

Council Fires

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Otschodela Council

October 2008

Dates to Remember

October:

- 1 **Council Staff Meeting**
Office Closed 9-10:30 a.m.
- 13 **Columbus Day, Servicenter Closed**
- 16 Council Program Night
- 16 Council Key 3
- 27 Trails End Popcorn Sale Orders Due

Training

- 4 Boy Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 4 Cub Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 5 Cub Scout Leader Training - Richmondville
- 25 Cub Scout Leader Training - Delhi
- 26 Cub Scout Leader Training - Sidney

Council Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday

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

New Council Officers Elected

Recently at the Otschodela Council annual meeting, officers for the year were elected. Hank Nicols of Cooperstown as council President, Ed Dibble of Gilbertsville as Council Commissioner, Dennis Porter of Sidney as Treasurer, John Mirabito of Sidney as Vice President of Finance, Arnold Pickett of Oneonta as Assistant Treasurer, Donald Tuttle of Unadilla as Vice President of Administration, and Manny Pelligra of Laurens as Vice President of District Operations. Newly elected members of the Executive Board are Paul De Andrea of Franklin, Scott Gluekert of Delhi, Porter Kirkwood of Delhi, and Ruben Reyes of South Kortright.

Council Auction

The 2008 Council Auction will be held at Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta on the evening of November 8th, 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
One-Ton Pellets
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
2 Nights Holiday Inn Express, Cooperstown
2 Cases BK Coffee
Carpet Steam Cleaning Services



Pest Control Services
 Rental Gift Certificates
 Chimney Cleaning
 Subaru Service
 Electrician Services
 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
 Snow Removal
 Soap Rocks
 3 Carpenters for the Day
 Three Hours Solo Piano Performance
 Television Advertising Time
 Truck Load of Firewood Logs
 Fox Care Healthlinks Membership
 Blocks of NYS Cheddar Cheese
 Fresh Christmas Wreaths
 Fresh Flower arrangements
 Surveying Services
 Tree Removal, Trimming, Cabling
 Carpeting for One Room
 Fishing Guide Service
 Veterinary Products
 1 Ton Wood Pellets

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

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 continues with all orders to the Council

Service Center by Monday October 27. Fill it up prize drawings in October and November; \$1,500 Sale Prizes, \$2,500 Scholarship Level, Photo Contest, and Kickoff Video Contest (free delivery to best video) are all part of this great sale. 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 through Operation Popcorn. District Popcorn Kernels will be working with your Pack, Troop, or Crew to help you have a successful sale to support your program. Popcorn

can also be ordered year round at www.orderpopcorn.com, found on the Council Website. New this year is the Friday delivery on November 7. You can select your time between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM to pick up your Unit's popcorn at Schuman's on Rt. 23 Southside. 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!

Scouting For Food



Packs and Troops throughout our council will join Scouts across the country on November 1st and 8th for our Scouting "Good Turn". Community chairs are being recruited to direct this hands on good turn for others.

Why is this "Good Turn" of Scouting so important? Because hunger never goes away.

Many of us skip a meal during the day. How many of you skip a day without a meal. Make it a point to ask your local food pantry how many individuals they are trying to feed daily. Through your efforts last year the food banks in Otsego, Schoharie and Delaware received over 40,000 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 hanger distribution will take place on November 1st. Food items will be picked up on November 8th.

Jamboree 2010

At dawn on July 26, 2010, dew on the empty fields shimmers in the growing daylight, and then here they come! By noon, throngs of Scouts are carrying gear and tents and gateways begin to emerge from empty ground. By dusk, the landscape has been transformed into a bustling city of 18,000 tents, 3,600 patrol kitchens and 43,000 Scouts and leaders. This transformation occurs in mere hours, making Jamboree City the fastest growing city in Virginia, if not the world.

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will celebrate the anniversary of the Boy Scouts from July 26 to August 4 at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia. This is a once in a lifetime event and we are now asking for 4 qualified adults to lead the Otschodela Council Jamboree Troop. The Jamboree Committee will make selections for these positions as well as



alternates in the very near future. We want to send the very best. The task is great for it involves a monthly meeting to plan transportation, youth recruitment, equipment selection as well as safety and leadership goals. If you are interested in being a leader contact Tom Wright at the council office at 1-800-778-6813 or go to www.bsajamboree.org to complete an online application and find out more information about leadership requirements click on registration.

Henderson Camp Needs

Someone to:

1. Tune up camp bikes
2. Upholster rug/plywood porch chairs

Call Scott at 1-800-778-6813

Attention Unit Leaders and Advancement Chairs

As we start the new Scouting year, I would like to remind Scout Leaders that the First rank in Scouting is the new Scout rank. All new Boy Scouts must complete the new scout requirements (page 4 in the Boy Scout Handbook). An advancement report must be handed in so this rank can be recorded before any merit badges and tenderfoot Rank is awarded.



All new Cub Scout must complete the requirement for Bobcat. It does not matter what grade they start in Scouting. When the Bobcat Rank is earned, they can start working for the rank of their grade.

Iroquois Longhouse Program at the SUNY Oneonta College Camp

The SUNY Oneonta College Camp has recently constructed an Iroquois bark longhouse for educational & recreational opportunities. Interpreted



as a hunting camp, circa 1750-1770, the house is available to Scout groups for programs upon request. The house and related programs can be scheduled year round and

the possibility exists for overnight programming for up to 12 Scouts & leaders at a time. For more information, please contact Snapper Petta; Director of Outdoor Programs at the college. He can be reached via phone at (607) 436-3455 or by e-mail at: pettas@oneonta.edu.

Exploring

Dates to Remember

October:

- 5 Firematics Competition

19th Annual Old-Time Fire Meet-Rescheduled

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Location: Sidney

Captains meeting 11:45

Event begins 12 Noon

EVENTS: MIDNIGHT

ALARM, BROKEN HOSE,

HOSE & WYE, BUCKET BRIGADE, WATER BALL

Skills Required: Events are set to be fun activities with very few Firematics skills required.

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

Registration: Due September 29th at the Servicenter.

Post Advisors have the program details.



Explorer Basic Training

Our basic training course for Explorer Advisors, Associate Advisors and Committee Members is only a phone call away. If interested call 1-800-778-6813 extension 205 for details or to set up an appointment.

The "Firstnighter"

The program packet containing information on setting up a "First-nighter" in your unit was mailed to all Advisers. Included will be sample flyers specific to your units program. We ask that you forward the Information you would like printed on your flyers to Scott Brady via phone 1-800-778-6813 ext. 205, via fax: (607) 432-0388, or via e-mail: Otschodela_council@yahoo.com.

Flyers will be returned via your Service Team representative or mail.

10th Annual O'Connor Hospital Holiday Parade

The annual Christmas Parade is on **Saturday, December 6, 2008.**

All are welcome! You can participate by marching, entering a float or by driving your equipment to show your support. Line up begins at 10:00 a.m. behind the Delaware County Office Building at 111 Main Street, Delhi. Bring your whole family and enjoy the sharing of the holiday season.

There will be an "Open House", refreshments, Santa and Mrs. Santa, and trophies.

If you have any question call Michael Howard at (607) 746-0591 and RSVP by Friday, November 30th.

Foothills District

Dates to Remember:

October:

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

17-19 Fall Camporee – Boy Scouts Stamford

18-19 Cub Scout/Webelos Fall Event- Stamford

November:

13 Roundtable- United Methodist Church Sidney 7:00 pm

Fall Fun at the Cub/Webelos Camporee!

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee is being held on **October 18-19** in Stamford. Cub Scouts and Webelos are encouraged to come ready to "get Dirty!"

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.



Pioneering Fall Camporee 2008

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on **October 17-19 in Stamford** and is being hosted by the Foothills District Camping Committee. The theme for this years Camporee is Pioneering. Activities for the day include the Pioneering Merit Badge (partial),



GPS/Orienteering 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 9th 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 2008- Friends of Scouting is For Our Scouts!

Thank you to all Units, Families, and Community Members who participated in our 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign! We are gearing up for our 2009 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.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

October:

- 4 Cub Scout Leader Training – Oneonta
- 4 Boy Scout Leader Training - Oneonta
- 5 Cub Scout Leader Training - Richmondville
- 9 District Meeting – Schenevus School
- 17-19 Fall Camporee
- 25 Cub Scout Field Day

Race to Cub Scouting

While we officially began the race into Cub Scouting on August 27th 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

The new program year for our Deerslayer Roundtable got started on September 9th. Donna Rowe is our Roundtable Commissioner and has some good ideas for programs with many help from experienced Scouters. Our next one will be held November 13th at 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.

A Note from the Deerslayer District Commissioner

I cannot believe it has been a year since Don Tuttle talked me into being the Deerslayer District commissioner. The time has just flown by. I must admit, I was more than a little nervous about taking over from Paul Berard. Paul is the only District Commissioner I have ever known, and a man who has dedicated much of his adult life to Boy Scouts and the Otschodela Council. We were lucky to have his dedicated service as Deerslayer District Commissioner for so long, and that he continues to serve as Unit Commissioner for Pack 15. The district and council owe Paul a great debt of gratitude. I hope that when all is said and done about my time as District Commissioner, I will have accomplished half of what Paul did.

Fortunately, for me, I have great people to rely on. Bill Gilmore as ADC West Area and May Sloan as ADC for East Area have been invaluable help. They have taken a lot of work off my shoulders, and without them, I never would have survived this year.

Another commissioner that needs special mention is Donna Rowe. Donna's drive and determination have rebuilt our roundtable program. Since taking over as Roundtable Commissioner, Donna has put together one of the best programs I have ever seen, including a summer roundtable. You really should check out the resources Donna has to offer.

Finally, I am happy to welcome two new Unit Commissioner, Nancy Rigley is the new Unit Commissioner for Pack 5, and Fred Glock will be looking after the units in Schenevus and Worcester. We can always use more Unit Commissioners. The Council's goal is for every unit to be served by a Unit Commissioner. Therefore, if you are a former Scoutmaster, a parent whose son benefited from Scouting, or just someone looking for a way to serve the youth of Deerslayer District, let me know. Give

me a call at (518) 284-9203, or email me at quantum1962@yahoo.com.

Wade Blanchard, Deerslayer District Commissioner



Centennial Quality Unit Commitment

Last month in the newsletter, we listed the 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.

Cub/Webelos Scout Field Day

The Cub Scout Field Day will be held on Saturday, October 25th at the Schenevus Town Park on Route 7. Registration will begin at 9:00a.m. Events will begin at 9:45 a.m. and continue until 12:15 p.m. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Some of the stations for Cubs will be Backyard Gym, Mummy Relay, Tire Relay, Frisbee Throw and more. Webelos will do some Knot Tying, Tent Pitching, Flag Folding and more. Each boy will earn a belt loop and get a Fall Field Days patch. All Cubs and Webelos will be fulfilling achievement requirements toward rank. Our District Cub Volunteers have done a great job of planning out a wonderful, fun program for our Cubs. Come out and join us! Registration for each Cub or Webelos is \$5.

Camporee

The Camping Committee has done another fine job of coming up with a great camporee program. Here is a list of the events that will take place at the Gilbertsville Fish & Game Club on October 17th, 18th and 19th. More information is out in the mailing and on the council website.



- Fuzz stick relay with fire building
- Flagpole raising
- Two Bloke bow saw relay race
- Blind Bloke knots
- Bushranger rescue
- Blindfold compass walk a bout
- "Bushmans" Knot Relay Race
- "Goanna" cooking contest
- "Outback" Kim's Game

For more information visit www.otschodela.org.

CUB SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

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Saturday, October 4, 2008
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Oneonta Middle School
East St.

Sunday, October 5, 2008
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richmondville St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 25, 2008
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Delhi

Sunday, October 26, 2008
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church Sidney

FOR:
Tiger Cub Den Leaders
Den Leaders
Cubmasters
Parents
Assistant Leaders
Committee Members

SUBJECTS:
Elements of Good Den Meetings
Committee responsibilities
Cub Scout Advancement
Activities
Elements of Good Pack Meetings
Youth Protection

NOTE: New Leader Essentials will be taught first. The Leader Specific Training Sessions will start at approximately 2:30 p.m.

COST: \$ 8.00

Each participant will receive the appropriate Leader handbook for their training. Reservations are requested so training materials will be available.



2008 CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

PACK # _____ DISTRICT _____

POSITION _____ E-Mail: _____

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

- _____ October 4 _____ October 5 _____ October 25 _____ October 26
- _____ **NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS**
- _____ **TIGER CUB DEN LEADER SPECIFIC**
- _____ **CUB DEN LEADER SPECIFIC**
- _____ **WEBELOS DEN LEADER SPECIFIC**
- _____ **CUBMASTER / ASST. CUBMASTER SPECIFIC**
- _____ **PACK COMMITTEE SPECIFIC**

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY
4:00 PM on Monday, September 29, or Monday, October 20

AT THE SERVICE CENTER
BOY SCOUT LEADER
ESSENTIALS &
SCOUTMASTER
TRAINING



QUALITY TRAINING = QUALITY LEADERS = QUALITY PROGRAM = QUALITY UNIT

Every boy deserves the best-trained leader.

Saturday, October 4, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Bring your own lunch)
Oneonta Middle School, East St.

You will:

- Learn how to deliver a quality Scouting Program
- Learn specifics on the patrol method
- Be able to share experiences and ideas with new and experienced Scouters
- Maximize your leadership skills

COST: \$10.00

Each participant will receive the appropriate Leader handbook for their training. Reservations are requested so training materials will be available.



2008 BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail: _____

TROOP # _____ POSITION _____ DISTRICT _____

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING SESSION:

_____ TROOP COMMITTEE SPECIFIC

_____ SCOUTMASTER / ASST. SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY 4:00 PM ON MONDAY, September 29, AT THE SERVICE CENTER



Important Sale Dates

- October 4- Blitz Day
- October 6- First Fill a Sheet Drawing
- October 27- Popcorn and Prize Orders due ONLINE
- November 3- Second Fill a Sheet Drawing
- November 7- Popcorn Distribution (note this is a Friday)
- December 1- Popcorn Money due to Council (loss of commission incentives if not submitted by December 1, after December 8 loss of 20% commission)

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