced leader. I will not refer to myself as Lodge Chief very much, except to introduce myself initially or in this article. I will conclude my emails simply with my first name or my initials. Something that I learned from my mom as well as from LeaderShape is that no matter how high you go up in a company, never forget those you serve. It is a very powerful statement if a CEO were to clean the bathrooms in his company. It shows that he is no better than his employees, and that he is just another person in the company. I hope that you will think of me in this way as well. I also hope that you will act in this manner as well, never thinking that you are better than others. While I may sometimes come off in this manner, it is just my initial outward personality, I am truly not that way, I hope that I can personally get to know and befriend every member of this Lodge. If you see me, please approach me and introduce yourself if I have not met you yet.

To all the new ordeals, congratulations. I hope that you can all get very involved in this truly amazing organization. Sadly, I wasted my first year as an ordeal member. Get involved. Become a chapter chairman, join one of the lodge's committees (see pg 2), or just be an enthusiastic Arrowman, attending all events. Remember this is your organization. If you want to change our focus, let us know. It's your organization to lead. Remember, you get to choose what your legacy will be, so make it a good one. Lastly I would like to leave you with two of my favorite quotes, repeated for me by my best friends.

"The greatest oak was once a little nut that stood its ground." –Anonymous
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." –Henry David Thoreau

Thank You,

Yours in humble Brotherhood,

Jonathan
Otahnagon Lodge Chief



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