

# Council Fires

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## Dates to Remember:

September:

- 1 Trails End Popcorn Sale Begins
- 1 Words to Live by Recruitment Begins
- 2 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 am**  
**Office Closed**
- 7 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 11-13 Wood Badge
- 19 Trails End Popcorn Blitz Day
- 22 Words to Live by Recruitment Ends

## Service Center Fall Hours

Starting September 1, 2009 we will be open  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## The Scout Executive Message

What a great summer of Scouting we had. We started the summer with the Century of Values Tour and program kick off attended by over 200 people. Our Shoot for Scouting raised more money than last year to support Scouting. Family Camp, Scout Camp, Webelos Camp and Day Camps all were rated a National Standard Camp. We concluded the summer with promotions of our program at our local county fairs and a special night of baseball with the Oneonta Tigers. Thank you to the parents, leaders, and camp staff for making this summer a memory that will last a lifetime.

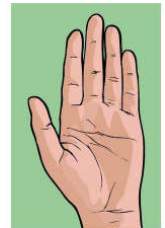
You know, the Boy Scouts purpose is simple: It's to build the character and integrity of America's youth and prepare them to become responsible adults - adults who are leaders and adults who participate in society according to our Scout Oath and Law. That Oath and that Law are founded on trustworthiness, loyalty, bravery, and on values that put community and family first. I say with great pride that we are the Boy

Scouts of America and we are committed to giving young people the tools, experiences, knowledge and faith to make the world a better place. Our mission is high but attainable. As we plan for our new Scouting year, let us keep our focus on the mission. We all can make the difference!

Celebrating the Adventure Together  
Tom Wright

## Raise your Hand for Scouting

Come join in the fun and celebration of 100 years of Scouting as we hold our Annual Benefit Auction to support Scouting on the evening of Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Morris Hall, State University of New York College at Oneonta. You will be able to review the items while enjoying a buffet of food and then let the bidding begin! Auction items include getaway weekends, sports tickets, recreational programs, artwork, fitness club memberships, restaurant certificates, home/family products and services. Please plan on joining us at this exciting evening of fellowship and enjoyment while supporting Scouting and our leaders of tomorrow. For a complete list of items call the office at 607-432-6491 to get your auction catalog.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and continue with all orders to the Council Service Center by Monday October 26, 2009. 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 Popcorn Star Event on August 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta starting at 6:00 pm. Come learn how you can earn up to 40% cash commissions and 5% Trails End prize program. If you come to this event with your Unit's Planned Program and Budget, your Unit will meet the requirement for the Centennial Quality Unit Award. 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](http://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 [bonnie.parslow@scouting.org](mailto:bonnie.parslow@scouting.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- Top Selling Scouts in October will have a chance to win a Will a Week! All Scouts in Foothills District who sells \$500.00 or more will have a chance to throw a pie in Senior District Executive Trey Miller's Face at your Unit's 2010 FOS Presentation in January, February, or March. Scouts selling \$3,000 or more will have an opportunity to "Shave his head", at the First Aid Meet.**

### **Scout Parents - Scouting Parents Make Great Parents Too!**

Otschodela Council is pleased to be a member of the 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. More information is available on [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) and [www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org). We look forward to hearing about your Unit's success with this great program.

### **Words to Live By- New Scouts this Year**

Each year we promise the boys and girls throughout our Council the fun and adventure of Scouting- camping, hiking, fishing, racing cars, firing rockets, and having a lot of fun with their friends. Beyond the fun and adventure of Scouting are the Words We Live By- Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Do a Good Turn Daily, Do our duty to God and our Country, Do our Best! These words and the fun of Scouting are what bring more youth to our Units. Let's give them the best that we have of fun and adventure this fall by **planning your Ideal Year of Scouting, Setting up the Budget Plan, and when you recruit new Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Ventures invite their parents to be a Scout Parent.** Join us this fall in this important Centennial Event! In Foothills District, call your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Paul Beames by e-mail at [beamever@aol.com](mailto:beamever@aol.com). In Deerslayer District, contact your Unit Commissioner or Richard Jennings at [rjx2cj@stny.rr.com](mailto:rjx2cj@stny.rr.com) for information on the Words We Live By program and to schedule your Scout Family Night event.



### **Drive for Five (or More)!**

How many Scouts would you like to recruit this fall? Some Units have big goals and some are smaller. Here is a goal that every Unit can work towards and make a big difference in the lives of the young men and women in your community through Scouting. The Drive for Five is a goal to recruit 5 new members in your Pack, Troop or Crew between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, 2009. Here are some helpful hints from Packs and Troops

who have accepted this challenge: Every member - Invite a friend to 1 month of Den, Troop or Crew meetings; Invite a friend to 1 Pack Meeting, Troop Activity or Crew Activity; Invite a friend to a District or Council Event in the Fall (Camporee, Scouting for Food etc.); Have your friend register with your Unit. Scouts who recruit their friends are more likely to enjoy the Scouting program too and stay with your Unit and often new parents bring their talents to your Unit too and can serve on your committees or in leadership roles. Scouts who recruit a friend and Units who meet the Drive for Five (or More) Goal will receive the Centennial Recruiter Patch and Ribbon for your Units Flag. For more information, visit [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org)!

### **National Pilot Council for Training**

The Otschodela Council Training Committee is pleased to announce that we have been selected by the National Council Leadership Training Task Force as a Pilot Training Council and have adopted the following for ALL Adults serving in Leadership or Committee positions at the Pack, Troop, Crew, or District Levels.

Beginning September 1, 2009 ALL Top Leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors) will have 1 year to complete their required Trainings in their current registered position. Beginning September 1, 2010 ALL Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members will have 1 year to complete training in their current registered position. Beginning January 1, 2012 for Units not having Trained Leadership the Unit Charter will be put on hold until Trainings are complete.

To help facilitate this process the following Trainings will be offered online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) or [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) - This is Scouting, Youth Protection, Fast Start, Leader Specific Training, Unit Committee Challenge, Staffing the District Committee, and Unit Commissioner Orientation. There will continue to be 2 LIVE Sessions each Fall and Spring (or by Unit request) and Outdoor Trainings- BALOO, Webelos and Outdoor Leadership Skills in the Spring. The next training will be offered on October 24, 2009 in Oneonta.

Leaders who have served for 5 years and completed previous Trainings can complete the following: update their Trainings with the courses below, serve on a Training Staff or serve as a mentor to another Leader while they are going through their Training.

Below is a list of the required Trainings for each position. If you have additional questions please contact Trey Miller at [ralph.miller@scouting.org](mailto:ralph.miller@scouting.org).

#### **Cubmasters:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection  
Fast Start- Cubmaster  
Leader Specific Training- Cubmaster  
BALOO

#### **Tiger Leader, Den Leaders and Webelos Leaders:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection  
Fast Start- Tiger Leader, Den Leader or Webelos Leader  
Leader Specific Training- Tiger Leader, Den Leader or Webelos Leader  
BALOO or Webelos Outdoor Training

#### **Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection  
Fast Start- Scoutmaster  
Leader Specific Training- Scoutmaster  
Outdoor Leadership Skills

#### **Venture Crew Advisors:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection  
Fast Start- Venture Crew Advisor  
Leader Specific Training- Venture Crew Advisor  
Outdoor Leadership Skills

#### **Unit Committee Chairs and Committee Members:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection  
Fast Start- Unit Committee  
Unit Committee Challenge

#### **District Committee and Commissioners:**

This is Scouting  
Youth Protection

Committee- Staffing the District Committee  
Commissioners- Unit Commissioner Orientation

### A Scout Trailer for your Scouting Trail

The Otschodela Council has a 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, Ventures 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 [thomas.wright@scouting.org](mailto:thomas.wright@scouting.org). We look forward to seeing the Scouting Trailer in your community this fall!

### Registrars News and Updates

Troop and Pack Advancement Chairs please remember that the **New Scout Badge** IS THE First Rank for Boy Scouts and requires you to send in an advancement report when they complete the new Scout requirements. Also, when submitting advancement reports please list all boys in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER**. A boys name should appear only once on an advancement report. All advancements earned should be listed after his name.

Attention Scout Leaders please make sure your Eagle candidate have the current Eagle Application. On the back of the application, bottom left hand corner it should say 58-728-2008 second printing or 58-728 2009.



is very important for receiving Boys' Life Magazines and any mailings that the Council sends out.

### Membership Application

Information when entering address information on the membership application please make sure you enter the mailing address if it is different from the house address. This

# Exploring

## Dates to Remember

September:

17 Service Team Meeting, Bolton Scout Center, Oneonta 7 pm

13 Exploring Firematics

## 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: [scott.brady@scouting.org](mailto:scott.brady@scouting.org).

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

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Old-Time Fire Meet

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Location: Sidney Fire House

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 7<sup>th</sup> at the Service Center.

Post Advisors have the program details.



# Foothills District

## Dates to Remember

September:

- 10 Coordinated District Meeting- Delhi Public Safety Building 7 p.m.

October:

- 8 Coordinated District Meeting- Delhi Public Safety Building 7 p.m.
- 16-18 Fall Camporee/Cub Scout Webelos Event

## Cub Scout Field Days

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee are being held on October 17th in the Hobart 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 or Camp Stove. Information will be available at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) and will be mailed to all Cub Masters and Webelos Leaders.

## Commissioners Needed

The Foothills District is looking for Volunteers who would like to join a staff of Commissioners dedicated to helping your communities Packs, Troops, and Crews be the best they can be. If you are a good listener, have a cheerful disposition, and would enjoy visiting units in your community, please call Paul Beames at 563-1111 or e-mail him at [beamever@aol.com](mailto:beamever@aol.com).

## FOS Update

Thank you to Troops 2, 8, 33, 34, 58, 59, 88 and 99 and Packs 8, 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

receiving the values and skills of the Scouting program. Thank you for your generous support!

## Boy Scout Fall Camporee 2009

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on October 16-18. This Camporee will be held in the Hobart area. The theme of this year's Camporee is Troop challenge/climbing and rappelling. 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. It will also be available on [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

## Foothills District Meeting

Our next District meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 10th and October 8th 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. All Charter Organization Representatives and Institutional Heads are invited to participate in these meetings and Committee Members are encouraged to invite other community members who could serve on the Committee and Commissioners Staff. Watch your mail or e-mail for more information. Also, check out the Foothills District area on [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) for updates on meetings, events, and meeting minutes.

Scouting Community Campaign. Through your contributions, 147 young men and women are

# Deerslayer District

## Dates to Remember

September:

- 01 Words to Live By recruiting begins
- 10 Camping and Commissioner meeting

October:

- 03 Fall Cub Field Day
- 16-18 Fall Camporee

## 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 Scoutmaster Specific, Outdoor Leader and BALOO in Deerslayer District.

### **Scoutmaster Specific, May 26 and June 2**

Troop 4: Michael Jaqueway, Reed Sholtes and Marion Jaqueway

Troop 27: Kevin Magee

### **BALOO, June 6**

Pack 12: Jason Kimmey, Peter Chase and Doug Bush

Pack 15: Charlene King

### **Outdoor Leader Training, June 5, 6, 7**

Troop 9: Heath Dunham and Richard Syke

Troop 5: Tammy Lawyer

Troop 47: Michael Reckeweg

### **Deerslayer Fall Camporee - October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

The Deerslayer Fall Camporee is slated to be held October 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> at the Landis Arboretum in Esperance. All mailings have gone out and info is on our website [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org). This is going to be an exciting joint effort between our council and the Landis Arboretum. Scouts will have a choice of earning the First Aid or Forestry Merit Badge. There will also be an opportunity to view the stars at night since the astronomy club is inviting scouts down to their meeting. A special 4" patch for this event will be part of every paid registration. Do not miss out on this very special event!

### **Cub Scout Fall Field Day**

The Deerslayer Fall Field Day for Cub Scouts will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Henderson Scout Reservation. Last year the weather didn't cooperate very well toward the end of the month, so we decided we should try before it

starts getting too cold and wet. Specifics for times and events will be sent out in mailings and posted on the council website at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

### **Centennial Quality Unit Commitments**

The Centennial Quality Unit Award Commitment forms have been turned in by approximately 35% 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. Here is the list of packs and troops that have submitted their forms so far:

Pack 1, Unadilla

Pack 5, Cobleskill

Pack 9, Edmeston

Pack 15, Richmondville

Pack 24, Oneonta

Pack 91, Oneonta

Pack 105, Esperance

Troop 01, Unadilla

Troop 09, Edmeston

Troop 15, Richmondville

Troop 18, Schenevus

Troop 23, Oneonta

Troop 44, Gilbertsville

Troop 47, East Springfield

Troop 105, Esperance

Troop 168, Worcester

Troop 170, Sharon Springs

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

### **Words to Live By**

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".



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