



SCOUTING NEWS

DARE TO DREAM

What's Your Dream?

Spectacular events begin with a simple dream. Baden Powell had a dream...his dream led to the formation of a network of 250 million motivated young people in 196 countries worldwide. Whether you are a racecar driver dreaming to make it into the Winner's Circle, a Tiger Cub looking forward to your first camping trip or a Boy Scout hoping for a trip to Philmont you have to dream you can do it. Making your dream come true takes a combination of belief, perseverance, hard work and opportunity.

Your unit may participate in adventures such as camping and hiking. This year, it is time to do something really different. It is up to you to help create adventures for your unit that will be remembered for a lifetime. The annual Trails End Popcorn Sale provides the kind of opportunity where dreams can come true.

Nothing is impossible, if you first dream, it can happen. It all starts with a dream!!!



COUNCIL POPCORN & PROGRAM KICK OFF

Monday, June 18 • 6-8:30 PM
Clinton Central School Auditorium

All unit leaders, parents are invited to learn about upcoming council and district events, the latest on the popcorn sale, fall recruiting plans, and more! Come meet the volunteers of the council that help provide the activities, training, camping programs and more. Get the vital information to plan your ideal year of Scouting.

The Kick Off to Fall begins on June 18th!

Make your reservation to attend at:
www.rtcbsa.org or call 315-735-4437

WHEN YOUR UNIT SELLS POPCORN:

- You can raise all the Money your unit needs to fund its ENTIRE Program with the Trail's End Popcorn Sale as the one and only fundraiser
- Trail's End returns over 70% of the money raised to Scouting to support your Unit, Scout families, and local Council
- The Ideal Year of Scouting will help you achieve your Unit's dreams in Scouting and get more parents involved in the program
- Proven Product Quality with 2 out of 3 people buying when asked 92% of customers saying they would buy again
- Scouts learn the life lesson of earning their own way



2007 Popcorn Sale Unit Incentives

To qualify for the Unit Incentive Bonus program, the unit must achieve all the following:

Receive 1% Bonus of Total Sales

- Attend District and Council Popcorn Kick-Off Orientation

Receive 2% Bonus of Total Sales

- Submit Popcorn Order by October 25, 2007 (5:00 PM)
- Pick Up Popcorn Order on November 7, 2007
- Remit Popcorn Payment by December 3, 2007 (5:00 PM)

Receive 2% Bonus of Total Sales

- For 70% of your Scouts (registered on August 31) each selling a minimum of \$300 in product.

Receive 50% Bonus of Total Sales over 2006

- Receive a bonus of 50% of your 2007 sales over your unit sales from 2006. To qualify, your unit must have participated in the 2006 Popcorn Sale

Did You Know?

Did you know that before your unit takes on a money-earning project that the unit must complete a BSA money earning application and have it approved by the local council. This checklist can serve as your guide. It will be helpful to you as you fill out the Unit Money-Earning application. If your answer is yes to all the questions that follow, it is likely that the project conforms with Scouting's standards and will be approved.

10 GUIDES TO UNIT MONEY-EARNING

- 1. Have your unit committee and chartered organization approved your project, including the dates and methods?** There should be a real need for raising money based on your unit's program. We should not engage in special money-earning projects merely because someone has offered us an attractive plan. It's important to remember that individual youth members are also expected to earn their own way. The need should be over and above normal budget items covered by dues.
- 2. Do your plan and corresponding dates avoid competition with money-raising efforts and policies of other units, your chartered organization, your local council, and United Way?** Check with your chartered organization representative to make certain that your chartered organization agrees on the dates and type of fund-raiser. The chartered organization representative can also clear the other dates by calling the council service center.
- 3. Does your plan comply with local ordinances; is it free from any association with gambling; and is it consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America?** Money-raising projects that include the sale of raffle tickets are in violation of this policy. This question can be answered only in terms of specific proposals. If there is any question of its suitability, contact your local council service center for assistance.
- 4. If a commercial product is to be sold, will it be sold on its own merits and without reference to the needs of Scouting, either directly (during sales presentations) or indirectly?** Teaching youth members to become self-reliant and to earn their own way is an important part of training our youth members. The official uniform is intended to be worn primarily for use in connection with Scouting activities. However, the uniform may be worn in connection with council-sponsored product sales programs (Trails End Popcorn).

5. If tickets are sold for any function other than a Scouting event, will they be sold by your youth members as individuals without depending on the goodwill of Scouting to make this sale possible? Tickets may be sold by youth members in uniform in the name of Scouting for such things as pack shows, troop suppers, circuses, expositions, and similar Scouting events.

6. Even when sales are confined to parents and friends, will they get their money's worth from any product they purchase, function they attend, or services they receive from your unit? Here again is the principle of value received—a sale standing on its own merit—so that the recipients are not in any way subsidizing either Scouting or the member. Youth members must learn to pay their own way and to honestly earn the money to do it. You cannot permit anyone to use the good name of Scouting to sell a product.

7. If a project is planned for a particular area, do you respect the right of other Scouting units in the same neighborhood? It's a courtesy to check with neighboring units or the local council service center to coordinate the time of your project and to see that you aren't covering their territory. Your unit commissioner can help you with this.

8. Is it reasonably certain that people who need work or business will not lose it as a result of your unit's plan? Your unit should neither sell nor offer services that will damage someone's livelihood. If possible, check with the people who may be affected.

9. Will your plan protect the name and goodwill of the Boy Scouts of America and prevent it from being capitalized on by promoters of shows, benefits, or sales campaigns? Because of Scouting's good reputation, customers rarely question the quality or price of a product. Unchecked, the network of Scouting units could become a beehive of commercial interest to the neglect of character building and citizenship training.

10. If any contracts are to be signed by your unit, will they be signed by an individual without reference to the Boy Scouts of America, and in no way appear to bind the local council, the Boy Scouts of America, or the chartered organization to any agreement of financial responsibility? Before anyone in your unit signs a contract, he must make sure the venture is legitimate and worthy. If a contract is signed, he is personally responsible. He cannot sign on behalf of the local council or the Boy Scouts of America, nor may he bind the chartered organization without its written authorization. If you're not sure, check with your local council service center for help.

Top 5 Tips for a Successful Sale

Follow these five steps for a Successful Popcorn Sale!

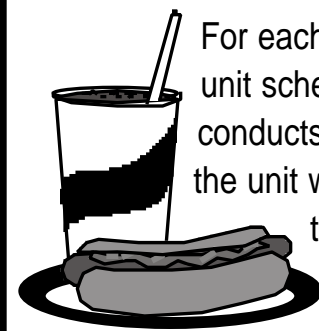
1. Establish an annual Plan and Budget with input from your Scouts and Parents.
2. Set a Unit Popcorn Sale Goal, and break that goal down to a Per Scout Goal based on the plan and budget.
3. Conduct a Unit Popcorn Kickoff to communicate the Program and Per Scout Popcorn Sale Goal to the Scout Families.
4. Sell in the neighborhoods using the following methods:
 - Take Order
 - Show & Deliver
 - Utilize "Blitz Days" throughout the sale
 - Practice role-playing with the boys on the proper selling techniques, and the script to be used at the door.
5. Have prizes/incentives on hand for the Scouts to earn.

POPCORN SALE COMMITMENT

Unit No#	Town/City	District
Unit Popcorn Kernel		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	E-Mail	
Number of Scouts Selling		
Unit Sales Goal		

To qualify for the unit bonus, this form must be completed and submitted to the District Popcorn Kernel by August 15, 2007

Conduct a Blitz Day & reward your Scouts for a great job!



For each day your unit schedules and conducts a Popcorn Blitz the unit will receive the following package:

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| Ice Chest | Hot Dogs |
| Kool-Aid | Rolls |
| Mustard | Ketchup |

To request your Tailgate package, a Unit Blitz Day Commitment Form must be submitted to your District Popcorn Kernel 2 weeks prior to the scheduled Blitz Day.

Council Charter Renewed for 2007-2008

On March 21, 2007, Vic Lonsbery, Vice President for Area 3 of the Northeast Region, BSA and Steve Smith, Area 3 Director met with the Executive Board of the Revolutionary Trails Council to review Scouting programs and operations for the past year. The meeting was hosted at Excellus BlueCross/BlueShield in the Utica Business Park.

This annual process reviews the health of the Council with regards to camping, activities, advancement, training, finance, volunteer participation and fiscal operations. The focus is on maintaining quality programs throughout our area and the appropriate resources to support our Scouting programs.



Bob Myers, Scout Executive; Vic Lonsbery, Area 3 Vice President; Nick Ide, Council President; and Arnie Lanckton, Council Commissioner.

The Revolutionary Trails Council was recognized for the engagement of our volunteer leadership in all aspects of Scouting, from the number of unit leaders trained, to the adherence to the quality standards for our Cub Scout and Boy Scout outdoor programs. The Region recognized our efforts to remove barriers preventing youth from joining our Scouting programs.

The challenge that lies ahead of us is growing the financial support to enable our volunteers to maximize their Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venture crews.

Scouting for Food set for November 3rd & 10th

Start planning your units participating in the Revolutionary Trails Council Annual Scouting For Food community service project this fall.

How?

(1) Recruit a leader or committee member who will be the SFF Coordinator for your Unit. This person will be provided with details of how to accomplish this project by October 1.

(2) Start learning where the area residents and their streets are located so your group can handle passing out notices/bags on 11/3 and picking up food donations on 11/10.

Be aware this project fills a vital community service, especially for some of the smaller food banks and kitchens who provide food to area residents in need during the winter season. We started this project on November 12,

1988 and have continued to do it every year. We plan to celebrate 20 years of vital community service by continuing this project this year.

Each District Chairman is asked to recruit a SFF Representative who will learn the names, addresses, and communication options of all the Unit SFF Representatives in their district. We will hold a meeting of these individuals in mid-September to review plan details, communities to be covered and related maps of same, counting techniques, and locations of food recipient organizations.

Interested individuals who wish to help make this project a success and be on the planning committee should contact:

Bill Rudge, SFF Coordinator, RTC at: Rudge44@aol.com or call (315) 853-6300.

Council Calendar of Events

JUNE

1-3	Cedarlands Beaver Weekend	
1-3	Climbing Instructor Training	
7	All-Faiths Committee	12:00 PM
8-10	Camp Staff Training	
12	Program Night	7:00 PM
12	Finance Committee	4:30 PM
16	Camp Kingsley Open House	10:00 AM
18	Program Kick-Off	6:00 PM
21	Council Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
23	Cedarlands Staff Reports	
27	Marketing Committee	6:30 PM
30-7	Camp Russell Staff Week	
30	Sporting Clays Tournament	9:00 AM

JULY

1-7	Cedarlands Week 1	
7-8	Cub/Parent Overnight	
8-13	Camp Russell Week 1	
8-13	Cedarlands Week 2	
9-13	Cub Scout Day Camp (Sauquoit)	
10	Finance Committee	4:30 PM
13-15	Webelos Weekend	
15-21	Cedarlands Week 3	
15-21	Camp Russell Week 2	
18	Scout Night at Baseball	
19-22	Cub Scout Resident Camp	
19	Executive Board	7:00 PM
21-22	Cub/Parent Overnight	
22-28	Camp Russell Week 3	
22-28	Cedarlands Week 4	
23-27	Cub Scout Day Camp (Camp Kingsley)	
23-27	Cub Scout Day Camp (Herkimer)	
23-27	Cub Scout Day Camp (Oneida)	
25	Marketing Committee	6:30 PM
27-29	Webelos Weekend	
29-4	Cedarlands Week 5	
29-4	Camp Russell Week 4	

AUGUST

4	Scout Night Baseball (Sleepover – Registration Deadline)	
14	Finance Committee	4:30 PM
15	Commissioner Conference	6:00 PM
16	Executive Committee	6:00 PM
18-19	Scout Night Baseball Sleepover	
21	Program Night	7:00 PM
24-26	Wood Badge for the 21st Century	
29	Marketing Committee	6:30 PM

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Submit Your News

If you have any unit news or photos to share in ScoutingNews, please submit them to the editor at marketing@rtcbsa.org. The deadline for the Fall issue of ScoutingNews is July 17, 2007.



Arnie Lackton
Council Commissioner

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Every Unit Needs a News Reporter

Everyone in our community should know what your unit is doing and the great education our youth are obtaining through Scouting. If your unit has a News Reporter they can prepare News Releases for your local news papers and for Scouting News. The Council Website (www.rtcbasa.org) has a complete list of local news papers and their contacts for News Releases.

News Releases are easy to write up and many newspapers and TV stations now have e-mail addresses that you can send them to. Don't forget to send releases to your Chartering Organization, local church, educational, community or corporate newsletters!

Every News Release should be written to answer the essential questions of any news item, commonly called the 5 Ws plus 1:

- Who will do it? • What will they do?
- When will they do it? • Where will they do it?
- Why will they do it? • How will they do it?

The structure of the News Release is important. It must be written so that the reader has the essential information at the outset. The lead, usually the first paragraph or two, should summarize the "5 Ws plus 1" to give the reader an overview. The rest of the paragraphs will answer the six questions. The longer the News Release, the better. The News Release should be typed double-spaced. The top of the page should include a title, contact name, and telephone number. ALWAYS include the Council Website address (www.rtcbasa.org), from there people can find out more about what we do and how to join. If your unit has a Website, include it in the article. Note that if a paper prints your news release as written and needs to trim off for space, they will trim from the bottom.

News Releases should be sent out for all sorts of activities, including, but not limited to:

- Special trips • Parent's Nights
- Special events • Social Activities
- Service Projects • Election of Officers
- Pinewood Derbies • Spring and Fall Recruiting
- Court of Honors • Unusual events at camp

Photos catch the eye of the reader and make a story more interesting. News reporters know this and want a photo in the story as much as you do. If you have a photo, send it to them, but many newspapers would prefer to shoot their own. That means giving them plenty of notice of when your event will take place.

Some Tips:

1. Local weekly and semi-weekly newspapers are much more likely to publish your story. Look on the Editorial pages of those newspapers for a list of phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

2. Watch, listen, read your local media and start a list of media outlets that reports on these types of local events.

3. Read the paper and get a feel for the writing style. Write a news story not an advertisement. Your article may be cut so put the most important items up front.

4. Write to each media company and ask for their Guidelines for Submissions. This should outline exact-

ly how they wish to be notified about your event. Some request snail mail (not too many now) some will provide a special fax number, others may have a hotline, and still others may offer e-mail. They may also request a certain format. Ask about any special issues. They may have a neighborhood section that comes out a specific day of the week, their may be an annual issue with community groups. Ask about deadlines they may have for those issues.

5. Keep holidays in mind. It's a cliché, but helping the needy at Christmas, helping with a 4th of July event, etc. is classic Scouting and a standard for many papers.

6. Submit, submit, submit. They will not yell at you for overloading their mailbox. They receive dozens to hundreds of these each day/week. The best ones or ones that catch the editor's attention get published.

7. It may help if you can make friends with the editor.

8. For pictures, action shots are generally better than lineups but in any case be sure the people in the picture are identifiable. Think about a sports picture and how it usually focuses on one or two people--the other six or twenty people who were around the action got cut out by the photo editor. The focus is now on the action and the attention grabber isn't lost in a crowd of people. It helps to provide larger pictures, i.e., 8x10, when available. Providing negatives helps with some papers.

9. Sometimes all that will be published is the picture with a caption. Clearly identify everyone in the picture and you may wish to secure releases from the parents of the kids. Some parent may not want a child's picture in the paper.

10. Think of how your event is unusual, i.e., the man bites dog story rather than the dog bites man. Special awards, big numbers, etc. should start your story. Avoid beginning "At Troop's monthly court of honor . . ." "What is different about your court of honor or event. One unit got some great coverage for their Court of Honor (COH) when the bat lady was the program -- "Bat Lady Gives Life to Two Scouts". A professor who studies bats showed some slides at the COH in anticipation on an upcoming outing to a bat cave. They had her present the Life Scout badges to two boys. Meanwhile, the story included all the other recognitions that evening. Another local troop sent in their list of awards from a COH the same night and got no story.

11. News comes from NEW, not old. Get your stories in right away. If you take a week getting the info to the media, it is less likely to be used--history doesn't sell many newspapers.

12. If your story doesn't get into the paper, don't give up. Keep at it, you may have just hit a big news day and there wasn't room. If several stories don't make it, give the editor a call and find out what you could do to improve your chances of getting published.

Finally, don't forget to thank the reporter after the article is published for doing a good job in reporting the event! Also, if you include a picture YOU MUST HAVE A "TALENT RELEASE FROM". Contact the Scout Service Center for a copy of the form. Here are three examples of news releases that a unit might use:

Service Project Example

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

SCOUTS PERFORM SERVICE AT [Event Site]

Members of (chartered organization and unit name, e.g., First Baptist Church's Boy Scout Troop 1) will hold (service project) on (day & time) at (place). The purpose of the (service project) is (give specific reasons for project).

(Unit type and number) is part of the Revolutionary Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America (www.rtcbasa.org) and is made up of young men (and women), ages xx through xx, who are interested in (unit specialty). (Give schedule of activities planned about the service project.)

Election of Officers

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

SCOUTS ELECT OFFICERS

Members of (chartered organization and unit name) elected officers for the coming year at their meeting (date) at (place).

Newly elected officers are (list names, ages, schools attended and offices).

(Unit type and number) is part of the Revolutionary Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America (www.rtcbasa.org) and is made up of young men (and women), ages xx through xx, who are interested in (unit specialty).

At (date) meeting, members also (give summary of other actions taken, activities, planned, or invitations to membership).

Unusual Event During Troop Camp Out

Media Contact: [Contact Name], [Phone]

BALD EAGLE SIGHTING

Members of (chartered organization and unit name) were camping on (date) at (place). On a bird hike during the camp out, Scouts: (list names, ages, schools attended and offices) photograph and positively identified a Bald Eagle.

Troop # is part of the Revolutionary Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America (www.rtcbasa.org) and is made up of young men ages 11 through 17, who camp out on a regular basis at different sites in (identify the area).

During the camp out the Troop also conducted a service project which consisted of (description of project).

GOT SCOUTING NEWS?

Send all your district
and unit news to:
marketing@rtcbasa.org

FALL ISSUE DEADLINE IS JULY 17

Troop 51 Tours Gettysburg & D.C.



At Capitol Building Front Row: (L to R) Casey Jennison, Brendon Davis Back Row: Ken Andela (Scoutmaster), Shane Hyland, Ryan Sprague, James Arnold, Richard Fralick, Emmett Loori, Dick Fralick (Asst. Scoutmaster)



Troop 51 in front of the Virginia Monument where General Lee apologized to his troops and said "It's all my fault." Front Row: L to R: Emmett Loori (holding American flag), Brendon Davis, Casey Jennison, Richard Fralick (holding Troop 51 flag) Back Row: Dick Fralick (Asst. Scoutmaster), Ryan Sprague, Shane Hyland, James Arnold, Ken Andela (Scoutmaster)



At Pickett's Charge Emmett Loori (holding American Flag) and Richard Fralick (holding Troop 51, Cassville, NY flag) leading the Boy Scout Troop 51.

By Tanya Jennison

Troop 51 of Cassville visited Gettysburg and Washington, DC over Spring break. Attending were 7 Boy Scouts, our Scoutmaster Ken Andela, the Assistant Scoutmaster Dick Fralick, and many parents to chaperone and enjoy the festivities as well. We travelled many miles and hours to enjoy a lot of activities in a jam-packed weekend. The weather held off from the rain and the sun shone enough to even give some of us a little sunburn.

We stayed at Camp Conewago in New Oxford, PA, which had a spacious cabin for sleeping arrangements. It was just a short drive to Gettysburg sites from here, and a longer drive to Washington, DC, but very convenient.

The first day, we headed off to Washington, DC. The White House, Capitol Building (see picture), Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and an Indian Museum was a wonderful treat. Some groups went to the Museum of Natural History, while others ventured elsewhere. At the end of the day, time had run out and we had to settle for a drive by of the World War II Memorial. What a beautiful memorial!

While in Gettysburg, our Boy Scouts worked on completing their Gettysburg Merit Badge by visiting various sites and completing the electronic map. They also participated in their own "Pickett's Charge" (see picture). Even one spectator asked if he could take our troop's picture because he was so impressed with the happenings. Of course the boys were honored and obliged. "Devil's Den" and "Little Round Top" were favorites amongst the boys and adults alike. We witnessed some Confederate Soldiers "protecting the land" and they gave us a gunfire show that will be memorable. Finally, the boys scattered through the shops of downtown to spend their money before heading back to Camp Conewago for a night's rest.

All in all, the sites to see in Gettysburg and Washington, DC can not be accomplished in 2 days without rushing through exhibits and wishing you had more time. A future visit is a must unless you plan on many days at each site. We plan on attending again in the future.

Oneida Pack 2 Visits Battleship Cove



Anchors Away!



Trio of Turrets

Cedarville Troop 15 travels to Gettysburg



Boy Scouts and leaders from Cedarville, NY recently visited the Gettysburg National Military Park during their school Spring break in April.

They completed hiking the nine mile "Billy Yank" Trail through the battlefield and the three mile "Johnny Reb" Trail. As part of the Gettysburg Historic Trails program, the Scouts also earned their Basic patch for completing the National Cemetery section and the Visitor Center including the electrical map. A fun and educational time was had by all!

Troop 4 in New Hartford turns 40

New Hartford Troop 4 was established in 1967. Over the last 40 years Troop 4 has had one of the largest and most active troops in the district. Troop 4 goes on campouts, does volunteer work, and goes on an annual "Spring Trip."

To date, 56 young men have reached the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 4. This ties the record for the most Eagle Scouts in the district that was set by Troop 88. Troop 88 is no longer in existence.

56 Eagle Scouts means 56 Eagle Scout projects completed by the troop. Recent projects included the Memorial to Joseph Corr at Myles Elementary, landscaping at the Utica Public Library, work on trails at the Washington Mills Park, and picnic tables built for the Utica Zoo.

Troop 4 has taken part in hundreds of other volunteer projects including Scouting for Food, serving for the Rotary Club of New Hartford Annual pancake breakfast, and handing out water at the at the finish line of the Boilermaker Walk. In the past year, the troop planted trees along Route 28, took part in the dedication of the New Hartford Veterans Memorial, and helped with a project at Cedarlands.

Every summer Troop 4 goes to summer camp for a week. In recent years the troop has gone to Cedarlands Scout Reservation near Long Lake, New York. Every fall Troop 4 attends The International Brotherhood Camporee. Other annual campouts include the District Fall and Spring Camporee, the Klondike Derby, and the Father-son Camp Weekend. Troop 4 Scouts have participated in GAWASA and Junior Leadership Training.

The annual "Spring Trip" is a fun and educational trip to places in driving distance. Recent "Spring Trip" destinations included Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Scranton, Lake Placid, Toronto, Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, Ottawa, Washington DC, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York City. We visited historical places like Gettysburg, Liberty Hall, the USS Intrepid, The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Annapolis Naval Academy, The Coast Guard Academy, and the submarine Base at Groton, Connecticut.

Mr. Paul Obernessor, Scout Master, has been active in the troop for over 25 years. He was a Troop 4 Eagle Scout. As a Leader he has won the New York State Award for Merit, the District Award for Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award.

Troop 4 is forty years old and still going. The 2007 "Spring Trip" to Washington, D.C. took place on May 18 - 20. We currently have several Scouts working on Eagle Projects. Maybe before we know it we will break Troop 88's record number of Eagle Scouts.



2nd Annual Biathlon

The 2nd annual Troop 108 Biathlon was held on February 3rd. The Biathlon was hosted, planned and run by the Cassety Hollow Rod & Gun Club in Oriskany Falls.

It consisted of:

- Gun Safety Training and Range Shooting Training by certified instructors
- Boys 12 and over used 22 caliber rifles, 11 year old used air rifles.
- The biathlon consisted of a snowshoe course with 6 supervised shooting stations
- Scoring was done by a combination of shooting results and speed through the course.
- A winter shelter campout

The club President that planned this event is willing to share tons of information, plus the scoring system, to any other troops or clubs in the area that want to hold a similar event. If you would be interested in participating with us next year contact Troop 108 Scoutmaster, Bill Strohmeyer.



Taberg Cub Scouts Honored with the Arrow of Light

On March 14, 2007 Cub Scout Pack 24 from Taberg held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Taberg Volunteer Fire Department's Hall on Rt. 69. This event was a combination of an awards ceremony along with other special recognitions. A potluck dinner was provided for all and was chaired by Ms. Billie Jo Pitoniak. In attendance were all Scouts, their families, friends, and many special guests. All in attendance had a great time. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Bill Doyna who gave a presentation on the Memories of Scouting.

All the Scouts made a special presentation to Cubmaster Laurie Coughlin and Webelos leader Michael Coughlin for their dedication to the boys of Pack 24. Many Scouts received their Rank badges and other awards. Ryan Hurst, Wyatt Palmer and Bailey Zaleski received their Tiger Rank. Kaleb Ciani, Zachary Cullup, Brenden Correia, Jack Smith, Jake Kohl, Kristopher Larsen and Aaron Mundell received their Wolf Rank. Skyler Wines received his Bobcat Rank. Benjamin Potter and Michael Krebs received their Webelos Rank. Webelos Scouts Benjamin Potter, Michael Krebs, Shawn Arbis, Ryan Collins, Josh Coughlin, Harley Kohl, Karsten Larsen, Bradly Pitoniak, Mark Rehbein, Bryce Wing and Brady Zaleski all received achievement pins for the hard work they put in



this year. Many special awards were also presented. Logan Hurd, Giovanni Kaminski, Daryan Nichols, Derek Pickering, Brandon Smith, Skyler Wines, Michael Krebs, and Bradly Pitoniak received a Whittling Chip award. Josh Coughlin, Mark Rehbein, Bryce Wing and Bradly Pitoniak also were presented with Religious Metals and Knots.

The evening culminated with an Arrow of Light ceremony. The Arrow of Light award is the highest and most prestigious award that

can be obtained in Cub Scouting. The recipients of this award were Shawn Arbis, Ryan Collins, Josh Coughlin, Harley Kohl, Karsten Larsen, Bradly Pitoniak, Mark Rehbein and Bryce Wing. All boys were presented with their Arrow of Light Badge, a certificate, and a wooden arrow plaque to recognize their accomplishment. Also all their parents were presented with an Arrow of Light parents' pin to acknowledge their role in helping the boys attain this prestigious award.

TROOP 9 – ILION



Chicken BBQ for Methodist Church in Ilion on March 7.



A bottle drive was held on March 10 to raise money for their trip to Gettysburg in April.



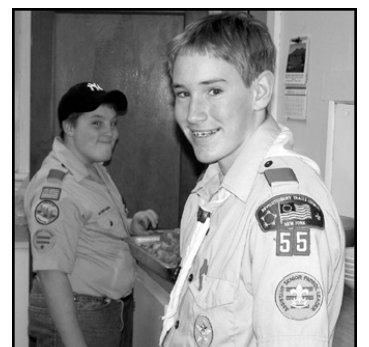
March Campout in Port Leyden the weekend of March 16-18.

DIAMOND DISTRICT

Troop 55 Holds Spaghetti Dinner



Tom Farr, Ian Doolittle and Jeff Amos getting ready for the rush at the Troop 55 Spaghetti dinner. In the background is Troop Committee Chair Dave Swift (obviously sampling the desserts). This annual event is the primary fund raiser for the troop, and 100% of the proceeds are used for the boys' programs over the course of the year. Many thanks this year to DeSantis Meat Market & Deli on Rt. 12 in Barneveld, who graciously donated all of the supplies for the spaghetti dinner this year. Please help us to thank them by making it a point to say you read about them in the *ScoutingNews* when you next visit.



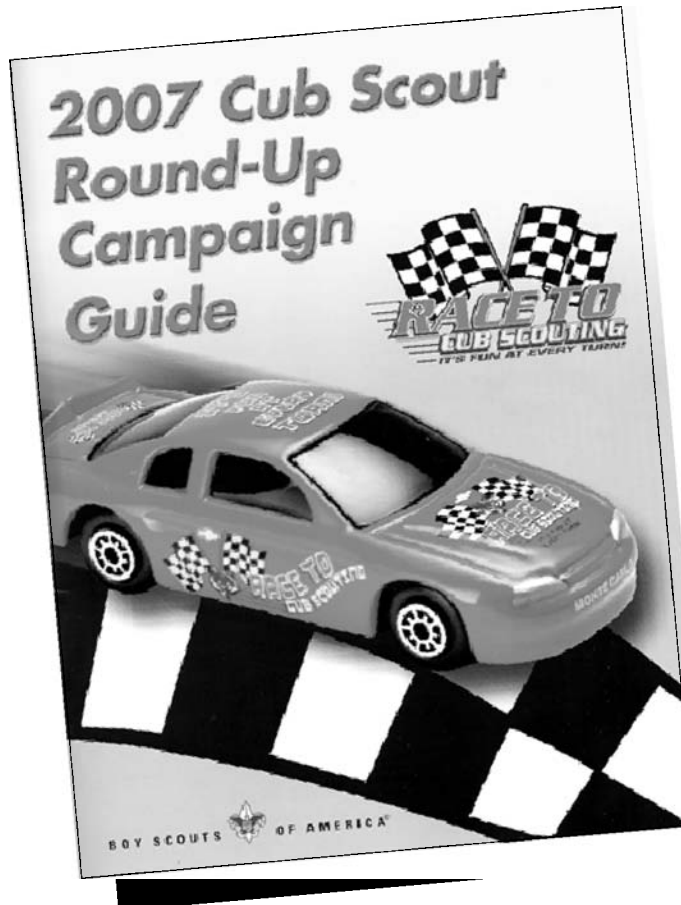
Dylan Wiedmer and Nolan Amos ready for the crowd.

It's time to plan your Pack's Race to Cub Scouting

According to the colander, Spring is here. Soon the trees will bud, flowers will begin to bloom and we will be out cutting the grass. Many will feel that the Scouting year will conclude because School will be out for summer. BUT for those units who are successful this it the time to get things into gear and map out our strategy and game plan for the NEXT Scouting year when our batteries have been recharged and school starts again in September.

For a successful unit the year never really ends and recruitment is continuous. Tiger Cubs need to be contacted and invited to join a Pack. Webelos should be bridging into Boy Scouts. All units should be planning Summer time activities (Cub Day Camp, Picnics, Family Camping, etc.).

As part of this summertime planning Packs and Troops should be thinking about their Fall Membership – Race into Scouting – campaign. On the next page you will find two articles which will assist you with your



recruitment: A Pack Round-Up Agenda and Promotional Ideas.

The Pack Round-Up Agenda gives you a step by step plan by which you can present the Boy Scout program to new Cub Scouts and their families. It is an outline and you may find that adjusting it your Pack's particular needs would work best for you.

The Promotional Ideas is a list of things you can do to inform your target market. Keep in mind that the best way to market your product, Scouting, is by word of mouth by those who are having "fun" in the program. Scouts and Scouters are our best spokesmen and sales force.

Now you may be saying, "This is great stuff, but who will help me pull this all together?" Well, you are not out there all alone. There is a committee in place to assist you with any questions you may have. First the council has a Vice-President of Membership, Dave Manore. Under the Membership heading there is a Council Cub Scout Roundup Chairperson, Ms. Audrey Wheelock. Each District will have a District Roundup Chairperson and each individual Pack should have a Pack Roundup Chairperson.

It is suggested that each Pack recruit a Roundup Chairperson now, so when the District Chairperson calls your unit you will be ready. In August each District will have a Kickoff where the Pack Chairpersons will come together to receive their "Race into Scouting" materials and can ask questions they may have. Those dates and locations are as follows:

- Aplin - August 27**
Scout Service Center in Utica
- Diamond - August 27**
Reformed Church in Herkimer
- MOCA - August 30**
First Presbyterian Church in Rome
- SETA - August 22**
Location TBA

I do hope that this information is helpful to you and your recruitment. Membership is the life blood of Scouting. Without membership there is not need for Program, Finances are not required and Scouting is not needed. So, lets all "do our best" to make 2007 a banner year for Scouting.

RACE TO CUB SCOUTING

When a race car driver participates in a race, they don't just show up minutes before the race. In, fact several weeks and months go into planning their strategy, modifying their car and pumping up the Pit Crew. Cub Scout recruiting is just the same. The same planning and techniques used by the race car driver should be used when planning your School Night for Scouting event.

Even though the summer months are upon us, now is the time to begin setting the plans for a successful School Night

in motion. Every pack will want to cross the finish line this year.

The council and district membership committees stand ready to assist you Pack with conducting a successful School Night.

Your Pack School Night Chairperson can earn a "Race to Cub Scouting" Recognition Hat. The black hat will feature the Race to Cub Scouting (RTCS) logo and swooping checkered flag design on the sides

To qualify for the limited edition RTCS hat, each pack must complete the commitment form below and return to the Revolutionary Trails Council Office.



Race to Cub Scouting Commitment Form

To qualify, the form must be complete and returned by July 15, 2007

Pack No#	District	Town
Pack School Night Chairperson		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	E-mail	
Number of Cub Scouts currently registered		
Number of Cub Scouts to recruit (Goal)		
Number of New Adult Leaders to recruit		
School Night Date	Time	Location

Send your completed form to: Revolutionary Trails Council, BSA, 1401 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13501

SUMMER HOURS

Effective
May 29 - September 3
the Scout Shop and
Council Office will be
open **8:30 am - 4 pm**

USE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA AS
A GUIDE FOR YOUR PACK ROUNDUP

PACK ROUND-UP AGENDA

Before the Meeting

- ✓ Set up tables, chairs & Cub Scout exhibits
- ✓ Make sure all materials and equipment needed are on hand

Pre-Opening

- ✓ Greet families as they arrive
- ✓ Register attendance
- ✓ Provide name tags for boys and adults
- ✓ Conduct a pre-opening get-acquainted game
- ✓ Direct visitors to the exhibit areas and to their seats

First Half of Meeting

- ✓ Opening - Pledge, Cub Salute & Pledge, Action Song
 - ✓ Welcome and Introductions
 - ✓ Explain the Cub Scout program
 - ✓ Explain Cub Scouting benefits for families
 - ✓ Explain how Cub Scouting is organized
 - ✓ Review joining requirements
 - ✓ Explain the advancement program
 - ✓ Explain how parents help the Cub Scout
 - ✓ Divide families into three groups—
Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts
- Collect applications and fees
Make a list of boys in the den
Decide on a suitable den meeting day and time
Set a date for the first den adults' meeting

Second Half of Meeting

Bring everyone back together to discuss the following topics:

- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Basic Leader Training
- ✓ Next pack leaders' meeting
- ✓ Next pack meeting
- ✓ District roundtables
- ✓ Thank everyone for coming
- ✓ Close with an inspirational thought, emphasizing family involvement

After the Meeting

- ✓ Enjoy fellowship and refreshments
- ✓ Verify money and registration applications
- ✓ Keep the pack copy of the boy applications & turn in other copies and fees to the local council as soon as possible
- ✓ Forward adult applications and fees to the local council service center as soon as they have been approved by the chartered organization, keeping the pack copy
- ✓ Check to make sure the room is clean and returned to its original order

Refer to chapter 10 "Den and Pack Management," in the Cub Scout Leader Book for detailed information on the Join Cub Scouting effort. Attend your district Kickoff event scheduled in August to receive your Race to Cub Scouting Official Tool Kit for Packs.

Additional Cub Scout Promotion Ideas

The following is a list of promotion ideas that can help you be more effective in getting your message to the boys and families in your community. Be sure to include in all your promotional materials an invitation to your round-up event, including date, time, place, and a brief but exciting description of pack activities. Also include the telephone number of a pack leader who can be contacted for more information. Contact your local council for complete details and assistance in selecting the marketing tools that will have the most effective impact in your neighborhood.

- Make lists or cards with the first names and phone numbers of boys in the area. Have pack leaders call the night before the rally to ask parents if they got the invitations and remind them of the meeting.
- Place yard signs in strategically good locations: at high traffic areas, bus stops, and lawns of current members. (Be sure you don't violate city ordinances about signs.)
- Post flyers and posters on bulletin boards throughout your area in key locations (schools, religious institutions, community recreation centers, day care centers, grocery stores, malls, public libraries, pediatrician centers, etc.).
- Tray liners and placemats may be used in a variety of venues, such as fast-food restaurants, direct mail, and grocery stores (as grocery bag stuffers).
- Half-sheet bulletin inserts are great tools for delivering recruiting information through chartered organization mailings, church bulletins, community recreation centers, and as sporting event announcements.
- Door hangers and postcards aid in direct home delivery of a specific invitation to join.
- Public service announcements, newspapers, radio, TV, billboards, and direct mail are also ways to communicate your invitation to join.
- Use a movie theater PSA extending your invitation to join in local movie houses.
- Ask schools to put joining information in student electronic mailboxes. Automated messages can be programmed for boys in each grade.
- Grocery stores might print your message on their grocery bags, if arranged for early enough.
- Get local advertisers to include your message in their "drop-in flyers."
- Use marquee to invite boys and their families to join.
- Promote the round-up night with all chartered organizations in your community (religious institutions, schools, service clubs, youth organizations, etc.).
- Set up a sample campsite outside in view of a high-traffic area for boys and parents to show them that Cub Scouts go camping. (Good locations include malls, superstores, schools, religious institutions, child-development/day care centers, parks and recreation centers, and community centers.)
- Set up a pinewood derby track at a high-traffic area for boys and parents (see list above for suggested sites).

Rekindle the Wood Badge Spirit

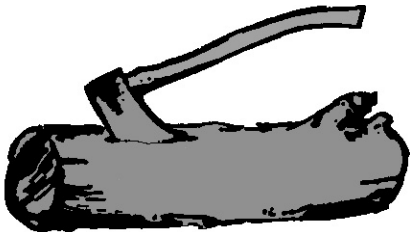
Calling All Wood Badge Critters... Join us for a reunion of Wood Badge Troop 1 on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Camp Kingsley in Ava, NY. You should arrive by 1 PM. Lunch will be served at 1:30 PM. We will be having Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salad, Chips, Dessert and Beverages. You can bring your family.

Don't forget your Wood Badge critters and Scouting Spirit!

If you plan on attending, RSVP by June 1 to Kathy Dzialo at bobwhite@twcny.rr.com or 687-5056.

For more information contact: Kathy Dzialo at bobwhite@twcny.rr.com or Barb Sanford at foxybeaver95@aol.com. You may also call the Council Service Center at 735-4437 or visit www.rtcbsa.org for updates and more information.

Don't miss great food, fun, fellowship, critter contests, games and more!



BSA ON-LINE LEARNING CENTER www.olc.scouting.org

E-LEARNING COURSES

These courses can help adult leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to youth. A log-in is required, however anyone may create a user account and view the courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit.



MULTIMEDIA

These online exercises are available for informational purposes. No log-in is required.



OTHER RESOURCES

Additional training materials are available online, in print, on audiovisual media, or as live courses taught at our training centers.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

Supplemental training modules are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in New Leader Essentials and leader-specific training.

For More Training Information and Updates – Visit www.rtcbsa.org



Wood Badge Course NE-III-180 August 24-26 & September 14-16 at Camp Kingsley in Ava, NY

Registration and Acceptance of Invitation

I accept the invitation to attend Wood Badge for the 21st Century, Course NE-III-180, being held at Camp Kingsley starting on August 24, 2007.

I understand that attendance at all sessions is required for certification. I have completed (or will have completed prior to the beginning of the course) the New Leaders Essentials and Leader Specific training relevant for my position in Scouting. I am a registered adult leader.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please print or type the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Unit _____ District _____

Council _____

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL HEALTH:

I understand that my participation in the Wood Badge course is based on the successful completion, and submission at the course, of the class 3 physical.

Number of years in Scouting: As a youth _____ As an adult _____

Present Scouting Position: _____

Tenure in this Position: _____

Scouting Awards Received: _____

Completion Dates of Required Training:

New Leader Essentials _____ Leader Specific Training _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A \$50 deposit is enclosed to hold my place in the course, which has a limit of 48 participants. This deposit is not refundable but can be transferred to another person. The balance of the \$175 registration fee must be paid by July 27, 2007.

Cash / Check

Unit Account Authorized By: _____

Credit Card

Account No# _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Today's Date _____

Course Fee: \$175.00

Amount Paid \$ _____

Balance Due \$ _____

Send your deposit and completed registration to:

Revolutionary Trails Council, BSA
1401 Genesee St.
Utica, N.Y. 13501

Go Camping! When young & often is good for families

By John Shearer, Revolutionary Trails Council Family Camping Administrator

According to Andy Falender, Executive Director of the Appalachian Mountain Club in an editorial appearing in the April 2007 issue of AMC Outdoors Magazine, "Outdoor Industry Foundation research shows that 90 percent of adults who participate in outdoor activities started when they were kids. Family and friends have the greatest influence on getting them involved; 79 percent of study respondents felt participation in these activities strengthens family relationships". As I talk to other folks in our council, they all echo these same conclusions and our Revolutionary Trails Council has the perfect tools to assist families in making it easy to learn to enjoy the outdoors, as a family.

All of our properties are available for unit as well as family recreational use. And currently at Camp Kingsley we have a cadre of

volunteer Wagonmasters standing by to assist those families and new unit leaders that would like to introduce their units and/or families to the joys of camping. For more information contact the Council Family Camping Administrator thru the council office or via e-mail at jshearer@twcny.rr.com. There already are a number of weekends after the July Cub Resident camp season that we have Wagonmasters scheduled to be on duty at Camp Kingsley and more can be scheduled as needed.

Come on up, bring your families and enjoy the day. Have a picnic, take a hike, go fishing and camp overnight if you like. But most of all, get out and enjoy the outdoors together.



Camp Russell Survival Week 2007

Camp Russell Survival Week 2007 to be held August 5-11 is a provisional week designed to attract Scouts and Scout leaders who are interested in learning primitive camping and wilderness survival skills. Skills taught in this course would include, but are not limited to: improvised first aid, field craft, shelter building, edible plant identification, improvised compass and navigational skills, primitive fire building, and rescue signaling techniques. In-depth "learn-by-doing" lessons will be held on the Camp Russell "Outlet property", which is approximately a 1 hour paddle down the remote White Lake Outlet.

Trainees will utilize primitive camping techniques (i.e. cooking over a fire, sleeping in tents and/or shelter) for the week while learning survival skills from various experts in each area. Food will be provided for the week. An emergency action plan will be in place and proper medical gear will be provided and available on site. The property is located in an area which provides easy medical access if necessary.

For more details, contact Rick Rotondi at 315-377-3124 or rickrotondi@hotmail.com. Adult leaders and Scouts (13 yrs. +) are welcome to participate.



The Council Service Center and Scout Shop will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day

A Scout is Reverent

Perhaps you've wondered why James West added the Scout Law "Reverent" to the English Scout Law. Hopefully you are aware that all the key leaders of the Scouting movement starting with Lord Baden Powell were very religious men and women, and mostly Christian.

The All Faiths Committee of the RTC has continued to support the learning and doing of this law by organizing: Scout Sunday Services, Camporee Vesper Services, 10 Commandment Hikes, Scouting our Faith Weekend Programs, Religious Emblem Classes and Award Ceremonies, etc.

But perhaps you had not related this law to the answer of the question, "Why Scouting"?

At the Aplin Scout Sunday Service on February 4th, the following key points were made about the importance of our religious heritage to the Scouting movement:

- (1) Help boys become young men, prepared for life in a rapidly changing, complex world.
- (2) Help boys develop biblical based values and behaviors.
- (3) Help boys gain life skills for careers, recreation, community service, church and family.
- (4) Help boys learn the personal satisfaction of "doing unto others as we would have them do unto us" by actually doing community service.

Of course, this now applies to boys and girls, men and women, everyone who is helping to maintain and improve this critical movement for our world.

Please keep this in mind as you help us shape the values and conduct of America's future leaders.

Bill Rudge, Chaplain, Troop 9



Calling All Beavers!

Your help is urgently needed to get Cedarlands ready for the summer. This year help is needed from volunteers of all types skills from swinging a hammer, to a paint brush, to helping pick up the winter debris. Volunteers who come out will get fed three square meals and have a cabin or building to stay in or you can bring a tent. This year's Beaver Weekend will be June 1-3.

Your help is needed. Call the office at 315-735-4437 to reserve your space today!

Are You a Cedarlands Alumni

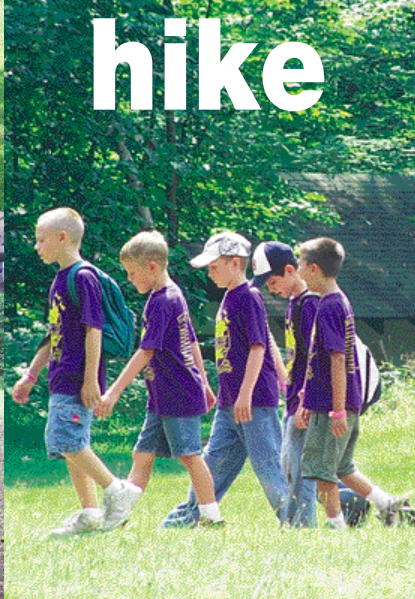
The beginnings of an alumni association for Cedarlands Scout Reservation have started. Staff members Aaron Strong and Matt Taylor have started a website at: www.cedarlandsalumni.org. The website is being designed as a meeting place for those with an interest in Cedarlands to gather and share stories in photos.

Plans are under way to formalize the alumni group with a business meeting to elect officers at the Spring Beaver weekend.

DO IT ALL!! THIS JULY



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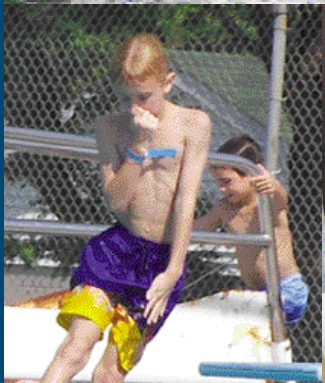
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CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP 2007

At **CAMP KINGSLEY** this Summer you can participate in the following activities:

- Archery
- BB-Guns
- Boating
- Swimming
- Scout Skills
- Belt Loops
- Activity Badges
- Scout's Own
- Campfires
- Sports
- Hiking
- Climbing Tower

- Peter's Parker's Science Lab
- Justice League Training Course
- Extreme Superhero Makeover
- Superhero Showdown
- LOTS OF FUN!!**

DON'T MISS YOUR LOCAL CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

We will be offering the following Day Camp choices for the 2007 season:

- 7/9-7/13 Paris Town Park
- 7/23-7/27 Camp Kingsley
- 7/23-7/27 Herkimer-Diamond
- 7/23-7/27 Oneida American Legion

Send in your registration forms and payment by June 1 and you will receive a Camp T-Shirt.

Want to know more about Camp Kingsley? Visit the Camp Kingsley Open House Saturday, June 16 10 am - 2pm



Campers who registered by April 1 will receive a Camp Patch.



2007 CUB SCOUT CAMP REGISTRATION

To reserve your spot at any or all of the Summer camp sessions, send in this form along with your \$25 non-refundable but transferrable deposit per camp session. Campers who submit their deposit by April 1, 2007 will receive a Special Edition 2007 Camp Patch. When you submit your camp fees by June 1, 2007 you will receive a FREE camp T-shirt. Additional camp information will be sent once this form is processed.

CAMPER INFORMATION

Cub Scout Name		T-Shirt Size
Address		
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	
Grade in Fall	Pack #	District: Aplin Diamond MOCA SETA
Name of Adult Attending		T-Shirt Size
I will be volunteering at the following camp(s):		<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time
Name of Additional Guest		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth T-Shirt Size
Name of Additional Guest		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth T-Shirt Size

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM ALONG WITH A NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 DEPOSIT PER CAMP SESSION BY APRIL 1, 2007 TO:

Revolutionary Trails, BSA
Cub Scout Summer Camp 2007
1401 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

Your deposit must accompany this form. Balance of all camp fees are due June 1, 2007.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check/Cash
- Unit Account
- Unit Account Authorization

Credit Card:
 MasterCard VISA
Account Number:

Exp. Date: _____
Name as it appears on Card: _____

Card Holder Signature: _____

Zip Code: _____

Revolutionary Trails Council is authorized to charge the above credit card or unit account for the amount indicated. Amount to be Charged: _____

CAMP SELECTIONS

CAMP SESSION	DATE	NUMBER ATTENDING	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub Parent Overnight #1	July 7-8	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Paris Town Park Day Camp	July 9-13	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Weekend #1	July 13-15	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub/Webelos Resident Camp	July 19-22	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub Parent Overnight #2	July 21-22	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Kingsley Day Camp	July 23-27	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Oneida American Legion Day Camp	July 23-27	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Herkimer High School Day Camp	July 23-27	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Weekend #2	July 27-29	___ Cub Scouts	___ Additional Guests

Advancement Questions & Issues

Insignias, Uniforms and Badges

"The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment."

A uniform gives the wearer an opportunity to show the activity, responsibility and achievements he/she has been able to accomplish through advancement and program opportunities. Recognition is given by the insignia worn on the uniform. Each unit should have uniform inspections at least once a year to assist the youth and adult members in correctly wearing their uniform and insignias.

The following addresses some of the most common errors or questions in regards to uniforms or insignias.

Merit Badge sashes are worn from the right shoulder to the left hip. The sash should never be worn on the belt.

The OA honor sash is worn on the right shoulder under the epaulet of the tan shirt to the left waist. The sash is never worn on the belt.

An OA sash and a merit badge sash should never be worn together.

Temporary patches should be worn centered on the right pocket. Only one temporary patch may be worn at a time. (The World Conservation Award is a temporary patch).

Trained Leaders Emblem should be worn only in connection with the emblem of office for which training has been completed. Boy Scout junior leaders who have completed troop junior leader training and Den Chiefs who have completed the den chief training conference may wear this emblem.

The **emblem of office** should be the current position held. If you are holding more than one position, only wear one of the emblem.

Quality Unit Achievement may be worn by both youth and adults. Only wear the most current year earned.

World Crest may be worn by all members of Scouting to symbolize their membership in the World Scouting movement.

Miniature **metal rank pins** are for civilian wear and for parents.

With the exception of Cub Scouts, only the most **current rank badge** should be worn.

Everyone should be very proud to wear their uniform. Let's keep it uncluttered and neat. Wear your insignias correctly. Any questions in regard to uniforms or insignias may be directed to the Council Advancement Committee and we will address them in future columns.

YEAR ROUND MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

Scouting offers exceptional opportunities to learn about our eco-system and how we are an integral part of our environment. Take time to review some of the numerous merit badges that you can earn during the entire year within our region. Camping, Hiking, Skiing, Swimming, Canoeing, Nature, Fishing, Soil & Water Conservation, Environmental Science, Botany, Weather, Animal Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Gardening, Insect Study, Mammal Study and Wilderness Survival are just a few of the great learning opportunities you can encounter through the Merit Badge program. In addition, take a look at some of the career oriented merit badges: Medicine, Crime Prevention, Law, Dentistry, Engineering, Electricity, Plumbing and Geology. If you are interested in specific merit badge, contact your Scoutmaster and Troop Advancement Chairperson without delay so that he/she may recommend an approved merit badge counselor!

CALLING ALL COMMISSIONERS

The Council Advancement Committee needs your help in keeping on top of advancement within packs, troops and crews. Please be sure to routinely inquire from unit leaders on how advancement is progressing with their Scouts. Be sure to let us know on the status of the units and how we can assist in helping Scouts move along their respective advancement trails!

CUB SCOUTING ADVANCEMENT

Cub Scouting Advancement is on the move! We are looking to expand membership on the Council Advancement Committee to include persons with Cub Scouting background. Please contact your District Advancement Chair to learn about becoming a member-at-large on our committee!

COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council Advancement Committee meetings occur on Council Program Night at the Scout Service Center, 1401 Genesee Street, Utica, New York at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Interested in learning more about advancement? Willing to help Scouts learn skills that can be applied throughout their lives? Attend a meeting, it will be a great opportunity to meet each other and learn how Advancement will keep Scouts and Scouters moving forward!

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

A part of Scouting's Merit Badge Program offers youth a tremendous opportunity to learn potential careers to pursue. Electricity, Drafting, American Business, Salesmanship, Law, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Oceanography are but a few of the areas offered for counseling and awareness. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge concerning your occupation and serving as a Merit Badge Counselor, contact any member of your local troop, or District and Council Advancement Committee, or call the Scout Service Center at 735-4437.

INTERNET ADVANCEMENT

GET CONNECTED! That's right, we are in the process of offering unit the ability to record advancement by the Internet! Incredible & true, this will be just for you! Take some time to get on line! Contact your District Advancement Chair and your District Executive for more info!

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Advancement Committee of Revolutionary Trails Council, B.S.A. has the primary responsibility of overseeing Scout advancement. Each of the four Districts within the Revolutionary Trails Council appoint a member to serve on the Committee. Additional persons are appointed by the Council Advancement Chairman to serve as Members-At-Large on the Committee.

COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following is a list of the current members who serve on the Committee:

Aplin District Advancement Chair	
Nancy Langenegger	735-6571
Diamond District Advancement Chair	
Kathy Decker	866-2043
MOCA District Advancement Chair	
Vito Rizzo	336-3254
SETA District Advancement Chair	
Patricia Grogan	363-1065
Committee Members-At-Large	
Dave Hasz	336-6014
Martha Reals	866-5615
Dona Ross	798-9089
Audrey Wheelock	826-5193
Michael T. Grass	363-0405
Committee Chairman	
Bill Koslosky	724-5477
Committee Professional Liaison	
Clinton Hammett	735-4437 ext. 216

SCOUT DAYS

June 15 - June 28, 2007

Three easy ways to get tickets!

- By Mail through Darlen Lake Theme Park & Camping Resort
- At your council office
- Online at www.GoDarlenLake.com



PO Box 91
Darlen Center, NY 13820
585.599.4041

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION PROCESS

It is very important that as our Scouts progress on the Trail to Eagle that we also make sure that they are taught the correct procedure to secure their Eagle application, references and final paperwork. One way is that it is highly recommended is for Life Scouts along with their parents, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Unit Advancement Chairman attend the Life to Eagle seminars that held in all four Districts of our Council. Please call to see when the next seminar is scheduled.

The Eagle application has to be a Verified one that only the Council Registrar can give to you. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Advancement Chairman, parents and Eagle Candidates when you call to make sure that everything is in order PLEASE make sure that when I send you your Verified Eagle application that you secure the correct signatures and return it to me with the whole completed workbook.

The Eagle Reference Letter process is explained below; please read the following very carefully and follow the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EAGLE CANDIDATE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Step 1. Personally contact all six individuals whom you wish to include as references on your Eagle application. Call, e-mail or write to these persons yourself. Do not allow your parents, relatives, unit leaders or any one else to handle this important responsibility. Explain your status as an Eagle candidate and specifically request that they serve as a reference for you. Ask if they would be willing to fill out the recommendation forms. Inform them of any deadlines that are approaching if applicable. (Date of scheduled BOR's or 18th birthday)

Step 2. Fill in your name on each of the specific evaluation forms. If you are employed (paid or volunteer) give one to your employer and one to another reference of your choice.

Step 3. Prepare envelopes that are addressed to your District Advancement Chairman(see below). Make sure you place a stamp on this envelope and that YOUR NAME is placed on the envelope near the bottom. This will ensure that the Chairman knows whose letter it is. The envelope will allow the person writing the recommendation to send the letters confidentially.

Step 4. Hand deliver or mail the recommendation forms and stamped, addressed envelope to the person writing the recommendation.

Step 5. Do this for each of the SIX references required.

Step 6. As the Board of Review approaches, make sure that the District Advancement Chairman has received all your letters and have put them with your completed Eagle workbook. You are permitted to follow up with the individuals, but should coordinate any additional communications with the BOR chairman to ensure all correspondence has been received.

Step 7. Write the names, addresses and phone numbers for your references on the front of your Eagle application.

District Advancement Chairmans:

Aplin District: Nancy Langenegger, 26 Stanhope Ct, New Hartford, NY 13413

Diamond District: Kathleen Decker, 28 E Center St, Mohawk, NY 13407

Mohawk-Cayuga District: Vito Rizzo, 8338 Turin Rd, Rome, NY 13440

Seneca Tuscarora District: Patricia Grogan, 4630 Snyder Rd, Verona, NY 13478

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATIONS

Effective March 31, 2003, the Eagle Scout application became an electronic form generated by the Council Registrar. When produced, this electronic form becomes your official Verified Eagle Scout application and will be submitted electronically to National Boy Scouts of America for approval upon completion of your Board of Review.

Only the Verified application will be submitted to your District Advancement Committee for holding your Board of Review.

REQUESTING THE EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION

Please note the following directions for requesting and completing your application:

Step 1: Once you have earned all required merit badges and rank badges for Eagle, you or someone you designate should request a Person Profile Report (your detailed advancement history report) from the council to validate that the council records and your unit's records agree. If there are any date discrepancies involving the advancement, consult with your Scoutmaster and/or Advancement Committee Chairman to resolve them. Once resolved, be sure to send in any copies of advancement paperwork or blue cards to the council to reconcile the records between the troop and council.

Step 2: After all advancement records have been verified and validated by your unit leader and your Eagle Scout project has been completed, you or your unit leader can request the Council Registrar to generate your Eagle Scout application by supplying your complete legal name which includes first, middle and last name, telephone number and troop number. Please make these requests by phoning, e-mailing pgrogan@bsamail.org or stopping by the Council Office in Utica. Only the Eagle Verified application is used by our Districts.

Step 3: Please allow 1 business day for the Council Registrar to process your request for an electronic Eagle Scout application. Your electronic Eagle Scout application will be mailed to you unless you indicate otherwise.

You must make sure of the following:

- You will need to give your complete legal name (including full middle name). National Eagle Scout Services will reject your Eagle Scout application if the full legal name (including full middle name) is not listed.
- Verify your home address, telephone number, troop number
- Verify your date of birth

- Verify all Cub Scout information and grade completed prior to joining Boy Scouts
- Verify your Boy Scout, First Class and Star rank dates
- Verify Life Scout date
- You must write in your reference names. You will need to provide complete names, addresses (including P.O. Box numbers) and telephone numbers for all personal references.
- Verify advancement information for merit badges or rank badges.
- Positions of responsibility held for 6 or more months after turning Life Scout.
- Verify board of review date that you earned Life Scout
- Date your project was completed
- **Requirement #6 is very important and is overlooked by both the Unit leader and Scout:** Write a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp and community or other organization that demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this time period.
- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
- Under Certification by applicant: You will have to sign the Verified application, list your current telephone number and date attesting everything on the Verified Eagle Scout application has been done before your 18th birthday.
- Under Unit approval: You need to give this form to your unit leader. The Scoutmaster and the Unit Committee Chairman will review the Verified Eagle Scout application and your Eagle Scout project and sign approving your nomination to Eagle Scout.

FINALIZING & PRESENTING THE PROJECT:

When submitting your Verified Eagle Scout application and project, please make sure that you have enclosed requirement #6 and any other attachments as well as the before and after pictures in a notebook or binder so that this important information is contained and the project is presentable.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact your District Advancement Chairman or the Council Registrar at 315-735-4437 extension 217 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or e-mail to pgrogan@bsamail.org.

Advancement Reminders

- We have been sent applications for applying for **The Sons of the American Revolution** scholarship award. You may pick them up at the Council office: 1401 Genesee Street, Utica, NY. You do not have to be this years Eagles to apply and you can continue to apply until you reach your 19th birthday. Their only stipulation is that you are currently registered with a unit.
- **District and Council membership** expires June 30th at midnight, please remember to send your \$10.00 in early to the attention of the Council Registrar.
- Unit leaders, please notify the Council Registrar if you have a handicapped youth in your unit with a valid IEP. Special arrangements can be made to modified ranks or merit badge advancements.

4th Annual David M. Philipson Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament

**Saturday, June 30, 2007
Clinton Fish & Game Club**

All Scouts that are 12 years of age or older are invited to attend the 4th Annual David M. Philipson Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament which will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the Clinton Fish & Game Club in Clinton, NY. The event is free for all Scouts to attend. Scouts are asked to arrive at 9:00 AM. Dale Christie will be providing his expert instruction on shotgun shooting. Each Scout will learn to break clay birds. Shotguns and Shotgun shells will be provided compliments of Remington Arms. All Scouts will be provided lunch.

Scouts and families are also encouraged to watch the event and follow some of the competitors as they move from station to station. Scouts that wish can be score keepers for the shooters. Sporting Clays is a fast growing, fast action shooting sports event. Sporting Clays, sometimes referred to as "Golf with a Shotgun" consists of a series of natural and unique shooting fields connected along a course trail. At each field (or station) participants attempt to shoot airborne clay targets simulating game bird wing shooting (and even a couple of bouncing "rabbit" targets). Small groups 2 to 5 persons tour the course, and at



each field take turns shooting at a set number of targets, usually 8 or 10 per person per field. Scoring is easy – each target equals one point, the shooter with the most points wins.

A representative from Remington Arms will be on hand with a display of their newest 2007 firearms line-up.

Scouts should wear their uniforms to this event.

To Register for this event please call Ray Eschenbach at the Council Service Center at 735-4437 ext. 214.



“Tickets for Charity” Fundraising Opportunity for Local Scouting Units

"Tickets for Charity" is a special, inaugural-year function added to the standard in PGA TOUR fundraising programs so that region's non-profit community, and their critical missions and audiences served, are able to benefit significantly from the first year's Championship event. This program can support local Scouting units throughout the Revolutionary Trails Council.

The program is being offered by the Upstate New York Empowerment Fund, together with the Oneida Nation, as the charitable component of the Turning Stone Resort Championship. The Championship,

an official PGA TOUR event, is scheduled at the Atunyote Golf Club in Vernon, NY, September 17 - 23. It is expected to draw some of the world's best golfers. And, because it is nationally televised, the tournament will put the Upstate New York region in the national spotlight.

For this year, the Oneidas have chosen to forego a large portion of tournament ticket sales so charitable groups can instead earn the funds from those ticket sales. The Revolutionary Trails Council and its units are encouraged to participate in ticket sales. Unit that participate and sell tickets will receive 50% of the ticket price to further their Scouting program. Tickets are as follows:

TICKET PRICE	UNIT COMMISSION	COUNCIL SUPPORT
\$10	\$5	\$5
\$25	\$12.50	\$12.50
\$35	\$17.50	\$17.50
\$100	\$50	\$50

\$10.00 tickets good for 9/17 – 9/19 (all three days)
 \$25.00 tickets good for 9/20 and 9/21 (for each day)
 \$35.00 tickets good for 9/22 and 9/23 (for each day)
 \$100.00 tickets good for 9/17 – 9/23 (for whole week)

**The sales period runs
May 10 through August 1, 2007**

**For more
information
or to find out how
to participate in
this fundraiser
contact the office
at 315-735-4437**

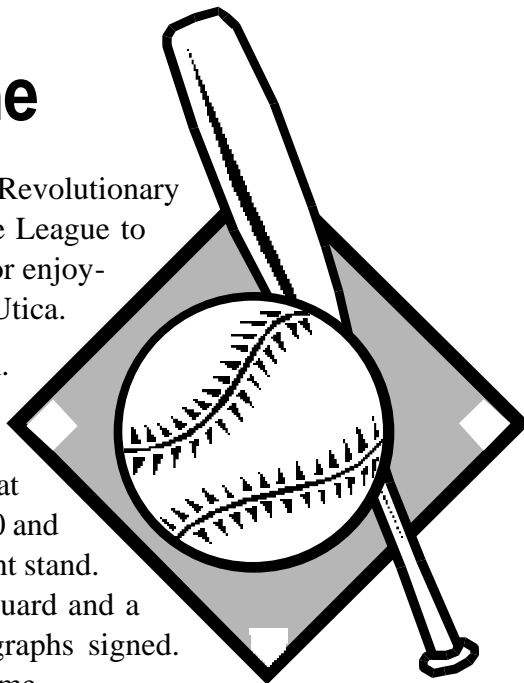
Peanuts, Crackerjacks, and Scouts! The NYS League takes Scouting to the Ballgame

Professional baseball is back in the area and the Revolutionary Trails Council has partnered with the New York State League to bring Scouts and families two exciting opportunities for enjoying an evening at the ballpark at Donavan Stadium in Utica.

The first is Scout Night on Wednesday July 18th. This is also Salute the Troops night and Scouts will be able to help show support for our men and women in uniform. Discount ticket reservations can be made at the Council Office. Advance purchase tickets are \$3.00 and will include a program and a coupon for the refreshment stand. Special events that night will include a Scout color guard and a chance to meet some of the players and have autographs signed. Reservations must be made at least a week ahead of time.

The second special Scout night will be Saturday August 18th. This will be a chance not only to see a game but to camp out on the field at Donavan Stadium. The \$8.00 fee for this event includes dinner, breakfast, a special patch, the chance to run the bases, a movie, and a chance to camp out on the field. Reservations must be made August 4th.

Come share the excitement of a night at the ballpark as the New York State League celebrates Scouting!



Oneida County American Legion Parade

On June 8th & 9th, 2007 the 88th Annual Oneida County American Legion Convention will be held at Utica Post #229 which is located at 409 Herkimer Road in Utica. As part of the activities, a parade will take place on June 9th. Step off time is 2 pm with line-up at 1:30 pm. The parade route is less than 1 mile.

All Scouting Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams and Posts are welcome and encouraged to participate in the parade.

For more information please contact the Oneida County Scouting Chairman Dave Manore @ 797-6618 or labonte5@adelphia.net by June 1.

This is your chance to show your appreciation for all that the American Legion does for all of Scouting.

Boy Scout Classic Golf Tournament

When: Friday, August 17, 2007
Where: Barker Brook Golf Club
 Oriskany Falls, New York
Format: Captain and Crew (Scramble)
Cost: \$125 per golfer or \$500 a foursome
 (\$450/foursome if registered and paid by 7/15)

Lunch will be provided to all players starting at 11 a.m. The tourney will begin at noon with a shotgun start. Following a great day of golf, gifts and refreshments on the course, we'll enjoy a special evening including a social hour, steak dinner and awards presentation.

A Purpose to Every Putt

For nearly a century, Boy Scouts of America has led the way in character building, citizenship and physical fitness programs for our nation's young people. Over 10,000 youths throughout Central New York benefit from your support of our annual golf tournament.

How You Can Help

Eagle Sponsor - \$1,500

- Three golf foursomes
- Tee sign
- Full page Ad link
- Recognition at event
- Logo in all advertising
- www.rtcbsa.org website

Life Sponsor - \$1,000

- Two golf foursomes
- Half page Ad
- Recognition at event
- Tee sign
- Logo in all advertising

Star Sponsor - \$750

- One golf foursome
- Quarter-page Ad
- Tee sign
- Logo in all advertising

First Class Sponsor - \$500

- One golf foursome

Individual Golfer - \$125

Tee Sponsor - \$150

- Tee sign
- Recognition at Event

Program Advertisers

- Full Page Ad - \$150
- Quarter Page or Business Card Ad - \$50
- Half Page Ad - \$75

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Contests

- Hole-in-One - Wins a brand new car valued at \$25,000!
- Closest to the Pin - Male & Female
- Longest Drive - Male & Female
- Putting Contest
- Closest to the Line

Awards

- Low Team Gross (1st & 2nd Place)
- Male Team/Female Team

Raffles

Golf apparel, golf bags, golf clubs, gift certificates and more.

Tournament Committee

- Russ Brewer, Oneida Savings Bank
- Roger Skinner, Skinner & Damulis, Inc.
- Dennis Schonewetter, Canterbury Press, Inc.
- Wilber Allen, Oneida Ltd.
- Jim Brockway, Partners Trust Bank
- Rich Callahan, Partners Trust Bank
- Bud Dorr, Utica National Insurance
- Jim Gemza, Mohawk Home Comfort Services
- Eric Twiss, R&S Steel, LLC
- Kathy Dzialo, BSA Volunteer
- Bruce Burke, BSA Volunteer
- Chris Hopkins, BSA Sr. DE
- Bob Myers, BSA CEO



GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person or
Team Captain Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Foursome Member Names (if applicable):

Organization Name: _____

Player Registration Options (please check one):

- First Class Sponsor (4 players) - \$500
- First Class Early Bird (register by 7/15) - \$450
- Individual Golfer - \$125

Donation Options (please check one):

- Eagle Sponsor - \$1500
- Tee Sponsor - \$150
- Life Sponsor - \$1000
- Prize Donation
- Star Sponsor - \$750

Program Advertisements (please check one):

- Full Page - \$150
- Quarter Page or Business Card - \$50
- Half Page - \$75

Method of Payment (please check one):

- Check or Money Order (Payable to Revolutionary Trails Council)
- Credit Card (check one): Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Please Mail Form to:
 Revolutionary Trails Council
 1401 Genesee Street
 Utica, NY 13501

Or register at:
 www.rtcbsa.org and click
 the Boy Scout Classic Golf
 Tournament link

Questions? Call 315-735-4437 or visit www.rtcbsa.org.

Herkimer Bicentennial

Diamond District Troop 4 in Herkimer, assisted with the village of Herkimer's Bi-Centennial kick-off 10K & 2 mile running event held on Saturday, April 21st.

We were contacted by Connie Vertucci one of the events coordinators to assist with guiding the runners over the two mile course to ensure no one was lost. The Scouts were quite happy to provide the service, even though it meant getting up early on a Saturday as they had to be at the Herkimer High School at 8 am (uuggghh). Their first duty was to direct event traffic into the main parking area of the school. Just before the race began the Scouts were disbursed to various intersections of the village to guide the runners along. The boys at the first intersection were really excited, they got to use a bull-horn to divert the 2 mile runners off the main 10K course. The Scouts were able to show some real spirit as the last runner on the course was a young lad who could not have been more than 8 years old. He was somewhat lost and was reassured along the way points with the Scouts encouragement. Toward the end, a few of the Scouts decided to run with the boy to keep his spirits up through to the finish line. All in all a good time.

Frankfort Troop News

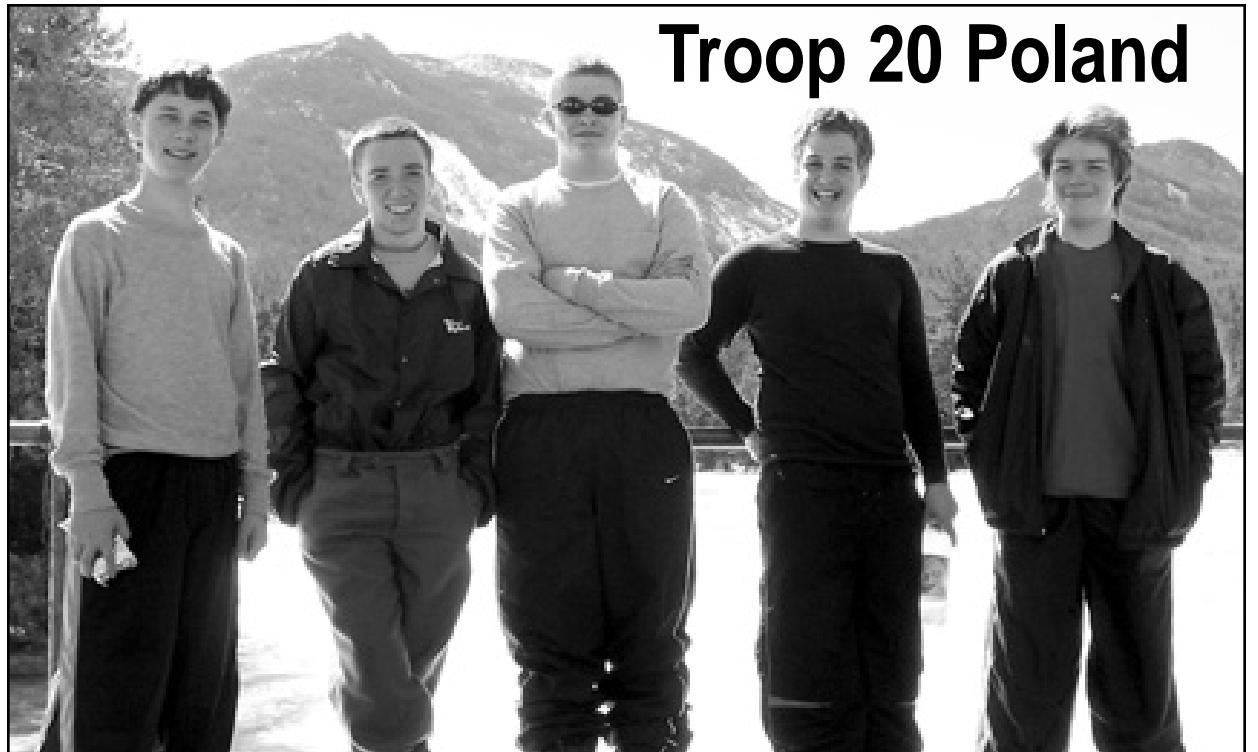
Frankfort Troop 1 traveled spent three days touring our Nation's Capital. On arrival in Washington DC the Scouts and Leaders toured Arlington National Cemetery and watched the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The next day the troop visited and paid respect to the men and women who served our country by visiting the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. Then we visited the great monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the Roosevelt Memorial, the White House and the Capital. One of the main goals of the troop was to go to the Boy Scout Memorial which is located near the White House. The Scouts and Leaders also had a great time at the Air and Space Museum. We took the DUCK Tour, which is a tour bus that is also a boat, through the city and then entered the Potomac River. In the evening the troop traveled to Hanover, Maryland and was entertained at the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. The last day was spent at the Washington DC Zoo.



This memorial stands on the site of the First Boy Scout Jamboree in 1937. The two nearly naked figures represent Manhood and Womanhood; the Boy Scout is leading them into the future. Next to the statue is a pool which bears the inscription: "In grateful tribute to the men and women whose generosity, devotion, and leadership have brought Scouting to the nation's youth and to honor all members of the Boy Scouts of America who in days of peace and times of peril have done their duty to God and their country this memorial was authorized by the Congress of the United States and erected in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America."



Frankfort Troop 1, under the instruction of the DARE Officer of the Iliion Police Department, have been working on the Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting and Traffic Safety Merit Badges. One of the requirements for the Crime Prevention Merit Badge is that the troop must do a crime prevention community service project. Troop 1, along with the support of the Iliion Police Department, ran a Youth Identification Card Program on Saturday, April 21, in the Village of Iliion. Parents and guardians brought their children to document personal and medical information and to be fingerprinted and photographed. All this information was put on a Youth Identification Card, which the parents can keep in case their child becomes missing. This service project was a great success.



Troop 20 Poland

Troop 20 Poland hiked into Avalanche Camp and Lake from the Adirondack Lodge just East of Lake Placid on day one of their trip. On day two they hiked to the top of Indian Falls that were frozen at the time. We also climbed Phelps Mountain that day (Elevation 4100 ft). On day three we hiked out and went home. The Scouts who attended this trip were: Aaron Farley, Brandon Sheppard, Scott Hoke, Dominick Desiato, and Scott Baron.

Scouts and their Families Visit Battleship Cove



On April 27-28 Pack and Troop 34 of Vernon Center visited Battleship Cove in Massachusetts.

The best part of Spring
Youth, Leaders, and Gear

NEW AT THE SCOUT SHOP

Introducing: Den Meeting in a Box

Plan your weekly den meetings for a month!

Each box contains Cub Scouting projects for 10 boys based on the theme of the month.



Each den meeting in a box comes with a complete layout of a month of den meetings and all the materials to carry them out. Den meeting in a box is a great way to prepare for the coming month. Stop by and check out the assortment.

Summer Camp will soon be here!

Don't let it creep up on you. Stop in at the Scout shop for those merit badge books, t-shirts or camping supplies.

Don't forget those summer picnics!

Stop in for a great selection of picnic supplies, cups, napkins and invitations.

If we don't have what you are looking we can order it.

Remember that it takes two weeks for ordered items to arrive.

Revolutionary Trails Scout Shop

Stop in at 1401 Genesee Street, Utica • You can call or fax your order in too!!

Barb Madore • 735-4437 • FAX 735-9184 • bmadore@bsaemail.org

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District Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 7 Roundtable 7:00 PM
- 14 District Committee 7:00 PM

JULY

- 23-27 Kingsley Day Camp

Roundtable

Join us on the first Thursday of every month in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in Rome at 7PM. Our Roundtable staff will give you great meeting tips, activities and help you be successful in your Pack or Troop.

District Committee

Join us on the second Thursday of every month in the second floor Mayor's Conference Room in Rome City Hall at 7PM. We are always looking for people to get involved on a District Level and this is the place to do it! Make sure you have a voice in what happens in our District!

Kickoff x2!!

Mark your calendars now and start planning to attend the Council Program Kickoff in June! This is a great resource for planning and running a stellar year in Scouting.

Please also start planning for our District Kickoff! We would ask each Scout Troop to plan a booth activity for our Cub Scouts and Cub Leaders to participate in at the end of August. The activity booth should reflect something that you think sets your Unit apart and makes you special! This event got rave reviews last year so please contact Nathan Boguhn to reserve your spot!

MO/CA District and MVCC

The Mohawk/Cayuga District of the Revolutionary Trails Council, BSA is proud to announce our collaboration with Mohawk Valley Community College in the formation of Aviation Venture Crew 727. We are looking to enroll 10-12 youth (co-ed 14-20) to study aviation from the ground up with the experts from MVCC. Registration is limited and will go quickly. Please ask anyone interested to contact Nathan Boguhn for more information ASAP. Thanks very much!

Popcorn Sale!

Popcorn is right around the corner! This year, Harlan Dillon and Mary McSweeney have agreed to serve again as our Popcorn Kernels. They are joined by Laurie Coughlin from Pack 24 in Taberg. These popcorn pros will contact your Units periodically to help you have a successful sale! Keep popping!

Help Wanted!!

The Mo/Ca District is looking for someone to fill its Program Aide position- Part Time- 10 hours per week. The candidate must be at least 21 years of age, able to drive, have reliable transportation, and a clean record. Successful candidates agree to undergo background checks and provide references. The candidate will be responsible for planning and executing Cub Scout programs for 4 local Cub Scout Packs on a weekly basis. Age of the Cubs- 6-10 years old. Parents stay to help. The meetings comprise 3 of the 10 hours per week- the rest is spent planning and maintaining Unit advancement records. The candidate is expected to be the catalyst at meetings- working not only to run the youth program but to excite the parents enough to ultimately take over the leadership roles. Interested candidates should contact Senior District Executive Nathan Boguhn at 735-4437 x225 for an interview appointment. Scouting knowledge a plus but not required.

The Leaders of the Future

Several months ago, a well known talk radio host spoke about the lack of community involvement in our society today and how it has caused us to be in many of the situations that we now find ourselves. Hearing a statement like this can cause you to wonder what tomorrow will bring.

For 97 years, the Boy Scouts of America has helped countless youth take their rightful place in society through its many character education and leadership development lessons. A person with a Scouting background is more likely to earn more money at their job and more likely to be judged successful in life.

Rome and her sister communities have loyally supported Scouting from the very beginning and recognized that the values it offers are important in everyday lives so much that you can walk into any large group meeting in the area, ask who was ever involved in Scouting, and most if not all of the hands present will be raised.

On May 17th, 2007, the Mohawk/Cayuga District of the Revolutionary Trails Council held a recognition breakfast at The Beeches for Scouters and Scouting Alumni. The program included Joe Kelly as Master of Ceremonies and former Senator Ray Meier as the Keynote Speaker. Charles Sprock and Rome Savings Bank were honored for over 50 years of faithful support to Scouting.

Forging the Leaders of the Future has been our theme this year and should be one of the cornerstones by which we live by in Scouting. We thank everyone who has worked on our Friends of Scouting campaigns this year and contributed in so many different ways- these include John Mazzaferro, Keith Butters, Greg Rindenello, Chris Carrier, Vito Rizzo, Diane Sjordahl, Bruce Nawoj, Iris Barnes, Shawn Hanrahan, Michael Occhipint and Valerie Carey. We especially would like to thank Chris Destito for his leadership, guidance, and friendship as our Community Chairman.

Allure of Pinewood Derby Hard To Resist

The roar of the engines, the smell of the exhaust, the squeal of the tires- for the Cub Scouts on Sunday March 18th at Navelli's, this was the scene that met them. 25 boys from area Cub Scout Packs competed in the 3rd Annual District Pinewood Derby sponsored once again by Navelli's and held in the dealership showroom on E. Dominick St.

To take part in the Derby, the Cub Scout makes a racing car with the help of an adult from a block of wood. Not able to weigh more than 5 ounces when finished, the Cub Scout is free to exercise his creative spirit in the design of his car. It is not uncommon to see space ships, animals and traditional race designs go head to head in the Pinewood Derby. Boys and adults take great pride in tweaking their cars to get every speed advantage that they can. The main goal, though, is for the boy to have FUN!

We would like to thank Navelli's for sponsoring our event and for their generous support of Scouting. We would like to congratulate each of the boys and Units who participated and hope that you had a great time in the Big Race. Remember to invite your friends to join your Unit so that they can have all of the fun that you do.

New MOCA Trainers

We have added three New Trainers to the MOCA District Training Team. The new members include myself, Jennifer Fox and Jack Mazur. These additional trainers give us additional resources to provide the training your units need.

Unit leaders have you ever thought of bringing the training to your unit? What a way to get your unit trained right in your own area instead of your leaders traveling. My training team is here to assist your unit in anyway we can. If your unit is interested in this option give me a call and we can discuss the benefits of this training initiative.

We have made progress in getting training data on all our Packs and we will send that data to council and update those records. Based on the input received we will bring our Pack Leaders to 40% trained in the district up 20% from what is being reported at council. I appreciate Jennifer Fox's assistance in talking to the Pack Leaders and providing us with the information. However on the Troop side we have not received any information. Jack Mazur your Boy Scout Training representative sent each troop a form to fill out to provide us your leaders training information. Please if you have received this form please fill it out and return it to Jack.

If you should have any questions please feel free to call the MOCADistrict Training Chairman Ron Weyant at 315-339-3253, (W) 315-336-0240, (C) 315-271-1321 or e-mail to weyantr@twcny.rr.com.

Are You Ready for the Future?

Several months ago, I had one of those meetings where you "plan for your future". Today, that means we meet with a financial planner to make sure our 401k plans are in order and that we have enough insurance to provide us with a comfortable life after whatever happens in "the future". I would like us to step back for a minute and look at our society in the same way. Is our stock (our youth) growing to maturity like a good bond or mutual fund or is it plagued with the ups and downs of the stock market and the insecurities thereof? Do we need to put more money into the fund or buy more stock to broaden the opportunity and make the fund stronger through diversity? Most Definitely!!! How many of you would like to have a controlling interest in a company that is proven to provide a secure social future for ourselves and our children? You can, you know. Friends of Scouting raises money in the council to provide that strong program we all know and enjoy. It helps repair and upgrade our camps and it helps provide program to those less fortunate. It helps support our support staff and countless other little things we may take for granted but would miss if they were suddenly gone. What do all of these things add up to? Very simply, an investment in the futures of the youth of our Council. By supporting Friends of Scouting, you have a direct impact on the level of success of a program to help make our youth the best they can be and ultimately on our own futures. Guarantee the future of all of us by making an investment in the youth of today. Please contact Nathan Boguhn at 735-4437 to donate today!

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Chris Hopkins
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District Calendar of Events**June**

- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 8 District Recognition Dinner
- 13 Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 14 Cub Scout Fam-O-Ree Meeting

July

- 23-30 District Cub Scout Day Camp

August

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 9 Cub Scout Fam-O-Ree Meeting
- 22 District School Night Training
- 28 District Program Kick-Off
(Leader Information Night)

September

- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 13 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable
- 13 Cub Scout Fam-O-Ree Meeting

DISTRICT MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:**District Committee Meeting**

Oneida Healthcare Center - 7:00 PM

Commissioner Staff Meeting

Christ United Methodist Church - 7:00 PM

Cub Scout Roundtable

Christ United Methodist Church - 7:00 PM

Boy Scout Roundtable

Christ United Methodist Church - 7:00 PM

District Program Kick-Off

The SETA District will once again host a Program Kick-Off (Leader Information Night) on Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 PM. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served beginning at 6:30. All leaders are encouraged and invited to attend to get valuable program information for the upcoming Scouting year. Information booths will be available for leaders to get information about Membership and School Nights, Popcorn Sale, Camping and Outdoor Programs, Training, Activities and much more...

More details and location coming soon....
Be sure to plan to attend this important event!

Roundtables

What are Roundtables? If you attend a roundtable you will most likely never see a round table, but several leaders from Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting gathering together to share information and program ideas. Roundtables are designed for new leaders as well as experienced leaders to gather and share information, experience fellowship and have fun. You'll even get a taste of "Ken Outdoor Kitchen Cooking" Get hooked on Roundtables!

Boy Scout & Cub Scout Roundtables occur the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Christ United Methodist Church in Sherrill. For more information contact the Roundtable Commissioners:

Steve Riedl Boy Scout Roundtable
655-5975 swriedl@aol.com

Dan Slator Cub Scout Roundtable
495-2661 dslator@romecsd.org

District Recognition Dinner

The SETA District Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, June 8th at Dibble's Inn in Verona. The cost for the dinner is \$20.00 per person. Reservations must be made by June 6th. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. All Scouting Volunteers and their guests are invited to attend

The menu for the dinner will include: Braised Beef with Burgundy, Chicken De Jour, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Baked Ziti, Fried Haddock, Italian Sausage & Peppers and Onions, Home-Made Meatballs with Sauce, Chef's Choice Potato, Assorted Cold Salads, Pasta Salad, Assorted Relishes and Olives and Fresh Rolls with Butter.

Be sure to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we honor the Scouting Volunteers of the SETA District.

Service Awards

Troop committees remember to submit your nominations for various awards that your leaders have earned throughout the year. These applications can be found on the National Website (scouting.org). It is important that our leaders are recognized.

Located in our Council library on our web site is a Scouting resume and adult training record sheets for your convenience. What a neat idea for you to keep track of your training dates and outside Boy Scout activities. As we all know we tend to lose those important things from time to time or over the years.

Lord Baden-Powell once said: The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Our district day camp will be held July 23-28 at the Oneida American Legion. If you are interested in assisting with or would like more information about Cub Scout Day Camp, please contact Heather Braathen, Camp Director at braathen@twcny.rr.com or 655-4227 or Howard Montayne at 684-3102 or hwrldmntny@yahoo.com.

From the Chair at S.E.T.A.

A lot of people would tell you that Scout recruiting is a Fall project. Most of us would disagree. Recruiting is a year-round project, which should involve the whole Scouting team. People, both adults and Scouting age, join and leave for various reasons. The real trick is to recruit and retain. Scouts and adults should have an eye open for good candidates, all year 'round. Kevin Bishop invited me to a meeting in the coldest room in Oneida, one winter, long ago. I caught the Scouting Bug once again and have been trying to help, ever since.

The Friends of Scouting Family solicitation program got off to a shaky start this year, due to inclement weather. Who would think that we would have such a thing in CNY?

However, the campaign is well under way and is raising needed funds for Council, from the very people the Scouting most affects, the Families in Scouting. If your unit hasn't done its part yet, contact DE Christopher Hopkins for a date for a presentation.

I have never been totally clear as to whether Camping was all about Scouting or Scouting all about Camping. Either way, I am pleased that most, if not all, SETA units will be attending our own Council camps this year. I am sure that there must be camps with more variety of Scouting challenges than the ones we have, but I haven't heard of them yet. The fun of Kingsley, the learning experience at Russell and the advanced opportunities and high adventure available at Cedar lands have got to be among the best. If your Scout isn't signed up and going this year, don't miss out next year. Our camps provide memories for a lifetime.

SETA is working hard to get the word out to our communities that Scouting is active and that Scouting is an important part of the youth activities in our District. You can help us by submitting articles to our webmaster. He will act as liaison for District to place your articles, not only on the web site, but in as many of the local newspapers as possible. We have good friends at all of the local papers and can get maximum coverage, timely too.

Have you noticed that in the best units, all the leaders sport a "Trained" strip on their left sleeve? That is the mark of a person who is committed enough to their Scouting job, to seek out the necessary training to be the very best that they can be. Training is available for the asking. Let George Bullock know what your needs are and he will work with you to get it completed.

The Great Council Golf Tournament will be held, this year, at Barker Brook Golf Club, on August 17th. We will be inviting golfers and sponsors from all over the Council for this fun raising event. (That was no typo). Gather together a foursome and come on out. You don't have to be a pro, because it is Captain and Crew - best ball. Come out and you can have the next day off. (It is a Friday). I look forward to seeing you there!

Bruce Burke

District Chairman

Seneca-Tuscarora District

For more info on our district visit:
www.setadistrict.org



Hey Scouts! Design the winning Famoree Patch 2007 patch and win \$50! To Toys R Us!

Entry Deadline: June 14, 2007 • Judging is June 14, 2007!

Mark your Calendars

Get Ready to Spin Your Arrow at Famoree 2007!

October 26 & 27 at Verona Fireman's Field

That's Right! "Boarding ALL Scouts" is the theme, but you won't be boarding a train or boarding a plane. . . You and your family will be BOARDING Board GAMES!

Create a gateway to your site that represents your Pack's game:

- Duty roster to be theme based
- Theme Based Weekend menu
- Create a Skit or Song for your Game for the campfire!
- Both Saturday field activities to be based on your Game
- Be creative with your Opening ceremony roll call!

Important Dates & Valuable Information For a successful Famoree 2007!

Cost is \$12.00 per person, includes a patch and Saturday lunch. Saturday Daytime participation is \$6.00 per person.

BOARD GAME SELECTION AND PACK SITE RESERVATION IS DUE JUNE 14, 2007. Deposit of \$1/per Pack. Packs registering after June 8, 2007 are subject to a non-refundable \$30 late fee. Please use "Boarding All Scouts Famoree Pack Site Reservation form." Download forms on www.pack23oneida.org.

PATCH DESIGN ENTRIES ARE DUE JUNE 14, 2007. Pack reps, please bring to June Famoree meeting. Winner receives \$50 Gift Card from Toys R Us! All Participants will receive a different prize.

FINALHEAD COUNTAND PAYMENT IS DUE, IN FULL BY OCTOBER 5, 2007. Please use "Roll the Dice Final Pack Registration Form." Famoree 2007 patches will not be guaranteed to any registrations received after October 5, 2007. Registrations after October 1, 2007 subject to \$30.00 late fee. No refunds after October 5, 2007. Registrations after October 5, 2007 will be charged \$14.00 per person. All checks should be made payable to: Revolutionary Trails Council, BSA attention: District Famoree. Please refer to form for payment instructions.

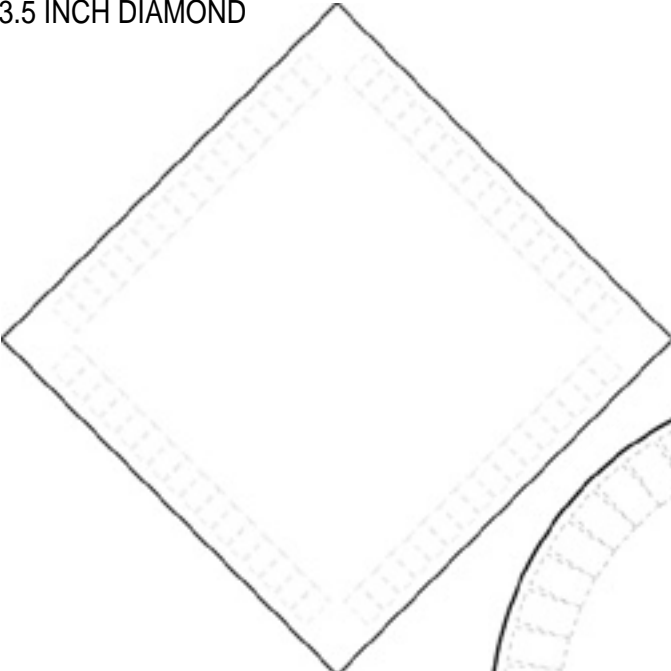
RULES & REQUIREMENTS:

- All entries to the contest can now be the size of the included templates (Circle or Triangle)
- Entries may be submitted in color, but they may need to be changed
- All entries must have the Fleur-de-Lies or BSA logo
- Must include the words: Seneca-Tuscarora District Famoree 2007 or SeTa District Famoree 2007
- Only Cub Scouts, Tigers through Webelos are qualified to enter.

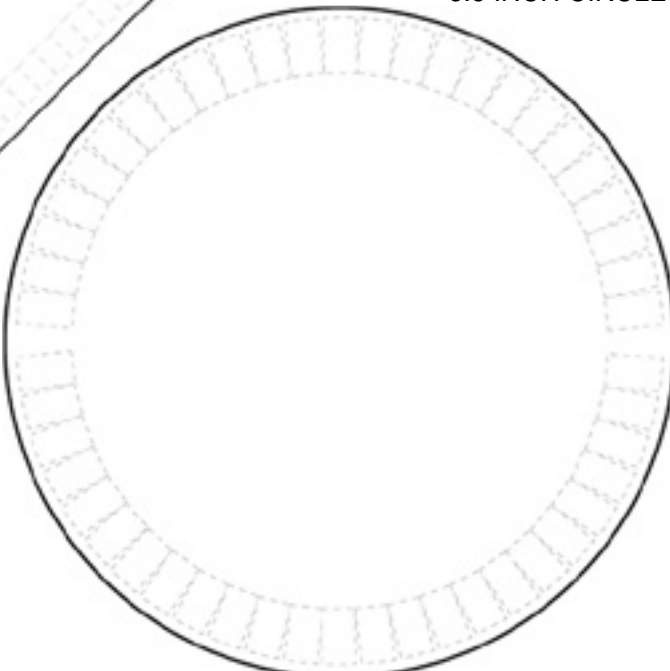
SUBMITTING YOUR PATCH DESIGN:

- Using the included templates, make a clean drawing of your design. Color it, and if possible, outline elements in black fine tip marker. A No. 2 pencil drawing is also acceptable.
- Do not write your name on the front to the entry.
- Complete the entry form below, tape it to the back of your entry paper.
- Give your design to your Pack Famoree Committee member prior to June 14, 2007.

3.5 INCH DIAMOND



3.5 INCH CIRCLE



Minimum Letter Height = 1/4"

Official Patch Design Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Pack # _____

Scouting Level _____

Tape this to the back of your design and Give this form along with your design to your Pack Famoree Committee Member prior to June 14, 2007. Judging is June 14, 2007!

SETA ON LINE

SETA District now has the ability to help your unit get the recognition it deserves. Setadistrict.org is available to let everyone know about your awards, fundraisers and activities. All you have to do is send an e-mail to the SETA Webmaster Shannon Lints at: slints@twcny.rr.com and he will post it to Setadistrict.org.

Those spectacular photos that you took at your Blue and Gold or Court of Honor, can be posted too. All you have to do is send in the information and in the case of photos, identify when and what the event was and who is in the photo. You can use Microsoft Publisher, Word, or Word Pad and it will be converted to appear on our Web Site.

If you do the work, you should get the credit. Here is your chance to share your success with all of us.

The Outdoor Adventure

Spring is finally here and it's time to start thinking about Summer Camp and the importance of delivering the promise of outdoor adventure to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Make sure your Scouts are participating in the great outdoor programs offered by the council. These opportunities help Scouts to grow and learn in nature's classroom. The council provides opportunities from Cub Scout Day Camp to Boy Scout Summer Camp and High Adventure.

Make sure your Scouts don't miss out on the adventure. For more information visit the camping website at www.ADKventures.org

TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING
ONLINE: www.rtcbsa.org
PHONE: 315-735-4437

The Importance of Training - Every youth deserves a trained leader

The leadership training programs of the Boy Scouts of America are designed to assist leaders at all levels to provide the quality Scouting program and to deliver the promise of Scouting to young people and their families.

Would you take a position with a company or business without the necessary training or education? Most likely you would not. Our Scouts deserve the same. Taking the necessary training for your position is an investment and commitment you make to the Scouting program.

The district and council offers a variety of training (both classroom setting and online) to meet the needs of unit leaders. Make the investment and commitment to become a trained leader. Training is lifelong learning.

Training courses can be scheduled and designed based on a units needs. From Cub Scout Specific Training to Troop Committee Challenge, the training opportunities for leaders are endless.

For more information about Training Opportunities, contact George Bullock, District Training Chairman at 824-4009 or jabullock@att.net. Be sure to visit the council website at www.rtcbsa.org for upcoming training courses. For online training, visit www.olg.scouting.org.

Calling All Eagle Scout Candidates

If you are a Scout or unit that loves being outside, the City of Oneida has a service project just for you that is centered on conservation. If you are interested in this kind of project you may contact either Pat Thorpe at 363-7579 (days) 363-8948 (evenings) or e-mail her at pthorpe@oneidacity.com, or contact your District Advancement Chairman Pat Grogan at 735-4437 ext 217 (days) or e-mail her at pgrogan@bsaemail.org. All materials are being provided. What a great way to show someone that you cared.

Diamond District

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District Calendar of Events

JUNE

7	District Dinner	6:00 PM
7	District Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Eagle Board of Review	7:00 PM

JULY

5	HCCC Barbecue	
23-27	Herkimer Day Camp	

AUGUST

2	District Committee	7:00 PM
8	Little Falls BBQ	
27	District Kick-Off	6:00 PM

Please Join Us at the Diamond District Dinner & Annual Business Meeting

Who: All Leaders, Committee members, any volunteers or parents.

When: Thursday, June 7th at 6 pm

Where: Elks Lodge, Ann St., Little Falls

Cost: \$15 if pre registered by May 31 or \$20 at the door.

Any leaders with training awards (knots) please submit them to the office so we may present them at the dinner.

Please take note this will also be our annual business meeting where chartering organization representatives are expected to come. Please let your representative know. We would love to have them attend and show their support.

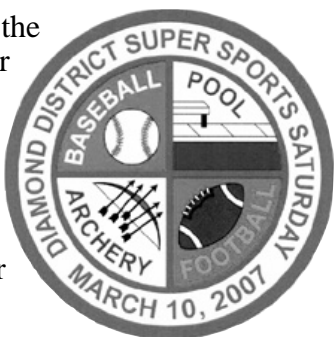
For more information contact: Diamond District Executive, David Fitzgerald at (315)735-4437 ext. 213 or dfitzger@bsaemail.org.

www.ADKventures.org

Super Sports Saturday

Diamond District held Cub Scout Super Sports Saturday at the Herkimer High school on March 10th. There were over 100 people at the event. 80 Cub Scouts from 7 packs had 15 Dens competing in this Olympics style event. The event consisted of 13 stations in which Cubs were encouraged to "Do Their Best" while they judged on effort and not solely on performance. There were two pool events this year as well. The different teams of boys traveled round robin style until all events were complete. Fair play, teamwork and sportsmanship were the emphasis of the day. The Scouts had a great time. Then at the Final Ceremony the traveling trophy was awarded to the Pack with the highest average score of its teams.

Congratulations to the patch contest winner Joseph Marmen from Pack 7 Iilon. This year's new Champion is Pack 114 of Richfield Springs lead by Cubmaster Roland Miner.



Diamond District News

We have been very busy over the last few months. The Ten Commandment Hike was well attended with 3 Troops and 5 Packs totaling over 60 people walked the 5.2 mile hike through the streets of Herkimer. Mother Nature was with us that day as we had sunny skies and spring like temperatures. The different houses of worship welcomed us at each stop taking time to explain one of the Ten Commandments. We would like to thank the Herkimer Interfaith Clergy Committee for their generous support. This summer our District Cub Scout Day Camp will be at Herkimer High School and we will have the use of the pool, to do water sports and just to stay cool! This year's theme is Super Heroes and Real Heroes. Make sure your Cub Scout signs up. This year's District Dinner will be at the Elks Club in Little Falls; this will also be our annual business meeting. It is important that a representative from each of our chartering partners as well as our leaders attend. The month of June will have no roundtable commissioner or OA meeting so please take note we will have announcements at the dinner for those committees. Each year our district has two chicken BBQ fundraisers. This year they will be held July 3rd at HCCC and August 8th at the Little Falls Canal Days. Make sure you get out there and support the Diamond District. Summer should prove to be lots of fun. We hope to see you at Day Camp or Summer Camp. This year there will be a prize of a new Scout flashlight for any Scout who brings a friend* to Day Camp for the week. (*A boy who is not currently already registered). The fee schedule is the same for new registrants. Any Leaders wishing to help at Day Camp, please contact the office for details.



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Aplin District 1st Annual Derby Car Championship



District Calendar of Events

JUNE

4	District Commissioner	6:00 PM
4	District Committee	7:00 PM
11	Roundtable	7:00 PM
14	Eagle Board of Review	7:00 PM
15	District Dinner	6:00 PM

JULY

2	District Committee	7:00 PM
9-13	Sauquoit Day Camp	
12	Eagle Board of Review	7:00 PM

AUGUST

6	District Committee	7:00 PM
6	School Night Training	7:00 PM
9	Eagle Board of Review	7:00 PM
27	District Kick-Off	6:00 PM

Sunday, April 22, 2007 the Aplin District hosted the 1st Annual Pinewood Derby Championship at the Utica, Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks Lodge #33.

16 Cub Scouts Racers from 8 packs in the Aplin District came to see whose car was the fastest. When the smoke cleared from the spinning hard plastic tires one racer prevailed and was crowned the Aplin District Champion. Congratulations

RACE RESULTS

- District Champion**
Aidin Nimey Pack 79
- 2nd Place**
Sean Blenis – Pack 9
- 3rd Place**
Kory Pollicove – Pack 240
- 4th Place**
Justin Lee – Pack 50
- 5th Place**
Jimmy Belcher – Pack 42
- 5th Place**
George Boufford – Pack 52

to all of the Cub Scouts that participated. All of the cars went lightning fast!

Special Thanks to Jim Stewart for a job well done in organizing the Championship. Also thanks to Mike Gibbs from Pack 23 Oneida for serving as race official and providing all of the technical support. Finally Thank you to BPOE #33 for their support of the Scouting Program.

Aplin Boy Scout Camping

I am happy to hear and see that there are so many going to Summer Camp and camping all year. Lets keep this going.

As everyone knows all Summer Camp payments are due in by May 1st. I sure hope that we all did that. Now don't forget that our schedules and meals have to be submitted by June 1st. It looks to be another great year at Camp.

No matter which camp either Cedarlands Scout Reservation or Camp Russell, we all will experience the Adirondacks and some great fun. Along with that I hope that we all will take advantage of the complete program. Whether it be a Merit Badge or Rock Climbing or even a Trek in camp or out. That's right you can go on an Incamp Trek. For those who wish to stay on camp property you can go for 1 day or more. Don't forget the swimming, the bikes, boats and the fishing. So here is to seeing all of you at camp.

If anyone has any comments or questions please contact me Michael Kerrigan - scoutm50@verizon.net.

Notes from the Chair

The summer months are upon us and our thoughts turn to Summer Camps and all of the outdoor activities that are associated. I am very happy and proud to see the number of units from our Aplin District that have signed up to attend our great camps. We are truly blessed to have camps of the quality that the Revolutionary Trails Council possesses. Enjoy the opportunities that these camps provide on a year-round basis. Take advantage of these great facilities to deliver programs filled with fun and adventure for the Scouts in your units.

In all too short a time autumn will be here and the active months for Unit, District, and Council meetings will again be underway. It's now that we plan for those months and position ourselves to "hit the trails running" come September. We will have a solid program in place that provides activities, advancement, camping, and training when your Scouts return from summer vacations. I encourage everyone to participate in the activities and events that YOUR District provides.

We are committed to continue being a "Quality District." If we all work together and make it our goal, it will happen. I hope all Aplin District members will take pride in what we do

and "pitch in" to help make us grow and become better. I extend an invitation to each and every Scouter in the Aplin District to attend our District Committee meetings. Come and share your thoughts, ideas, and yes, even your criticisms. We need your feedback in order to become better. We hold our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Scout Service Center. September's meeting will be held on the second Monday due to Labor Day. Come and share your time and fellowship with us.

What do you think of our new logo? Courtesy of Heather Braathen of the SETA District, we have a "first edition" prototype logo that will give us some identity. As I mentioned in our last edition of The Scouting News we have been working on a project to help develop pride and identity as a District. Feedback will determine if this is to be our final version or not but, this is definitely a good start. Please, share your comments on the design and offer any suggestions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you all at future activities!

YIS,

Bud Dorr- Aplin District Chair

Council Website to be redesigned

The council website is currently undergoing some changes and redesign in an effort to make the website more appealing to Scouts, Parents and Families, Scouting Friends and Leaders.

The website will include much of the content but navigation has been restructured. If you have suggestions or comments, please share them with the Webmaster. Send your comments and suggestions to: webmaster@rtcbsa.org.

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