

# Council Fires

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## Dates to Remember

January:

- 1 **Service Center Closed, New Year's Day**
- 2 **Service Center Closed for Inventory**
- 7 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 am Office Closed**
- 15 Council Program Night
- 19 **Service Center Closed, Martin Luther King Day**
- 31 Trainers Development Conference (Trainers Edge)

## INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

### EMBLEM

Questions about International Scouting Activities can be directed to Donald L. Tuttle, Otschodela Council International Representative at 607-369-7323, or by email at: [sginkusa@gmail.com](mailto:sginkusa@gmail.com). Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters who participate in international activities or programs as defined by the criteria below may wear this temporary emblem.



Criteria for Otschodela Council's International Activity Emblem

Complete at least five out of the eleven criteria below before the insignia is worn:

1. Host a group of foreign students at a dinner, meeting, or campout weekend, and plan activities to help you learn about their countries.
2. Plan and execute an international dinner,

inviting foreign Scouts as guests or serving an ethnic meal.

3. Participate in an international Scout jamboree/camporee or other similar event.
4. Host a group of foreign Scouts on tour in your area.
5. Visit a local Scout group while your Scout group is touring another country.
6. Participate in Jamboree-on-the-Air OR Internet on the Air.
7. Plan a World Friendship Fund campfire program with your unit for a council Scouting event
8. Donate to the World Friendship Fund.
9. Visit a foreign embassy or consulate, and learn about its function.
10. Participate in your council's International Camp Staff Program, BSA Ambassador program, Youth Exchange Program.
11. Earn the International Scouter's Award (adult Scouters only).

### International Scouter's Award (Knot)

Applications for the International Scouter's Award may be downloaded from the [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international) website. This Scouter's award encourages registered adult Scouters to broaden their involvement in Scouting through participation in world Scouting activities. Scouters who complete the requirements for the International Scouter's Award (Knot) may also wear the International Activity Badge during international scouting events.



## **Camping News**

### **Camping Kickoff**

The 2009 Camping Season is just around the corner. Come to the Otschodela Council Camping Kickoff on February 21, 2009 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Elm Park United Methodist Church on Chestnut Street in Oneonta to find out what's new in Cub Scouting, Webelos, Family Camping, Day Camp and Boy Scout Camping. Scott Brady, Michelle Tyrell, and John Kilmer will be available to answer your questions and provide your Pack or Troop with the tools to prepare you for your exciting adventure of Scout Camping in 2009! A light buffet will be provided, please call Bonnie at 607-432-6491 or e-mail [bonnie.parslow@scouting.org](mailto:bonnie.parslow@scouting.org) with your attendance. We look forward to seeing you at the Camping Kickoff!

### **Cub Scout Day Camp**

Day Camp plans are underway for 2009. The theme for this year is "Drums along Otschodela". The Scheduled weeks are in the same order as last year. Walton is July 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, Oneonta is July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and Cobleskill is July 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Placemats will be printed up with dates and information that can be used at Blue and Gold dinners. These will be available at the end of January and can be picked up for your unit at the Scout Service Center. Call ahead to verify availability. More detailed information regarding Cub Scout Day Camp along with Family Camp will be mailed soon and available on the council website at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

### **Boy Scout Camp Deadlines**

Fee: \$230.00

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

March 10<sup>th</sup> - \$50 reservation fee per Scout.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Custom design pre-order forms (t-shirts, etc).

May 10<sup>th</sup> - merit badge sign up online begins.

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

### **Webelos Camp Deadlines:**

Fee: \$110.00

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

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 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**

Serviceable backpacking tents for outpost.

### **Otschodela Council Jamboree Leaders**

#### **Selected**

The National Scout Jamboree in 2010 is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in the United States. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" event to be experienced by your Scouts. The Jamboree will to be held at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia from July 26 through August 4, 2010.

A Jamboree troop is limited to 36 youth members and 4 adult leaders, and the Council is offering 18 of the youth member positions to each District until March 1, 2009. After that date, any unfilled youth positions will be offered on a Council wide basis. The fee per scout of \$1,300.00 is a sizable sum of money for many Scouts and their parents. However, budgeted over the payment period, it amounts to about \$85.00 per month. Many units have raised money for their Scouts through fundraisers such as popcorn sales or have obtained community sponsors.

The Jamboree Committee announced the selection of the following qualified leader to send your Scouts to the Jamboree with. Scoutmaster Brian Danforth from Unadilla Troop 1, First Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Largeteau from Esperance Troop 105, and Second Assistant Scoutmaster Sherry Johnson from Edmeston Troop 9. These leaders will be available to make troop presentations.

Please schedule an informational meeting concerning this Jamboree at your next Scout meeting so that your Scouts will not miss out on this fantastic opportunity. Call Tom Wright for

any further information need at 1-800-778-6813 X 207.

### Trail's End Popcorn

Thank you to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, leaders and parents for making this year's Trail's End Popcorn sale a success. In the coming months, Popcorn success stories will be shared in Council Fire's to help with your 2009 Fun-Raising! To share your stories, e-mail Bonnie at [bonnie.parslow@scouting.org](mailto:bonnie.parslow@scouting.org). Mark your calendars NOW - special POPCORN Training will take place on May 8 for an added bonus in your Unit's 2009 Popcorn Sale.

# LFL/Exploring

### Dates to Remember

January:

10 Service Team Meeting, Bolton Service Center Oneonta, 7 pm

February:

7-8 "Beach Party" Oneonta's YMCA 7 pm

### Beach Party 2009

February 7-8 will see a flurry of activity at Oneonta's YMCA. It's time for our annual "Beach Party" where the



party begins at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and goes round the clock until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Contests, games, relaxation, and meeting Explorers from throughout the council area. We kept the cost down to \$10.00 for pre-registration or \$15.00 at the door. **Advisors will have registration forms in December.**

### Adult Explorer Leader Basic Training

8-12 p.m. February 7<sup>th</sup>, YMCA Oneonta (at the Beach Party) pre-registration required by February 4, 2009, call 1-800-778-6813 X 205.

**For:**

Explorer Post Advisors  
Associate Advisors  
Committee Volunteers  
Interested Adults

### Course Description:

Post Adult Structure	Youth Protection
Position Descriptions	Needs of Explorers
Committee Responsibilities	Insurance
Program/Planning	Health and Safety
Policies	
Activities	Post Officers
Seminar	
Website Tools	Post Bylaws

### 2009 Firematics

We are looking for a host for the annual September Firematics. Call Scott at 1-800-778-6813 X 205.

### 2009 Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership academies

In summer 2009, selected Law Enforcement Explorers will have the unique experience of participating in the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies. Participants will be housed in hotels, universities, Quantico, or Ft. Leonard Wood.

The focus of the academy will be on leadership and will deal with the dynamics of leadership, motivating others, and effective law enforcement leadership. In addition, some of the highly specialized law enforcement programs offer by various federal law enforcement agencies will be made available. Go to [www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement](http://www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement) to download the application.

### Explorers Become Firemen

Dave Steen, Post 13 Milford Advisor says the last 10 firemen to join the department were Explorers. Many Advisors say 30-50% of all members were Explorers. Exploring extends a year-end thank you to all the adults who lead youth to such a commitment to community service.

# Foothills District

## Dates to Remember

January:

- 1 Happy New Year - Service Center Closed
- 8 Roundtable- United Methodist Church  
Liberty St. Sidney, 7 pm
- 10 District Recognition Dinner - United  
Presbyterian Church Delhi, 6 pm
- 20 Nominating Committee- Sidney 12 pm

February:

- 7-8 Klondike Derby Winter Camporee/Cub  
Scout Webelos Winter Event -  
Downsville Fireman's Field
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 12 District Meeting, Delaware Public  
Safety Building Delhi 7 pm

## Foothills District First Aid Meet

The Foothills Annual First Aid meet will be held in Delhi on March 6, 2009. Troops taking part in the contest must provide one (1) judge per team entered (two judges per team would be better). There will be a judges' meeting at 6:30 p.m. Your judges must be at the gym by 6:30 p.m. If all judges are on time, then we will be able to start the meet at 7:00 p.m. Judges do not need to be squad members or EMT's, but previous First Aid experience would be helpful. More information will be available at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) and mailed to Scoutmasters in January.

## Classic Klondike

Join in the fun and adventure as the



Foothills District  
Winter Camporee  
and Cub  
Scout/Webelos  
Winter Event  
**February 7-8, 2009**

## for the Classic Klondike and Gold Nugget Derby!

A special Exhibition about the 2010 National Jamboree and Centennial Celebration will be available for Scouts and Leaders to view along with the many exciting events throughout the weekend. All troops and Webelos are encouraged to spend the weekend, but if you

wish to just stay for the day you are more than welcome. All Cub Scouts and family members are encouraged to enjoy the day on Saturday. There will be more information on this event mailed to your Unit Leaders and available on [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org). If you have further questions do not hesitate to call either Camping Chairman – Ken Grant at (607)538-9012, Event Chairman or Trey Miller at the Scout Service Center or by e-mail at [ralph.miller@bsamail.org](mailto:ralph.miller@bsamail.org).

## Friends of Scouting Update

The 2009 Friends of Scouting Program is underway. Special thanks to the Foothills District Committee and Commissioners Staff who kicked off the Program and to the following units who have signed up for a Family Presentation- Troops 34, 88, 99 in Sidney, Troop 59 Masonville, Pack 11 Breakabeen, Pack 30 Middleburgh, Pack 34 Sidney, Pack 33 Delhi, Pack 45 Walton, Pack 88 Sidney, and Pack 75 Hancock . If your Unit would like to participate, please contact Trey Miller at the Council Service Center (607) 432-6491 or by e-mail at [rhmillier@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmillier@bsamail.org). We look forward to adding your Unit to our Special Thanks section each month.

## Seeking Scouting Photos

Scouting photos are something to share with the world. They let others know of the fun and adventure you and your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and fellow Scouters have by sending your pictures (copies or digital please) to [ralph.miller@bsamail.org](mailto:ralph.miller@bsamail.org) or mail them to Otschodela Council, PO Box 1356, Oneonta, NY 13820 c/o Trey Miller. Thank you for your help in sharing the Scouting message. Photos that are received will be used in our Camping Brochures, Annual Report, Friends of Scouting Presentations, and will be available at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) in the Photo Gallery.

## District Recognition Dinner

On Saturday, January 10, 2009 the Foothills District is hosting its Third Annual District Recognition Dinner at the United Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street in Delhi starting at 6:00

PM. This event is open to all District Volunteers, Unit Leaders, Committee Members, Chartered Organization Representatives, 2008 Eagle Scouts and family members. Special Awards will be presented and all 2008 Eagle Scouts will be recognized for their accomplishments. More information, Registration forms and Award Updates are available at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

### **Foothills District Meeting/Commissioners' Meeting**

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Delaware County Public Safety Building, Delhi.

# **Deerslayer District**

## **Dates to Remember**

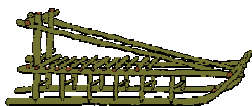
January:

- 1 **Happy New Year - Scout Service Center Closed**
- 2 Scout Service Center closed for inventory
- 8 Roundtable - Schenevus School 7 pm
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Service Center Closed

## **Rechartering 2009**

The annual process of individuals and unit re-registration will continue to be done with "on-line" rechartering. Most of the units in our Deerslayer District process the recharter papers in the month of March. The online process is done at the convenience of the unit with a person knowledgeable of computer operation. Your unit controls the information that is imputed into the system by your people. After the unit has completed the process and printed out the charter, the signature process of the charter head, unit leader, and unit commissioner still need to be done in person at a charter review meeting. The completed charter, with the money, then needs to be turned into the Scout Office.

## **Winter Camporee - Klondike Derby**



This Winter Camporee will be held at the Unadilla Rod and Gun Club on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Troop 18 is the hosting unit and they have done a great job in planning a traditional Klondike Derby for all the scouts. Outdoor skills will be tested in this timed course event. Appropriate clothing is a must and sneakers will not be allowed. Registration is \$7.00 per scout. Additional information will be in a mailing to unit leaders and on the council web page [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

## **District Award of Merit**

Many individuals contribute to the success of our Deerslayer District. Recognition of those individuals is an important part of our spirit in the District. Each year you are given the opportunity to recommend an individual to receive the District Award of Merit. The application process is simple. Request a form from the council office, your Unit Commissioner or go online at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org).

All applications will be reviewed by members of the District Committee and the selection of three names will be made at the district meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>. Presentation of the award will take place at the Council Recognition Dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **January Roundtable**

We had fun at our November 2008 Roundtable. Sy Lloyd and Dave McLean put on a great program as always. Our next Roundtable will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Schenevus School at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you all there.

Donna Rowe  
Roundtable Commissioner

## **Cub Scout Winter Event**

This year our Cub Scout Winter Event will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at a couple of alternate sites right now, but put that date on your Cub Scout Calendar. More information will be coming soon in a mailing and on the council website at [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org). Registration will be \$5.00 for each scout.



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**WEB SITES:**

**[www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org)**

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**Office Hours**

**Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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