

Council Fires

Otschodela Council

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September 2006

Dates to Remember:

September:

- 1 Trails End Popcorn Sale Begins
- 4 **Service Center Closed, Labor Day**
- 6 **Council Staff Meeting 9-10:30 am Office Closed**
- 15-17 Auriesville Retreat
- 22-24 **Wood Badge Training**
- 30 **Boy Scout Leader Training - Oneonta**

Service Center Fall Hours

Starting September 1, 2006 we will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed on September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. for full staff meetings.

Council Auction

The 2006 Council Auction will be held at Morris Hall SUNY Oneonta on the evening of November 11th, Tom Morgan is Chairman of the auction committee.

Live and silent auction items
Light food and beverages

Partial list of items:

Fishing Equipment
Tandem Load Crusher Run
Ride in a Jet Ground Attack Fighter
Professional Forestry Consultation
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
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
Tax Return Service
Automotive Services
Restaurant Certificates
Craft Items
Crumhorn Lake Camp Weekend
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Hartwick College Coaches Club
2 Hours YMCA Personal Training
Catskill Symphony Subscriptions
Ski Plattekill Tickets
Health Links Membership
Business Printing
Wine
1 Case Freixenet Brut
1 Case Totts Brut
14 Kt White Gold Pendants with Herkimer Diamonds
Sterling Silver and Precious Stone Pendants
Necklaces and Bracelets
Polynesian Handmade Necklace and Earring Set
Pet Lovers Gift Basket
Guided Catskill Hike
6 Month Daily Star Subscription
Baseball Museum Tickets
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
4th Lake Adirondack Cottage
See our website www.otschodela.org for monthly updates starting in September. We will accept online bids at the auction link on the website starting October 1st.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Day camp experienced another successful year of operation thanks to over fifty volunteers from Otschodela Council and Crew 4051 from Americorps who staffed the two camps under the direction of Camp Director Nancy Rigley and Program Director Sharon Vrooman who worked hard through the changes that were made due to the flooding. While the Cubs completed several of the requirements and electives in the new Wolf or Bear Book the important thing they came away with was a spirit of working and playing together while having fun on the "Islands". We extend a special thanks to each of the parents and leaders who brought the Cubs to Day Camp and spent part of a day or in some cases the whole week with the boys at camp. Your dedication is what makes our program work! Have a great year in Cub Scouting. We are already beginning to plan for next year. If you would like to be a part of next year's Day Camp staff, or if you have ideas or suggestions that will improve the Day Camp program, please call the Scout Service Center at 607-432-6491 or e-mail Trey Miller at rhmillier@bsamail.org.

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. 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 30 at the State University College at Oneonta at the NASCAR 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 Joe Bradford at 278-5855 or drop him an e-mail at lcjscouts@aol.com. In Deerslayer District contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Paul Berard at 518-234-3625.

We're Popping over Popcorn!

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

and continue with all orders to the Council Service Center by Monday October 23. Your Scouts can have an Ideal Year of Scouting through this one FUNdraiser by working as a Den or Patrol during the sale. Remember Popcorn also makes great gifts for family and friends and for our Servicemen and women throughout the world with an APO Address. We look forward to seeing you at the NASCAR Event on Wednesday August 30, 2006 at the Morris Conference Center, State University College at Oneonta starting at 6:30 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@bsamail.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 in Foothills District who sell \$500.00 or more will have a chance to throw a pie in District Executive Trey Miller's Face at your Unit's 2007 F O S Presentation in Jan., Feb. or Mar.

Scout Parents- Scouting Parents make great parents too!

Otschodela Council is pleased to announce the new National Parent Initiative "Scout Parents". This program is 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 will be available on www.otschodela.org or by visiting www.scoutparents.org. We look forward to hearing about your Unit's success with this great program.

Philmont – 2008

Philmont Scout Reservation located in Cimarron, New Mexico is the ultimate Scouting location for a High Adventure Experience. The Otschodela Council is preparing the paperwork to sign up one or more crews to experience what Philmont has to offer. Before we can make reservations, we need adults who would be interested in leading a group in the summer of 2008.

Past Philmont Leader, Brian Danforth, has agreed to head the committee for the trip. If you don't mind meeting once a month for the next two years, taking a few local hikes and spending time searching for the best deal on transportation and tours and don't have a problem hiking 50 to 80 miles in a 10 day period, why don't you call the Scout office for a Leader Application. (1-800-778-6813)

Foothills District

Dates to Remember

September:

- 14 Camping Committee Delhi Town Hall 7 pm
- 30 **Boy Scout Leaders Training – Oneonta**

October:

- 12 District Committee/Commissioners- Oneonta NYSEG Building 7:00
- 14-15 Cub Scout/ Webelos Event
- 20-22 Fall Camporee- Hamden Fire Training Center

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.

Cub Scout Field Days

The Cub Scout Field Days and Webelos Camporee are being held on October 14-15. 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 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 2006

The Boy Scout Fall Camporee is being held on October 14-16 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 tentatively 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. If you have any questions, please call Ken Grant at (607) 538-9012.



Foothills District Meeting/Commissioner's Meeting

Our next District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th 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@bsamail.org.

Congratulations to the Family Foundation School for completing Venture Leader Training on the road to Crew 174!

FOS Update

Thank you to Troops 34, 88 and 99 and Packs 8, 11, 30, 33, 45, 63, 74, 80, 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 30 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 124 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 4th and 11th 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 48,000 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 4th. Food items will be picked up on November 11th.

Special Note- Due to the recent flooding throughout our Foothills District your help is needed more than ever. 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!

O/A Get-Away Weekend

The Foothills Chapter of the Order of the Arrow is planning a get-away weekend Sept. 15-17 in the Adirondacks. All O/A members, youth and adult, are

invited! We will be camping at Fish Creek State Campground (north of Tupper Lake) and activities will include canoeing (we'll supply the canoes and PFDs), biking (you supply the bike and helmet), hiking (you supply the feet), volleyball, swimming, fishing (you supply the license and gear), hanging out, eating (everyone supplies food), and more. We may also do some sightseeing, depending on the wishes of those attending. Cost is \$8 per person, plus food. You will need to supply your own tent and personal camping gear; we will all work together to provide cooking and kitchen gear. Please notify Helen Van Houten, Chapter Advisor (607-278-5093) or vanhouhr@oneonta.edu) or Derrick Mott, Assoc. Chapter Advisor (607-316-2668 or derrickmott@gmail.com) by Sept. 1 if you are interested in going.

Exploring

Dates to Remember

September:

- 7 Service Team Meeting, Bolton Scout Center, Oneonta 7 pm
- 17 Firematics Competition, Stamford

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 will be 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.

17th Annual Old-Time Fire Meet

Sunday, September 17, 2006

Location: Stamford Firehouse

Captains meeting 12:45

Event begins 1:00 pm

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 Servicer.

Post Advisors have the program details.

Deerslayer District

Dates to Remember

September:

- 6 East Area Commissioner's Mtg. – St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill 7:00 p.m.
- 13 West Area Commissioner's Mtg. – American Legion, Chestnut Street, Oneonta, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 District Meeting, Schenevus Central School, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Central Area Commissioner's Mtg. – T.B.A.
- 25 Cub and Scout Leader Roundtable, St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Camping Committee Mtg., Schenevus Central School, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Fall Camporee

October:

- 1 Fall Camporee
- 1 Cub Scout Leader Specific and New Leader Essentials Training, Oneonta
- 4 District Dinner, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

To Lee Edmonds, New Scoutmaster, Troop 12, Cooperstown, To Richard Jennings, newly selected Chairman for the Deerslayer District.

Thank You

To the Scoutmasters of 21 troops and the District Camping Committee who promoted our Summer Camp Program at Henderson Scout Reservation. Through your personal efforts we experienced a 4.8% increase of boy participation over our 2006 season. We appreciate your efforts.

Congratulations

To Nancy Knorr, Pack 9 and Tim Herzog, Pack 105 for earning the Cub Scout Den Leader Award. To Lorraine Moyer, Pack 105 for earning the Cub Scouter Award. To Erna Beadling of Troop 15 for earning the Boy Scout Leader Training Award. To Kevin DiBartolomeo, Troop 27; Jeff Largeteau, Pack 105; Lori Bomba and Chris Bomba of Troop 1; Patrick Sherry, Troop 10 and Harold Ashe of Troop 31 who completed the Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Skills. To Nancy Knorr, Pack 9 for completing the Webelos Leader Outdoor Training.

To Elinor Cramer, Becky Sears, Jeff Largeteau, Patrick Sherry, Dan and Linda Lachanski, Carol Uhlig, Patricia Goodrich, Seth Gardner, Richi Dee Horne and David Kucera for completing Boy Scout Leader Basic Training.

To Donna Rowe, Unit Commissioner who earned the Boy Scout Leader Training Award.

To Scoutmaster, Harold Ashe, Troop 31, Milford, who brought 100% of his troop to Scout Camp this year.

In Memory

Ernest "Ernie" Holling passed away July 24, 2006. Ernie's contribution to Scouting included Scoutmaster of Troop 21, Oneonta, Vigil Member, Onteroraus Lodge, Exploring Service Team and Commissioner for Pack 24 and 91 in Oneonta. A truly dedicated Scouter who loved working with and talking to the youth in our programs. A good friend who will truly be missed.

Quality Unit 2006

The National Quality Unit Award is a distinct annual recognition for units that meet certain criteria including on-time rechartering, trained leadership and a good outdoor program. We congratulate those units who have met the 2006 requirements.

Pack 5, Cobleskill	Pack 37, Cherry Valley
Pack 44, Gilbertsville	Pack 105, Esperance
Troop 1, Unadilla	Troop 5, Cobleskill
Troop 10, Laurens	Troop 15, Richmondville
Troop 18, Schenevus	Troop 23, Oneonta
Troop 27, Oneonta	Troop 56, Lawyersville
Troop 105, Esperance	Troop 501, Esperance
Crew 17, Sharon Springs	

All units will have until the end of December if they wish to complete the requirements and have their unit added to the list of Quality Units.

Deerslayer District Dinner

Everyone is invited to the First Annual Deerslayer District Dinner which will take place on Wednesday evening, October 4th, 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall in Richmondville. Please note the correct date is October 4th. The turkey dinner with all the fixins will cost \$10.00 per person. Highlights for the evening will include the presentation of not only training awards, but also awards for the following: Cub Scout Leader of the Year, Boy Scout Leader of the Year, Venture Crew Leader of the Year, Commissioner of the Year, District Member of the Year, Cub Pack of the Year, Scout Troop of the Year, Venture Crew of the Year, Cub Scout Pack Summer Award, Boy Scout Troop Summer Award

The evening will involve some fun and fellowship and give everyone an opportunity to meet counterparts from all over the District. Reservations will be limited to 125 people and must be prepaid to the Otschodela Council Office by September 27th. Our address is P.O. Box 1356, Oneonta, New York 13820. Children are welcome.

Race To Cub Scouting

September and October are the months that Cub Packs go out and recruit new members to join their ranks. Once again this year, the Deerslayer District will give a new pinewood derby car to every unit that turns in a Tiger Cub or Cub Scout application form. Regrettably, we do not have the carrying case as they were destroyed in the big flood. 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. We are setting the goal this year at

218 new Cubs, roughly a 10% increase over last year. Additional information will be distributed at the popcorn kickoff on August 30 in Oneonta. We expect to have another great year of Cub Scouting in the Otschodela Council. By recruiting more boys, you increase the amount of fun. Flyers, posters and yard signs will be available again at the Council Office.

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