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Event Summary

"TRD" = Three Rivers District

(See last page for details)

Feb 2 - TRD Committee Meeting

Feb 3+4 - Scout Night at Monster Jam

Feb 4-5 - Liberty Science Center Camp-In

Feb 5 - Scout Sunday

Feb 5-11 - TRD Window Display Competition

Feb 11 - TRD Training for Cub Leaders

Feb 12 - Catholic Religious Awards

Feb 14 - TRD Roundtable

Feb 14 - OA Chapter meeting

Feb 16 - TRD Commissioners

Feb 17 - TRD Scouter of the Year Dinner

Feb 17+20 - Scout Night at Harlem Globetrotters

Feb 19 - Venturing Rock Climbing Night

Feb 24+25+26 - NNJC Scout Ski Days

Mar 1 - TRD Committee Meeting

Mar 2+3 - Scout Night at Motocross

Mar 2-4 - NY Councils Training: Leave No Trace

Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow

Mar 3 - Training: Den Chiefs (during Pow Wow)

Mar 3 - Commissioner Basics (during Pow Wow)

Mar 7 - Summer Camp Kickoff Meeting for Turrell

Mar 11 - OA Trade-O-Ree

Mar 13 - TRD Roundtable

Mar 13 - OA Chapter meeting

Mar 15 - TRD Commissioners

Mar 17 - TRD Pinewood Derby

Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Mar 24 - NNJC training: Den Chiefs

Mar 24-25 - Liberty Science Center Camp-In

Apr 2 - Campership Deadline

Apr 5 - TRD Committee Meeting

Apr 10 - TRD Roundtable

Apr 10 - OA Chapter meeting

Apr 15 - TRD Awards Dinner

Apr 19 - TRD Commissioners

Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

Looking Ahead

May 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend

May 6 - TRD Rocket Derby

May 18-20 - Camp Turrell X-Treme Sports

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 - TRD Fishing Derby

Jul 30-Aug 4 - OA's NOAC Convention

Other TRD Events (date to be determined)

(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 •

Help For Units Rechartering in January

The Three Rivers District Execs scheduled two sessions in January intended to make unit rechartering as easy as possible, asking unit leaders to show up with a current roster and a blank check. A DE with a laptop would then give whatever assistance was needed to complete the online rechartering process and to compute an accurate fee.

There was hardly any response to the first session, which took place at a side table while the Jan 10 Roundtable was in progress. The second session went much better. It took place on Jan 26 at the Westwood Regional High School and 15 unit leaders took advantage of it. DE Ian Meades said, "It was pretty well attended for being the first time doing something like this."

Ian reported, "Eight units had completed paperwork that went off without any issues." On the other hand, others uncovered problems that they had to go back home to fix. One example Ian gave were units with direct-contact leaders who had let their 2-year Youth Protection Training certification expire.

February repeat planned. Ian said, "We need to promote this for the February Roundtable, too." However, the DEs don't yet have a good solution for on-the-spot printing of the final unit roster, which is required to complete the process. Paper output is needed in order to get two signatures, one from the chartering organization and one from the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster. •

District Tiger Tumble (Jan 21)

This information was provided by event organizer Mark Wrightington:

Close to 100 Tiger Cubs came from all across the Three Rivers District, braving wintery cold for a day of fun at the 8th annual Tiger Tumble. Try as she might, Mother Nature could not stop this eager bunch of Cubs and their parents. A nasty snowstorm caused a 1-day postponement from the original Saturday, but Sunday went off without a hitch.

The Tiger Tumble is an assortment of games and events designed to give these new Scouts a taste of what our program is all about. A particular favorite was the "stomp-rocket" station, where future NASA engineers made paper rockets and took turns launching them into space by stomping on a 2 liter soda bottle. Other fun events included marble art and a Raingutter Regatta.

The stomp-rockets served as a precursor to the District's May 6 Rocket Derby. In fact, other Tiger Tumble events, such as the scooter race, calf roping, and a fishing game gave hints of fun to come at the District's upcoming Pinewood Derby, Goldrush, and Fishing Derby.

"Scouting is a game with a purpose" was the subtle theme of the ever-popular donut-eating contest. Each Tiger and parent partner must work as a team to eat a powdered donut. Sounds simple, but there is

a teamwork catch! The donut is hanging from a string, and hands are not allowed! And just to add to the fun (and mess), the donuts were all well coated with powdered sugar. A quick look at a Cub's shirt was an easy way to tell whether or not he had participated.

Another theme of the day was Scout summer camp. Tigers got a hint of what the BB and archery ranges at Camp Lewis might be like when they tried their hands at shooting cork guns, rubber band pistols, and rubber-tipped arrows. Another taste of summer camp was the closing campfire, where the boys were treated to songs, jokes and skits by the staff.

Mark Wrightington summed up the day by saying, "All things considered weather-wise, a great time was had by all. One of the Tiger dads told me that this was his second time through the Cub Scout program, and that the Tiger Tumble was the best event either of his sons had ever attended." He added that several boys asked him on the way out whether they could expect a similar event next year when they are Wolf Cubs.

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An event of this size can't take place without a lot of help and cooperation. Mark expressed his appreciation to the Palisades Park Board of Education for their continued support in once again hosting the Tiger Tumble. He also gave a hearty "thank-you" to the entire staff of dedicated Scouts and Scouters who come back year after year to make the event possible. They include; Jim Africano, Sal Bellomo, TJ Churti, Nancy Croot, Jeff Devries, Beth Dluogsz, Eric Dluogsz, Damon Fares, Ed Ference, Anthony Giordano, Barry Goldman, Charlie Hesse, Ken Hesse, Norman Kasser, Biff Van Kleef, Lillian Molnar, Maria Nigro, Ryan Raimo, Bill Severino, George Simoni, Leslie Sonkin, Pat Stamato, Jerry Theodorides, Matthew Wrightington, and Sandra Wrightington. •

District Klondike Derby (Jan 28)

An estimated 1,200 people attended this year's Klondike Derby, including Scouts, Webelos, unit leaders, parents, and staff. Event organizer Allen

Sterk said that the registration table assigned numbers to 83 Klondike sleds. The unit count was 34 Scout troops and 27 Cub packs, some with enough boys to man two sleds or 3 or even 4!

Six skill stations were set up along the access road, and Scouts and Webelos took their sleds from one to another until the competition ended and the call came to start the signature sled race.

Winners of the skill competitions:

Scouts	Cubs
T25	P95
T334	P229-1
T138	P229-2

Winners of the sled race:

Scouts	Cubs
T36	P95
T25	P229
T205	P25

To give an idea of how Scouts competed, some of the stations were:

Orienteering had a Super Bowl theme that told Scouts to score by carrying a football and a trophy across the goal line. But first they had to use compass skills to find the small cardboard football and the 3-inch plastic trophy. There were also a couple of extra requirements straight out of the Scout Handbook.

Campsite Setup had a theme of lost in the Arctic with an impending storm coming on. This called for a well staked-down tent, a sturdy rain fly, and a quick hot meal. An extra requirement was to work out the compass bearing to a distant location.

Fire Building was simple: A member of your patrol fell into a stream and is cold, wet, and shivering. Get a fire going as quickly as possible! However only "natural wood" was allowed, which Scouts were instructed to bring with them from home. A hint for next year from the station's "mayor": "For tinder, pull bunches of pine needles from that Christmas tree being thrown out."

Knots and Lashings had the theme of using a rescue knot to haul a Scout out of a crevasse,

followed by improvising a flag on a long pole to signal for help.

You can read more about the Klondike in an article posted by NorthJersey.com using this link:

http://www.northjersey.com/mahwah/138280224_Scouts_test_their_winter_skills.html?c=y&page=2

The article was written by Evonne Coutros, and contains descriptions of other skill stations along with quotes from various Scouts she interviewed. She also interviewed NNJC Scout Exec Doug Dillow, who told her about year-round camping and how the Klondike Derby became a Scout tradition. She quoted Doug as saying, "So long as there's been great volunteers willing to organize the activities for the kids, we do programs like this. Clearly what makes us different is the values; teaching kids the responsibility of being part of a community, citizenship, right and wrong, how to work with a group, and leadership skills."

Smoother registration this year was remarked on by several Scouters who attended prior Klondikes. Event Co-Chair Lee Wallin praised our Three Rivers website where a copy of the all-important "Roster Card" was available for downloading and filling out in advance. He said, "There have been years when we had prolonged starts because the documents were so bad, which then messed up the whole day. People complained about it for years."

Photos posted by Jim Wrynn can be found at this link:

<http://jimwrynnpictures.shutterfly.com/activityfeed/643> •

An Offer to Speak from an Afghan Vet

Senior District Exec Joel Lieberman made this offer on Feb 1:

"If you have a date when I can come and share my story with you and your families, just drop me an e-mail to ensure we have you scheduled." Joel added, "If you want I would even be willing to incorporate myself into any of your programs. I can come to your meeting in uniform (Military or BSA) and share some stories with your families and boys!!!"

Joel Lieberman was an active Boy Scout who eventually became a Scout professional. While he was still on the job last May as the District Exec for the former Broken Arrow, he was called to active duty and sent to Afghanistan. But now he's back, and said, "Thank you so much for the great reception I've received since coming home from Afghanistan! It sure is great to be back to the old stomping grounds with everybody! I'm hoping to get out and meet and greet some of you and your families in the next few months."

Joel passed on this thumbnail résumé: "For those who may not know me, I've been a Scout professional with the council for 11 years, and I've been in the Scouting program for 37 years. I'm an Eagle Scout and proud of it!!! I've been everywhere Scouting has to offer: Seabase, Northern Tier, Philmont, Sommers Canoe Base, and National Jamborees in 1981, 1985, 1989, 2001, 2005, and 2010."

"I know what Scouting can do for you and your family; because I've lived what it did for mine!!! I've made life decisions based on all that I learned from Scouts! And that includes spinning my Scout experiences into a 23-year career in the Military!" •

Training for FOS Presenters (Jan 10)

This message was broadcast on Jan 8:

To Unit Leaders and Active Scouters:

Many families are very happy with the opportunities that the Boy Scout program gives to their sons and would be quite happy to make a donation if asked.

Thus each unit is urged to schedule a fund-raising presentation at a time when parents will be present, such as a Cub Blue-and-Gold banquet or a Scout Court of Honor. The campaign is called "Family Friends of Scouting" or "Family FOS." We would like each unit to schedule an FOS presentation early in the year.

This is a 2-part request:

1. Please let me know when such a presentation can be made to your unit: date, time, location, whom to contact, and about how many handouts to bring.

2. The Three Rivers District also needs Scouters willing to make such presentations. If you are willing to be a presenter, a special training session will take place in the half hour prior to the January Roundtable. You can learn how to make an effective presentation, and you can learn how to make best use of the materials that the Council has prepared for these occasions.

January 10 at 7:00 PM
Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Road & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ

Note that the Three Rivers District Roundtable is scheduled to start in the same location at 7:30 PM. Feel free to attend both.

Please reply to:
Robert Deutsch
TVEagle@optonline.net •

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! •

Cub Leader Training Day (Feb 11) **Postponed from Jan 21**

Originally broadcast on Jan 5, postponement broadcast on Jan 20:

NNJC & 3 Rivers District Presents
Cub Leader Training Day
Feb 11, 2012

9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
Reformed Church of Oradell
Kinderkamack Road at Church St.
(From Kinderkamack, turn west onto Church.)

Link to a flyer:
<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=104752>

Three sessions:

1. Cub Leader Position-Specific Training (break-out based on position)
2. "This is Scouting" (previously called "New Leader Essentials")
3. Youth Protection Training

Come for some or all. No charge

Schedule

- 9:00-9:45 - General session for all Cub Leaders
- 10:00-12:00 - Break-out based on position*
- 12:00-12:30 - Lunch (bring your own)
- 12:30-2:00 - This is Scouting
- 2:15-3:45 - Youth Protection

***Break-out sessions:**

- Tiger Den Leader and assistants
- Wolf & Bear Den Leader and assistants
- Webelos Den Leader and assistants
- Cubmaster
- Committee member

Interested parents are welcome to any session

Please register in advance, either online or download the form and e-mail it to Webelos@verizon.net •

Two Jewish Religious Award Workshops **One in April and one in June**

Come to the Feb 14 Three Rivers Roundtable in order to hear a preliminary announcement and to pick up a brochure.

Rabbi Robert Tobin recently arrived in our area to fill a post at B'nai Shalom in West Orange. Surprised to find that little was being done to promote the four Jewish religious awards, he volunteered to organize the workshops.

Cubs and Scouts should attend one of the workshops as a first step, and then continue working on the award both at home and with their own Rabbi. From the brochure:

Step 1: Sign up to attend a workshop: We are pleased to provide FREE workshops to orient you to the requirements of your award, based on age and rank in Scouting. You will be given everything necessary to fulfill the requirements at this session, including educational materials, and you will begin the work that morning. Cub Parents are especially encouraged to attend.

Rabbi Robert Tobin
B'nai Shalom, 300 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ 07052
RabbiTobin@yahoo.com •

Scouters of the Year Award Dinner (Feb 17)

This message was broadcast on Feb 1:

Don't Miss the 10th Annual
Northeast Region Scout Museum's
BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Honoring
Three Rivers District's
SCOUTERS OF THE YEAR

- Mary Kay Tokar
- Barry Messner
- Tom Molnar

Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM
American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

Price: \$35 (Walk-ins: \$40)
For tickets: Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777
NERSMuseum@aol.com •

Training for Unit Commissioners (Mar 3)

This message was broadcast on Feb 1:

A day-long training session for all of NNJC's Unit Commissioners is being organized, with all current

Commissioners urged to participate along with an open invitation to other interested Scouters.

It will take place in conjunction with the Council's March 3 Pow Wow. The location has not yet been announced, but event organizer Dr. Phil Mollica plans on starting at 8:00 AM and wrapping up by 4:00 PM.

Mollica told the District Commissioners of NNJC's three districts, "Please contact your staff and support their attendance. Detailed information will follow but this is a save-the-date reminder. It will be a fantastic day!" •

Two-Part Kickoff for Camp Turrell (Mar 7)

Camp Director Anthony Chirido broadcast this information on Feb 2:

A two-part kickoff meeting will take place at the NNJC Council Service Center on March 7:

- 6:45 PM - Project Soaring Eagle (see following article).
- 7:30 PM - Unit leader's meeting - information about this summer's camp program.

Anthony Chirido, District Director
AChirido@bsamail.org •

NNCJ Sports Dinner (Mar 8) Featuring NY Giants Lineman Chris Snee

2012 NNJC Sports Dinner & Auction

featuring
2012 NFC Championship NY Giants Chris Snee, starting offensive lineman. He'll speak, sign memorabilia, and participate in the dinner program afterwards.

6:00 PM cocktails, 7:00 PM dinner
Mayfair Farms
West Orange, NJ
\$250 per adult
\$100 per youth

A letter to unit leaders from event chair Clark Atwood asked each troop and pack to select a

"deserving father/son" pair and to dip into their treasury to buy them a ticket for \$350. Other adults and other youths are also urged to buy tickets for \$200 and \$150, respectively. The unit with the most attendees at the event will be awarded a special prize.

Respond by Feb 28, 2012

Jillian L. Duarte, 201-677-1000 x27
Jillian.Duarte@scouting.org

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What's a lineman?

Quarterback Eli Manning and his running backs and his pass receivers get all the attention. But any of them will tell you that Chris Snee and the other offensive linemen are critical to their success. Especially Chris Snee. When a running back gets the football, he depends on linemen to push players from the other team out of the way. When Manning gets ready to pass, he depends on linemen to protect him from players trying to tackle him first. Snee is so good at his job that other football players from other teams have voted him as one of the best. •

Project Soaring Eagle at Camp Turrell

This message was broadcast on Feb 2:

Star and Life Scouts can spend a week at Camp Turrell working on Eagle-required merit badges.

"Project Soaring Eagle" will take place during camp week-5 (Jul 29-Aug 5), and counselors will be available to help you with badges that are not usually available during the other weeks.

BUT... You **MUST** attend this mandatory kickoff meeting:

March 7 at 6:45 PM
NNJC Council Office
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ

Note that several Eagle-required merit badges have 3-month requirements. Get information about those requirements and then get started so you'll have them done by the time camp starts.

For more information:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/..ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=2631&orgkey=955> •

District Pinewood Derby for Cubs (Mar 17)

Information taken from the flyer:

2012 Pinewood Derby

"The Don Ware Classic"

Saturday March 17, 2012

Paramus Elks Lodge, 200 Route 17 North

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$5 per car

Four Tigers and four older Cubs from each pack are allowed to race.

Contact: Ernie Sprance, Race Official

201-836-1371

Racemaster@optonline.net •

District Pinewood Derby for Adults (Mar 17)

Scouters - Start your engines!

This is a special District fundraiser that will start after Cub Scout competition.

\$25 entry fee

- Open to all!
- Anything goes!
- Join in the fun!
- It's an exhibition, not a competition!

Just one requirement: it must fit on the track!

Ernie Sprance, Racemaster@optonline.net

Leslie Sonkin, LSonkin@aol.com •

Training for Den Chiefs (Mar 24)

This message was broadcast on Jan 24:

Northern New Jersey Council

Three Rivers District

2012 Den Chief Training

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=105790>

Place: Fair Lawn Rescue Squad
16-01 Romaine Street
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-2150
(Park in the high school lot)

Date: Saturday March 24

Time: 9:00 AM to Noon

Come and have fun enjoying a fine morning of fellowship with fellow Scouts.

This event is designed to provide an informative session to all Boy Scouts who are interested in learning about the support structure a troop can provide to local Cub Scout packs.

Providing a Cub den with a big brother experience and help our younger boys fulfill their dreams of Scouting.

Please bring \$5 and the Den Chief handbook with you to this session

For more information, please contact
Ian Meades, 201-677-1000 x36

or

Coordinator Jim Wrynn, 201-791-7325
wrynn426je@gmail.com

Please confirm attendance by contacting Jim Wrynn before training!! •

Scout Position: "Leave No Trace Trainer"

The Junior Leader position of "Leave No Trace Trainer" was introduced in January, 2010, and was added to the list of positions suitable for an Eagle Scout candidate to fill.

The Scouts have been promoting the "Leave No Trace" doctrine since the late 1990s, but now they're really serious about it. Learning and using LNT has become a requirement for reaching Second Class and First Class. The 7 principles of LNT are:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out)
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

6. Respect Wildlife

7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Becoming the troop's LNT Trainer position is also serious business. National has created a 16-hour module and has imposed an age requirement of 14+. Our next-door Greater NY Councils recently scheduled a full-weekend training session for would-be LNT Trainers (see following article). •

Training for "Leave No Trace Trainers"

Biff Van Kleef recently received this note:

On March 2-4 our neighbors at Greater NY Councils will be hosting a Leave No Trace Trainer course at Camp Alpine. This course is required for Scouts looking to be certified as a Troop's Leave No Trace Trainer.

Editor's note of caution: There are two "Camp Alpines" back-to-back. NNJC operates one, and GNYC owns and operates the other where this training will take place.

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From the GNYC flier:

Participants completing the training will become card carrying Leave No Trace trainers, and will join the LNT Training cadre for GNYC. They will be authorized to conduct LNT Guide, Awareness, and Orientation classes for Scout and non-Scout groups as well as assist with the LNT awards and co-teaching other classes.

Participants will learn "in depth" the seven principles of Leave No Trace and will be able to lead others in an immersion-style learning program involving these environmental and wild land ethics. This is the course youth need to take to become an "LNT Unit Trainer".

When: March 2-4; 2012

Where: Camp Alpine, Hearst Cabin and adjacent tent space, also Activity Center classroom.

Limit: The first 20 people (youth & adult) will be in this class, others will be placed on a waiting list for future classes

Cost: \$80 per person (includes food, insurance, materials, cabin, patch, pin, card, introductory membership to LNT and certificate)

Register at:

<http://www.bsa-gnyc.org/registration/calendar/detail.asp?ActivityKey=1118119> •

How Boy Scouts Earn Merit Badges (1)

A primer for new Scoutmasters

There are four ways for a Scout to earn a merit badge. Note that no merit badges are needed for a Scout to earn Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. But they are needed for Star, Life, and Eagle. All four ways to earn a badge have these steps in common:

1. The Scout selects a badge to earn (there are about 140 of them).
2. The Scoutmaster approves by signing a "blue card."
3. The Scout finds an *authorized* counselor.
4. The Scout and the counselor work until completion. The counselor signs and dates the blue card.

Finally the Scoutmaster records the completion in the on-line advancement database and presents the badge at the next Court of Honor.

Summer camp is easiest, because the camp's program areas are already manned by authorized counselors. All the Scoutmaster has to do is sign blue cards at the beginning of the week, and collect them at the end.

In-house counselors: "Indoor" badges, such as the three citizenship badges, don't fit easily into a summer camp program. As a result, many Scout troops build up a cadre of in-house counselors made up of unit leaders, parents with skills, local teachers, etc. Note that all must register with the Council to become "authorized," and note that the same blue-card steps are required.

Outside opportunities are available that a Scout should take advantage of. For example, NNJC offers a sleepover on the Battleship New Jersey twice a year. On-board counselors offer three merit badges: American Heritage, First Aid, and Radio.

Another example is the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, which offers Railroading. Note that the same blue-card steps are required.

A Scout's initiative is needed to earn one of the "other" badges, such as, say, Dentistry. In this case, the Scoutmaster gives the Scout a list of known authorized counselors to contact and to arrange meetings with (see following article). Note that the same blue-card steps are required. •

How Boy Scouts Earn Merit Badges (2)

The Council's database of authorized counselors

The article above proposed a Scout who wants to earn the Dentistry merit badge and needs to contact an authorized counselor. His Scoutmaster should do the following to get the boy started:

1. Go to the NNJC website www.NNJBSA.org
2. **Left blue margin:** Advancement | Boy Scout Advancement | Merit Badge Information
3. Click on "Access the online MBC Database"
4. Log in with the correct User ID + password (see below)
5. **Left white margin:** Merit Badge Counselors

In the next dialog, you can specify

DENTISTRY
Search

The response will be 18 authorized counselors, some in Three Rivers and others in Ramapo Valley or Lenape Trail.

You can also specify

Three Rivers District
Search

The response will about 2,600 authorized Three Rivers counselors, covering Agribusiness through Woodwork. Scroll to find "Dentistry".

There is a third option with a downside if you are patient and not computer-phobic.

Select: Three Rivers District

Click on Generate Report

[long wait]

Ignore the huge output on your monitor.

Click on Download Data as File

[long wait]

Save the results as a spreadsheet with about 2,600 rows that you can slice and dice as required. The

unfortunate downside is that the spreadsheet doesn't show what town the counselor lives in.

About the "secret" user-ID and password:

The Council prefers that just Scoutmasters have this knowledge, and so they will not be published here. Instead, contact the Three Rivers Dean of Merit badges and ask him:

Bill Metts
WilliamMetts@cs.com

How accurate?

The problem is that the Council no longer has its own Dean of Merit Badges, and so no one is charged with vetting the 7,000+ names now on the database. When Gerry Beatty was preparing for the Three Rivers annual merit badge fair, she did a query and was very unhappy with what she found. She said that the list has people who moved away, others who told her that they no longer counsel, and even some who are deceased. She proposed setting up a 1-night phone bank in order to make as many verification calls as possible. She said, "In fairness to the boys, we should clean up the list." •

The Heroism of the Four Chaplains (Feb 3)

This message was broadcast on Jan 29:

The story is about four Army chaplains who went down with a sinking transport ship. They gave away their own life jackets to save four other servicemen, knowing that they had sealed their own fate. The event happened on February 3, 1943, when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-boat and went down with 672 deaths and just 230 survivors.

The account of heroism in the face of disaster is an inspiring and moving story. There are numerous places where you can find the details, the most recent being a Scout blog which we copied and uploaded to the Three Rivers District website:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=105852>

The blog was posted by Paul Farrell, Scoutmaster of Hackensack Troop 113, who also invited Scouts and Scouters to attend the annual memorial service conducted by his sponsor, The First Baptist Church of Hackensack.

Friday Feb 3 at 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church
15 Conklin Place
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Farrell's blog was titled "Why is it important to remember the past?" and, among other things, it pointed out a connection between the chaplains' actions and the Scout motto "Be Prepared" with this quote from the first edition of the Boy Scout Handbook: "The Scout [prepares by] making himself strong and active and able to do the right thing at the right moment, and then to do it."

When Farrell passed his blog on to other Scouters in our district, he added this personal note: "Just wanted to share our latest Troop blog posting. Thought you'd find the story of the 'Four Army Chaplains' moving, and it's an interesting tie-in to Scout is Reverent Sunday/Scout Sabbath coming up on the 5th and 11th, respectively."

Two New Jersey connections:

One of the chaplains, John P. Washington, was a Catholic Priest who was born in Newark, and served in churches in Elizabeth and later at St. Stephen's in Kearny (that part of town was then called Arlington). Another chaplain was Rabbi Alexander Goode, who also has an interesting connection to New Jersey. Hoboken has a monument dedicated to the memory of the Four Chaplains, and every February, local Vets lay a wreath, accompanied by elected officials, the Police Department, a Fire Department color guard, and Scouts from Troop 146. One year a young Hoboken resident spotted a notice about the ceremony and said, "Hey, that's my grandfather they're honoring!" He phoned his mother, Rosalie Goode, and she agreed to come to Hoboken to be the guest speaker and to lay that year's wreath honoring her father and the other three chaplains.

Scout connections:

Rabbi Goode's biography gives him credit for starting up a multi-denominational Boy Scout troop in York, PA prior to enlisting in the Army. The "Scouts on Stamps" website says that Fr. Washington and Minister Clark Poling were also Scout leaders. (www.sossi.org/Scouters).

Postscript

When the Hoboken Vets tell the story of the Four Chaplains, they add this postscript. The Dorchester was sunk by German submarine U-223 in February 1943. A little over a year later, a group of British destroyers used SONAR to spot U-223 in the Mediterranean, used depth charges to force it to the surface, then sunk it with cannon fire. •

Staff Needed - 2013 National Jamboree

This message was broadcast on Jan 31:

Dear Scouter, It's not very often that you have a chance to be part of history. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree scheduled for July 15-24, 2013, is that opportunity. This will be the first event at BSA's new jamboree home, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

It will be the most action-packed Scouting event ever, with mountain biking, paddle boarding, zip lines, canopy tours, rafting, kayaking, and much, much more. The 2013 Jamboree will also include all the things you love from previous jamborees - patch trading, scuba, etc.

There is only one first time, and this is it. We want you to join us! There are three ways that you can be a part of the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

- Serve as a staff member for the entire jamboree.
- Serve as a unit leader for a troop or crew from your council.
- Short on time? Serve as a staff member for half of the jamboree.

Sign up today! You can learn more at www.bsajamboree.org, or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit](https://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit).

If you have already applied to attend the jamboree, make sure your fellow Scouters have signed up, too! You will definitely want to share this experience with them. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I look forward to seeing you at the Summit.

Yours in Scouting,
Larry Pritchard

Director of Program/Jamboree •

A Death - Lee White (1)

This message from Scout Exec Doug Dillow was broadcast on Jan 11:

I am sorry to inform you that long time Scouter Lee White passed away at home in Woodland Park on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Lee has dedicated his free time to the Boy Scouts for many years, on both a national and local level. He was associated with Troops 22 and 23 in Bloomfield, was a recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards, and earned his doctorate of Commissioner Science in 2006. He was a positive influence in the lives of many Scouts and Scouters. He was also an Army veteran who served in the Korean Conflict.

Visiting hours are on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at Frank Halpin's Brookdale Funeral Home, 1284 Broad Street, Bloomfield. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Friday, January 13 at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield.

Lee is survived by his wife of 59 years, Adele; his son Daniel R. White of Wantage Township and his wife Renie Garlick; sister and brother in law Dorothy and Donald Distel of Greenwood Lake, NY; and niece and nephew Debbie Keplogle and David Distel.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lee's memory may be made to Boy Scout Troop 22, c/o 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. If you wish to send a note or a card to Lee's wife, her address is 3 Garnet Drive, Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

Please keep Lee's family in your thoughts and prayers. •

A Death - Lee White (2)

This message was broadcast on Jan 18:

Lee White: A Scouter's Remembrance

In an afternoon of celebration and joy, please join the Troop 22 Committee in celebrating the Scouting life of the "Jolly Chief," Lee White. Lee was a lifelong Scout who touched many people young and old with his selfless, generous personality. He has gone on to the happy hunting grounds, yet he is still with us in many ways.

Lee truly believed in Scouting and in the boys. Having achieved the Eagle Scout award in 1945, he was an active Scouter throughout his 82 years. He also achieved the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope awards. His "Tips from the Teepee" were legendary as were his "Tales around the Campfire." Come and share with us your experiences of Lee at this event.

Where: Camp Glen Gray, Mahwah, NJ
The Mess Hall (where he often plied his trade)

When: Sunday January 29, 2012 at 1:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served. Please share this invitation with other Scouts and Scouters who knew the Jolly Chief. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to RCerracchio@comcast.net by January 25, 2012. Also, please include a one or two-line note (humorous or not) about how Lee had made a difference in your life.

Thank you,
Don Sweetman, Chairman Troop 22
Bloomfield, NJ. •

A Death - Harry Maisch III

This message was broadcast on Jan 5:

There is a lengthy obituary for Harry Maisch of Hasbrouck Heights posted on the web, which begins, "Harry Maisch III held dear the values instilled in him as an Eagle Scout."

Link to his obituary:

http://www.northjersey.com/obituaries/136719703_Harry_Maisch_III_nursing_home_administrator.html?page=all

A memorial service will be held Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Hasbrouck Heights. Arrangements were by Kimak Funeral Home, Carlstadt. •

A Death - Inez Bobrowski

The mother of Bruce Bobrowski died recently. Bruce is the resident caretaker of NNJC Camp Turrell. This obituary appeared in the Record/Herald News of North Jersey on Jan 10,

Services will be held for Inez Riley Bobrowski, 95, of Bloomingdale, NJ, who died on Thursday, Jan 5, 2012.

Mrs. Bobrowski was a lifelong resident of this community. She was a bookkeeper at Superior Hard Rubber Company, Butler, as well as at the First National Bank of Bloomingdale and the Laminated Construction Company, Bloomingdale. Later, she was a self-employed licensed public accountant for 15 years before retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Laurel Circle at Bloomingdale Methodist Church and the Bloomingdale PTA. And, she was a 40-year member of the Bloomingdale Golden Age Club and was active in the Crafts Club at the Bloomingdale Free Public Library.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 7669, Atlanta, GA 30357-0669.

Mrs. Bobrowski is survived by her son, Bruce, of Cuddebackville, N.Y.; her daughter, Beatrice Riley, of Morristown; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bruno. •

The Three Rivers District Organization

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Event Details

Feb 2 - TRD 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 11 - TRD Training for Cub Leaders

Reformed Church of Oradell
Kinderkamack Road at Church St.
9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
Rich Curran
Webelos@verizon.net

Feb 12 - Catholic Religious Awards

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

Feb 14 - TRD Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
George Simoni
GSimoni@aol.com

Feb 14 - OA Chapter meeting

7:00-8:00 PM
See Roundtable, above

Feb 16 - TRD Commissioners

Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM

200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)

Sal Bellomo
Scoutmaster379@gmail.com

Feb 17 - TRD Scouter of the Year Dinner

American Legion Hall, 7:00 PM
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ
Price: \$35 (Walk-ins: \$40)
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
Tyrone.Manning@scouting.org

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

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 1 - TRD Committee Meeting

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Mar 2+3 - Scout Night at Motocross

7:30 PM both nights
IZOD Center at Meadowlands Sports Complex
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Mar 2-4 - NY Councils Training: Leave No Trace Camp Alpine, Hearst Cabin

\$80 per person (includes food)
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Ernie Sprance, 201-836-1371
Racemaster@optonline.net

Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow
Mar 3 - Den Chief Training
Mar 3 - Commissioner Basic Training
Westwood Regional High School
701 Ridgewood Road
Twp. of Washington, NJ 07676
[Other details to be announced]

Mar 17 - TRD Pinewood Derby for adults
Elks Club Lodge, estimated time: 1:00 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
\$25 entry fee
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Mar 7 - Summer Camp Kickoff Meeting for Turrell
NNJC Council Service Center
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ
6:45 Project Soaring Eagle
7:30 Unit leader's meeting
Anthony Chirido
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Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight
Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ
\$52.95
Eric Chamberlin
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Mar 11 - OA Trade-O-Ree
Guardian Angel Church, 9:00-2:00 PM
East Allendale Ave.
Allendale, NJ
Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777
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Mar 24 - NNJC training: Den Chiefs
Fair Lawn Rescue Squad
16-01 Romaine Street
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
9:00 AM to Noon, \$5
Jim Wrynn, 201-791-7325
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200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
\$5 per car

Apr 10 - OA Chapter meeting
7:00-8:00 PM
See Roundtable, above

Apr 15 - TRD Awards Dinner

Elks Club Lodge, 5:00 PM, \$25

200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ

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Register by March 25

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Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

Blairstown, NJ

Chairman George Davis

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