

Council Fires

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September 2008

Dates to Remember:

September:

- 1 Trails End Popcorn Sale Begins
- 1 **Service Center Closed, Labor Day**
- 2 Race to Cub Scouting Kick-Off Lap 1
- 3 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 am
Office Closed**
- 19 Race to Cub Scouting Lap 1 Finale
- 20 Venturing Youth Leader Training
- 27 Blitz Day

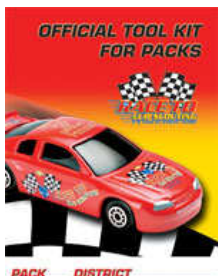
Our Future is Now!

It's an exciting time to be part of the Boy Scouts of America! As our Council's Staff returned from Nashville and the National Leadership Training Conference, we're each filled with the energy to keep moving forward in Otschodela Council with the QUALITY programs and services for all of our Scouts, Scouters and Families. This fall, we look forward to starting the first Soccer and Scouting Program in Otschodela Council, continuing the great Family Night programs in the Race to Scouting, and helping to fund your Unit's Ideal Year of Scouting with the Dream the Big Dream Trail's End Popcorn Program! Our future is NOW as we look to our 100th Anniversary and the great programs that are leading up to this historic event. I look forward to seeing you this fall at our District and Council events and hearing the great things that are happening in your Pack, Troop, Crew or Post!

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas Wright- Scout Executive

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's 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 Derby Car for joining and all boys who recruit a friend can earn a Special Recruiter Patch. Join us on August 27 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta at the Dream the Big Dream Event as we introduce all of the new resources available for your Pack in this important race! 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.

Scout Parents- Scouting Parents Make Great Parents Too!

Otschodela Council is pleased to announce the new and improved National Parent Initiative "Scout Parents". This program was 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. A special Scout Parents Bag will be available to all Units who REGISTER 1 adult as their Scout Parent Coordinator at the August 27th Popcorn Kickoff at the



Holiday Inn in Oneonta. 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.

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 will begin on September 1st and continue with all orders to the Council Service Center by Monday October 27. 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. We look forward to seeing you at the Dream the Big Dream Event on August 27, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta starting at 6:00 pm. Come learn how you can earn up to 45% cash commissions and 5% Trails End prize program if you come to this event with your Unit's Planned Program and Budget. 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@bsaemail.org. Have a great time with your sale and let's deliver that Ideal Year of Scouting to every child in the Otschodela Council!

Special offer- All Scouts who sell \$500.00 or more will have a chance to throw a pie in your District Executive's Face at your Unit's 2009 FOS Presentation in January, February, or March. Scouts selling \$3,000 or more will have an opportunity to "Shave Trey's head", at the First Aid Meet.

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
Rental Gift Certificates
Tree Removal, Trimming, Cabling
Carpeting for One Room
Fishing Guide Service

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.

A NEW Trailer for your Scouting Trail

The Otschodela Council has a New Trailer to help with your Unit's promotions of Scouting in your Community this Fall! The Trailer can be used in local parades, fairs, craft shows and other community events to help you with your recruitment of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers or Explorers. To use the trailer in one of your community events, contact Tom Wright at the Scout Service Center 607-432-6491 or by e-mail at tlwright@bsaemail.org. We look forward to seeing the Scouting Trailer in your community this Fall!

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

The Otschodela Council Training Committee wants to start the Scouting year right! We have scheduled training sessions in Oneonta October 4, (Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader Training), Cobleskill October 5, Delhi October 25, and Sidney October 26 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **We ask that you bring a snack.**

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

The October 4 Course in Oneonta is also for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members who need the Scoutmaster Leadership Specific Training

Subjects Covered: Elements of Good Meetings, Committee Responsibilities, Planning, Advancement, and Activities.

Fast Start Training, Youth Protection Training and soon New Leaders Essentials Training are online at www.otschodela.org under the Training Section.

Every Pack and Troop should have its adult leaders trained to qualify for the Centennial Quality Unit Award.

For information, contact Bill Moller, Foothills District Training Chairman at 607-652-6756 or Cindy Magee, Deerslayer District Training Chairperson at 607-988-2888.

Exploring

Dates to Remember

September:

- 11 Service Team Meeting, Bolton Scout Center, Oneonta 7 pm
- 14 Firematics Competition

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.

19th Annual Old-Time

Fire Meet

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Location: Host Needed
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 10th at the Servicenter.

Post Advisors have the program details.



Foothills District

Dates to Remember

September:

- 11 Roundtable- Sidney 7 p.m.

October:

- 9 Coordinated District Meeting- Delhi Public Safety Building 7 p.m.
- 17-19 Fall Camporee/Cub Scout Webelos Event

Cub Scout Field Days

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee are being held on October 18-19th in the Stamford area. Registration is at 12:30 for the Field Day with events starting at 1:00. The Webelos may register beginning at 11:30 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 will be available at www.otschodela.org and will be mailed to all Cub Masters and Webelos Leaders. If you have any questions, please call Penny Harageones at (607) 746-2965.

Boy Scout Fall Camporee 2008

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on October 17-19 in the Stamford area. The theme of this year's Camporee is Extreme Pioneering/Orienteering. Along with this years theme, Patrol Method, Troop Leadership, and Youth Leadership will all be part of the program. More information will be sent to the Scoutmaster in the near future, including a Jamboree on the Air flier and is available on www.otschodela.org. If you have any questions, please call Ken Grant at (607) 538-9012.



Foothills District 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. Also, check out the Foothills District area on www.otschodela.org for updates on meetings, events, and meeting minutes.

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.

FOS Update

Thank you to Troops 2, 8, 33, 34, 58, 59, 88 and 99 and Packs 11, 30, 33, 34, 45, 50, 74, 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 40 Scouts who would not be in Scouting without their help. Thank you to all local leaders and businesses that supported Scouting through the Friends of Scouting Community

Campaign. Through your contributions, 137 young men and women are receiving the values and skills of the Scouting program. Thank you for your generous support!

Scouting for Food/Good Turn for America



Packs and Troops throughout our Council will join Scouts across the country on November 3rd and 10th 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 49,000 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 1st. Food items will be picked up on November 8th.

Special Note- Units are encouraged to help in all projects that will bring Food, Clothing, Shelter, and Health Products to those in need and record your hours on www.goodturnforamerica.org. Our Oath states we will "Help other people at ALL times" and here is our opportunity to show it!

Foothills Chapter OA Update

A Fall Fellowship trip to the Adirondack's is being planned by the Foothills Chapter for late September/Early October. Watch for further information or contact Helen VanHouten at 607-278-5093.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

September:

- 01 Race to Cub Scouting Kick-off
- 11 Cub and Scout Leader Roundtable – Schenevus Central School

October:

- 17 Fall Camporee/ Cub Scout Event

Welcome

To Fred Glock of Colliersville, newly



appointed Unit Commissioner.

Thank You

To the Scoutmasters of 20 troops who promoted our Summer Camp Program at Henderson Scout Reservation. Through your personal efforts we had 196 Deerslayer Boy Scouts attend Summer Camp this year, which is about 60% of Deerslayers registered Scouts. Outstanding effort and job well done by our unit leaders. Thank you all so much.

Congratulations to Leaders Trained

Congratulations are in order for the following leaders completing Webelos Outdoor, Scoutmaster Outdoor, New Leader Essentials, Cub Leader Specifics and Scout Leader Specifics this summer in Deerslayer District.

Webelos Outdoor 08/04/07

46 Nathan Flint

SM Outdoor

08/03 – 08/05/07

01 Dawn Spinola 04

John Little

03 John Nitto



19 Karl Lehenbauer

19 James Gardner 23 Matt Maverer

23 David Flynn 501 Elinor Cramer

501 Diane Butler 501 Mary Ann Nickloy

501 Aaron Nickloy 501 Nick Hochmuth

NLE & Boy Scout Leader Specifics

09 Bill Johnson 501 Aaron Nickloy

501 Mary Ann Nickloy

NLE & Cub Scout Leader Specifics

44 K. Leigh Prostack

Deerslayer Fall Camporee - October 17th-19th

The Deerslayer Fall Camporee is slated to be held October 17-19th. Look for further information in the mail or on our website at www.otschodela.org.

Centennial Quality Unit Commitments

The Centennial Quality Unit Award Commitment forms have been turned in by approximately 36% of Deerslayers units. Please fill out your goals and get them to District Executive John Kilmer as soon as possible. You can fill out the paper copy or get a writable PDF file from John Kilmer that can simply be emailed back and submitted. Achieving Quality Unit is something every unit can do now that you are able to set your own goals for your unit.

Pack 1, Unadilla

Pack 10, Laurens

Pack 15, Richmondville

Pack 18, Schenevus

Pack 19, Worcester

Pack 105, Esperance

Troop 01, Unadilla

Troop 03, Morris

Troop 05, Cobleskill

Troop 09, Edmeston

Troop 10, Laurens

Troop 15, Richmondville

Troop 18, Schenevus

Troop 19, Worcester

Troop 23, Oneonta

Troop 44, Gilbertsville

Troop 47, East Springfield

Troop 501, Esperance



Thank you all for your efforts to make scouting grow within our district and helping us reach for Quality District status this year.

Race To Cub Scouting

September and October are the months that Cub Packs go out and recruit new members to join their ranks. Unit Commissioners will be contacting Cubmasters to set up dates in your local schools for a "Boy Talk". We saw the success of this last year. This year, each new registered boy brought in on a Family Night will receive a Race To Cub Scouting Pinewood Derby kit and lunchbox. Flyers, posters and yard signs will be available at the Council Office.

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.

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**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.

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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

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