

# Council Fires

Otschodela Council

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## Dates to Remember

### May:

- 3 Council Recognition Dinner
- 7 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 am**  
**Office Closed**
- 11 Mothers' Day
- 26 **Service Center Closed- Memorial Day**
- 30 Spring Race to Cub Scouting Finale

## Camp News

### Cub Scout Day Camp 2008

In approximately 90 days Cub Scout Day Camp will kick off. It is never too late to register your son for camp. If you register **before** June 10, 2008, your son will receive a FREE day camp "Olympic Adventures" tee shirt and the Den Leaders who attend will receive a FREE tee shirt. **After** June 10th, you can still order a shirt for a nominal charge of **\$10.00**. Registration for Day Camp is as simple as A.B.C.

- A – roster from the Pack
- Boys' health history
- Check from the Pack

Camp orientation, tee shirt distribution and program distribution will take place in June. Unit Leaders will be contacted by Camp Director Nancy Rigley with information on Day Camp orientation dates.

### Day Camp 2008 Staff

#### Opportunities

"Take your Mark!" as we prepare to race on an Olympic Adventure at this year's Cub Scout Day Camps. Camp Program Director Nancy Rigley is looking for volunteers to help staff the Day Camp. Positions include- Sports and Games, Nature, Outdoor Skills, Health and Safety and Program Aides. Day Camps are also looking for Program Supplies- please save your Paper towel Rolls and bring them to

the Scout Service Center for Day Camp. If you are interested in helping with this fun week please call Council Day Camp Chairperson Nancy Rigley at (518) 234 7276 or e-mail her at [nancyhorton75@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyhorton75@yahoo.com). We look forward to having you at the Arena with us this summer!

### Henderson Scout Camp 2008

#### Boy Scout Camp Deadlines

Fee: \$215.00

June 10<sup>th</sup> - last day for reduced fee incentive.

#### Webelos Camp Deadlines

Fee: \$100.00

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Webelos Camp incentive.

### Webelos Camp Leaders Meeting

There will be an Orientation Meeting Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the camp dining hall for leaders and parents. We will cover the role of the leader in camp, review the Webelos program and tour camping areas.

### Work Days at Henderson

**May 10, 2008 OA Service Day**  
**JUNE 7, 2008 - BEAVER DAY**  
**OA BROTHERHOOD**  
**WEEKEND - June 7, 2008**



Lunch provided

Bring some tools if you wish

Chainsaw and operators are welcomed

Vehicle with trailer or dump box is useful

All skill levels welcome. These workdays are to help us get camp ready for 1000 boys this summer. Jobs include light carpentry, painting, brush removal and setting up tents and bunks. All skill levels are needed. We start at 8:45 a.m. at the dining hall.

## Odd Work Days

If you are odd, or have odd days and would like to help at camp (not just May 10<sup>th</sup> or June 7<sup>th</sup>) call Scott at 1-800-778-6813.

## Join the Dream Team!



Is Philmont, Darien Lake, Florida Sea Base, or Battleship Cove something that your Scouts would like to do? Then now is the time to jump start your scouting year with the greatest

stuff on earth, Trail's End Popcorn. Foothills District Popcorn Chairman Penny Harageones and Deerslayer District Popcorn Chairman Lorraine Moyer and their teams will be contacting you this spring to help you prepare for an incredible sale. Think about your Big Dream and join the Otschodela Council Dream Team! Visit the Trails End Popcorn Booth at this year's Program Kick offs on June 19.

## Co-Ed Venturing/Exploring Weekend

October 3-5, 2008

Baden-Powell Council - Binghamton NY

Crew 1001 of the Frontier District, Baden-Powell Council is planning a Co-Ed weekend at Camp Tuscarora from Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 10 a.m. on October 3-5, 2008 for Venturing Crews, Ships, and Explorer Posts.

Camp Tuscarora is located off Route 17 (I-86) between Windsor and Deposit, NY.

Weekend activities to include: climbing, shooting, waterfront, hiking, biking, search & rescue, crafts, games, socials, and cracker barrels.

Contact person for this event is Kate VanLoke (607) 722-2870, email [vanloke@binghamton.edu](mailto:vanloke@binghamton.edu) or [JVanloke@stny.rr.com](mailto:JVanloke@stny.rr.com). Tuscany website is [www.camptuscarora.org](http://www.camptuscarora.org). Council website is [www.bpcouncil.org](http://www.bpcouncil.org).

Do not miss the fall fun at Tuscarora. Registration final deadline is Friday September 5, 2008.



# LFL/Exploring

## Dates to Remember

8 Service Team Meeting - Oneonta

## Emergency Services Week at Otsego County Fair

WHO: Any Registered Explorer Youth

WHEN: July 29- August 3, 2008

THE JOB: Meet and greet the public  
Assist/observe EMS activity  
Assist with fire service coverage for certain events (demolition derby, tractor pull, etc.)

Help with safety bus

Help set up and direct Tuesday parade

THE PAY OFF: Positive exposure for Exploring

Free neon green Exploring

Emergency Services t-shirt

Free admission that day

Fun and meet new people

Registration forms will be out to Advisors early June.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Time Fire Meet

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Host: Post 30 Walton Fire Department

Captains Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Event Begins 12 noon

Teams: 5 Person Teams, Posts with up to two alternates. All participants to be registered members of an Explorer Post or Venture Crew.

Events: Midnight Alarm, Broken Hose, Hose & Wye, Water Ball, and Vehicle Extrication

Awards: competition will be based on fire units and non-fire units.

Registration due September 8<sup>th</sup> at the

Service Center

## Explorers at Sunshine Fair

Registered Explorers are invited to the Sunshine Fair August 4-10 to team with EMT's at the fairgrounds to assist fair visitors. Explorers at designated times will walk the fairgrounds, man the first aid booth and respond with EMT's to calls. For more information, Post Advisors may contact Cobleskill Fire Department Post Advisor John Copeland at 1-518-254-0072.

## Phoenix Firecamp

Phoenix Firecamp is a weeklong residential camp for young women. Firecamp will take place at the

Utica Fire Academy, in Utica, N.Y., July 20<sup>th</sup> thru July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Phoenix offers:

- o Team Building Exercise
- o Search and Rescue Skills
- o Basic of engine/ladder co. operations
- o Auto extrication
- o Live Fire Training.

Phoenix firecamp is free. The team leaders and instructors are career and volunteer female firefighters in New York State. Applicants do not need any prior experience with the fire service.

For an application of additional information log on to [www.fswnys.org](http://www.fswnys.org) or call FSWNYS at (845) 309-1325.

## Foothills District

### Dates to Remember

#### May:

- 8 Roundtable Sidney UM Church Liberty St.  
7:00 pm  
16-18 Spring Camporee (Cub, Webelos, Boy Scout, Venturers) Sidney

#### June:

- 12 Annual District Meeting- Public Safety Building Delhi 7:00 pm  
19 Program Kickoff- Delhi American Legion 6:00 pm

### Foothills District Nominations Sought

A District is a voluntary association of citizens. It includes District Members at Large and representatives of organizations that are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to use the Scouting program. The nominating committee is charged with developing a slate that includes District Chairman, Vice Chairmen, District Members at Large who chair and serve on committees and a nominee for District Commissioner (to be submitted for Executive Board approval). Nominees will be elected at the District Annual Meeting in June.

Effective volunteers in units and Districts are a top priority for the BSA. The successful use of volunteer resources depends on the ability of key leaders - both professional and volunteer to locate, select, train, utilize and conserve the number of people necessary to adequately perform the membership, finance, program, marketing and unit service functions of the District.

Suggestions may be made in writing to the Foothills District Nominating Committee c/o Scout Service Center, Oneonta. Alternatively, by e-mail to Dave Leidy at [drleidy@nyseg.com](mailto:drleidy@nyseg.com) or Trey Miller at

[rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org).

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS are June 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Delaware County Public Safety Building, Delhi.

### Program Kick-Off

Have you ever wondered why it is that some Units have enough money to do whatever they want to? Have you ever wondered how it is that some Units take their Scouts on extraordinary trips and outings? The main reason that these units can do these things is that they PLAN for them. We can help you out in this process when you attend the **Foothills District Program Kick-off on Thursday, June 19th at the Delhi American Legion Hall, in Delhi starting at 6:00 p.m.** We encourage each Unit to send at least three people to this session and at least 1 youth member. Food will be provided! Please call the Council Service Center (607) 432-6491 with your Unit attendance or email Trey at [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org)

### The Spirit of Flight Spring Camporee 2008

The Spring Camporee is being held on May 16-18 and being hosted by the Troops of Sidney. This Camporee will be held at Keith Clark Park in Sidney with events taking place at the Sidney Airport. The theme of this year's Camporee is "The Spirit of Flight" and will feature Aviation Merit Badge. Additionally, 10 events and a Rocket Launch will be offered during the day. More information is available on the Council Website [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org). The committee recommends that all participants bring a bag lunch on Saturday. If you have any questions, please call Ken Grant at (607) 538-9012 or e-mail Trey Miller at [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org).



### Swim for Advancement

Thank you to the SUNY Oneonta Men's and Women's Swim Teams and their coach Chris Schuler for hosting the 6th Annual Swim for Advancement on April 5, 2008. The morning session had 28 Participants working on skills needed for Second Class and First Class Rank and the afternoon session saw 18 participants working on Swimming Merit Badge Requirements. Special Thank you to Helen VanHouten, Bruce VanHouten, Dave Leidy, Cindy Magee, and all of the adult leaders who helped to make this event a success.

### FOS Update

Thank you to Troops 2,8, 33, 34, 88 and 99 and Packs 8, 11, 30, 33, 34, 45, 50, 74, 80, and 88 for joining this years Friends of Scouting Program. The contributions of the Leaders, Parents, and Family members of these Units have supported approximately 30 Scouts who would not be in Scouting without their help. The third Phase of Friends of Scouting Kicked off on April 1 and is continuing in your communities through June 30. Local leaders and businesses are being asked to support Scouting through the Friends of Scouting Community Campaign. You can help our Community Volunteers by providing additional donors to their lists or helping with cards. For information on the Community Campaigns contact Trey Miller at [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org). Thank you for your generous support!

### **Webelos to Scout Transition!**

One of Scouting's greatest challenges is to make the next level of Scouting readily available for a young man once he meets the joining requirements. You can help these young men as they cross over this spring by filling out a new Boy Scout Application, turning it in to the Scoutmaster for his signature, and sending the new Scout application to the Council Service Center. It is important that every boy be given the opportunity to join your Troop and participate in the fun and adventure that your Scouts are having.

**Without a new Boy Scout Application turned in to the Council Service Center, Webelos who cross over into your Troop-  
Cannot Advance in Rank  
Cannot participate in District or Council Activities  
Cannot attend Summer Camp  
Are not covered by Insurance**

Please make the Scouts dreams become a reality by turning in their applications to the Council Service Center IMMEDIATELY! If you have any questions please contact Trey Miller at [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org). or (607) 432-6491.

### **Spring Recruitment**

Join the "Race to Scouting" this year and see your Unit grow. Every Pack, Troop and Venture Crew is invited to join in the Spring Round-up during the months of May and June. The Spring Round-up is a time to invite new members and their families to your Unit's meeting and let them know about the fun and adventure they can experience in Scouting. Boys and girls who recruit one or more members can receive the Centennial Recruiter Patch. All new Cub Scouts will receive their collectable Race to Cub Scouting Matchbox Car and all New Tiger Cubs and their parents can also enjoy the experience of Day

Camp with your unit this summer. All new Boy Scouts will receive a special bag for joining and can enjoy the experience of Boy Scout Camp at Henderson with your unit this summer. For more information on how your unit can participate in this exciting Spring Membership Drive contact Trey Miller at 432-6491 or by e-mail at [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org).

### **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. All new Cub Scouts will receive a special derby car for joining and all boys who recruit a friend can earn a special recruiter patch. Join us this spring in this important race! In Foothills District call your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Paul Beames at 563-1111, or drop an e-mail at [beamever@aol.com](mailto:beamever@aol.com).

### **Roundtable Knights!**

New to Foothills District for 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 May 8, 2008 at the Sidney United Methodist Church from 7:00-8:30 pm, the theme for the evening is "Olympic Travelers" for Cub Scouts, and "Beyond Map and Compass" 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 May 8! Please RSVP by May 6 to [rhmill@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmill@bsamail.org) for refreshments.

## **Deerslayer District**

### **Dates to Remember**

May:

- 11 Mother's Day - Don't Forget
- 16-18 Boy Scout and Webelos Spring Camporee, Mallet Pond
- 26 Memorial Day - Always Remember

### **Recognition**

As we welcome spring, we also see that many of our unit leaders in Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting have enjoyed a successful year in their Dens, Packs,

and Troops. The Unit Commissioners are now reaching out to leaders to help recognize the great work they have accomplished as Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scout Leaders, and Committee Members. The recognition is in the form of an award for their position once they have completed the training, tenure and participation. Requirements for each position are found in the back of the den leader handbook as well as from your Unit Commissioner. Please take the time to recognize each of your leaders as they go through Scouting.

### **Congratulations**

To Becky Sears and Wade Blanchard for receiving the District Award of Merit. The award was presented at the Council Recognition Dinner, which was held at the First United Methodist Church in Oneonta on May 3, 2008. at 7:00 p.m. When you see, Wade and Becky congratulate them for their contributions to our scouting program.



### **Spring Camporee**

Theme "Back Home in the Woods" May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Mallet Pond. This is a wilderness, Leave no Trace style camporee. Information has been sent to all unit leaders. Fee is \$7.00 per scout. Registration at the camporee on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

### **Youth Protection**

The National Office, Boy Scouts of America recently produced an updated DVD film on youth protection. "It happened to Me" for 6-9 year olds "A Time to Tell" for 11-14 year olds and "Personal Safety Awareness" for 14-20 year olds. The Cub and Boy Scout video must be viewed with a parent. The video is in the hands of your Unit Commissioner for viewing in your unit. Remember that April is youth protection month and we would like to know the names of individuals that view each tape.

### **Unit Rechartering**

As we approach May 1<sup>st</sup> we see our success as a district in rechartering all of our units using the "on-line" format and the new Centennial Award Commitment. Our thanks go to District Commissioner, Wade Blanchard and his commissioner staff in their efforts to turn this new process into a success.

### **District Elections**

The District Nominating Committee will review its recommendations for the position of District

Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Commissioner as well as individuals interested in heading up or serving on each of the committees in the district on June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested in serving in a district capacity please contact any of the following nominating committee members:

Manny Pelligra (607) 263-9619

Prudence Danforth (607) 369-2007

Or you may write, fax, or e-mail to the Deerslayer District c/o Otschodela Council, PO Box 1356, Oneonta, NY 13820 ATTN: Nominating Committee.

**District Annual Meeting is June 12, 2007 at the Schenevus Central School. All Committee Members, Commissioners, Members at Large, and Chartered Organization Representatives should attend.**

### **Eagle Scout Projects**

The "Eagle Project" committee has met and reviewed the projects of Eagle Scout Candidates. Some reviews take a little longer than others do, but the committee will meet monthly and review as many projects as possible. The Committee Chair, Dennis Earl has suggested that we bring in one new committee member each month so that the committee has a core of individuals who are familiar with the process. Unit leaders and or Committee Chairman will be contacted each month to secure a volunteer to sit on the committee. In this way the term of each member will be a maximum of five months. In this manner we expect to have someone in each unit who is familiar with the process and can assist the troop committee with ideas and suggestions for eagle projects.



### **Roundtable Newsletter**

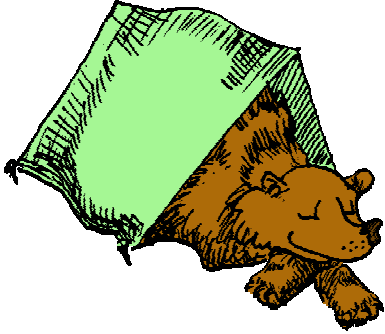
HURRAY! It happens on the second Thursday of May!! Come and join the GREATEST SHOW of the month! In March, George Moyer shared information on "HIKING". GREAT JOB, GEORGE!!! Thank you for your support and help at the March Roundtable.

On May 8th, come join us and get information on "Map and Compass". Meet the guest speaker and see what we have done with our Deerslayer Roundtable. Come all leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Commissioners, have fun, and join us that night.

Thanks to my roundtable staff for doing so well and helping this year at these roundtables.

Donna Rowe

Roundtable Commissioner



# New & Improved WEBELOS (BEAR) LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING

Saturday, June 7, 2008

**FOR:** CURRENT WEBELOS AND BEAR CUB SCOUT LEADERS  
ASSISTANT WEBELOS AND BEAR CUB SCOUT LEADERS  
CUBMASTERS AND INTERESTED PARENTS

**WHERE:** HENDERSON SCOUT RESERVATION

8:30 AM REGISTRATION –Big parking lot

8:45 PM CLOSING CEREMONY

You are encouraged to bring a tent and spend the night! Be a kid again sleeping under the stars!

**Subjects to be covered during the day – *many are hands-on activities:***

**TENT SITE SELECTION  
ENGINEERING  
OUTDOORSMAN  
SCIENTIST ACTIVITIES**

**GEOLOGISTKNOTS  
READYMAN  
FORESTER  
HIKING**

**NATURALIST  
FIRE BUILDING  
SHOWMAN**

**COST:** \$20 (LUNCH & DINNER Plus Webelos Leader Guide ARE INCLUDED)  
For more information, call the Scout Office or Cindy Magee (607-988-2888 after 5 p.m.)

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## WEBELOS OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING, 2008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PACK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be staying the night:** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check appropriate answer)

Please return this form along with \$20 participation fee to:

**Otschodela Council, BSA  
PO Box 1356  
Oneonta, NY 13820**

**Council Phone (607-432-6491)  
[www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org)**

**\*PLEASE REPLY BY MAY 27\***

# INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING

- FOR:** Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Members
- WHEN:** Friday, June 6 - 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, June 8, ending at approximately 3 p.m.  
(Registration on Friday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Fishing Pavilion)
- You should bring a bag supper or eat before you arrive.
- WHERE:** Henderson Scout Reservation
- COST:** \$30 (Each participant will receive a copy of the Scoutmaster's Handbook)

## INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

- Is a fun-filled program
- Is hands-on skills training in the outdoors
- Teaches basic camp skills required for Tenderfoot to First Class
- Lets you learn how to set up camp, cook, work with woods tools and ropes, first aid, planning campfire programs, map reading and compass skills, hiking and packing techniques, nature identification, and Leave No Trace
- Increases your comfort level and confidence as a trained, skilled leader
- Lets you work with other Scout leaders from your area
- Lets you meet new friends, and
- Reinforces skill techniques with fellow unit leaders.



### Gear Needed:

**YES, you do need to bring your own tent!**

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### INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS REGISTRATION FORM, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with \$30 participation fee to:

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**\* PLEASE REPLY BY MAY 27 \***

### WHAT TO BRING: Reference: *Boy Scout Handbook*, Chapter 9, "Camping"

Two-person backpacking tent with poles, stakes,  
Ground cloths, and lines

#### Scout Outdoor Essentials

Pocketknife  
Personal First Aid Kit  
Extra clothing\*  
Rain gear  
Water bottle filled with potable water  
Flashlight  
Matches and fire starters  
Sunscreen  
Compass

#### Clean-up Kit

Soap  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Comb  
Wash cloth

#### Personal Extras (Optional)

Watch  
Notebook or paper  
Sunglasses  
Gloves

\*Clothing for the season (warm- or cold-weather)

Backpack with rain cover

Sleeping bag or 2-3 blankets

Sleep pad

Mess Kit (silverware, plate, bowl, cup)

**REMINDER: This training is a required component of the Scout Leader training to be a "Trained" Leader. It is only offered once a year. You do not need to complete the Indoor Portion of Scoutmaster Training before taking the Outdoor Leader Training.**

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