

Council Fires

Otschodela Council

November 2006

Dates to Remember

November:

- 1 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.**
Office Closed
- 4 Council Good Turn - Food Drive
- 4 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Oneonta**
- 4 Trails End Popcorn Delivery
- 5 **Den Chief Training - 1-5 pm**
- 11 Council Auction SUCO - 6 pm
- 11 Council Good Turn - Pick Up
- 11 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Cobleskill - 1-5 pm**
- 12 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Walton 1-6 pm**
- 13 Henderson Scout Camp Closed
Deer Hunting Season Begins
- 23-24 Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Day

Camping News

Boy Scout Camp Deadlines



Fee: \$210.00

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

March 10th - \$50 reservation fee per Scout.

March 10th - merit badge sign up online

begins.

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

June 10th - last day for reduced fee incentive.

Webelos Camp Deadlines:

Fee: \$100.00

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

June 10th - 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

CD of your camp pictures for our new Henderson Website.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Dream of spending some time on a Treasure Hunt, Exploring the Amazon, Sahara Desert, or the Land Down Under? Well you can at Day Camp 2007.

This year's theme is Amazing Adventures. We will be conducting Day Camps on July 9-12 in Walton, July 16-19 in Oneonta and July 23-26 in Cobleskill. The fee for camp this year will be \$60. All Packs who have at least 60% of their Tigers and Wolf Cub Scouts attend will receive a special incentive and discount. The camp will start earlier (8:30 AM) and run later (4:00 PM) to accommodate parents with pick up of their children. A special campfire and BBQ will be held early evening on Thursday for family members. Look for more information on the fun and exciting world of Cub Scout Camping at www.otschodela.org. You can also contact your District Executive to schedule a Cub camping promotion for your Pack this winter.



Philmont 2008

We are still beating the drum to recruit some



physically fit adults that are interested in spending two weeks during the summer of 2008 at Philmont Scout Reservation. This is a great opportunity to hike the trails of New Mexico, do some white water rafting, visit historical locations and know that you have accomplished something that few others have. The experience will begin when we receive your application which may be downloaded off our website or sent from our council office. If you would like additional information don't hesitate to call the council office at 1-800-778-6813.

Den Chief Training

Please keep in mind the Den Chief Training on Sunday, November 5, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Catskill Center for Independent Living (next to the Scout Office). We ask that Den Leaders who will be receiving a Den Chief also attend this training so they may get a better understanding of methods used to make Den Chiefs successful with the Packs.

Scouting for Food

Many families will benefit from your Scouts participation in our Good Turn effort. Local food banks depend on the support they receive through our combined efforts on November 11, 2006. While on this day we salute the Veteran's of our country it is also a day when we salute those individuals who gave their time and talent to help us reach our goal. We give special thanks to:

Barbara Rothenberg - Council Chair
Jeff Staples - Foothills District Chair
Anne Dickson - Deerslayer District West Chair
Sue Paulson - Deerslayer District East Chair

And all of our Community Chairs who helped in this Good Turn!

Trails End Popcorn

Midsale Popout!

WCDO, WSRK, WDOS, and WZOZ Radio not only are great radio stations, but are also supporters of our popcorn program. Listen during the month of October for your chance to

win Caramel Popcorn, or to hear our Scouts on the morning shows as they tell the listeners of the fun and excitement they have in the Scouting Program.

Fill a Sheet- Win Great Stuff

Popcorn Sale Update

We're pleased to announce the winners of our September Fill a Sheet Drawing. 34 Boys participated in the September Fill a Sheet and more will be entered in the October Drawing. Boys receive 1 entry for each sheet they fill- the more sheets you fill the more chances to win!



Russell Storey- Pack 33 Delhi
Keith Brundage- Pack 33 Delhi
Paul Loiacono- Troop 9 Edmeston
Chris Lentner- Pack 91 Oneonta
Mark Johnson- Troop 9 Edmeston
Brandon Kline- Troop 9 Edmeston
Jeffrey Daye- Troop 33 Delhi
Grand Prize- Scooter Winner
Tyler Davis- Troop 45 Walton

Important Dates to Remember

October 27- **Next** fill a Sheet Drawing Sheets due to Scout Office

November 2- Popcorn Sort at Schumans Van Lines- volunteers needed – to help call

Tom Wright at 432-6491 or e-mail tlwright@bsaemail.org

November 4- Popcorn Pick Up at Schumans Van Lines- Route 23 Southside Oneonta

Scout Ski Day!

Maple Ski Ridge located at 2725 Mariaville Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306 is offering a Scout Ski Day on Thursday December 28, 2006 - 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$26.00 for 7 hour area use ticket and 7 hour ski rental, and \$20.00 for 7 hour area use ticket only.

Drawings for prizes will take place throughout the day.

For more information or to sign up, please call Lorraine Moyer at (518) 381-4700.

LFL/Exploring

Dates to Remember

November:

- 9 Service Team Meeting
- 11 Council Auction Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta 6:00 pm

Career Achievement Awards

The purpose of the Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program is to: provide direction to Explorers in individual proficiency, Motivate Explorers, recognize Explorers for significant community service, and give Explorers distinguished credentials for their resumes.

Explorers can earn a Career Achievement Award in one or all of the 12 career clusters. To earn a Career Achievement Award, the candidates must provide 50 hours of community service and complete any nine career achievements.

Certificates are available through the local Learning for Life Office. **Adult leaders may purchase a quantity of the certificates and present them as merited.**

Qualifying achievements are provided for: Fire and Emergency Services, Health, and Law Enforcement.

Visit www.learning-for-life.org for more information.

Leadership Award for Youth and Adults

The Exploring/Learning for Life Leadership Award

is a distinguished award for Explorers, high school participants, and adult volunteer leaders who have given exceptional leadership in Exploring or Learning for Life programs.



Qualifications: active youth participant or adult leader for at least one year in either the Learning for Life high school program or Exploring. Demonstrated exceptional dedication and gave outstanding leadership to the youth participants in either the Learning for Life high school program or Exploring. Provide at least three

statements of recommendation from post, or group, school, employer, civic, or community leaders with nomination form. Awards will be presented at the May 7th council dinner. The award is a certificate. Youth will also receive a medallion.

Contact the Service Center for an Application or visit www.learning-for-life.org. Also on this site are all resources, National Exploring Awards and scholarships.

Foothills District

Dates to Remember

November:

- 9 Camping Committee Delhi Town Hall 7:00

December:

- 14 District Committee/ Commissioners Oneonta NYSEG 7:00 (FOS Kickoff)

Electronic Rechartering Starts

Foothills District Packs, Troops and Crews will once again have the opportunity to recharter online and be the first to preview the new Centennial Quality Unit Award. Internet rechartering is a web-based method for units to review their charters from any online location - at home or at the office. Units will love this method; it's easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself.

Here's how it works: the Otschodela Council has an internet rechartering page on our web site www.otschodela.org with instructions and a link to the software. Your unit receives the charter renewal packet as usual from the commissioner, only now the packet includes information for internet rechartering, including an access code especially for the unit.

Contact your commissioner now and get your recharter packet to get started! Packs can start the process on the website November 1st. The unit selects an adult to complete the online process. This renewal processor uses the access code to log onto the internet's rechartering web site, selecting to start the

process with current ScoutNet data or data from unit management software. At any time, the renewal processor can suspend the electronic rechartering process and return later to the last completed screen.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members, and update information for any registrant. When completed the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNet and a unit charter renewal report package is printed. This package includes the unit charter application. Acquire the signatures for the application, review it with your Unit Commissioner and send your printed charter, any new youth and adult applications, and all fees to the council office.

There is a link to internet rechartering tutorial and help on the Otschodela Council web site www.otschodela.org. **Check it out!**

If you have any questions or comments contact the Otschodela Council Office (607) 432-6491 or Joe Bradford (607) 278-5855 or lcjscouts@hotmail.com.

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

Providing a great program and delivering the promises of Cub Scouting to the boys we serve is very important. To assist you in **doing your best** we will conduct a Cub Scout Leader training for all leaders on November 12, 2006 at the United Presbyterian Church, 58 East Street in Walton from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Please call the office for directions. Please complete the application form enclosed with this newsletter.

District Leadership

Our district leadership includes some very talented, experienced leaders. Areas of responsibility are listed below. If you have questions about a particular area please contact the people listed.

District Committee Chairman - David Leidy (607) 563-2905

District Commissioner - (unit service) Joe Bradford (607) 278-5855



Cub Scout Committee - Penney Harageones (607) 746-2965

Training Committee - (Cub & Scout training courses) Interim Chair- Nancy Peck (607) 563-8119

Advancement Committee - Karen Prestidge (607) 865-7482

Camping and Outdoor Committee - (camping and Scout events) Ken Grant (607) 538-9012

Finance/Friends of Scouting Committee- Ben Novellano (607) 547-2951

FOS 2007- Friends of Scouting is For Our Scouts!

Thank you to all Units, Families, and Community Members who participated in our 2006 Friends of Scouting Campaign! We're gearing up for our 2007 Campaign and are looking for stories on how Scouting has helped your child or family to include in our brochures and presentations. We are also starting to schedule our Family Presentations between January and March. Letters will be mailed to all Leaders, Committee Chairmen, and Chartered Organizations about this program. Please send your stories and presentation date to Trey Miller at rhmillier@bsaemail.org or to our Scout Office. Thank you for your help in supporting the Scouts of Otschodela Council.

What Floats Your Boat?

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee held on **October 14-15** at the South



Kortright Central School saw all Cub Scouts and their families enjoying life on the seas! Thank you to host Pack 39 of Hobart for your enthusiasm and the Cub Scout Committee of Penny Harageones, Bruce and Helen VanHouten, Linda Vausse, Andrew Searles, Jim Barlow and OA Brothers from the Foothills Chapter of Onteroraus Lodge for putting together another fun and exciting event for the Cub Scouts and Webelos of Foothills District. Visit www.otschodela.org for pictures of this event.

We look forward to seeing you again at this winters "Winter Wonderland!"

Be Prepared Fall Camporee 2006



The Boy Scout Fall Camporee on **October 20-22** held at the Fire

Training Center in Hamden saw over 150 Boy Scouts, Leaders and Explorers meet the challenges of Emergency Preparedness. Thank you to all of the area Volunteer Emergency Services, Fire Departments, Delaware County Sheriffs, NYS Police, US Armed Forces, Life Flight, Stop DWI, Delaware County EMS Coordinator Rich Bell and the Foothills District Camping Committee- Ken Grant, Frank Bovee, Jim Barlow, Don Weiss, Helen VanHouten, and the OA Brothers from the Foothills Chapter of Onteroraus Lodge. Visit www.otschodela.org for pictures and news from this event. We look forward to seeing you again this winter at our Winter Klondike/Camporee Weekend!

Foothills District Meeting/Commissioners' Meeting

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Oneonta NYSEG Building**. 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 Joe Bradford at 278-5855.

The Sky's the Limit!

Attention all Scoutmasters! Do your older boys and/or girls seek more adventure in their lives? Encourage them to join a Venture Crew. Whether they are interested in High Adventure, SCUBA Diving, Fly Fishing, Sailing or just some fun with other teenagers there is a Crew for them. Exciting programs are being planned for all Venturers in 2006-2007. For more information on starting a Venture Crew contact Paul Brody at (518) 299-3141.

District Recognition Dinner

On Saturday, January 6, 2007 the Foothills District is hosting its First Annual District Recognition Dinner. This event is open to all District Volunteers, Unit Leaders, Committee Members, Chartered Organization Representatives, 2006 Eagle Scouts and family members. Special Awards will be presented and all 2006 Eagle Scouts will be recognized for their accomplishments. More information, Registration Forms, and Nomination forms will be available on www.otschodela.org.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

November:

- 1 East Area Commissioner's Meeting, St Paul Lutheran Church Richmondville
- 4 Cub Scout Leader Training, St. Mary's Parish Center Walnut Street, Oneonta, 1-5 pm
- 5 Den Chief Leaders and Youth Training
- 8 West Area Commissioner's Meeting, American Legion/VFW Hall, Chestnut St. Oneonta 7 pm
- 9 District Meeting, Schenevus Central School 7 pm
- 11 Veterans Day - Always Remember
- 11 Cub Scout Leader Training, St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill 7 pm
- 15 Central Area Commissioners Meeting VFW Building Cooperstown, 7 pm
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving

- 27 Cub and Scout Leader Roundtable St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill
- 29 Camping Committee Meeting Schenevus Central School 7 pm

Roundtable

Scheduled for Monday, November 27th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the St. Vincent De Paul Church in Cobleskill. One of the features will be a day camp presentation by Nancy Rigley. If you would like some up to date information on camp for 2007 or have questions please come out. Boy Scout Leaders are welcome as well as we always have a surprise presentation.

Race to Cub Scouting



Well if you drive around Otsego and Schoharie County you can't miss the "Join Cub Scouting" yard signs. As time

goes on we are sure to have as many in place as Rich Devlin who is running for sheriff. The in school boy talk and sign up night are the keys to success in rebuilding your Cub Scout Pack. We salute the following units who recruited 62 new Cub Scout in September.

Pack 5	5 boys	Pack 44*	17 boys
Pack 10*	10 boys	Pack 91	7 boys
Pack 12	10 boys	Pack 105	7 boys
Pack 17	6 boys		

*Pack 10 of Laurens and Pack 44, Gilbertsville reached their pack goal. Great work!

Don't forget to pick up your free Pinewood Derby Car for all new boys that you register.

Congratulations

To Yvonne Coddington, Terri Butts, Brenda Friedel, Carrieann Heath, Dawn Spinola and Heather Mann who completed New Leader Essentials.

To Bob Cornell, Karen Miller, Jean Naples, Dawn Spinola, Yvonne Coddington, Heather Mann, Terri Butts, Carrieann Heath, Brenda Friedel who completed Cub Leader Training Specific to their position.

To Donna Rowe who completed training in Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, and Powder Horn.

Quality Unit

After our October 1st Cub Scout Leader Training two additional units now join the ranks of quality unit. Pack 9, Edmeston, and pack 24, Oneonta. Our thanks to the Cubmasters in both these units who made it happen.

Memorial Garden Work Days

We will be holding three work days at the Memorial Garden over the next three months:
Nov 11

The work days will begin at 9 am and conclude mid afternoon. Your help is welcome for all or part of the time. Dress to get dirty!

Suggested materials to bring:

- Work gloves
- Gardening tools like trowels, clippers, etc.
- Shovels
- Wheel barrels
- Brooms

For more information, see <http://external.oneonta.edu/tcfoneonta/> and click on the "Oneonta Memorial Garden" link. The garden is behind the Oneonta High School on East Street in Oneonta.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. haehnel@hartwick.edu.

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November 11, 2006 - 6:00 p.m. - Morris Hall

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Review the catalog and bid online at www.otschodela.org

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