

Council Fires

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Otschodela Council

October 2007

Dates to Remember

October:

- 3 **Council Staff Meeting**
Office Closed 9-10:30 a.m.
- 8 **Columbus Day, Servicenter Closed**
- 22 Trails End Popcorn Sale Orders Due

Training

- 20 Cub Scout Leader Training - Sidney
- 21 Cub Scout Leader Training - Delhi
- 27 Cub Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 27 Boy Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 28 Cub Scout Leader Training - Richmondville

Council Auction

The 2007 Council Auction will be held at Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta on the evening of November 10th, Live and silent auction items
Light food and beverages

Partial list of items:

Tandem Loads of Stone
Dicks Sporting Goods Certificates
Whitewater Rafting Certificates
Premium Leather Boots
Sport Tech Gift Certificate
Watercolor Painting by Harriet Otis
Guided 1 Day Kayak Trip
Otesaga & Brooks Gift Certificates
Fuel
Custom Embroidered Clothing
Tony Mongillo D & H Railroad Print
Dan Tennant Print
Binghamton Senators Hockey Tickets
Binghamton Mets Baseball Tickets
Week at Elmore Lodge, Crumhorn
4' carved Eagle
2 weeks summer camp at Henderson-(1 Scout, 1 Webelos 1, and 1 Webelos 2)
Golf Package Gift Certificates



1 Day Snow Shoe/Ski Tour
Attorney Simple Will Services
Automotive Services
Tree Service Certificates
Restaurant Certificates
Crumhorn Lake Camp Weekend
Hartwick College Coaches Club
2 YMCA Family Guest Passes
Catskill Symphony Subscriptions
Ski Plattekill Tickets
Health Links Membership
Business Printing
Wine
Pet Lovers Gift Basket
6 Month Daily Star Subscription
Oneonta Tigers Tickets
2 Nights Holiday Inn Express, Cooperstown
2 Cases BK Coffee
Carpet Steam Cleaning Services
Pest Control Services
4th Lake Adirondack Cottages
Rental Gift Certificates
Chimney Cleaning
Subaru Service
Electrician Services
Herkimer Diamond Necklace & Bracelet Set
Smokey Herkimer Diamond Necklace & Bracelet Set
Amethyst Earring and Ring Set
Brewery Omegang Ales
10 Yard Dumpster (5 days)
Maple Ski Ridge Package
Architect Services
Media Advertising Packages TV & Radio
Caving Certificates
House Painting
Bradford Exchange Collector Plates
Oterororaus Lodge Patch-First issue R1
4 Native American Flint Knives
Soap Rocks
Auction Needs

Baskets for Gift Baskets - call 1-800-778-6813.

See our website www.otschodela.org for monthly updates starting in October. We will accept online bids at the auction link on the website starting October 15th.



Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

The Council Training Committee wants to start the school year right! We have scheduled a training session in **Sidney on October 20 – Delhi on October 21, Oneonta on October 27, and Richmondville on October 28 from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.**

This Course is designed for Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Assistant Leaders, and interested Parents.

Subjects Covered Elements of Good Den Meetings, Committee Responsibilities Cub Scout Advancement, Activities, Elements of Good Pack Meetings and Youth Protection.

Every Pack and Troop should have at least its top two adult leaders trained. Packs should also strive to have at least 50 percent of their Den Leaders trained. A Fee of \$10.00 for all trainings will be charged and includes Resource Book, Refreshments, Trained Patch, and Supplemental Materials. For information visit www.otschodela.org or call the Council office 607-432-6491.

Race to Cub Scouting

Start your engines! This race is one where Everyone Wins as new Cub Scouts and Parents join our Scouting programs. Let us give them the best that we have of fun and adventure by planning your Ideal Year of Scouting, Setting up the Budget Plan, and when you recruit new Cub Scouts, invite their parents to be a Scout Parent. This and more is possible through the Scouting Family Nights. Just schedule a night, meet with your local Boy Scout Troop to plan games and activities, contact your Unit Commissioner, order Pizza and Drinks and most importantly HAVE FUN as the new boys and parents join your Unit. All new Cub Scouts will receive a Special Race Car for joining and all boys who recruit a friend can earn a Special Recruiter Patch. In Foothills District, call your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Paul Beames at 607-563-1111. In Deerslayer District, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Wade Blanchard at 518-284-9203. Congratulations to all of our Cub Scout Packs on an excellent First Lap, now its time to gear up for Lap 2 in November!

Dream the Big Dream!



Now is the time to jump-start your Scouting year with the greatest stuff on earth, Trail's End Popcorn. This year's Popcorn Sale began on September 1 and continue with all orders to the Council

Service Center by Monday October 22. Your Scouts can have an Ideal Year of Scouting through this one FUNdraiser by working as a Den or Patrol during the sale, as well as through the Show and Sell, and Show and Deliver Programs. Remember Popcorn also makes great gifts for family and friends and for our Servicemen and women throughout the world with an APO Address. District Popcorn Kernels will be working with your Pack, Troop, or Crew this fall to help you have a successful sale. Popcorn can also be ordered year round at www.orderpopcorn.com, found on the Council Website. For more information on the Trails End Sale, contact Bonnie at 607-432-6491 or e-mail at bparslow@bsamail.org. Have a great time with your sale and let us deliver that Ideal Year of Scouting to every child in the Otschodela Council!

Trails End Eliminates Diacetyl Flavoring



Recently, the news media, including NBC, ABC, CNN, FOX, and many local affiliates, and many newspapers have reported on Diacetyl in microwave popcorn.

In August, Trail's End Popcorn became the first microwave popcorn to eliminate the Diacetyl flavorings from its microwave popcorn products.

In an effort to fully inform all who are involved in the Trail's End sale, including leaders scout families, and consumers received the following materials.

(100) No Diacetyl Insert Cards for your Scouts to include with their Take Order Forms as they go door to door.

(100) No Diacetyl stickers for your Scouts to add to their Take Order form to increase the awareness of the No Diacetyl message to your consumers.

Trail's End continues its ongoing effort each year to improve the quality of the popcorn products that your Scouts sell and they look forward to working with you to reach your Unit's fundraising goal.

If you have additional, questions or comments please email productsupport@trails-end.com.

Scout Parents- Scouting Parents make great parents too!

Otschodela Council is pleased to announce the new National Parent Initiative "Scout Parents". This program is designed to engage Parents, Grandparents, relatives or Adult Partners in all Scouting Units through a partnership with their child as a Parent Helper. All units will be encouraged to adopt this program as an integral part of their Units program. Through Scout Parents, families are encouraged to: Influence their child to become a Scout; Participate in Scouting with their child; go to and observe Scout meetings; be part of the Units program- meetings, outings, Merit Badge Counselors etc.; support Scouting financially; coach their child's advancement; and serve in one SUPPORT role during the Scouting year- Blue and Gold Dinner, Pinewood Derby, Trails End Popcorn, Summer Camp Coordinator etc. Active parents are encouraged to register on the committee or serve in leadership roles where needed in their Unit. More information is available on www.otschodela.org and www.scoutparents.org. We look forward to hearing about your Unit's success with this great program.



BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration Logo Contest

Calling all Scouts to a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be part of BSA history in the making by participating in the BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration National Logo Contest!

In honor of BSA's 100th anniversary, the National Council has launched a contest to inspire the very best design for the anniversary celebration logo. Every registered Scout is eligible to participate. The winning design will become the official symbol for this very important BSA milestone. It will be placed on all official celebration materials and will become a treasured BSA icon for generations to come.

As a leader, you are asked to engage your Scouts in this project. Every logo contest entrant will receive a commemorative certificate and patch from the National Council recognizing their effort.

For more information, visit our website www.otschodela.org.

Camp Staff Openings

3 Adult positions in program areas, 2 in administration.

1 or 2 youth openings in most program areas.
Call Scott at 1-800-778-6813 ext. 205 for information on adult 5-7 week openings.

Herkimer Diamond Mines

The Herkimer Diamond Mines, Inc. welcomes you to the Northeast BOY SCOUT Jamboree Weekend on November 2-4, 2007, for our Sixth Annual Geology Badge opportunity.



We can accommodate up to 500 Scouts for this exciting challenge. Reservations are now being taken at (315) 717-0175 Ext. 103.

The Herkimer Diamond Mines and its KOA Park is closed to the public for this weekend and is only open for the Scout program.

Help Send Baseball Equipment

The Roberto Clemente Foundation has a used equipment hub in Oneonta that is looking for help sorting storage units packed with baseball equipment. Donated by people across the country it is destined for South America. Scouts with an adult can help individually or as a group in Oneonta by contacting Steve Pindar 432-7440 or 437-8779. Visit robertos-kids.org.

The Sky's the Limit!

Attention all Scoutmasters! Do your older boys and/or girls seek more adventure in their lives? Encourage them to join a Venture Crew. Whether they are interested in High Adventure, SCUBA Diving, Fly Fishing, Sailing or just some fun with other teenagers there is a Crew for them. Exciting programs are being planned for all Venturers in 2007-2008. For more information on starting a Venture Crew or working with an existing Crew, contact Paul Brody 518-299-3141.

All Crew Leaders* The First Annual Venture Leadership Skills Course for all youth and adults in the Venturing program or with interest in starting a Venture Crew will be held on Friday October 19, 2007 starting at 6:00 pm to Saturday October 20, 2007 ending at 6:00 pm at Henderson Scout Reservation. The cost for the course is \$20.00 and includes meals, lodging, resource materials and T-shirt. More information is available at www.otschodela.org and will be mailed to Crew Advisors.

Foothills District

Dates to Remember:

October:

11 Coordinated District Committee-
Commissioners- Delhi County Public Safety
Building 7 pm

12-14 Fall Camporee/Cub Scout/ Webelos Event-
BurnAyr Farms Rt. 28 Delhi

November:

**9 Camping Committee- Delhi Town Hall
7:00 pm**

Down on the Farm!

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee is being held on **October 12-14** at the BurnAyr Farms off Rte. 28 Delhi

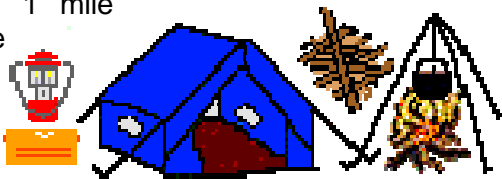


Cub Scouts and Webelos are encouraged to come ready to "get Dirty!" With

activities that could include crop picking, help a ball buddy, trust a Scout, Leave No Trace and more being part of the program. Registration is at 12:00 for the Field Day with events starting at 12:45. The Webelos may register beginning at 10:00 am in order to set up their campsites. The committee recommends the Webelos bring a bag lunch on Saturday, and be prepared to cook their supper and breakfast meals on an above ground fire. Information is available at www.otschodela.org and will be mailed to all Cub Masters, Den Leaders, and Webelos Leaders. If you have any questions, please call Penny Harageones at (607) 746-2965.

Leave No Trace Fall Camporee 2007

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on **October 12-14 at BurnAyr Farms off Rt. 28 Delhi** and is being hosted by Troops 33 Delhi. The theme for this years Camporee is Leave No Trace and all Scouts and Leaders will be packing gear in (approximately 1 mile from vehicle parking) to the campsite.



Accommodations for individuals with handicaps can be arranged with advanced notice. Activities for the day include the Leave No Trace Award, demonstrations, Patrol Method, and outdoor ethics. More information will be sent to the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters in the near future. The camporee will also include a Jamboree on the Air session for all interested Scouts and Leaders. More information is available on www.otschodela.org. If you have any questions, please call Ken Grant at (607) 538-9012.

Foothills Coordinated District

Meeting/Commissioners' Meeting

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Delaware County Public Safety **Building in Delhi**. We have implemented some changes to our meetings, and look forward to seeing you there. Watch your mail or e-mail for more information.

Commissioners Needed

The Foothills District is looking for Volunteers who would like to join a staff of Commissioners dedicated to helping our District Packs, Troops, and Crews be the best they can be. Commissioners are needed especially in Schoharie County, Roxbury and Stamford areas. If you are a good listener, have a cheerful disposition, and would enjoy visiting units in our District, please call Paul Beames at 563-1111 or e-mail beamever@aol.com.

FOS 2007- Friends of Scouting is For Our Scouts!

Thank you to all Units, Families, and Community Members who participated in our 2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign! We're gearing up for our 2008 Campaign and are looking for stories on how Scouting has helped your child or family to include in our brochures and presentations. Please send your stories to Trey Miller at rhmillier@bsamail.org or to our Scout Office. Thank you for your help in supporting the Scouts of Otschodela Council.

Scouting for Food/Good Turn for America

Packs and Troops throughout our Council will join Scouts across the country on November 4th and 11th for our Scouting "Good Turn". Pastor Jeff Staples of the First Baptist Church in Delhi is chairing this important good turn for others. Why is this "Good Turn" so important? It is important



because hunger in our communities never goes away. The economy, medical issues, unemployment, and life events are causing many of our neighbors to seek food assistance. Through your efforts last year the food banks in Otsego, Schoharie, and Delaware County received over 48,000 food items. This effort was especially helpful as it came in just prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Will you and your unit be a part of this year's good turn? We hope so. Door tag distribution will take place on November 3rd. Food items will be picked up on November 10th.

Roundtable Knights!

New to Foothills District for 2007-2008 is the District Roundtable. This gathering of leaders, parents, commissioners, committee members and others will help everyone better serve the youth in their Pack, Troop or Crew, or on the District Staff while having fun with your fellow Scouters. Our next Roundtable is November 8, 2007 at the Sidney United Methodist Church from 7:00-8:30 pm, the theme for the evening is "The Celebration Car Show" for Cub Scouts and "Survival Cooking" for Boy Scouts/Venturers. The Roundtable format is 1 hour for theme program, 15 minute DE question and update session and 15 minute or more time for Scouter fellowship. The Knights of the Roundtable look forward to seeing you at our next gathering on November 8!

Special Popcorn Incentive

Special offer- All Scouts in Foothills District who sell \$500.00 or more will have a chance to throw a pie in District Executive Trey Miller's Face at your Unit's 2008 FOS Presentation in Jan., Feb. or Mar. Scouts selling \$3,000 or more will have an opportunity to "Shave his head", at the First Aid Meet.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

October:

- 11 District Meeting – Schenevus School
- 12-14 Fall Camporee/Cub Scout Field Day
- 21 Rain gutter Regatta - Oneonta
- 27 Cub Scout Leader Training – Oneonta
- 27 Boy Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 28 Cub Scout Leader Training - Richmondville

Race to Cub Scouting

While we officially began the race into Cub Scouting on August 28th at our popcorn kick off several of our Cub Packs have been recruiting new boys into the program since April 1st. We applaud the units for not only the recruitment but for giving youngsters an opportunity to enjoy a summer of Cub Scouting.



Roundtable

This program year Deerslayer District will begin a new Roundtable program. Donna Rowe will be our Roundtable Commissioner and has some good ideas for programs with a lot of help from experienced Scouters. Our next one will be held November 8th at the Schenevus School. All units can benefit by sending at least one representative to bring back program ideas for the following two months. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Come out and enjoy a night of fellowship with us.

Centennial Quality Unit Commitment

Last month in the newsletter, we listed the 36 units that had submitted their quality unit forms. Many of these units only need one or two direct contact leaders trained to fulfill the requirements by year's end. The district is well within reach of making Centennial Quality Unit this year and we hope these units take advantage of the Boy Scout and Cub Scout Basic Leader Training that is taking place this month in both ends of our district; that being Oneonta and Richmondville. **Troop 501 Centennial Quality Unit Commitment**

Apologies are in order to Troop 501. Last month we failed to list them along with all the other units that had submitted Centennial Quality Unit Commitment forms. Troop 501 had submitted their form this past May and is a fine unit, which is sure to reach this award by year's end.

Cub/Webelos Scout Field Day

The Cub Scout Field Day will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will take place at the Otsego County Fairgrounds in Morris along with the Boy Scout Fall Camporee.

Raingutter Regatta News

Here's what we have planned for the Raingutter Regatta on October 21st.

Are you ready for a Council - wide Raingutter Regatta?

The Deerslayer District Cub Scout Committee is planning a Council-wide raingutter Regatta to be held in the center of Oneonta on Sun, October 21, 2007. This is a time for Cub Scouts to see and participate in a regatta with many other scouts in the area. A Council First. Make plans now. The regatta is open to all Cub Scouts in the Council. Sun., October 21, 2007, 1-3:30 Muller Plaza, Center of Oneonta.

Entry for \$2.50 for event and patch.

1:00 registration for Tigers and Wolves;

1:30 races for Tigers and Wolves, registration begins for Bears; 2:00 races for Bears, registration begins for Webelos; 2:30 races for Webelos.

Concessions available.

Boats must be made for this year.

Packs are advised to hold a Pack Raingutter Regatta within 3 months of the Council's to prevent damage to boats.

Contact Chris Sadlocha, Deerslayer Cub Scout Committee Chair, 607-783-2210 or the preferred method csadlocha@hotmail.com with 'Scouting' in the subject line.

Camporee

The Camping Committee has done another fine job of coming up with a great camporee program. Here is a description of the events that will take place at the Morris Fairgrounds on October 13th.

1. FIRE BUILDING
2. REMOTE KNOTTING
3. TRIPOD LASHING
4. KNOTTY TRAIL
5. CARELESS CAMP OBSERVATION GAME
6. BLINDFOLD KNOT TYING
7. LOG PULL RELAY

For more information visit www.otschodela.org.

LFL/Exploring

Dates to Remember

November:

- 8 Service Team Meeting
- 10 Council Auction Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta
6:00 pm

Adult Explorer Leader basic Training

For:

Explorer Post Advisors
Committee Volunteers

As
Interested Adults

Location: Hancock Fire Department

When: Mondays in October

Course Description:

Post Adult Structure

Youth Protection

Position Descriptions

Needs of Explorers

Committee Responsibilities

Insurance

Program/Planning

Health & Safety Policies

Activities

Post Officers Seminar

Website Tools

Post Bylaws

Call Scott at 1-800-778-6813 for more information.



Firematics

A hearty thank you to Post 37 Cherry Valley for hosting our 18th annual Firematics. Head Judge Carl French brought a beautiful day and enjoyed the cooperation of all involved.

Posts Attending:

Walton

Masonville

Crew 11 Breakabeen

Cherry Valley

Sidney Fire Dept.

Gilbertsville

Sidney Center

Event Standings:

Gilbertsville 1st place

Cherry Valley 2nd place

Sidney Center 3rd place

Friends of Exploring

Exploring says thank you to those organizations that support our work with 33 Explorer Posts in our 3 county area.

Preferred Mutual Ins. Co.

Stewart's Shops

Wal-Mart

Delaware Cnty Fire Fighters Assoc.

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WEB SITES:

www.otschodela.org

www.scoutcamphenderson.org

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Order of the Arrow

August is our month to collect lodge dues. Dues are \$10.00 for the year and go toward mailing, camp improvements, leadership seminars, and other essential funding.

If you would like to continue, receiving lodge newsletters while remaining active in the lodge, as well as in the national database, please tear off the sheet below and return with a check made out to Onteroraus Lodge 402, BSA.

Name: _____ Youth/adult
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Troop Number: _____
Ordeal Date: _____
Brotherhood Date: _____

Mail to: Otschodela Council, BSA
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