

Council Fires

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November 2007

Dates to Remember

November:

- 3 Council Good Turn - Food Drive
- 3 Trails End Popcorn Pick-up
- 5 Race to Cub Scouting Lap 2 Starts
- 7 Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.**
Office Closed
- 10 Council Good Turn - Pick Up
- 10 Council Auction SUCO
- 16 Henderson Scout Camp Closed
Deer Hunting Season Begins
- 22-23 Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving
Day
- 30 Race to Cub Scouting Lap 2 Finish

Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kits To Be Recalled

We have received the following letter relating to defects in the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition kit (Item No. 01804). To the right is a picture of the item.



The Boy Scouts of America has directed all of its Scout Shops and all retailers who sell the product to remove it from their shelves immediately and return it to us.

Purchasers will be advised by the product's manufacturer, Kahoot, as to further action to be taken. Please do not return these items to the York-Adams Area Council Scout Shop at this time.

We are requesting anyone who may have purchased the item to remove the Cub Scout Recognition totem badge from their children's possession and, until further instructions are

received, keep it in a safe place where only adults will have access to them.

Our highest priority is the safety of our youth members and their families.

Boy Scouts of America apologizes for any concern this matter causes parents. BSA is doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all those who participate in our programs.

[Please read this letter from the product's manufacturer](#) (PDF - requires Acrobat Reader)

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 Certificates
Watercolor Painting by Harriet Otis
Guided 1 Day Kayak & Ski Trips
Fuel

Custom Embroidered Clothing
Tony Mongillo D & H Railroad Print
Dan Tennant Print
Binghamton Senators Hockey 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
St. Andrews Golf Clubs
Attorney Simple Will Services
Automotive Services



Tree Service Certificates
Restaurant Certificates
Crumhorn Lake Camp Weekend
Hartwick College Coaches Club
Catskill Symphony Subscriptions
Ski Plattekill Tickets
Health Links & YMCA Memberships
Business Printing
Wine
Pet Lovers Gift Basket
12 Month Daily Star Subscriptions
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
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
Onteroraus 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.

Camping News

Boy Scout Camp Deadlines

Fee: \$210.00



October - Unit site reservation forms for best choice of weeks.

March 10th - \$50 reservation fee per Scout.

March 10th - merit badge sign up online begins.
 April 10th Custom design pre-order forms (t-shirts, etc).

June 10th - last day for reduced fee incentive.

Webelos Camp Deadlines:

Fee: \$100.00

April 10th - custom design pre-order forms (t-shirts, etc.).

June 10th - Webelos Camp incentive.

Camp Staff Openings

1 or 2 Adult positions in program areas.

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.

Camp Needs

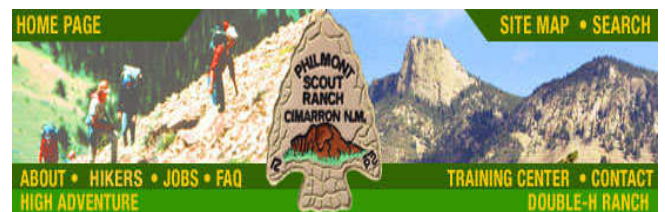
CD of your camp pictures for our new Henderson Website.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Dream of spending some time going for the gold? Well you can at Day Camp 2008. This year's theme is Olympics. We will be conducting Day Camps on July 7-10 in Walton, July 14-17 in Oneonta and July 21-24 in Cobleskill. The fee for camp this year will be \$60. All Packs who have at least 60% of their Tigers and Wolf Cub Scouts attend will receive a special incentive and discount. The camp will start earlier (8:30 AM) and run later (4:00 PM) to accommodate parents with pick up of their children. A special campfire and BBQ will be held early evening on Thursday for family members. Look for more information on the fun and exciting world of Cub Scout Camping at www.otschodela.org. You can also contact your District Executive to schedule a Cub camping promotion for your Pack this winter.



Philmont 2008



We are still beating the drum to recruit some physically fit adults that are interested in spending two weeks during the summer of 2008 at Philmont Scout Reservation. This is a great opportunity to hike the trails of New Mexico, do some white water rafting, visit historical locations and know that you have accomplished something that few others

have. The experience will begin when we receive your application which may be downloaded off our website or sent from our council office. If you would like additional information don't hesitate to call the council office at 1-800-778-6813.

Den Chief Training

Please keep in mind the Den Chief Training on Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Scout Service Center Oneonta. We ask that Den Leaders who will be receiving a Den Chief also attend this training so they may get a better understanding of methods used to make Den Chiefs successful with the Packs.

Scouting for Food

Many families will benefit from your Scouts participation in our Good Turn effort. Local food banks depend on the support they receive through our combined efforts on November 10, 2007. While on this day we salute the Veteran's of our country it is also a day when we salute those individuals who gave their time and talent to help us reach our goal. We give special thanks to:

Kathy Sellers- Council Chair
Barbara Rothenberg – Council Co. Chair
Jeff Staples - Foothills District Chair
Anne Dickson - Deerslayer District West Chair
Sue Paulson - Deerslayer District East Chair

And all of our Community Chairs who helped in this Good Turn!



Trails End Popcorn Midsale Popout!

WCDO, WSRK, WDOS, and WZOZ Radio not only are great radio stations, but are also supporters of our popcorn program. Listen during the month of October for your chance to win Caramel Popcorn, or to hear our Scouts on the morning shows as they tell the listeners of the fun and excitement they have in the Scouting Program.

Fill a Sheet- Win Great Stuff

We're pleased to announce the winners of our September Fill a Sheet Drawing. 50 Boys participated in the September Fill a Sheet and more will be entered in the October Drawing. Boys receive 1 entry for each sheet they fill- the more sheets you fill the more chances to win!

**Jonathan Dunham - Pack 9 Edmeston
Keith Brundege - Pack 33 Delhi
Cody Sears - Troop 168 Worcester
Andrew Stanton - Pack 28 Oneonta**

Important Dates to Remember:

October 22 - Popcorn Orders and Prize Orders due to Scout Office

October 26 - Fill a Sheet Drawing Sheets due to Scout Office

November 1 - Popcorn Sort at Schumans Van Lines- volunteers needed – to help call Tom Wright at 432-6491 or e-mail tlwright@bsamail.org

November 3 - Popcorn Pick Up at Schumans Van Lines- Route 23 Southside Oneonta

Scout Ski Day!

Maple Ski Ridge located at 2725 Mariaville Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306 is offering a Scout Ski Day on Thursday December 28, 2007 - 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$26.00 for 7 hour area use ticket and 7 hour ski rental, and \$20.00 for 7 hour area use ticket only.

Drawings for prizes will take place throughout the day.

For more information or to sign up, please call Lorraine Moyer at (518) 381-4700.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

November:

- 8 Roundtable, Schenevus School
- 11 Veterans Day - Always Remember

November 2007

At our first roundtable for the year of 2007, we hit it off with introductions and our programs. People that attended were: Carol Uhlig, Edward Uhlig, Tom Crossman, Mandy Gardner, Debbie Day, Michelle Tyrrell, Debbie Walther, Sy Lloyd, Jim Gardner, Cindy Magee, John Kilmer, Wade Blanchard, David Mclean and Ed Dibble.

We learned about fishing from David Mclean and a lashing demonstration was given by Sy Lloyd. Sy then showed us a fishing game the scouts could play with their newly lashed poles.

We also learned about the October training sessions from Cindy Magee.

A song was provided by the Roundtable Commissioner, Donna Rowe "I've Got That Scouting Spirit". We all sounded great!!

Thank you to John Kilmer for the donuts and coffee. Also a few words of wisdom were given.

I'm looking forward seeing new faces at the next Roundtable on November 8, 2007. The themes are "Science" for Boy Scouts and "Native Nations" for Cub Scouts.

Race to Cub Scouting

If you drive around Otsego and Schoharie County, you can't miss the "Join Cub Scouting" yard signs. The in school boy talk and sign up night are the keys to success in rebuilding your Cub Scout Pack. We salute the following units who recruited 126 new Cub Scouts in September.

Pack 4 – 8 boys, Pack 5 – 16 boys, Pack 9 – 12 boys, Pack 10 – 6 boys, Pack 12 – 10 boys, Pack 13 – 11 boys, Pack 15 – 9 boys, Pack 16 – 13 boys, Pack 17 – 7 boys, Pack 19 – 4 boys, Pack 24 – 7 boys, Pack 28 – 2 boys, Pack 44 – 9 boys, Pack 66 – 2 boys, Pack 91 – 6 boys and Pack 105 – 4 boys.

Friends of Scouting Family Phase Recognition

Congratulations to a fantastic family phase campaign executed by Troop 501 in Esperence. The unit exceeded their goal by over \$100. Special thanks go out to Assistant Scoutmaster Lisa Whitman for agreeing to spearhead the campaign for the unit back in April of this year.

Winter Camporee is a Klondike Derby

Troop 105 has done a great job of putting together a Klondike Derby for the upcoming winter camporee at Henderson Scout Reservation. Because they will need to know how much materials will be needed ahead of time, we will have pre-registration for the event. Information will be going out in the mail to all unit leaders in plenty of time to plan and build. The due date for registrations will be due in the Scout Service Center by January 11, 2008. We are excited about this event and hope to see you all there.

Foothills District

Dates to Remember

November:

8 Roundtable- Sidney United Methodist Church 7 pm

December:

13 District Committee/ Commissioners Delaware County Public Safety Building Delhi 7:00 (FOS Kickoff)

Electronic Rechartering Starts

Foothills District Packs, Troops and Crews will once again have the opportunity to recharter online and be the first to preview the 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Award. Internet rechartering is a web-based method for units to review their charters from any online location - at home or at the office. Units will love this method; it's easy, convenient, and

accurate because you enter the information yourself.

Here's how it works: the Otschodela Council has an internet rechartering page on our web site www.otschodela.org with instructions and a link to the software. Your unit receives the charter renewal packet as usual from the commissioner, only now the packet includes information for internet rechartering, including an access code especially for the unit.

Contact your commissioner now and get your recharter packet to get started! Packs can start the process on the website November 1st. (All December Unit recharterers are due to your Unit Commissioner by December 13.) The unit selects an adult to complete the online process. This renewal processor uses the access code to log onto the internet's rechartering web site, selecting to start the process with current ScoutNet data or data from unit management software. At any time, the renewal processor can suspend the electronic rechartering process and return later to the last completed screen.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members, and update information for any registrant. When completed the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNet and a unit charter renewal report package is printed. This package includes the unit charter application. Acquire the signatures for the application, review it with your Unit Commissioner and send your printed charter, any new youth and adult applications, and all fees to the council office.

There is a link to internet rechartering tutorial and help on the Otschodela Council web site www.otschodela.org. **Check it out!**

If you have any questions or comments contact the Otschodela Council Office (607) 432-6491 or Paul Beames at 607-563-1111 or e-mail beamever@aol.com.

District Leadership

Our district leadership includes some very talented, experienced leaders. Areas of responsibility are listed below. If you have questions about a particular area please contact the people listed.

District Committee Chairman - David Leidy (607) 563-2905

District Commissioner - (unit service) Paul Beames (607) 563-1111

Cub Scout Committee - Penny Harageones (607) 746-2965

Training Committee –



Advancement Committee - Karen Prestidge (607) 865-7482

Camping and Outdoor Committee - (camping and Scout events) Ken Grant (607) 538-9012

Finance/Friends of Scouting Committee- Ben Novellano (607) 547-2951

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. We are also starting to schedule our Family Presentations between January and March. Letters will be mailed to all Leaders, Committee Chairmen, and Chartered Organizations about this program. Please send your stories and presentation date to Trey Miller at rhmillier@bsamail.org or to our Scout Office. Thank you for your help in supporting the Scouts of Otschodela Council.

Down on the Farm!

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee held on **October 13-14** at Burn Ayr Farms in Delhi saw all Cub Scouts and their families enjoying life on the Farm! Thank you to host Pack 33 of Delhi for your enthusiasm and the Cub Scout Committee of Penny Harageones, Bruce and Helen VanHouten, Linda Vause, Andrew Searles, Venture Crew 11 and OA Brothers from the Foothills Chapter of Onteroraus Lodge for putting together another fun and exciting event for the Cub Scouts and Webelos of Foothills District. Visit www.otschodela.org for pictures of this event. We look forward to seeing you again at this winters "Frigid Frolic!"

Leave No Trace Fall Camporee 2007

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee on **October 12-14** held at Burn Ayr Farms in Delhi saw over 50 Boy Scouts, Leaders and Explorers meet the challenges of Backpacking and Leave NO Trace Camping. Thank you Kevin Sullivan and all of the Foothills District Camping Committee- Ken Grant, Frank Bovee, Jim Barlow, Don Weiss, Helen VanHouten, and the OA Brothers from the Foothills Chapter of Onteroraus Lodge for making this another successful event. Visit www.otschodela.org for pictures and news from this event. We look forward to seeing you again this winter at our Winter Klondike/Camporee Weekend "Frigid Frolic!"

Foothills District Meeting/Commissioners' Meeting

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Delaware County Public Safety Building, 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.

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 contact Paul Brody at (518) 299-3141.

District Recognition Dinner

On Saturday, January 12, 2008 the Foothills District is hosting its Second Annual District Recognition Dinner. This event is open to all District Volunteers, Unit Leaders, Committee Members, Chartered Organization Representatives, 2007 Eagle Scouts and family members. Special Awards will be presented and all 2007 Eagle Scouts will be recognized for their accomplishments. More information, Registration Forms, and Nomination forms will be available on www.otschodela.org.

LFL/Exploring

Dates to Remember

November:

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

Career Achievement Awards

The purpose of the Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program is to: provide direction to Explorers in individual proficiency, Motivate Explorers, recognize Explorers for significant community service, and give Explorers distinguished credentials for their resumes.

Explorers can earn a Career Achievement Award in one or all of the 12 career clusters. To earn a Career Achievement Award, the candidates must provide 50 hours of community service and complete any nine career achievements.

Certificates are available through the local Learning for Life Office. **Adult leaders may purchase a quantity of the certificates and present them as merited.**

Qualifying achievements are provided for: Fire and Emergency Services, Health, and Law Enforcement.

Visit www.learning-for-life.org for more information.

Leadership Award for Youth and Adults

The Exploring/Learning for Life Leadership Award is a distinguished award for Explorers, high school participants, and adult volunteer leaders who have given exceptional leadership in Exploring or Learning for Life programs.

Qualifications: active youth participant or adult leader for at least one year in either the Learning for Life high school program or Exploring. Demonstrated exceptional dedication and gave outstanding leadership to the youth participants in either the Learning for Life high school program or Exploring. Provide at least three statements of recommendation from post, or group, school, employer, civic, or community leaders with nomination form. Awards will be presented at the May 7th council dinner. The award is a certificate. Youth will also receive a medallion.

Contact the Service Center for an Application or visit www.learning-for-life.org. Also on this site are all resources, National Exploring Awards and scholarships.



BSA BENEFIT AUCTION

November 10, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. - Morris Hall

120 Items Including:

5 Lake Cottages
Sports Tickets
Home Owner Services
Artwork

Jewelry
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Golf Clubs and Certificates
Recreational Gift Certificates

Review the catalog and bid online at www.otschodela.org

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2007 DEN CHIEF TRAINING COURSE

Den Chiefs are a vital part of Cub Scouting as a youth assistant to an adult Cub Den Leader. Each Troop in Otschodela Council should be assisting the growth of their local packs by selecting Scouts with good leadership potential for Den Chief training and contacting their local Cubmasters to find out how many Den Chiefs are needed in each community. This 4 hour training will be held on Sunday November 4, 2007 at the **Scout Office Route 23 Southside Oneonta. Fee of \$5.00 covers book, resource materials and refreshments.**

2007 DEN CHIEF TRAINING REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2007 ONEONTA 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

DISTRICT: _____ TROOP # _____