

# Council Fires

## Otschodela Council

## October 2006

### Dates to Remember

October:

- 1 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Oneonta**
- 1-23 Trails End Popcorn Sale
- 4 **Council Staff Meeting**  
**Office Closed 9-10:30 a.m.**
- 7 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Stamford**
- 9 **Columbus Day, Servicercenter Closed**
- 22 **Cub Scout Leader Training - Cobleskill**
- 29 **Cub Scout Leader Training**  
**Cooperstown**

### Council Auction

The 2006 Council Auction will be held at Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta at 6:00 p.m. November 11<sup>th</sup>, Tom Morgan is Chairman of the auction committee.

Live and silent auction items

Lite food and beverages

#### Partial list of items:

- Tandem Load Crusher Run
- Ride in a Jet Trainer
- Dicks Sporting Goods Certificates
- Whitewater Rafting Certificates
- Premium Leather Boots
- Lutz Feed Gift Certificates
- Sport Tech Gift Certificate
- Watercolor Painting by Harriet Otis
- Guided 1 Day Kayak Trip
- Otesaga & Brooks Gift Certificates
- Fuel
- Custom Embroidered Clothing
- Tony Mongillo D & H Railroad Print
- Dan Tennant Print
- Binghamton Senators Hockey Tickets
- Binghamton Mets Baseball 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
- 1 Day Snow Shoe/Ski Tour
- Attorney Simple Will Services
- Automotive Services



- Restaurant Certificates
- Crumhorn Lake Camp Weekend
- Crumhorn Lake Camp Week
- Hartwick College Coaches Club
- 2 YMCA Family Guest Passes
- Catskill Symphony Subscriptions
- Ski Plattekill Tickets
- Health Links Membership
- Business Printing
- Wine
- Pet Lovers Gift Basket
- 6 Month Daily Star Subscription
- Oneonta Tigers Tickets
- 2 Nights Holiday Inn Express, Cooperstown
- 2 Cases BK Coffee
- Carpet Steam Cleaning Services
- Pest Control Services
- Handmade Flint Knife
- 2 Hour Flint Knapping Lesson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lake Adirondack Cottage
- Set of 10 Lenox Confederacy Plates
- Seneca 1915 "Scout" Camera
- Rental Gift Certificates
- Handcrafted Copper Water Fountain
- Chimney Cleaning
- Truckload of guys (to work)
- Signed **It Takes a Village Idiot**
- Personal Financial Analysis
- Subaru Service
- Children's Quilt
- Compact Refrigerator
- Canon Photo Printer
- Herkimer Diamond Pendant and Earring Set
- Ruby Pendant and Earring Set
- Blue Topaz Bracelet, Earring, and Ring Set
- Peridot Necklace, Earring, and Ring Set
- Brewery Omegang Ales
- 10 Yard Dumpster (5 days)
- Cleveland Golf Wedge
- Signed Lithograph "The Dream"
- Maple Ski Ridge Package
- Auction Needs**
- Baskets for Gift Baskets - call 1-800-778-6813.

See our website [www.otschodela.org](http://www.otschodela.org) for monthly updates starting in October. We will accept online bids at the auction link on the website starting October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Popcorn Sale Important Dates



All indication shows we should have a great sale with over 70% of the price going to local Scouting. Remember your unit can receive an extra 5% in commission bonus if 70% of your Scouts reach the scout goal of \$350. Remember by filling a sheet a Scout is eligible for a special drawing. **October 27<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for completed forms submitted to the Scout Office.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** units submit orders and prize orders before 12:00 noon. Please order in full cases.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** units pick up popcorn at Schumans B-Line on Route 23 Southside Oneonta by assigned times. Units deliver popcorn to salesmen.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** unit invoices are due to the Council Service Center.

### Hike the Historic Trail at Vroman's Nose

The Vroman's Nose Preservation Committee in cooperation with the Otschodela Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America declared the Vroman's Nose Hiking Trail to be listed as an official historic trail by the Boy Scouts of America. The trail is located off NY State Route 30 just outside of West Middleburgh. The trail, which is suitable for hiking by Packs, Troops, and Crews offers a fantastic view of the Schoharie Valley. It gives a panoramic view of areas settled by an Iroquois Indian tribe as well as several buildings that were erected just after the Revolutionary War.

Units wishing to complete the requirements for earning the Vroman's Nose Historic Trail patch may contact the Scout Office.

### Flood Relief

We are so blessed with the area we live in and glad that our fall programs have started. We all had a challenging summer. The June floods brought devastation to Scouters, some of our units, and the council office.

We are now in the recovery mode and are helping our units get back on their feet so they can again deliver the quality of program our units are known for.

As you can imagine, the needs vary from books, program supplies to camping gear. If you would like

to donate supplies, equipment or money to help these units recover, please contact Scout Executive Tom Wright at (607) 432-6491 or [tlwright@bsamail.org](mailto:tlwright@bsamail.org) May God Bless you and our scouting family.

### 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. Please send your stories to Trey Miller at [rhmillier@bsamail.org](mailto:rhmillier@bsamail.org) or to our Scout Office. Thank you for your help in supporting the Scouts of Otschodela Council.

### Scouting for Food

Many of our leaders and scouting families are now able to identify with friends and neighbors who found recently that water damage to their home and property has now affected their household food budget: It is not easy to justify taking your family out to dinner when you find yourself preparing your meals on a propane stove. Food banks in our local area are seeing 75 and 100% increases in the number of families they serve. Several are scouting families and many are neighbors.



Scouting conducts an annual national "Good Turn". Over the past few years times have been pretty good and food banks did not struggle to keep up the demand. Well it's not the case this year. Food banks need our help, the help of our friends and the help of our neighbors. The only way we can help them is to use our more than 2,500 youth members and 1,500 adult volunteers plus a few thousand parents to solicit food for our communities.

In the next two weeks, community volunteers will be contacting all Unit Chairs. They are going to ask if your unit will be a part of Scouting's good turn. You know what the answer should be.

The job is simple. The council will give you enough door hangers;, compliments of MeadWestVaco to go to every house in your community. Boys and parents spend part of Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> giving out the hangers. The following Saturday the boys and parents get together again and collect the food items from every house. The food is brought to your local food pantry where it is counted and put on a shelf. Your job is done. In most communities it takes about two hours to get everything finished. Support Scouting's good turn, don't say NO!

## Philmont 2008

We are looking for a few good leaders to lead our Philmont contingent in 2008. Physically fit is a must along with a commitment to put in a sustained effort making sure everything is covered. This is a once in a lifetime experience. It will begin when we receive your application which may be downloaded off our website or picked up at our council office. The trip itself will take place in July, 2008 and will last for two weeks. If you need additional information don't hesitate to call the council office at 1-800-778-6813.

## Order of the Arrow

August is our month to collect lodge dues. Dues are \$10.00 for the year and go toward mailing, camp improvements, leadership seminars, and other essential funding.

If you would like to continue receiving lodge newsletters while remaining active in the lodge, as well as in the national database, please tear off the sheet below and return with a check made out to Onterouraus Lodge 402, BSA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/adult

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordeal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brotherhood Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Otschodela Council, BSA

ATTN: OA Dues

PO Box 1356

Oneonta, NY 13820-5356

## Boy Scout Camp Deadlines

Fee: \$210.00



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

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

March 10<sup>th</sup> - merit badge sign

up online begins.

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

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

## Webelos Camp Deadlines:

Fee: \$100.00

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

CD of your camp pictures for our new Henderson Website.

## Herkimer Diamond Mines

The Herkimer Diamond Mines, Inc. welcomes you to the Northeast BOY SCOUT Jamboree Weekend on November 3-5, 2006, for our Sixth Annual Geology Badge opportunity.



We can accommodate up to 500 Scouts for this exciting challenge. Reservations are now being taken at (315) 717-0175.

The Herkimer Diamond Mines and its KOA Park is closed to the public for this weekend and is only open for the Scout program.

Last year we had 48 Troops for the Northeast participate. This year our goal will be 50!

# Foothills District

## October:

12 District Committee/Commissioners- Oneonta NYSEG Building 7:00

14-15 Cub Scout/ Webelos Event- South Kortright Central School

20-22 Fall Camporee- Hamden Fire Training Center

## November:

9 Camping Committee- Delhi Town Hall 7:00

## Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

The Foothills District Training Committee wants to start the school year right! We have scheduled a training session in Stamford on October 7 - 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.

**Subjects Covered:** Elements of Good Den Meetings, Committee Responsibilities Cub Scout Advancement, Activities, Elements of Good Pack Meetings and Youth Protection.

Every Pack and Troop should have at least its top two adult leaders trained. Packs should also strive to have at least 50 percent of their Den Leaders trained. For information contact Nancy Peck, District Training Chairman at 607-563-8119.

### What Floats Your Boat?

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee is being held on **October 14-15** at the South Kortright Central School. Cub Scouts and Webelos are encouraged to come ready to "Float your boat" with activities about Shipbuilding and Citizenship being part of the program. 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 is available at [www.otschodela.org](http://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.

### Be Prepared Fall Camporee 2006

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on **October 20-22** and being hosted by Troops 33 Delhi, 36 Walton, 49 Hamden and 45 Walton along with EMS, Fire and Police Explorers from Otschodela Council. This Camporee will be held at the Fire Training Center in Hamden. The theme of this year's Camporee is Emergency Preparedness BSA. 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](http://www.otschodela.org). If you have any questions, please call Ken Grant at (607) 538-9012.



### Foothills District Meeting/Commissioners' Meeting

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 or working with an existing Crew contact Trey Miller at 432-6491 or [rhmillier@bsaemail.org](mailto:rhmillier@bsaemail.org).

**Congratulations to the Family Foundation School new Crew 174!**

# Deerslayer District

## Dates to Remember

September:

- 30 Fall Camporee
- 30 Boy Scout Leader Training SUNY Oneonta Chase PE Building 9-5 pm

October:

- 1 Fall Camporee
- 1 Cub Scout Leader Training, St. Mary's (old school) Walnut St. Oneonta, 1-5 pm
- 4 District Recognition Dinner, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville 6:30 pm
- 22 Cub Scout Leader Training, St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill noon-4 pm
- 28 Cub and Webelos Scout Field Day Borst Field Schenevus
- 29 Cub Scout Leader Training, Veterans of Foreign War Bldg., Cooperstown 1-5 pm
- 30 Cub and Scout Leader Roundtable, St. Mary's (old school) Walnut St. Oneonta 7 pm

### Race to Cub Scouting

While we officially began the race into Cub Scouting on August 30<sup>th</sup> at our popcorn kick off several of our Cub Packs have been



recruiting new boys into the program since April 1<sup>st</sup>. We applaud the following units for not only the recruitment but for giving 35 youngsters an opportunity to enjoy a summer of Cub Scouting.

Pack 1	8 Boys	Pack 28	1 boy
Pack 5	9 boys	Pack 37	4 boys
Pack 9	2 boys	Pack 44	3 boys
Pack 12	1 boy	Pack 91	2 boys
Pack 15	3 boys	Pack 105	2 boys

Make sure you pick up your free pinewood derby car at the council office for presentation at your next pack meeting or before your big race this winter.

### Roundtable

Our monthly roundtable is a gathering of adults for an hour and a half to share some ideas, new and old. Information that is new and answers questions that needs to be resolved. Part pertains to Cub Leaders and part pertains to Scout Leaders but we try to make it a benefit to all. If you have something you would like to share contact the council office.

The next two months will feature individuals who are new acting members of the Eagle Scout project committee. They will be going over Scoutmaster and Troop Committee responsibility before and after a project has been approved. This will be interesting.

### District Dinner

As a prelude to the holidays the District will be hosting a Turkey Dinner with all the fixen's at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Richmondville on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$10.00 per person and advance reservations are necessary. Please mail or contact the council office by September 27<sup>th</sup>. The address is BSA PO Box 1356, Oneonta, NY 13820 or call 1-800-778-6813.

### What I Did on my Summer Vacation



Well we now know that over 220 Scouts attended Henderson Scout Camp for part of the summer. That's an increase of 6.3% over last year. We also know that Scouts from Troop 44, Gilbertville conducted a bike hike up in Cape Cod and were guests at the local Scout Camp when the weather turned nasty. Also Troop 4, Schoharie flew out to Montana and visited some of the great natural wonders that God provided for that part of the U.S.

Our Commissioner for Lawyersville reports that Troop 56 is planning a trip to Alaska next year. If your Unit is doing a special trip or outing write up the details and send them to Jim Carter at the council office. We would like to share the information and planning process with other leaders at the monthly roundtable.

### Training

Many new Den Leaders, Assistants, and Committee people were recruited into Cub Scouting last month as their son joined a local Cub Scout Pack. Doing the

job of Den Leader is not an easy one and requires some knowledge and training. As Cubmasters and Committee Chairs you should see that each of



your new leaders is given the Cub Leader Fast Start tape along with the Youth Protection tape for viewing before they begin their role as a leader. Tapes as well as the DVD for both of the above are available through your Unit Commissioner. Over and above this introductory training we have a complete Cub Leader Training available on the following dates and locations:

- Oct. 1 (Sunday) 1-5 p.m., St. Mary's (old school) Oneonta
- Oct. 22 (Sunday) noon-4 p.m. St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill
- Oct. 29 (Sunday) 1-5 p.m. Vet. Of Foreign War, Cooperstown
- Nov. 4 (Saturday) TBA, Oneonta
- Nov. 11 (Saturday) TBA, Cobleskill

Training sessions are also available in Delaware County. See the training flyer for additional information.

### Cub/Webelos Scout Field Day

Once again Cubmaster, Tom Jory and Pack 18, Schenevus have put together a fantastic Field Day for our Cub and Webelos Scouts.

When - Saturday, October 28, 2006

Time - Registration 1 p.m., events 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Closing 3:45 p.m. Separate events for Cubs and Webelos Scouts.

Cost - \$4.00 per Scout

Facilities - water and bathrooms onsite

Food - bring snacks, limited refreshments available

Judges - we will ask one adult from each Pack to assist in judging. Bring a stopwatch or a watch with a second hand.

Recognition - to all Packs that attend. Each event will receive ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

Host - Pack 18 and Troop 18, Schenevus

### Special Events

If you are looking for something to plug into your Den program consider a "Corn Maize" located 1 mile north of Laurens on Route 205. They are holding a special Scout Day on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. For additional information call (607) 432-8989.

### Quality Unit

Sometimes the action of one individual makes a big difference. That's the way it is when it comes to recognizing a unit as a Quality Unit. Last month in

this newsletter we listed 15 units in the district that achieved the status of quality unit. This month while we are not going to list the units, we will tell you that we have five Cub Scout Packs and four Boy Scout Troops that would be recognized as a National Quality Unit if one specific individual went out and became trained for their position. We also have three Cub Scout Packs and two Boy Scout Troops that need two people trained. With all the training being offered in the next two months we certainly hope that everyone takes the opportunity to be involved.

### Welcome

To Tammy Lawyer new Scoutmaster for Troop 5, Cobleskill.

To John Morgenstern, District Public Relations Chair.

To Randall Meschutt, District Venturing Program Chair.

To Sharon Bagdovitz, District Member at Large.

To Christopher Sadlocha, District Cub Program Chair.

### Congratulations

To Roy Bilby, Amy White, and Sandra Brewster of Troop 15, Richmondville who earned the Boy Scout Leader Training award.

# Exploring

### Dates to Remember

November:

9 Service Team Meeting

11 Council Auction Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta  
6:00 pm

### 2007 National Fire/Emergency Services

#### Exploring Conference

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Objectives** - The objectives of the 2007 National Fire/Emergency Service Exploring Conference area to: Provide an opportunity to substantially enrich the program of each Fire/Emergency Services Post.

**Who can register?** Registration is open to all Fire/Emergency Services Posts 5 that have a minimum of two Explorers participating. Posts must meet the appropriate leadership requirements.

**Website and e-mail** - The Conference Guidebook can be found on the official Fire/Emergency Services Web page, which is linked to [222.learningforlife.org/exploring/fire](http://222.learningforlife.org/exploring/fire).

**Team events** - There will be eight team events, each sponsored by an agency with considerable

expertise in the respective event subject. The events will be as follows:

1. CPR and movement
2. Spinal immobilization and move
3. Arson investigation
4. Bunker gear and SCBA relay
5. Room search
6. Paramedic biking competition
7. Make and break
8. Ladder raise

**Individual events** - The purpose of individual events is, once again, to provide a learning experience for the participants. Some events involve hands-on competition; others involve competing against a standard and do not result in an overall winner. Individual events may include the following:

1. One-person CPR
2. Candidate physical ability test (CPAT)
3. Written examination
4. Initial size-up and incident command
5. Wildfire shelter deployment
6. Bunker gear and SCBA
7. Drill competition
8. Hose race

### Firematics

A hearty thank you to Post 1327 Stamford for hosting our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Firematics. Head Judge Carl French brought a beautiful day and enjoyed the cooperation of all involved.



### Posts Attending:

Esperance  
Crew 11 Breakabeen  
Sidney Fire Dept.  
Stamford  
Masonville

Delhi  
Cherry Valley  
Gilbertsville  
Sidney Center

### Event Standings:

Gilbertsville 1st place  
Esperance 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Delhi 2<sup>nd</sup> place

### EMS Competition

Several Posts have asked us to put the competition in the 2007 calendar. Historically it has been early April with events: 1) basic first aid, 2) vehicle extrication and patient packaging, 3) rescue knots, 4) rescue and medical equipment ID, 5) HAZ-MAT ID, 6) CPR/AED.

Call 1-800-778-6813 ext. 205 for more information or to sign up your Post. We need 5 Posts and a host to begin planning by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**2006 DEN CHIEF TRAINING COURSE**

Den Chiefs are a vital part of Cub Scouting as a youth assistant to an adult Cub Den Leader. Each Troop in Otschodela Council should be assisting the growth of their local packs by selecting Scouts with good leadership potential for Den Chief training and contacting their local Cubmasters to find out how many Den Chiefs are needed in each community. This 4 hour training will be held on 5, 2006 at the Sunday, November **Catskill Center For Independence, next door to Scout Office Route 23 Southside Oneonta.**

**2006 DEN CHIEF TRAINING REGISTRATION**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2006 ONEONTA 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_