



# The Heckawee Herald

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## Event Summary

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- Dec 1 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting
  - Dec 3 - NNJC Training: BALOO for Cub Leaders
  - Dec 3-4 - Battleship NJ Overnight
  - Dec 13 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable
  - Dec 15 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners
  - Dec 29 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon

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- Jan 5 - Eagle Recognition Dinner
  - Jan 7 - Wood Badge Critter Breakfast
  - Jan 21 - Three Rivers Dist Tiger Tumble
  - Jan 28 - Three Rivers Dist Klondike Derby

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- Feb 4-5 - Liberty Science Center Camp-In
  - Feb 5 - Scout Sunday
  - Feb 5-11 - TRD Window Display Competition
  - Feb 12 - Catholic Religious Awards
  - Feb 18 - Three Rivers Dist First Aid Rally
  - Feb 24,25,26 - NNJC Scout Ski Days

## Looking Ahead

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- Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow
  - Mar 3 - Training: for Den Chiefs (during Pow Wow)
  - Mar 10 - NNJC training: SM/ASM-Specific
  - Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight
  - Mar 24 - NNJC training: Den Chief
  - Mar 24-25 - Liberty Science Center Camp-In
  - Apr 2 - Campership Deadline
  - Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree
  - May 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend
  - May 6 - Three Rivers Dist Rocket Derby
  - May 19 - NNJC Triathlon
  - May 21 - NNJC Recognition Dinner
  - Jun 6 - NNJC Program Launch
  - Jun 9 - NNJC Beaver Day at All Camps
  - Jun 15-17 - OA Ordeal weekend
  - Jun 16 - Three Rivers Dist Fishing Derby •
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## Other TRD Events (date to be determined)

- (Mar) - TRD Pinewood Derby
- (Mar) - TRD Skit-O-Rama
- (Apr) - TRD Gold Rush / Pirate Quest
- (Apr) - TRD Swim Meet
- (May) - TRD Touch of Summer Camporee
- (May) - TRD Scout-mobile

## Senior DE Joel Lieberman Back in NNJC

*This notice from NNJC was broadcast on Nov 20:*

As of November 15, 2011, Alexander (Lex) Leonard is no longer serving the Northern New Jersey Council or the Three Rivers District. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

The Northern New Jersey Council is proud to announce that Joel Lieberman, former Senior District Executive for the Broken Arrow District and Tantaqua District, has returned from active duty with the United States Air Force; serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Joel will resume his role as a Senior District Executive for the Three Rivers District and will be serving the communities listed below:

Community #2: Jersey City, Weehawken, Union City, North Bergen, West New York, Guttenberg, and Hoboken.

Community #3: Teterboro, Moonachie, Little Ferry, North Arlington, Rutherford, Lyndhurst, Carlstadt, East Rutherford, and Secaucus.

Community #8: Hillsdale, Montvale, Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake, River Vale, Westwood and Washington Twp.

Steve Leonardi will serve Community #4, including the Hackensack area, Englewood, Ridgefield, Bogota, and Teaneck.

We welcome Joel back into service with the Boy Scouts of America and are proud of his service to our country.

Kenyon Sandy  
Director of Field Service  
Northern New Jersey Council

*[Editor's note: The Three Rivers District is divided into nine communities. The four mentioned above are just the ones affected by Joel's return.]*

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Before joining NNJC as a DE, Lex Leonard was well known in the Jersey City art community and its art galleries. He said, "It's been a pleasure to work with the Scouts and I thank you. I'm kick-starting a new business to provide art services for businesses and public facilities. If you or anyone you know is interested please pass on this link:

[www.LobbyScape.com](http://www.LobbyScape.com) •

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### **Small World Alert**

*Biff Van Kleef brought this incident to our attention:*

What a small world to have two Scouters from our council meet in Afghanistan. I wish them well and a safe return home.

Attached are two pictures of District Executive Joel Lieberman and Greg Backer in Kandahar Airfield Base, Afghanistan. This picture was taken on the on-base "boardwalk," outside of Nathan's food stand a few hours before Joel was redeploying back to the states.

In a separate note, Biff said, "Greg Backer is an Eagle Scout from Troop 21, currently living in Elmwood Park." •

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### **Cub Outdoor Activity Day (Nov 5)**

*This follow-up was broadcast on Nov 9:*

Cub Scouts from all over the Three Rivers District converged on Alpine Scout camp for a morning of fun and education, capped by a cook-your-own-burger for lunch. Event organizer Gordon Beattie noted the attendance to be over 260 Cubs and parents.

Gordon and his staff set up 8 stations scattered around the camp, and had groups of Cubs and parents rotate from one to the other at 30-minute intervals. At the stations, the Cubs and parents learned some basic first aid as well as CPR, how to build a safe campfire and make a handy fire starter, how to use a compass and read map symbols, how to tie some useful knots, and how to pitch a tent.

Gordon's own station was called "Technology in Scouting," where he and Barry Messner showed the best kind of gear to buy for the outdoors, and gave pointers on their use. The favorite tip was to make a very inexpensive mess kit using the cups, bowls and tableware that you don't love, so that your Cub will "help" Mom clear out the cupboard and buy new tableware! They also were given ideas on how to mix everyday technology into outdoor activities including amateur radio communications, wireless cameras challenges, plumbing, and personal readiness. Parents were told about our outstanding Cub camps: Camp Lewis and Camp Yaw Paw.

A really cool station was the "Civil War Encampment," where a Union soldier, Randy Andrese, showed off his canvas tent, his rifle, and all the other gear that members of his platoon had to carry with them. His wife, Linda Sue, was there too, wearing an apron that was bloodied from when she assisted surgeons tending the wounded. She also had her own campfire going, and showed the Cubs how soldiers cooked their own meals. Representing the Confederates were the father and son team of Ralph and Tim McBride.

For lunch, Cubs lined up to get a square of aluminum foil, a burger patty, some veggies, and barbecue sauce. After each foil "hobo pack" was securely wrapped, it went onto a 50-foot long bed of hot coals until cooked and ready to eat.

Gordon credited the success of the event to his excellent staff which included Biff Van Kleef who did first aid and CPR, Gerry Beatty and Rich Curran who did fire building, Bob Holstrom and four Boy Scouts from Park Ridge Troop 80 who taught map-and-compass, four Scouts from Bergenfield Troop 139 who demonstrated tent setup while two others taught knots, Connie Muslen who did camp promotions for Lewis and Yaw Paw, Randy and Linda Sue Andrese who set up the Civil War encampment with help from Ralph and Tim McBride, Barry Messner who assisted Gordon at Scouting Technology, Diana Valencia who was responsible for procuring all the food and then organized the chow line for burgers, and District Vice Chair of Program Leslie Sonkin and District Director Steve Leonardi who manned the registration table, along with District Executive Ian Meades. Additional logistical support was provided by Judy Daly, Jeanne Dewey, Jo Jo Carlos, Peter Davidson, and Robbie Schubert.

Gordon passed on a hearty "thanks" to the enthusiastic Cubs, parents, and staff who attended this event and made it the success it was! •

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### **Troop 302 Won the First Aid Rally (Nov 16)**

*This follow-up was broadcast on Nov 19:*

For the second year in a row, host Troop 302 of Kearny came away with the trophy for the fall invitational First Aid Rally. Four Scout troops attended, and a total of 6 patrols competed. The winners' scores:

Troop 302 - 129 (Kearny)

Troop 120B - 118 (North Arlington)

Troop 120A - 113 (North Arlington)

also competing

Troop 223 (Weehawken)

Troop 466A (Jersey City)

Troop 466B (Jersey City)

Scouts worked their way through three scenarios and were judged by how well they prepared, skill at bandaging, skill at transporting the victim (if appropriate), leadership, cooperation, and calling for help at the "doctor's table."

1. During a hike, one of the Scouts in the patrol falls while climbing a rock face, tumbles an additional 10 feet over jagged rocks, and sustains five different injuries to be treated.

2. While the patrol is gathered, they hear a call for help from the next-door neighbor who fell down his cellar steps and suffered six different injuries to be treated.

3. Some Scouts are in town during the summer playing football when they spot their Scoutmaster in his yard collapsing from the heat, falling badly on some sharp tools, and suffering several nasty injuries. Due to traffic, EMS response will be delayed.

Thanks to T302 for hosting the rally, which they have done every November since 1999, first for the former Hudson-Liberty District, and now for Three Rivers. The TRD Activities Committee has another First Aid Rally planned for Feb 18, 2012 (details to be announced). •

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### **District Merit Badge Fair (Nov 19)**

*This information was provided by event organizer Gerry Beatty:*

116 Scouts attended the 2011 Merit Badge Fair and came away with 157 completions (plus 4 partials). Most of the Scouts were from troops in the former Twin Valleys District, but there were others as well, including one boy who came in from Staten Island.

Only 16 merit badge counselors were present for the event, so they had to work very efficiently in order to verify requirements for all 161 badges. As for the Scouts, the materiel they prepared in advance had to be complete and well organized.

Gerry had to miss the event due to an out-of-town obligation, so she passed her thanks on to the people who filled in for her. Leslie Sonkin and Pat Stamato manned the registration desk, and Gordon Beattie made the arrangements for the use of St. John the Evangelist Conlin Hall. •

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## District Bowl-a-Thon Announced (Dec 29)

*This notice was broadcast on Nov 14:*

### One Great Event at Two Convenient Locations

Click here for a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=101254>

Fairlawn Lanes

22-22 Maple Avenue

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Starts at 9:00 AM

Parkway Lanes

200 Route 46 East

Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Starts at 11:00 AM

All packs, troops, crews, friends, and family members are invited to participate in the 2011 Harold F. Wrightington Memorial Bowl-a-Thon on Dec 29.

The Bowl-a-Thon is a fun and easy way to earn the Cub "Bowling" belt loop, patches, and money for pack, troop, and crew activities while giving support for the programs and activities of the District.

The Bowl-a-Thon also promotes sportsmanship, physical fitness, and an opportunity to enhance your pack, den, troop, or crew program.

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## District Klondike Derby (Jan 28)

### 2012 Three Rivers District Klondike Derby For Scouts, Venturers, and Webelos

Jan 28, 2012 (Saturday)

Campgaw Mountain County Reservation, Mahwah

\$9 per person (includes patch and soup kitchen)

Must register by Jan 19.

Units with Klondike sleds will compete in races and for the "most impressive" award, with prizes to both Scouts and Webelos.

There will be 6 stations for testing Scout skills:

1. Orienteering
2. Shelter Building / Scout Skills
3. Fire Building / Cooking
4. First Aid

5. Team Building / Knots and Lashings

6. Campsite Setup / Scout Skills

No special preparation is needed, since all skills are the same ones needed to reach Cub Webelos rank or Scout First Class rank.

The Klondike packet has a lengthy list of things to bring, including lunch, snacks, and warm clothing.

1. Gear needed for the Fire Building station
2. Gear needed for the Lashings station
3. Gear needed for the Campsite Setup station
4. Miscellaneous gear

Note that each patrol must fill out and bring a "roster card" which can be downloaded from the TRD website:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=101967>

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## A New Location for TRD Commissioners

TRD Unit Commissioners will now meet at the Elks Club in Paramus. District Commissioner Sal Bello-mo said that the change was needed because "we will have many more people than the Scouting Museum can handle."

Meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month:

Elks Club Lodge, 7:30-9:00 PM.

200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ

(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture) •

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## Tour New York Like a Tourist

### Our very own bus tour

*Roundtable Commissioner Ricky Goldsmith distributed this flyer last month:*

### NYC Holiday Lights Tour 2011

Tour includes stops at FAO Schwartz, South Street Seaport, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and Macy's.

Sat Dec 3      Sun Dec 4

Sat Dec 10     Sun Dec 11

Sat Dec 17     Sun Dec 18

Sat Dec 24 Sun Jan 1

Cost is \$20 per person.

Saturday trips leave at 3:30 and return at 9:30

Sunday trips leave at 2:30 and return at 8:30

Please let us know which dates you would like because trips are filling up fast.

For more information:

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We have a second opportunity for Scouts to sell in a Take-Order sale from now until the end of November. The 30th is the date that all orders will need to be placed with Mike Wirth. We have extra order forms here at the office for people to grab. We are about \$40,000 away from hitting our district goal, so the more Scouts selling in this second round, the better!

Ian Meades, 201-677-1000 x36

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## Results from the 2011 Popcorn Sale

*NNJC Popcorn Advisor Mike Wirth provided these numbers:*

The following numbers are as-of Nov 30, 2011, but note that more sales information is still coming in (see following article). The numbers include take-order, show-n-sell, and online sales.

Because the popcorn database was set up prior to the creation of the Three Rivers District, Mike's numbers are based on the three former source districts.

The Council's goal was a total sale of \$1,250,000, but as of this writing they received \$1,110,000.

- Former Twin Valleys District: \$224,664 (down 5% from 2010)
- Former Tantaqua District: \$120,610 (down 14%)
- Former Hudson-Liberty District: \$35,533 (down 10%)

Mike passed on two bright spots: The former Orange Mountains District's sales were up 8% compared with 2010, and the former Black Bear District was up 3%. •

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## 2011 Popcorn Sale Extended to Nov 30

*DE Ian Meades sent this note on Nov 10:*

The Council has decided to extend the 2011 popcorn sale for another month, hoping to make up for this year's shortfall.

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## The Science Behind Popcorn Popping

*This information was extracted from an article that appeared in the May, 2005 issue of Discover magazine, written by Joshua Foer:*

Here's the short answer: Apply heat to the outside hull of a popcorn kernel. The heat is conducted to the insides, which turns the moist starchy innards into a steam-filled molten goo. Pressure builds up like a pressure-cooker. Eventually the hull gives way and the molten starch explodes outward. It then immediately cools down into the free-form blobs that we eat.

Now for some science and terminology: Popping corn differs from grocery store eating corn in several ways. The most important is that the outside hull ("pericarp") is four times as strong and pressure resistant. It is also twice as good at conducting heat, which means that it can keep from getting charred by transferring its heat to the inside starch ("endosperm").

The inside starch is also different from regular eating corn, because it puffs up better -- about 60% puffier. This is probably due to having more moisture, which turns into superheated steam. The result after popping is called a "flake."

Popcorn has been around for a long time. Food historians think that whalers brought it to America from Chile in the early 1800's. For over a century, popcorn flakes were pretty small until agronomists started working on them and figured out how to make the flakes much, much bigger. This was good news for Trail's End, since they buy corn from farmers by weight, but they sell it to us Scouts by

volume, and bigger flakes result in bigger profits. The researchers also figured out how to greatly reduce the number of unpopped kernels ("old maids").

More good news for Trail's End, but bad news for purists: The agronomists also figured out how to breed out most of popcorn's native corny flavor, to the point where it has hardly any flavor left at all. Thus, there is nothing to get in the way of the caramel, chocolate, or cheddar cheese flavors that we sell to our friends and neighbors. The purists have to buy from the few companies that still sell heirloom varieties. One mentioned in the article is Crown Jewel Popcorn. •

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### Notice to Eagle Scout Candidates

*This reminder was broadcast on Nov 25:*

**New workbook:** National recently devised a new version of the Eagle Project Workbook to take effect on January 1, 2012.

The changeover is based on what you submit to the District or Council for approval (the "fourth signature"). That is, prior to January 1, 2012, the District or Council Advancement Committee wants to receive for approval only old-style workbooks. Starting January 1, 2012, they will want to receive only new-style workbooks.

**New wording:** Also, National made two minor changes to the wording of Eagle requirement #5 that might affect some Life Scouts. If it makes a difference, you're allowed to use the old wording until December 31, 2011.

Change #1: They changed from "should" to "must" in this sentence:

BEFORE: "The project should benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting."

AFTER: "The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting."

Change #2: They changed from "your Scoutmaster" to "your unit leader" in this sentence:

BEFORE: "A project proposal must be approved by ... your Scoutmaster and troop committee..."

AFTER: "A project proposal must be approved by ... your unit leader and unit committee..."

Here's a link to the new workbook:  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf) •

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### Training for Den Chiefs (Nov 19)

*This follow-up was provided by event organizer Dennis Ng:*

We had 31 Scouts and 6 adult leaders attend Den Chief training at St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield. They came from several units of the former Tantaqua and Twin Valleys Districts, but none from the former Hudson-Liberty.

The Scouts learned the following fundamentals of the Den Chief leadership position:

- What is a Den Chief
- What is Cub Scouting and how it differs from Boy Scouting
- What they can do as a Den Chief, and what they can't
- How does Cub Scout advancement work
- To whom and where they can turn to for help
- What are the parts of the Cub Scout and Webelos Scout uniform
- What Den Chiefs may wear on their own uniforms
- How they can earn the Den Chief Service Award

During the course, Scouts pretended to be Cubs and were divided into dens, each with a Denner and Assistant Denner. As always, their favorite part of the course was doing the things that Cubs do, especially preparing and performing songs and skits.

*Dennis added this thank-you:* During the course I was ably assisted by Ken Hesse. •

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### Training for SPLs and Patrol Leaders

**Three evenings in October for Junior Leaders**

*Event organizer Ken Dutcher provided the information for this follow-up:*

20 Scouts from various Three Rivers units attended this 3-session course in order to learn the leadership skills needed to take charge when they return back

to their troops. Four adult Scoutmasters and Assistants also attended, hoping to learn enough to conduct their own sessions later on.

From the very beginning of the Scout movement, Scoutmasters have been urged to teach leadership skills to their Scouts and then to let the Scouts take charge of the program, with the ideal result being a "boy-run troop." BSA National's curriculum for these sessions is called "ILST" for Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops. National also promotes a week-long intensive follow-up called "NYLT" for "National Youth Leadership Training," which NNJC runs every summer, typically in mid-August.

Ken Dutcher, who organized and ran last month's sessions, said, "ILST is intended to teach Scouts basic leadership skills, including communication, team-building, goal-setting, and interpersonal skills, all intended to prepare them for a leadership role in their troop. They also learn how to use 'shared leadership,' since the best results are usually obtained if the Scout in charge does not act like a boss. While all positions of responsibility are reviewed, the focus is on the Troop Guide, Patrol Leaders, the Assistant Senior Patrol leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Most important, they learn how a boy-led troop is supposed to operate."

Ken described how he organized the sessions, saying, "The course consists of 3 modules: what a Scout must KNOW in order to be an effective leader, how to BE a leader; and finally what he must DO as a leader."

This is the fourth year that Ken has run ILST on successive Thursday evenings, but he thinks a better arrangement might be to schedule a weekend in June, possibly at Camp Lewis. He said, "That would help prepare Scouts (and troops) who change Scout leaders just prior to summer camp. The course content would also be fresh for Scouts who attend NYLT over the summer."

There are two signs that Ken's ILST course is successful. One is that each year slots fill up quickly with little more than word-of-mouth recommendations. The other are the consistently high marks

that Scouts give the course when they fill out a 2-page unsigned questionnaire. •

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## **Training Scoutmasters and ASMs (Nov 5)**

### **A full day of learning**

*Event organizer and Course Director Ken Dutcher submitted this article:*

Fourteen adult Scouters spent a very worthwhile day attending Scoutmaster/ASM Leader Specific Training in Montvale. They came from eleven different troops from as far south as Bayonne, while several came from districts other than our Three Rivers.

The attendees had very diverse Scouting backgrounds: recent "bridgers" from Cub packs, Troop Committee members, both new and veteran Scoutmasters, several Assistant Scoutmasters, plus a couple of parents who wanted to better understand what the Boy Scouting program is all about.

The course is broken into 15 segments, making for a very full day, with different instructors handling different segments and sharing their various experiences. Some highlights:

- Ken Dutcher covered the concept of a boy-led troop, the Patrol Leaders Council, and how Scout advancement works.
- Jim Wrynn discussed the role of the Scoutmaster.
- Dennis Ng talked about the "sizzle" of the Scouts' outdoor program along with the "Nuts and Bolts" of the outdoor program. He also talked about Den Chief training.
- Mary Kay Tokar took the participants through a few drills and covered program planning, membership, and finances.
- Rich Curran reached into his treasure trove to show how the Scout uniform has changed over the past 30+ years.
- Mary Kay, who is a training specialist for the Council, also outlined the wide variety of other training that is available to adults and Scouts.

SM/ASM Leader Specific training is one of the required courses in order to be recognized as a fully-trained adult troop leader, and one of the attendees reached that goal. Scott Malloy, an ASM in Park Ridge Troop 80, had taken all the other required courses while he was at Camp Turrell summer

camp. At the conclusion of the course, Ken presented Scott with a cloth "Trained" patch to wear on his uniform sleeve.

Before they left for the day, the participants were asked to complete a 3-page anonymous questionnaire rating all aspects of the course on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest). The overall score averaged to a very high 4.75.

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#### **Some thank-you's:**

Ken would like to thank Randy Preston, Scoutmaster of T-334 in Montvale, who arranged for the use of the Montvale Community Center where the course was held, for providing the projection screen (and for getting to the Center at 7:00 AM to unlock the door!)

Ken would also like to thank his co-instructors Jim Wrynn, Dennis Ng, Mary Kay Tokar, and Rich Curran for taking time out of their busy lives to make the day so highly successful.

And of course a big Thank You to the 14 Scouters who gave up a Saturday in the interest of becoming better trained leaders to benefit the Scouts in their troops.

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#### **More thank-you's:**

Ken invited two senior Boy Scouts to address the attendees, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, both from Park Ridge Troop 80. Their topic was how a boy-led troop really works.

In the morning, Mark Ciccaglione, a Star Scout and the troop's current Senior Patrol Leader, took questions for almost 40 minutes about his experiences as a Patrol Leader last year and what is it like to be the SPL in charge of running the entire troop this year.

In the afternoon, Kyle Dutcher, an Eagle Scout, formerly an SPL, and currently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, spoke about his experiences as a boy leader; and about his path along the trail to Eagle. •

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## **Looking Ahead to Rechartering**

*This message was broadcast on Nov 28:*

### **Get a Jump-Start on Rechartering Your Unit**

District Exec Ian Meades has volunteered to give unit leaders a jump-start with their rechartering paperwork.

He made the offer now, because most Northern NJ Council troops, packs, and crews do their annual rechartering in January.

Please send him a copy of your current unit roster, both youth and adults. It should have just people who are officially registered with the Scouts. For Tiger Cubs, please include both the Cub and his parent partner, since both are registered.

Ian has volunteered to compare your roster against the official database and alert you in advance about any discrepancies. Of special concern will be any youth on your roster who are not in the database.

Send to Ian at:

[IMeades@bsamail.org](mailto:IMeades@bsamail.org) •

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### **"Journey To Excellence" Unit Award**

**Replaces the older Quality Unit Award**

*Reprinted from last month's issue of the Heckawee Herald:*

This award is a feather in the cap of any unit that earns it, giving you bragging rights and a new streamer for your flagpole.

Old timers will recall many years of earning the "Quality Unit Award" for their troops, packs, and crews. That award was superseded for 5 years by the "Centennial Quality Unit" program, which ended in 2010. The current "Journey to Excellence" program looks a lot like the older award, but there are differences.

As before, units have to show good numbers for new boys recruited and old boys retained. There must be a good program for indoor meetings and

outdoor events, good leadership, and good finances. However, there are differences as well.

One difference is that there will be a single submission at the end of the year, versus the Centennial award's method of submitting goals in the spring followed by a self-evaluation at year's end.

Another difference is a new time-dependent requirement for Cub packs. In the spring, the pack must look ahead to September when boys have been promoted to a new grade in school and dens must be reconstituted. The requirement says, "By May 31, the pack committee either recruits or confirms pack and den leadership for the next [school] year."

A third difference is a requirement to perform several service projects each year and to record the results into the "Journey to Excellence" website. Note that all units will be encouraged to use this site, even those not planning to earn the award. In their public relations, National likes to tell how many millions of man-hours Scouts have spent doing community service.

Another difference is that the award may be earned at bronze, silver, or gold levels based on a point system. For example, a Cub pack that schedules 3 outdoor events earns 75 points, 4 earns 100, and 5 events earn 300 points. A Scout troop earns 50, 100, or 200 points for scheduling 4, 8, or 10 camping trips. For both packs and troops, a total of 1,600 points gets you the gold award.

To earn the award, obtain a copy of the "Scorecard" form, fill it out, and turn it in with your other forms when you recharter your unit.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

The site also contains a set of helpful Excel spreadsheets that can assist in doing the calculations. •

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## Upcoming Eagle Recognition Dinner (Jan 5)

Scoutmasters and other supporters of Scouting received a letter on Oct 28 from John Urinyi in his capacity as the Council Alumni Chair. He plans to invite all the new Eagle Scouts who earned their badges in 2011.

Since the boys will eat for free, the letter asked recipients to either buy an ad in the event's journal, or to make a donation big enough to cover the cost of the meal.

New this year is the Eagle Scout Hall of Fame, and three distinguished Eagle Scouts will be the first inductees. Urinyi named Ken Fineran (retired from Allstate Insurance), Cliff Lindholm (Falstrom Company), and Dave Verbraska (Pfizer, Inc.).

The dinner will take place at the University Commons in William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ, starting with a reception at 6:00 PM.

Contact: Jill Duarte at the Council office, 201-677-1000 x27, or [Jillian.Duarte@scouting.org](mailto:Jillian.Duarte@scouting.org). •

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## Youth Protection Failure at Penn State Compare their policy to the Boy Scouts

Penn State's policy for handling youth protection issues is under fire. What about the Boy Scout policy?

Penn State football defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky was arrested on 40 counts relating to sexual abuse of minors over a 15-year period. On the other hand, prosecutors have not gone after legendary head coach Joe Paterno, saying that he fulfilled his legal obligation to report the incident to his immediate supervisor. Even so, he was fired. The Penn State Board of Trustees clearly thought that Paterno did not do enough and that he should have also contacted the local police.

The Boy Scout policy is much tougher than Penn State's. If Paterno had taken the Scout course in Youth Protection Training, either on-line or in a live session, he would have received these instructions:

- Take action immediately to stop any observed violation.
- Report the violation right away to the designated leader of the activity.
- Report the violation to your local Scout Executive as soon as possible.
- You must report to local authorities and comply with whatever regulations apply to your location.

NNJC Scout Exec Doug Dillow said:

"All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities -- without undue delay -- any good-faith suspicion or belief that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect. You should not delegate this responsibility to anyone else, and no one should interfere with this reporting responsibility or attempt to delay or dissuade you from making a report to the authorities."

There's one more. The on-line training has a staged scenario where a boy readies his cell phone camera, goes into a shower house, and runs out again with a sly grin on his face. In such a case:

- Confiscate the device and give it to the designated leader of the activity or the local Scout Executive as soon as possible. Such action prevents the images from being deleted or uploaded to the internet. •

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## Youth Protection Failure (Continued)

Our current policy says that Scout leaders *must* immediately report a suspected youth protection violation to local authorities (see article above). But that didn't happen in California in 1979, as recently reported on Oct 29 in the Washington Post. The story, copyrighted by the Associated Press, said,

Boy Scouts of America officials didn't call police in 1979 after [Scout leader Rick] Turley acknowledged molesting three Orange County boys, records show.

"You do not want to broadcast to the entire population that these things happen," A. Buford Hill Jr., a former Orange County Scouting executive, said of officials' decision not to contact authorities. "You take care of it quietly and make sure it never happens again."

The article implied that the 1979 California case just now came to light as fallout from a similar case that the Scouts lost in Oregon last April. Not only were the Scouts fined \$18.5 million, but they also had to produce in court what were called the "perversion files." A New York Times article from last April said,

"In the Oregon case, about 1,000 files, from the years 1965 to 1984, were included as evidence, though the judge, John A. Wittmayer, allowed only the jury and lawyers involved to view them."

Possibly Turley's name and case were leaked, resulting in the article that appeared last October. Although nothing was done in 1979, apparently Turley was finally convicted of child molestation in 1996, was paroled in 2000, put back in prison, and released two years later, saying that "he has learned to control his impulses."

Meanwhile, according to the Post, "The Oregon Supreme Court is now weighing a request by newspapers, a wire service, and broadcasters to open about 1,200 more files." The article went on to say, "Current Boy Scouts of America officials declined to be interviewed and would not say how many files exist or what is in them. Their lawyers have said the records are confidential, to protect victims and because some of the files are based on unsubstantiated tips." However, the Scouts issued this statement, "The BSA has continued to enhance its youth protection efforts as society has increased its understanding of the dangers children face." •

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## Policy Concerning Political Questions

*This reminder came from next-door Patriots' Path Council on Nov 10:*

*Article IX of the "Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America" under "Policy Concerning Political Questions" (Clause 6) indicates that:*

"The Boy Scouts of America shall not, through its governing body or through any of its officers, its chartered councils, or members, involve the Scouting movement in any question of a political character.

However, this shall not be interpreted to prevent the teaching of ideals of patriotism and good citizenship as required to fulfill the Corporation's purpose.

This policy shall also not limit the freedom of thought or action of any official or member as an individual, nor shall it prevent the organization from expressing its opinion upon matters of governmental concern when considered in the best interest by the governing body of the Boy Scouts of America." •

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## **Paterson Has a New National Park**

*Bill Dall of Jersey City Venture Crew 1444 brought this notice to our attention. U.S. Senator Robert Menendez made the announcement on Nov 9:*

### **Welcoming Our Newest National Park**

Dear Friends, I am incredibly happy to let you know that the National Park Service this week welcomed its newest member: Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park.

As New Jerseyans, we have always taken great pride in the role these falls played in our history. From the Great Falls, through the raceways and waterwheels along the Passaic, flowed the blood, sweat, and tears of the men and women who powered America's industrial revolution and made this nation great. With this week's dedication, Paterson Great Falls Park's history is now part of the story of America.

For years, many New Jerseyans fought for recognition of this great New Jersey landmark. I am proud of the role I played in getting the bill establishing our newest national park passed in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Frankly, it was not an easy task, as at the time the Park Service and several western Senators were skeptical of an urban historical park like Great Falls. But over the course of several months, I made the case: Great Falls is a different kind of national park - an urban park that may not fit the mold of Yellowstone and Yosemite, but just because it's in an urban setting doesn't make it any less a representation of the richness of this nation, and no less a national treasure.

While we are so proud of this week's announcement, it is just the beginning of the process to shape the future of the park - and it is up to our local residents to seize the opportunity to shape it.

A general management plan will guide long-term management and staffing of the park for the future. The first public scoping meeting was held in Paterson on Oct. 31. That meeting was the first of several public forums that will allow the public to make their voices heard on ways to guide programs and activities and to preserve the new park.

For information on upcoming sessions, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/pagr/parkmgmt/parkplanning.htm>.

Sincerely, Senator Robert Menendez

<http://menendez.senate.gov/contact> •

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## **Scouts Can Team up with Park Rangers The National Park Service Scout Ranger program**

*This information was extracted from a U.S. Department of the Interior flyer:*

### **Adventure awaits you - Become a Scout Ranger**

The Scout Ranger program invites boys to participate in either service projects, educational programs, or a combination. You can earn a certificate for 5 hours or a patch for 10.

The educational programs have a lot to offer, especially at a National Battlefield or at a park with unusual natural resources.

#### **How to get started**

1. Visit the Scout Ranger website (see below) to find out more information about the program.
2. Visit [www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm) to find a national park site in your area.
3. Think about the projects your troop would be interested in and time frame for completion.
4. If you would like to provide volunteer service or if you intend to participate in an activity that is not part of a regularly scheduled interpretive program.

#### **Qualifying organized educational programs:**

- Ranger guided interpretive tours
- Junior Ranger programs
- Environmental education programs
- Any other official NPS education program

#### **Qualifying volunteer service projects:**

Any organized project that helps and enhances the natural and/or cultural resources of a park unit and is identified by the park as an appropriate volunteer opportunity.

Check out this website:

[www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprogram/scoutrangerprogram.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprogram/scoutrangerprogram.htm) •

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## Peace Light 2011 (Dec 4)

*Leslie Sonkin provided this information:*

Dear Scouts/Scouters:

For over a thousand years, lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

For the last 26 years, a child from Upper Austria has lit two blast proof miner's lamps from the grotto lamp. These lamps are then transported to Vienna, where the living flame is distributed at a "Service of Dedication" to Scouts and Guides from across Europe.

From Vienna, these Scouts and Guides take the Peace Light back to their communities, where they share the Peace Light at rail stations, churches, and Scout meetings. By Christmas, the Light reaches nearly every country in Europe.

Since 2002, Austrian Airlines has flown the miner's lamps containing the Peace Light from Vienna to New York City. This year it will arrive at JFK Airport on Nov 29 at 3:00 PM, where it will be met and transported to a New Jersey church.

John Hahn, ASM of Troop 15 in Glen Rock, is NNJC's Peace Light Coordinator. He envisions that other Scout units throughout the state will receive the Bethlehem Peace Light either directly or from other Scout units. Then they pass it on to houses of worship and other organizations in their council's geographic area. The goal is to spread the Light to all 21 counties in New Jersey by Dec 23, and then all across the United States and Canada.

Please contact John to make arrangements to be part of this very special event:

John Hahn

201-251-7775 (home)

201-925-2827 (cell/text)

JohnNHahn@aol.com

Starting off at:

First Presbyterian Church in Ramsey

December 4 at the 10:00 AM worship service

Every day thereafter except Dec 7 and Dec 14.

Additional information:

[www.PeaceLight.org](http://www.PeaceLight.org)

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*A follow-up from Richard Brace, Haworth Troop 73*

I will be traveling to Ramsey on Sunday to transfer and spread the Peace Light. Troop 73 will have the Peace Light on display and available to all troops, fire departments, churches and anyone who is able to take the Peace Light pledge.

The Peace Light will be available 7:30-8:45 PM on Dec 5 and Dec 12 at the Haworth Fire House, 71 Hardenburgh Rd., Haworth, NJ 07641.

Happy Holidays to all!

Richard Brace, Scoutmaster

Troop 73, Haworth, NJ •

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## Sell First Aid Kits as a Fund-Raiser

"RightResponse" has a line of first aid kits that might make a good fund-raiser for your unit. They start with a \$10 kit for the home, more elaborate kits for \$20 and \$25, a "sports" kit that a local gym could use, a kit for the car trunk for \$36, and a \$99 kit that looks suitable for a factory floor.

One eye-catching kit comes packed in what could be called "fight-breast-cancer pink." RightResponse is hoping that teams signing up for breast cancer walks and races will sell these kits to raise funds, and they promised to donate 10% of sales profits to research groups.

[www.RightResponse.com](http://www.RightResponse.com)

Contact: Frank Planas, East Coast Rep.

800-545-5958

[Right.Response.Frank@gmail.com](mailto:Right.Response.Frank@gmail.com) •

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## A Death: Mary T. Zinzi

*Leslie Sonkin broadcast this message on Nov 15:*

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mary T. Zinzi, beloved mother of Scouter Maria Nigro. The wake is scheduled for tomorrow at the Vorhees-

Ingwersen Funeral Home, 59 Main Street,  
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660.

Visitation will be Wednesday 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00. The funeral Mass will be Thursday 9:30 at St. Francis RC Church, Ridgefield Park.

Please keep Maria in your prayers. •

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### **A Death: Arthur Wilson**

*DE Ian Meades broadcast this message on Nov 15:*

Please send out information for Cindy Capozzi's father, Arthur Wilson:

Viewing at Ippolito's Funeral Home  
425 Ridge Rd. Lyndhurst  
Wednesday Nov 16  
2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 •

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### **A Death: Dominick DeCandia**

*TRD Scouter Barry Goldman broadcast this message on Nov 15:*

Dominick DeCandia, son-in-law of Scouter Mike Sweeney, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011.

Wake will be held  
Thursday Nov 17  
4:00-8:00 PM  
Mack Memorial Home  
1245 Paterson Plank Rd.  
Secaucus

Funeral will be  
Friday Nov 18  
10:00 AM  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Secaucus •

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## **The Three Rivers District Organization**

### **Key People**

District Chairman - Pat Stamato  
PStamato@aol.com

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### Service Center

Northern N.J. Council Service Center  
25 Ramapo Valley Rd.  
PO Box 670  
Oakland, NJ 07436  
201-677-1000 •

### Event Details

Dec 1 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting  
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.  
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM  
District Chair Pat Stamato  
PStamato@aol.com

Dec 3 - NNJC Training: BALOO for Cub Leaders  
Camp Glen Gray  
200 Midvale Mountain Rd  
Mahwah, NJ 07430  
Registration at 8:30 AM  
Start at 9:00 AM  
\$20 includes registration, patch, handouts, lunch  
Rich Curran, 201-819-6850  
RichCurran@verizon.net

Dec 3-4 - Battleship NJ Overnight  
Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ  
\$52.95  
Eric Chamberlin  
Eric.Chamberlin@Scouting.org

Dec 13 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable  
Holy Name Medical Center  
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane  
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM  
George Simoni  
GSimoni@aol.com

Dec 15 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners  
Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM  
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ  
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)  
Sal Bellomo  
NJLawyer@HotMail.Com

Dec 29 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon (1)  
Fairlawn Lanes  
22-22 Maple Avenue  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Starts at 9:00 AM  
\$15 (\$20 after Dec 8)  
Mark Wrightington  
MarksMadness331@aol.com

**Dec 29 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon (2)**

Parkway Lanes  
200 Route 46 East  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407  
Starts at 11:00 AM  
\$15 (\$20 after Dec 8)  
Mark Wrightington  
MarksMadness331@aol.com

**Feb 12 - Catholic Religious Awards**  
Archdiocese of Newark  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
89 Ridge Street  
Newark, NJ 3:00 PM

**Feb 18 - Three Rivers Dist First Aid Rally**  
[Details to be announced]

**Jan 5 - Eagle Recognition Dinner**

University Commons  
William Paterson University  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470  
Reception starts 6:00 PM  
Class of 2011 Eagle Scouts free  
Other guests \$60  
Kim Duggan 201-677-1000 x37  
KDuggan@bsamail.org

**Feb 24,25,26 - NNJC Scout Ski Days**  
Bellayre Mountain Ski Center  
Highmount, NY  
Lifts operate 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
\$34 per person (friends and family too) •

**Jan 7 - Wood Badge Critter Breakfast**

Michael Cowan@Scouting.org  
[Details to be announced]

**Jan 21 - Three Rivers Dist Tiger Tumble**

Palisades Park Jr/St High School  
1 Veterans Plaza  
Palisades Park 07650  
\$5 per Tiger (\$10 after Dec 31), partners free  
MarksMadness331@aol.com

**Jan 28 - Three Rivers Dist Klondike Derby**

Campgaw Mountain County Reservation  
Mahwah, NJ, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
\$9 per person (includes patch and soup kitchen)  
Allen Sterk  
ASterk@optonline.net

**Feb 4-5 - Liberty Science Center Camp-In**

Liberty Science Center  
Liberty State Park  
222 Jersey City Blvd in J.C.  
\$55 per person  
Glenda Socha, 201-677-1000 x10  
Glenda.Socha@scouting.org

**Feb 5-11 - TRD Window Display Competition**

[Details to be announced]