



# The Heckawee Herald

The Newsletter of the Three Rivers District

Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

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## Looking Ahead

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Jun 6 - NNJC Program Launch

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Jun 15-17 - OA Ordeal weekend

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Jul 30-Aug 4 - OA's NOAC Convention  
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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

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

### A successful event in two locations

About 300 Cubs, Scouts, and parents, representing 29 units across the Three Rivers District, came out for a morning of bowling and pizza. Paramus Troop 205 and Hasbrouck Heights Pack 17 led the way with 23 and 21 bowlers respectively. Co-chairs Maria Nigro and Mark Wrightington were pleased with the success, as were the kids who yelled, "Yes," when Maria asked them if they will attend again next year.

### Two locations

The decision to hold a dual-event on the same day was an easy solution to the problem of how to consolidate three legacy districts into one while preserving their traditional activities and events to the maximum extent possible. Up to now, the former Twin Valleys district bowled in Montvale but moved to Fair Lawn for economic reasons, and the former Tantaqua met in Elmwood Park.

Explaining their solution, Mark said, "I didn't think either bowling lane could hold the full complement of people. Plus Scouts will keep going to the same places that they're used to." Also, times were staggered, which meant that organizers could start early at Fair Lawn, and then head off later to Elmwood Park. Maria said that the Activities Committee is hoping next year to add a third afternoon location that would attract units from the former Hudson-Liberty district.

### **Awards**

Each attendee received a good-looking patch, and each unit received a flagpole ribbon and a trophy, or two trophies for a large unit. Mark said, "It's up to the individual units to determine who gets the trophy: oldest, youngest, highest, lowest..." He said that one unit leader decided to avoid a fight and gave it to his chartering organization. Three Rivers District will also be rewarded, since the Bowl-a-Thon was a fund-raising event.

### **Two Memorials for Harold**

For the last few years the event in Tantaqua has been called the "Harold F. Wrightington Classic Bowl-a-Thon." This year at both locations, Maria gathered the boys and parents around to explain why. She said that Harold was a Cub and then a Scout, and that he loved to bowl. She said, "Harold is no longer with us, so we decided to rename the Bowl-a-Thon after him. We know that Harold is with us in spirit, and his mother and father and brother, Mark and Sandra and Matt, are here today."

Later Mark explained how he and Sandra wanted to keep Harold's memory alive, saying, "Of course, as parents, we'll never forget Harold, but we want others to remember as well." Harold was 12½ when he passed away in 2008, having reached First Class with Palisades Park Troop 379.

Soon after his death, the former Tantaqua District pitched in for a second memorial, forming up as "Harold's Heroes" in the annual "Walk for Wishes" fund-raiser, held most recently in October at Liberty State Park. Mark said that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of NJ had given Harold a chance to tour Disney World before he passed, and now the favor was being returned. He said that, when they returned from Florida, he was thinking about doing

something. Then suddenly he discovered that the 2008 Walk for Wishes would take place on October 5, which is Harold's birthday. Mark said, "That had to be some kind of a sign! We've got to do it! About the walk, Mark said, "On any given year we've had between 112 to 244 walkers, which included a number of Scouts and Scouters. To date Harold's Heroes have raised just over \$100,000."

### **Some special thank-you's from the organizers**

Thanks to Parkway Lanes and Fair Lawn Lanes for hosting the event. Kudos to Maria and Bill Kyritz for helping Mark plan and organize another successful bowl-a-thon, which would not have been possible without the efforts of a staff of dedicated Scouters, including Leslie Sonkin, Patti Lieberman, and Jim Africano at Fair Lawn Lanes, and Sandra Wrightington, Lillian Molnar, and Tom Molnar at Parkway Lanes. •

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### **District Tiger Tumble (Jan 21)**

*This message was broadcast on Dec 16:*

### **The Three Rivers District presents the 8th annual Tiger Tumble**

**WHERE:** Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 21, 2012

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

**FEE:** \$5 per Tiger Cub (on or before Dec. 31)  
\$10.00 (after December 31st)  
(no charge for adult Tiger partners)

Come join the Three Rivers District for a morning filled with lots of family fun and laughs.

- The Tiger Tumble is for "NEW" Tiger Cub Scouts (1st Grade) only.
- The program is designed to give the boys and their adult partners a fun introduction to the Scouting program.
- Every Tiger Cub participating will receive a commemorative patch.
- Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by their adult partner to participate.
- Tigers should wear their Scout uniform.
- Sneakers are required for everyone entering the gym.

Online registration available at:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1060728>

For additional information, please contact either:

Mark Wrightington, 201-944-9191

Joel Lieberman, 201-677-1000 x30

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*In a follow-up message Mark listed these events:*

Last year we had 10 stations:

- Rubber Band Guns / Cork Guns
- Marble Painting
- Bean Bag Toss
- Donut Eating
- Calf Roping
- Paper Stomp Rockets
- Fishing Derby
- Scooter Races
- Raingutter Regatta
- Commemorative slide

We end the event with a small campfire. Here is a link to a short clip that was shown on NY1:

<http://www.ny1.com/content/112172/new-tiger-cub-scouts-frolic-in-bergen-county>

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## **District Klondike Derby (Jan 28)**

*Reprinted from last month's newsletter:*

### **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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### **Fill out the "roster card" in advance**

Event organizer Allen Sterk urged units to download and fill out roster cards in advance, saying, "With the roster card they'll zip past registration quickly. Without the card it will be much slower."

### **No overnight camping**

Campgaw closes their campsites on Nov 30 of each year, so any Troop planning for a full weekend campout will have to find a site elsewhere and commute to the Klondike on Saturday.

### **Adequate parking**

Allen promised adequate parking on access roads and various other spaces. Campgaw has a large parking lot, but it's reserved for skiers and snow tubers, and will not be available to Klondike attendees.

Allen Sterk

[ASterk@optonline.net](mailto:ASterk@optonline.net) •

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## **Window Display Competition (Feb 5-11)**

*This message was broadcast on Jan 2:*

### **Three Rivers District**

### **Scout Anniversary Week Window Display Contest**

All packs, crews, and troops are asked to put up a display in a public place, preferably a local storefront window. Entries will be judged and the two best of each (2 troops, 2 packs, 2 crews) will each win a gift card.

Submit photos to the judges c/o Mark Wrightington:  
MarksMadness331@aol.com

Deadline is Feb 4. Be sure to include the location of the display and contact information for your unit.

At the first World Jamboree in 1920, Lord Baden-Powell presented the "Scout Cup", to Scotland for having the best display. We honor that tradition, as we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting, by conducting the 1st annual Three Rivers District Window Display Contest.

Each unit may develop a display of their choice, based on the skills and resources of the unit. The display should ideally be a "window display" in a local business. However, a library, town hall, school, church, or other public site may also be used. The display must be in place for the entire Scout Anniversary week of Feb 5-11.

Units are free to develop their own unique methods to present their information. However, each display must include the following elements:

- Unit Information:
  - Troop/Pack Number
  - Contact Person - phone and e-mail
  - Meeting location, day, time
  - How old is the unit (tenure)
- Chartered Organization name
- Your Troop/Pack flag
- American flag
- Information about advancement (Tiger to Arrow of Light, Tenderfoot to Eagle, etc.)
- Information about activities your unit participated in (Pinewood, Klondike, Philmont, Floodwood, Conservation Weekend, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded for displays that best represent Scouting. There will be 1st and 2nd place gift cards for Cubs, Scouts, and Venturing, for a total of six. Winners will be announced at the Feb 14 Roundtable.

The Contest Committee will select 5 finalists for each unit type and then determine the winners. The tie-breaker will be the unit that submitted first.

The Window Display Contest is an excellent way to show your unit's "Scout Spirit", commemorate Scout Anniversary Week, and recruit new members.

Start planning your display now -- it's never too early to be prepared! •

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## Winter Recruiting

*This message was broadcast on Dec 7:*

### **Cubmasters: Recruit now!**

There's a bunch of kids in your town who would have joined your pack in September, but decided to join a soccer team instead.

Well, fall sports have ended, and these kids are ready to join now. Go get them!

Here's an idea: Throw a year-end party and invite all those Cub-aged kids to come. This technique worked in the former Broken Arrow District, and it can work for you.

Joel Lieberman  
201-677-1000 x30  
Joel.Lieberman@Scouting.org •

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## **Time to Recharter Your Unit**

### **Most Three Rivers units do it in January**

Once a year every unit must renew its charter with National and with its sponsoring organization. Step 1 must be done using National's on-line system, where you make additions, deletions, and corrections to your roster. Step 2 is to print the final roster and have it signed by the sponsor ("chartered organization") and Scoutmaster or Cubmaster. Step 3 is to give it to your District Exec along with a check to cover all fees.

The Council posted some helpful information:  
<http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=7286&orgkey=945>

About a month prior to your expiration, NNJC will mail your unit's new access code, which changes every year. You can then start on Step 1 using this link to the on-line site:  
<https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/ui/home>

In addition to the normal fixes, such as correcting spelling errors and noting changed addresses or phone numbers, Scoutmasters can use the "promote" feature to add new Webelos into the troop and to convert 18-year olds into Assistant Scoutmasters.

The on-line system will also compute the rechartering fee for you. **IGNORE THIS NUMBER** and recalculate it yourself using the worksheet on the NNJC web page. The problem is our New Jersey "insurance surcharge." Instead of the on-line figure of \$15 per person, the correct amount is \$20 per person, plus an extra \$20 for the unit. Then add on Boys' Life subscriptions at \$12 each for the year. Note that some people don't have to pay a fee, such as the head of the chartered organization (priest, rabbi, president, etc.), Tiger parents, and "Scout parents."

If you used the on-line system to add any new adults or youth, you still have to submit the usual application forms to make them official, and include those forms with the other rechartering paperwork. For adults, also attach a copy of their Youth Protection certification. If your unit is applying for the Journey to Excellence Award, include that as well. Information about JTE can be found at:

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

### **The requirement for Youth Protection Training**

YPT certification for adults is mandatory. A summary page will come up during the on-line processing and tell you which adults it thinks are not certified. Also watch for adults whose certification is older than 2 years. Contact them now and tell them to log into [MyScouting.org](http://MyScouting.org) and sit through the training, which takes about a half hour.

Last year National announced that the system will drop any non-certified adults from your roster, but in fact the system flagged only "youth contact" or "direct service" unit leaders; that is, Den Leaders on

up. However, things may have tightened up for 2012.

### **Why January?**

When NNJC was formed in 1999, it asked all units to shift their expiration date to January in order to make things easier for the Registrar and his staff. National introduced on-line rechartering in 2005, first making it optional and then mandatory. •

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### **Four New Eagle Scouts Announced**

*Fred Creswick of the TRD Advancement Committee provided this information:*

Congratulations to our new Eagle Scouts in November and December.

Michael McGinn of Bayonne Troop 25. His project was a Scout-like youth activity for autistic children to support Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic.

Daniel Negroni of Kearny Troop 305. His project was creation of communications boards for use by respiratory patients at the Dover General Hospital.

Charles Weening of Bayonne Troop 20. His project was a door-to-door food promotion/collection over the summer to replenish the shelves of a local food pantry.

Chris Kuczynski of Bayonne Troop 35. His project was the creation of a T-Ball field to support a Little League program that introduces baseball to young children. •

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### **A Kosher Thanksgiving Overnight at No-Be An observant Jewish-sponsored troop in Teaneck**

*This information was provided by Scoutmaster Daniel Chazin:*

Five Scouts and three adult leaders from Teaneck Troop 226 spent a portion of the Thanksgiving weekend camped in one of No-Be-Bo-Sco's cabins. Adhering strictly to the fourth commandment about the Sabbath, "Thou shalt not do any work," meant they had to arrive early on Friday and get all the wood-cutting and fire preparations done before

sunset. They also made preparations for Saturday's special lunch (below).

Luckily, the sages didn't consider a day hike to count as work, so Saturday morning was spent on the ridge behind the camp, following a portion of the Appalachian Trail, and passing a beaver dam on the way back down.

Jewish-sponsored troops and packs have a well-deserved reputation for serving excellent meals, and this outing was no exception. In addition to chicken grilled over an open fire ("the best chicken we've ever had on a troop overnight!"), Saturday lunch was an old-country treat called "cholent." It's a beef stew with potatoes, beans, and barley that takes about 12 hours to get right. As a result, one of the Friday preparations was to put the ingredients into a crock pot and set it to "simmer."

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### **OA Lodge Banquet (Jan 8)**

*This information taken from the Lodge website:*

#### **Lenapehoking Lodge IX**

#### **2012 Lodge Beefsteak Banquet**

Saturday Jan 8 at 2:00 PM

Paramus Elks Lodge, Route 17 North in Paramus  
(Behind Raymour and Flanigan Furniture)

Keynote speaker: Doug Fullman, former OA Staff  
Adviser to the Northeast Region

Youth: \$23, adults: \$27

Advance registration only, by Jan 5  
[www.OALodgeIX.org](http://www.OALodgeIX.org)

#### *Nightingale Catering beefsteak menu:*

Relish tray, spring mix salad, all-you-can-eat tenderloin on French bread, golden brown French fries, ice cream sundae, coffee, tea, decaf, soda

- The Lodge Trading Post will be open, and a silent auction will take place (contributions to the auction will be greatly appreciated).
- The new NOAC 2012 Lenapehoking IX patch will be available.
- Food drive: Each attendee is asked to bring a can of non-perishable food.

- Wear your uniform.

Larry Burke, 973-696-0963  
LPB51@msn.com •

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### **Planning for NOAC (Jul 30-Aug 4)**

*This information taken from the Lodge website:*

#### **Next Stop: NOAC 2012!**

More than 8,000 Arrowmen will travel to East Lansing, Michigan for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan State University.

Arrowmen will participate in a 6-day conference focusing on top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, attending evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and checking out all the exciting programs NOAC has to offer. NOAC will be held from July 30 through August 4th, 2012.

The fee for the conference is \$420, but we are still working on transportation and how much that will cost. The \$420 includes meals, lodging, and a patch. It's payable in four installments:

- Jan 15: \$100 deposit
- Feb 15: \$100
- Mar 15: \$100
- Apr 15: \$120

Jose Jerez, 201-478-1241  
Hokuma99@msn.com •

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### **Four New OA Vigil Candidates Announced**

*This information taken from the Lodge website:*

Congratulations to 2011 Vigil Candidates!

Rusty Clark  
John Holmer  
Steve "Squeaker" Levchak  
Paul Lopes

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. •

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## **Venturing Rock Climbing Night (Feb 19)**

*This information taken from the NNJC website:*

### **Rock Climbing Night**

The Venturing Officers Association is hosting a climbing night at the New Jersey Rock Gym for Sunday Feb 19, 8:00 PM-midnight. There will be lots of climbing, snacks, movies, and FUN!! Bring your gear if you got it.

\$32 per person (includes harness)

\$3 for shoe rentals

Registration is limited to the first 60 participants and ends on Feb 5. No walk-ins!

Be sure to bring a signed waiver:

[http://www.njrockgym.com/njrg\\_acknowledgment\\_of\\_risks\\_new.pdf](http://www.njrockgym.com/njrg_acknowledgment_of_risks_new.pdf)

Website for the gym:

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

Every unit is responsible for providing its own adult supervision.

Also: We need qualified belayers to help staff and you will get a discount on admission. Contact: Brian Johnson at [BrianRJol2@gmail.com](mailto:BrianRJol2@gmail.com).

Mike Cowan, 201-677-1000 x31

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

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## **Three Scout Ski Days (Feb 24 + 25 + 26)**

*NNJC broadcast this message on Dec 21:*

### **SCOUT SKI DAYS 2012**

Open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers, Families & Friends

#### **Belleayre Mountain Ski Center**

Highmount, NY

Feb 24 or 25 or 26 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Lifts operate from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Register online for ski days, rentals and overnight arrangements!

Cost \$32 per person per day (\$34 after Feb 17)

Includes lift ticket and a group lesson any level

Rentals available

Skis, boots & poles: \$23 per day (\$25 after Feb 17)

Snowboards & boots: \$23 per day (\$25 after Feb 17)

### **Bus Available on Saturday**

"Leave the Driving to Us"

\$25 pre-paid on a chartered coach with restroom.

Bus Leaves NJ at 6:30 AM and returns at 6:30 PM.

### **Overnight accommodations available (1)**

Stay over Friday night and/or Saturday night at local firehouses or a parish center in nearby Margaretville NY.

Cost: \$25 per person per night (\$30 after Feb 17)

Bring your sleeping bag and pad to sleep on an open floor. Price includes supper and breakfast, with supper hosted by a local Troop at a nearby church hall, and breakfast something cold and light.

### **Overnight accommodations available (2)**

Local hotel and other lodging information is available on the Belleayre Region Lodging and Tourism Website:

<http://www.catskillhighpeaks.com/index.php>

We recommend the following hotels:

- Starlight Motel, Big Indian, NY
- Margaretville Motel, Margaretville, NY
- West Wind Motel, Fleischmanns, N Y

Mike Wirth, 201-677-1000 x28

[Michael.Wirth@Scouting.org](mailto:Michael.Wirth@Scouting.org) •

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## **Open Slots for Scout Seabase (Feb or Apr)**

*This message was broadcast on Dec 12:*

I would be willing to head up a Seabase trip for anyone in our district on either Feb 19-26 or Apr 8-15.

These are the dates Harrison and I are able to commit to. It would be for the "Live Aboard" itinerary. I would need at least 1 more adult to assist. Everyone must be scuba-certified.

The cost for Seabase itself would be a minimum of \$1,000 per person. Travel and lodging other than the boat is not included, adding on airfare, lodging, meals, etc., I would estimate at least another \$750

per person if we max out the excursion. If we don't have 12 participants the price will go up per person.

I think the interest is out there if someone is willing to organize it. I will take on that responsibility. My son and I are interested in going so we only need 10 more. If you were to try to do this with an independent company the cost would be \$3,000 just for the boat and dives.

If anyone is seriously interested, visit the Seabase website:

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

Click on "Adventures". They offer several programs. Scroll down to "Scuba Live Aboard"

Richard Brace  
Scoutmaster, Troop 73  
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### **Help Requested for Multiple Sclerosis**

**A donation now and participation in April**

*Assistant District Commissioner Kevin Kilroy broadcast this message Dec 30:*

### **Take Advantage of a Tax Deduction This Year**

Every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). That's why I registered for Walk MS 2012 and that's why I'm asking you to support my fund raising efforts with a tax-deductible donation before the end of December, either by making your donation online or by mailing your check made payable to "National Multiple Sclerosis Society" by December 31st to be able to deduct your generous donation on your tax return.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS but they can't do it without our help. It's faster and easier than ever to support this cause that's so important to me. Simply click on the link at the bottom of this message. If you prefer, you can send your contribution to the address listed below.

Firefighters 4 MS  
c/o Kilroy  
1094 Farm Road  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Any amount, great or small, helps to make a difference in the lives of people with MS. I appreciate your support and look forward to letting you know how I do.

P.S. If you would like more information about the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, how proceeds from Walk MS are used, or the other ways you can get involved in the fight against MS, please visit [NationalMSSociety.org](http://NationalMSSociety.org).

Click here to visit my personal page:

[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=5971012&pg=personal&fr\\_id=18502&et=CR3efDFE0OCWVrMQGaKGzg&s\\_tafId=237993](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=5971012&pg=personal&fr_id=18502&et=CR3efDFE0OCWVrMQGaKGzg&s_tafId=237993)

Click here to view our team page:

[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?team\\_id=268685&pg=team&fr\\_id=18502&et=\\_D3RGms-kXwk316HqF819w&s\\_tafId=237993](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?team_id=268685&pg=team&fr_id=18502&et=_D3RGms-kXwk316HqF819w&s_tafId=237993)

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### **Wood Badge Dining Out Brunch (Jan 14)**

**Please note the corrected date**

*This information taken from the NNJC website:*

### **Northern New Jersey & Patriots' Path Cluster Annual Gilwell "Dining-Out" Brunch**

*Special Guest Speaker Gary Schroeder, Northeast Region Program Impact Vice-President*

The idea of a "Dining-Out" was adopted many years ago by the British Army, and is a long-standing tradition in regimental messes. Lt. General Robert Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting, retired from the British Army in 1910, and most likely participated in many social Dining-Out events, which were open to non-members, including spouses and friends.

*Also: Silent auction to benefit the Woodbadge Scholarship fund (see below).*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012 8:00-11:00 AM

\$25 per Wood Badger

\$20 for a non-Wood Badge spouse

\$10 for a child.

William Paterson University, 1600 Valley Road,  
Wayne, NJ

ALL Non-Wood Badgers, Wood Badge "critters," and guests (from any council) are invited to join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Silent Auction: Feel free to bring silent auction donations with you, or contact Randi Newbery to donate in advance (preferred). Her e-mail address is GrendelBear@gmail.com.

Contact: Joel.Lieberman@scouting.org •

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### **Empire Scout Shop Will Close January 20 But they don't yet have a new location**

Since 1999, this well-stocked Scout Shop on the 4th floor of the Empire State building has provided a convenient location for many northern New Jersey Scouters. Their original plan was to close in mid-January and relocate to someplace fairly close, but that someplace has not yet been found.

For now, Plan-B is to convert to mail order. Territory Manager Karen Strobino said, "Any of the folks who normally buy at any of my four locations can fax in their orders and their advancement forms, and we'll mail it out. We won't charge for shipping."

BUT: As of this writing, Karen doesn't know what the shop's new phone and fax numbers will be. Thus you'll have to contact them by way of one of the other shops. Be sure to say you are a regular Empire Customer:

- Staten Island - 718-351-5654, fax: 718-980-9767
- Nassau - 516-797-0574, fax: 516-797-0918
- Hawthorne - 914-773-1216, fax: 914-741-0578

Note that many commercial stores are authorized to sell Scout gear, including uniforms, literature, and patches. But only official Scout Shops may sell advancement-related badges. A store locator can be found at [www.ScoutStuff.org](http://www.ScoutStuff.org). Click on "Find a Location".

NNJC's affiliated Scout Shop is located in the Council Service Center in Oakland. Next-door Patriots' Path Council has two, one in Mountainside and another in Florham Park. •

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### **Peace Light 2011 in the Media (Dec 12) An article was posted on [www.NorthJersey.com](http://www.NorthJersey.com)**

*Below is an extract from the article, which was written by Mike Kelly, a columnist for New Jersey's The Record:*

In his article, Kelly focused on John Hahn, an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 15 in Glen Rock, and his son Tim. He said, "The Hahns are trying to pass the flame to anyone who'll take it during the Christmas season -- no charge. The flame was lit from another flame in Bethlehem, at the spot where Christians believe Jesus was born. How it came to Glen Rock is a story of connections and happenstance. What will happen to it in the coming days is a matter of connections and happenstance, too."

Kelly mused a bit on "connections," contrasting the simple and ancient tradition of passing a flame from one person to another versus today's electronic connections. He then told about two phone calls that Hahn received during his interview and quoted Hahn as saying to a Unitarian minister with misgivings, "It's a light from Bethlehem. If you want to put the Christian side on it, that's great. I pass it around because where in this world do we not need a little more peace?"

The "happenstance" portion of Kelly's article described the improbable series of events that ended with Hahn agreeing to coordinate the "Peace Light from Bethlehem" program for NNJC. It involved an amateur production of "The Diary of Ann Frank," a marriage to a German man, an article in an issue of a German Scouting magazine, and numerous phone calls.

Kelly also interviewed Richard Brace, Scoutmaster of Haworth Troop 73, who is equally enthusiastic about the Peace Light. Brace told him, "When people exchange the light, our only request: is that they recite a brief pledge: 'We gladly receive this light as a sign of our willingness to be channels of peace by our words and actions.'" •

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## A New Alumni Association for Eagle Scouts

*Registered Eagles received this notice on Dec 8:*

We're proud of our Eagle Scout alumni and everything they mean to the Boy Scouts of America. As an Eagle Scout, who accomplished the highest rank in Scouting, we're excited to invite you to become a charter member of the brand new Scouting Alumni Association.

The Scouting Alumni Association is the very best way to stay connected to what's happening in Scouting and is your chance to help more youth experience the excitement, challenges, and adventure that Scouting has to offer.

Membership benefits:

- Quarterly electronic newsletter *Alumni Alive!*
- Welcome packet including an affiliation card
- One-time discount on a Supply Group purchase
- Alumni scrapbook accessibility
- And much more...

[www.BSAAumni.org](http://www.BSAAumni.org) •

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## Volunteers Needed for 2012 Ironman

*DEs Steve Leonardi and Ian Meades received this request on Nov 29:*

Hi Ian and Steven,

My name is Sarah Labowsky and I am the Volunteer Director for the 2012 Ironman US Championship, scheduled for Aug 11, 2012. As you may know the Ironman US Championship is a 140.6 mile triathlon, comprised of a 2.2 mile swim in the Hudson River, a 112 mile bike ride on the Palisades Parkway (two loops) and a 26.2 mile run in the Palisades Parks system, over the GW Bridge and finishing in New York City. With more than 3,000 athletes registered for this event, we are going to rely heavily on committed volunteers.

I am reaching out to you today with an opportunity for your group to take part in the inaugural event. Volunteer positions will vary based on how many volunteers you are able to recruit and your ability to access certain locations along the course. I called the Northern Jersey Council Center and Linda [Mycek] identified you two as the best people to

contact. I understand you are responsible for the Scout troops in the area. If you are interested in getting involved please contact me. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sarah Labowsky

Volunteer Director, Ironman U.S. Championship

250 W. 57th St., Suite 1713

New York, NY 10107

212-691-5928

[Sarah@KorffEnterprises.com](mailto:Sarah@KorffEnterprises.com) •

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## A Free On-line Newsletter for Scouts

The masthead looks like this:

**BE PREPARED**

**For Adventure. For Life.**

News, tips, and useful information about Scouting and the outdoors

Be Prepared is published by the online catalog people at [ScoutStuff.org](http://ScoutStuff.org). This is their third year of providing a combination of advice and interesting factoids, often culled from the Scouts' 100-year old history. Here's a sampling of some of the contents:

Vol. 1, No. 1 (Feb, 2009)

- Cold-weather Camping: Staying Warm with the Right Gear (The importance of good hats, socks, mittens, and a 4-season tent.)
- History of the Pinewood Derby (In 1953, Don Murphy's son was too young for a full-sized soap box derby, so...)
- Scout Sunday Observance (It's the Sunday on or before February 8, but some churches and some units choose a different day.)

Vol. 1, No. 5 (June, 2009)

- Predicting Weather the Old-Fashioned Way ("Red skies in the morning..." and several more similar couplets, and their basis in science.)
- Planning a Day Hike (How to make a trip plan and what to take along.)
- Assembling a First Aid Kit (A pretty good checklist.)
- United States Flag Quiz (Sample: How many stars in 1910 when Scouts were founded?)

Vol. 1, No. 9 (October, 2009)

- Pocketknives - A Tool for All Seasons A 1911 ad said, "Ask your hardware dealer for this 50¢ official Scout knife." Also, how to use the can opener blade.
- Merit Badges (a history) (The "Invention" badge was in the first Scout handbook and required you to get a patent.)

Vol. 2, No. 3 (March, 2010)

- Centennial Badges of Rank (For your next award ceremony: Cub badges added "2010" to each, and Scout badges now have "2010 - Boy Scouts of America embroidered around the border.)
- The Eagle Pin (A drawing of a proposed Eagle pin appeared in the 1911 Handbook, but was never adopted. The first Eagle pin went to Arthur Eldred in 1912, complete with a photo of him and another of the actual badge he received.)
- Pedal Power! (Older editions of the Scout Handbook had ads in the back for bikes and tires.)
- Bugles (Virtually unchanged since it was first advertised in the 1911 Scout Handbook.)

The most recent edition is Vol.3, No. 12 (Dec 2011)

- "The gift of Adventure" traced how generous gifts led to establishing high adventure camps at Philmont, Northern Tier, Seabase, and now the Summit Bechtel Reserve. You can buy patches and other Summit gear from the online catalog.
- A lesson on how the planet Earth is organized into numbered latitude and longitude lines and where to find those numbers on a topographical map.
- How to use latitude and longitude on a GPS receiver.
- A description of geocaching and how to find someone else's cache.
- Some words about the new Geocaching merit badge.

Go to the catalog's home page and give them your e-mail address to receive the newsletters as well as notices of special offers and product information:

<http://www.ScoutStuff.org>

Scroll down to Scouting Resources | Be Prepared Newsletters. •

## **Ice Skating at Montclair State University** **The Floyd Hall Arena is open to the public**

Scoutmasters, consider offering the Skating merit badge to your Scouts, then bringing them to the Floyd Hall Arena for the 10 "Do the following..." requirements.

You can rent skates and use one of their two rinks for a couple hours for less than \$20. In addition to open skating, the arena offers instructions for basic skating, figure skating, ice dancing, and hockey. They also have hockey leagues for both youth and adults.

The arena is willing to host reasonably priced group events for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. They'll also host birthday parties and will provide virtually everything but the presents. That includes a personalized cake, decorations, pizza, unlimited soda, rentals, and even a group lesson.

Questions:

Kristen Vanorski, 973-655-8048

[KVanorski@FloydHallArena.com](mailto:KVanorski@FloydHallArena.com)

<http://www.floydhallarena.com> •

## **The Three Rivers District Organization**

### **Key People**

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PO Box 670  
Oakland, NJ 07436  
201-677-1000 •

## Event Details

### Jan 5 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.  
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM  
District Chair Pat Stamato  
PStamato@aol.com

### 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

### Jan 8 - OA Lodge Banquet

Paramus Elk Lodge, 2:00 PM  
200 Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ  
(Behind Raymour and Flanigan furniture)  
Youth \$23, adults \$27  
Must register in advance  
Larry Burke, Lodge Advisor, 973-696-0963  
LBP51@msn.com

### Jan 10 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center  
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane  
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM  
George Simoni  
GSimoni@aol.com

### Jan 14 - Wood Badge Dining Out Brunch

William Paterson University, 8:00-11:00 AM  
1600 Valley Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470  
Wood Badger: \$20, spouse: \$20, child: \$10  
Joel.Lieberman@Scouting.org

### Jan 19 - 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

### 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 2 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.  
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM  
District Chair Pat Stamato  
PStamato@aol.com

### Feb 3+4 - Scout Night at Monster Jam

Feb 3 at 7:30 PM  
Feb 4 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM  
IZOD Center at Meadowlands Sports Complex  
Special Scout price \$20 (includes a Scout patch)  
A portion of the \$20 goes to NNJC  
Tyrone Manning, 201-677-1000 x34  
Tyrone.Manning@scouting.org

### 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 12 - Catholic Religious Awards

Archdiocese of Newark  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
89 Ridge Street  
Newark, NJ 3:00 PM

### Feb 14 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center  
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane  
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM  
George Simoni  
GSimoni@aol.com

### Feb 16 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners

Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM  
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ  
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)

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Allendale, NJ  
Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777  
NERSMuseum@aol.com

Feb 17+20 - Scout Night at Harlem Globetrotters  
Feb 17 at 7:30 PM  
Feb 20 at 1:00 PM  
IZOD Center at Meadowlands Sports Complex  
Special Scout price \$20 (includes a Scout patch)  
A portion of the \$20 goes to NNJC  
Tyrone Manning, 201-677-1000 x34  
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Mar 13 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable  
Holy Name Medical Center  
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane  
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM  
George Simoni  
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Feb 18 - Three Rivers Dist First Aid Rally  
[Details to be announced]

Mar 15 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners  
Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM  
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ  
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)  
Sal Bellomo  
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Feb 19 - Venturing Rock Climbing Night  
New Jersey Rock Gym, 8:00 PM - midnight  
373 U.S. 46, Fairfield, NJ 07004  
\$32 per person + \$3 for shoe rental  
Mike Cowan, 201-677-1000 x31  
MCowan@bsamail.org

Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight  
Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ  
\$52.95  
Eric Chamberlin  
Eric.Chamberlin@Scouting.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)

Mar 24 - NNJC training: Den Chiefs  
[Details to be announced]

Mar 1 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting  
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.  
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM  
District Chair Pat Stamato  
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Mar 24-25 - 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  
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Mar 2+3 - Scout Night at Motocross  
7:30 PM both nights  
IZOD Center at Meadowlands Sports Complex  
Special Scout price \$20 (includes a Scout patch)  
A portion of the \$20 goes to NNJC  
Tyrone Manning, 201-677-1000 x34  
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Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow  
Mar 3 - Den Chief Training  
[Details to be announced]

Mar 10 - NNJC training: SM/ASM-Specific  
[Details to be announced]

Mar 11 - OA Trade-O-Ree  
Guardian Angel Church, 9:00-2:00 PM  
East Allendale Ave.