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Event Summary

"TRD" = Three Rivers District

(See last page for details)

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 3 - Jamboree Informational Meeting (1)

Mar 7 - Summer Camp Kickoff Meeting for Turrell

Mar 11 - OA Trade-O-Rec

Mar 13 - TRD Roundtable

Mar 13 - OA Chapter meeting

Mar 15 - TRD Commissioners

Mar 17 - TRD Pinewood Derby

Mar 17 - TRD Pinewood for Adults

Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Mar 17 - Jamboree Informational Meeting (2)

Mar 21 - NNJC Cub Camp Orientation Night

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 14 - TRD Gold Rush for Cubs

Apr 15 - TRD Awards Dinner

Apr 19 - TRD Commissioners

Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

May 3 - TRD Committee Meeting

May 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend

May 6 - TRD Rocket Derby

May 8 - TRD Roundtable

May 8 - OA Chapter meeting

May 17 - TRD Commissioners

May 18-20 - Camp Turrell X-Treme Sports

May 19 - NNJC Triathlon

May 21 - NNJC Recognition Dinner

Looking Ahead

Jun 2 - NNJC Triathlon

Jun 6 - NNJC Program Launch

Jun 9 - NNJC Beaver Day at All Camps

Jun 12 - OA Chapter meeting

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 Swim Meet

(May) - TRD Touch of Summer Camporee

(May) - TRD Scout-mobile •

DE Ian Meades to Retire from Scouts

Three Rivers District Exec Ian Meades announced that he will retire effective March 22 in order to resume his schooling. Also retiring for school is DE Vladimir Bonhomme of the Lenape Trail District. For now, Senior DE Joel Lieberman will take over the communities that Ian was in charge of. Joel will also take over Ian's and Vladimir's duties as advisor to both the Council Training and Advancement Committees.

Ian said that, as much as he enjoys being a Scout professional, his ideal career would be "Higher Education Administration." He said, "I think I would make a good Dean of Students or Director of Residence Life. Those jobs involve 'program,' which is the part of my DE job that I like best." Ian has his eye on several different college programs, but right now what he needs is good scores when he takes the Graduate Record Exams. This raised the question of whether or not he could successfully juggle the time

demands of being a DE with the time required to study, and study won out. Ian said that he offered to continue working as DE for a few more months, but the final decision was for him to leave in March.

What about Camp Yaw Paw? Until now, Ian was the Camp Director for the Council's Cub day camp at Yaw Paw. He said "When I tendered my resignation, I made it clear to Grey and Kenyon [Council Directors Grey Rolland and Kenyon Sandy] that it's something that I definitely want to continue with, but I haven't yet had a conversation with the people in charge of camp operations."

Ian added this message: "Thank you to everyone for their positive support in my decision. I truly appreciate everything that everyone has done for me and for the Scouting program during my tenure at the Council. Even though I am leaving the Council as a professional, I promise not to be a stranger to the GREAT 3 Rivers District." •

Winners: Window Display Competition

A number of troops and packs took up the challenge to create an eye-catching display that would show off their units to their respective communities. Winners were:

- Pack 311
- Pack 168
- Troop 97
- Troop 166
- Pack+Troop 86
- Pack+Troop 17

Each display remained in place throughout all of Scout Anniversary Week of Feb 5-11, and the judges made their decisions during the last Round-table based on photos that were e-mailed in. The prize was a gift certificate to Campmor.

Event organizer Mark Wrightington explained that the original plan called for prizes to 2 Cub packs, 2 Scout troops, and 2 Venture crews. However, since no crews made submissions, the judges decided to award the two remaining prizes to joint pack+troop displays, as noted above.

DE Joel Lieberman (not a judge) happened across Pack 311's display while shopping in Hillsdale with his daughter. She said, "Daddy, come and check this out!" and led him to a vacant storefront filled with all kinds of Scout-related things. It turned out that Pack 331 had gotten the keys to a vacant dry cleaner shop from the mall manager, who is an Eagle Scout. The space was so big that they could fit in their Pinewood Derby track and their Klondike sled. One of the pack leaders was an experienced hand at setting up trade show displays, and was thus able to add a professional look to the setup. •

Catholic Awards on Scout Sunday (Feb 12)

Several hundred Scouts, parents, and unit leaders converged on the impressive Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, where Bishop Charles McDonnell personally handed out the awards. This is an annual event for Scout Sunday.

The list of communities served by the Archdiocese of Newark is very similar to those of the Three Rivers District, so most of the awardees came from our units. Similarly, the Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) draws many of its membership from our units along with three priests who act as advisors and Chaplains.

The religious awards offered are age-appropriate, with two for Cubs and two for Scouts and Venturers. Catholic-sponsored units are also eligible for awards, as are individual adult Scouters. CCOS also awards the "Sword of St. George," which is unique to this Archdiocese. Every other October, CCOS runs a Retreat Weekend at a riverside campsite in Ft. Lee, NJ.

Two important staff changes were announced during the ceremony. Father Vic Kennedy stepped down as Archdiocesan Scout Chaplain, with Father Gene Field taking over. Also Gabe Feltz stepped down last year as Director of Catholic Scouting.

For more information about CCOS and Catholic religious awards, contact Rich Donovan at 201-998-0088 x4150, or check out their website at www.CCOS-Newark.org •

Scouter of the Year Award Dinner (Feb 17)

Three Scouter of the Year awards were handed out, one each to an outstanding volunteer from the three legacy districts that were merged last year to become Three Rivers:

Mary Kay Tokar (former Hudson-Liberty)

Barry Messner (former Twin Valleys)

Tom Molnar (former Tantaqua)

This is the 10th year that the Northeast Region Scout Museum has made these awards, with Ed Quinn making the presentations and a spouse standing next to each awardee.

Of course it took some time to read aloud three long lists of accomplishments, with Pat Stamato and Rich Curran talking about Mary Kay, Bob Lilley and Rich Curran talking about Barry, and Ed Quinn and Eric Kudlack talking about Tom.

The Museum has a "Traveling Plaque," with three new names added to those of the past winners.

A Successful Pow Wow (Mar 3)

Lots of Cub leaders and Cub parents spent a full day of back-to-school in the classrooms of Westwood Regional High School. Just like school, the day was divided into six periods with something different going on in each of a dozen or more classrooms, plus a lunch break in the cafeteria. Attendance was about 110, roughly the same as last year.

The 48 different subjects taught in the classrooms were all variations of the same themes: "How to be a better leader" and "How to make your pack work better." As a bonus, there were many times in class when a participant described a problem he or she was having back home with a Cub or a parent or anything else. Whenever that happened, there was sure to be someone else in the class who could offer a good and workable suggestion.

Every year the Pow Wow has a different theme, and this year's was "Hollywood: Lights, Camera, Action." Instructors were actors and actresses for the day, and Larry Butto and his assistants were

presumably producers and directors. In addition to the classes, there were a number of display tables in the cafeteria. Some were vendors, such as Campmor, Tandy Leather, and Mad Science (see article later in this newsletter). Others were organizations that wanted to call attention to themselves, such as the Hackensack River Keeper and the Scout Museum.

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The 48 sessions being offered covered the gamut. For example, there were skills to learn and take back home, such as knots, whittling, first aid, cooking, map & compass, etc. There were sessions devoted to how to make your program fun for the boys, such as games, songs, magic tricks, derbies, campfires, and (one of the most popular) hands-on science.

There were sessions dealing with badges and rank advancement, such as rank requirements, belt loops, Webelos activity badges, and awards and recognition. There were sessions dealing with administration and paperwork, such as rechartering, the Journey to Excellence award, fundraising, and pack newsletters.

Serious problem-solving was also addressed, such as dealing with ADD & ADHD, Cub retention, bullying, and recruiting volunteers.

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This was Larry Butto's second year in charge of the Pow Wow (in past years he served as instructor and member of the committee). There were some glitches as can be expected with an event of this size and complexity, but Larry and his staff easily coped with all of them.

He passed his thanks on to DE Ian Meades who did a lot of the coordination and also arranged for the good-looking patch. Training Chair Robin Caizzo handled the breakfast and lunch and arranged access to Westwood. She also coordinated the 60 or so instructors with help from Co-Chair Jeff Garelick. Al Faccioli coordinated the vendors in the cafeteria "midway" and arranged for the door prizes. Larry had a special thank-you to the talented volunteer

instructors, and also to Westwood Regional High School for donating the use of their excellent facility, charging us only for custodial support. •

And while we have your attention... (Mar 3)

While the Pow Wow was in progress, a few other events took place at Westwood High, but in different rooms:

- **Commissioners College:** This was an all-day training session in the school auditorium for unit commissioners, both new and old.
 - **Jamboree informational meeting:** DEs and provisional Scoutmasters were available to provide information, answer questions, and assist any Scout ready to sign up on the spot.
 - **Help with unit rechartering:** Repeat of a January 26 session run here in Westwood that helped 15 troops and packs complete their annual rechartering process.
 - **Den Chief Training:** This was advertised but had to be canceled due to a conflict with another training event. •
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Top Shot Competition in Tenafly (Mar 3)

This message was broadcast on Feb 15:

Crew 357 - 2012 Top Shot Competition

Who is the best shot in your troop or crew?
Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors welcome!

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=107082>

March 3, 2012

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tenafly Rifle & Pistol Club

157 Grove Street

Tenafly, NJ 07670

Register before Feb 27 (no walk-ins)

\$5 per shooter per relay.

Each Shooter will shoot one relay (15 rounds). Take 5 shots at a sight-in target, then one shot each at the

10 surrounding Targets. High Score Wins!! Yes, we will have awards!!!

Troops and crews need to preregister. Please contact Mr. Oleg with the number of Scouts or Crew members taking part, let us know what time would work best for your group we will try to accommodate your request (Between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM).

We will provide:

Range safety officers

.22 target rifles

Ammunition

Targets

We will also have the historic Shooting Gallery from the Palisades Amusement Park up and running, costing \$1 for five shots at the Gallery.

Mr. Oleg, 201-421-4768

Oleg49@aol.com •

Working For Eagle at Camp Turrell (Mar 7)

This message was broadcast on Feb 3:

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. •

Membership Summit (Mar 10)

This message was broadcast on Feb 18.

Three Rivers District Chair Pat Stamato asked, "Are any members of the District Committee willing to join me on this training for Membership Training?"

Northeast Region Area 5 Membership Summit

Saturday, March 10, 2012
Raritan Valley College
118 Lamington Rd., Branchburg, N.J.

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=107319>

For ALL Council, District and Unit Level Membership Volunteers, Commissioners and Scouting Professionals

Are you "Prepared" for the changes in membership recruitment?

If you don't have these, you NEED this program:

- A Council & District Membership Committee
- Membership Committee Volunteers
- Scout Unit Membership Coordinators
- Recruitment & Training Plan for Volunteers

This Membership Summit will explore:

- How the move to Volunteer Driven and Professionally Guided Membership should work
- "Structure" of the Membership Team & Defining Volunteer Roles
- Timelines for Membership Planning & Recruitment Cycles
- Training and Tools for Success
- New Unit Retention
- Faith-Based Initiatives
- Adopt-A-School Program
- Commissioner's Best Practices & Role in Membership
- Exploring & Venturing (Specialized day-long training)

The program will run 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. The cost is \$25 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, program support material, and a CD-Rom.

For information contact: Jeffrey H. Goldsmith

JGoldsmith@hkmpp.com
Joseph Fanelli

Trade-o-Ree (Mar 11)

**Northeast Trade-o-Ree
The Scouting Memorabilia Fair
Buy - Trade - Sell - Just Look**

Sunday March 11, 2012
Guardian Angel Church
East Allendale Ave, Allendale, NJ
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Kitchen open for breakfast and lunch
General admission is free!
Vendors: Table and 2 chairs \$20

Scouting memorabilia for all!

- Patches of all types
- Neckerchiefs, bolos, slides
- Youth patch trading tables
- Silent auction
- Patch trading supplies

Sponsored by Lenapehoking Lodge IX to benefit Scout camping within NNJC

Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777

NERSMuseum@aol.com

Adam Adel, 973-568-9137

13SoaringEagle@gmail.com •

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 the 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 •

Cub Camp Orientation Night (Mar 21)

This message was broadcast on Mar 5:

Cubmasters and Pack Committee Chairs

You are invited to our

Cub Camp Orientation Night

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=108112>

Wed Mar 21

7:00 PM

Northern NJ Council Service Center

25 Ramapo Valley Road

Oakland, NJ 07436

Find out about Cub Resident Camp at Lewis

Find out about Cub Day Camp at Yaw Paw

Find out about Family Camp

Find out about the Weboree for 4th graders

Meet the Camp Directors

Eat popcorn!

SPECIAL: Sign up your Cub pack for our promotion and receive \$100 in camp coupons! •

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!! •

Belt Loop Bonanza (Mar 31)

Offered by Patriots' Path Council

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BELTLOOP BONANZA

Mar 31 (Sat)

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Winnebago Scout Reservation

Rockaway, NJ (near Camp Lewis)

\$8 per Scout + \$2 group sign-up fee

This event is open to registered Cub Scouts only

Registration ends March 19

<https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1118157>

Scouts will work on 4 belt loops during 4 one-hour sessions. There will be an hour lunch break. Choose 5 activities: (one will be an alternate).

Astronomy	Hiking
Basketball	Kickball
BB shooting OR Archery	Map&compass
Chess	Marbles
Disabilities awareness	Skateboarding**
Fishing	Table tennis
Geology	Volleyball
Golf	Weather

Also some non-belt loop activities:

- Whittling Chip class for Bears and Webelos (takes 2 sessions). Please bring your own pocket knife.
- Fun with knots for Tigers and Wolves
- Fun with knots for Bears and Webelos

**Note to Skateboarders: You must bring a helmet, elbow & knee pads and may bring own skateboard.

Class size is limited. First come, first served. Belt loops may be cancelled without notice. A hot dog, chips and soda lunch can be pre-ordered for \$4.00 each.

RAIN OR SHINE - This is an outdoor event, so dress appropriately! Activities will be located throughout the camp. Be prepared to get some exercise!

Each Scout must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times in camp.

For registration questions contact:
John Leigh - jleigh@bsamail.org
Eileen Galley skout@optonline.net •

Gold Rush Event for Cubs (Apr 14)

This message was broadcast on Feb 29:

Three Rivers District Gold Rush for Cubs

April 14 (Saturday)
Braddock Park
North Bergen, NJ
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=107894>

The California Gold Rush, which began shortly after the discovery of gold by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill in 1848, was one of the most exciting periods in American history.

Come on out and join all the other Three Rivers District prospectors as we celebrate the 164th anniversary of this timeless story of adventure!

The TEAM

- Each team shall consist of 6-8 Cubs, depending on the number of boys in the Den, and may include Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts.
- Two or more Den Leaders and/or Adults should accompany each team/wagon to supervise the activities.
- Cubs may wear uniforms OR dress in the spirit of the Goldrush – NO RIFLES, PISTOLS OR WEAPONS !!

The WAGON

- Each patrol should have its own "covered wagon." Feel free to create one from your old covered wagon or come up with something totally new.
- If the Cubs choose to construct their wagon from scratch, it should be made as light as possible, as the Cubs will be pulling it along the trail.
- Cubs are encouraged to personalize the wagon as they see fit, with bright colors, mottos, flags of the Den, Pack, etc.
- Each Covered Wagon should be equipped with:
 - American Flag
 - Two 4' x 6' lengths of rope, 1/4" or 3/8" thick
 - Two "Puddle Jumpers" (e.g.: large cans with long ropes attached -- use them like stilts.)
 - Eight Band-Aids
 - Pencils (one for each patrol member)
 - One 6 oz. cup
 - Cub Scout Handbook
 - A pouch to hold small treasures
 - LUNCH
 - Enthusiastic Cub Scouts

Mark Wrightington, 201-334-2714

MarksMadness331@aol.com

Joel Lieberman, 201-677-1000 x30

JLieberman@bsamail.org •

Two Jewish Religious Award Workshops (Apr 15 and Jun 10)

This message was broadcast on Feb 29:

Rabbi Robert Tobin of B'nai Shalom in West Orange posted a flyer on the Three Rivers website:

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/
DocDownload.aspx?id=107895](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=107895)

The flyer outlines 4 steps a Cub or Scout should follow to earn an age-appropriate religious award:

Tiger Cubs - Maccabee Award

Cubs and Webelos - Aleph Award

Boy Scouts - Ner Tamid (1st Level)

Boy Scouts - Etz Chaim (2nd Level)

*“Ner Tamid” is Hebrew for “eternal light” and
“Etz Chaim” means “tree of life.”*

The first step is to attend a workshop, either in April or in June. You get all the materials needed for the award and then get started on the same day.

Step 2 takes place at home with your family, and Step 3 takes place with your Rabbi (or Cantor or educator). Step 4 is the award ceremony.

Rabbi Robert Tobin

B'nai Shalom, 300 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ 07052

RabbiTobin@yahoo.com •

Weboree for First-Year Webelos (Apr 27-29)

This message was broadcast on Feb 18:

The Twenty-Third Annual Weboree

2012 – Weboree XXIII

CAMP NO-BE-BO-SCO

April 27, 28, 29, 2012

Link to the information packet and registration form:

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/
DocDownload.aspx?id=107310](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=107310)

A weekend camp promotion program for 4th grade Webelos and their adult guardians. All Council packs are invited.

Registration Deadline is April 6, 2012 !!!

Participation is limited to the first 750 registrants received! 750 MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS

What Is A Weboree?

The Weboree is a weekend overnight program held at Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO for 4th-grade Webelos Scouts and their parents/guardians. The foremost purpose is to introduce the boys and their parents/guardians to the type of activities that they can expect to do as Boy Scouts. The success of the Weboree is based on peer example: that a boy learns by the skills, attitudes and behavior of older, trained Boy Scouts and uniformed leaders. (See the packet for additional information.)

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For Den Chiefs: If you register to come with your pack, you will be treated as part of the Weboree staff. Part of the time you'll be guiding your Webelos, and part of the time you'll be assisting the organizers. Your fee will be \$20. Details at:

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/
DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=453&id=107146](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=453&id=107146)

For other Boy Scouts: There are lots of staff positions to fill, and volunteers are welcome. Help out with setup, the midway, Scoutcraft stations, the kitchen, the nighttime astronomy sessions, trail guides, and lots more. Details at:

[https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/
DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=453&id=107147](https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=453&id=107147) •

Summer Camp for Cub Scouts (July 2012)

Trying something new at Camp Lewis

This message was broadcast on Feb 20:

Cub Leaders, please start letting your families know about Cub camp opportunities. The Council has a great day camp and a great sleep-away resident camp. Any boy who attended in past years will tell you what a wonderful experience it was!

Click here for registration and a brochure for the day camp at Yaw Paw:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1125795&OrgKey=958>

Click here for registration and a brochure for the resident camp at Lewis - plus a cool video:

http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=956

A 5-day week at Yaw Paw will cost \$330 (before April 15) with price breaks for multi-week sign-ups.

A 6-day "double-session" week at Lewis will cost \$350 (before April 15).

The camp is trying something new this year based on feedback from a focus group. They call it "More program for the same price."

Last year:

4 days and 3 nights for \$350.

This year:

"Single session" is 3 days and 2 nights for \$175.

"Double session" is 6 days and 5 nights for \$350.

Choose from these dates:

Jul 5-7 or double: Jul 5-10

Jul 12-14 or double: Jul 12-17

Jul 19-21 or double: Jul 19-24

If needed, you can also choose just the second half of a double.

If your budget is tight, look into the Northern NJ Campership Fund. You can download a form and mail it to the Council office before their deadline date of March 15.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=91688> •

Eagle Scouts Have Their Own Centennial

Registered Eagle Scouts received this message on Feb 22:

National Eagle Scout Association

Did you know that 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout award? The first one was awarded in August 1912. Since then, over 2.1 million awards have been earned by the high-achievers of the Boy Scout program. To celebrate

this important benchmark, we are preparing the National Eagle Scout Association's "100 Years of Eagle Scouts - Where Are They Now" album, and we want to make sure that you are included!

This special edition will feature your personal stories and photos celebrating your commitment to service and leadership, and will serve as a tribute to Eagle Scouts everywhere. No matter your age, or where your life may have led you, you are an important part of Eagle Scout history and we want to hear your story. A brief telephone call will ensure your listing is completely accurate and up-to-date.

Please give us a call today so that we may verify your information and share with you the specifics on how to submit your full story and photo.

Call today toll free at 1-800-735-2576
Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM (CST)

International Residents: You may also call at:
USA Country Code (1) 757.965.8092
Mon-Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM UTC/GMT-6

C. William Steele
Director
National Eagle Scout Association
Boy Scouts of America

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**Correction:
The Council's Database of Authorized Merit Badge Counselors**

In last month's issue of the *Heckawee Herald*, we remarked on the need to update entries found in the Council's database of authorized merit badge counselors. We mistakenly said, "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."

This correction supplied by Del Counce:

I have been Dean since Paul Ostergaard stepped down. I have direct access to the Doubleknot database. If I get changes from a district dean, I forward them to Council so they can update ScoutNet.

When this system was created, [it was decided not to give district merit badge deans and counselors] access to make changes to the database. But they can run reports so they can work with the list. If they can't figure it out, I can generate a report for them and send it as an Excel file.

All changes were supposed to be sent to me and the Council Registrar so that each database can be updated properly. That has not happen and both databases are inaccurate. It is up to the districts to keep them up-to-date by the above process. •

Merit Badges in Trenton (Apr 28 + May 12)

DE Ian Meades passed along this invitation on Feb 29:

The New Jersey State Museum

A Scouting program in the Planetarium:

Apr 28 - Astronomy

And in the auditorium:

May 12 - Geology and Archaeology

These programs will address requirements and projects for both boys and girls in Scouting, and we can adapt the discussions to benefit younger Scouts. There are fees of \$5 per person (youth and adult).

Hope to see your troop,

David C. Parris

Curator of Natural History

205 W. State Street

Trenton, NJ 08625

609-984-3846

Link to more information about the merit badges:

http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos_museum_programs_scouting.html

About the planetarium: Soar through the skies in the Museum's spacious Planetarium, featuring precision projection of more than 6000 stars. The largest planetarium in New Jersey, it seats 150

visitors in specially-designed reclining seats that transport an audience to any astronomical destination. Now featuring state-of-the-art Full Dome Video, visitors will feel the sensation of zooming through the Solar System and beyond. This cutting-edge digital technology immerses audiences within images covering the entire 360 degree inner dome. The Planetarium offers something for everyone; with both traditional sky and laser programs, it is the only planetarium of its kind in New Jersey. Made possible by the generous support of the Prudential Foundation. •

Welding Merit Badge Available (Feb 24)

Welding is the newest badge being offered to Scouts. It was announced last year along with Chess and Robotics, but was delayed pending final approval of the pamphlet's contents. You can find the requirements on several websites, such as

www.MeritBadge.org

www.USScouts.org

Of the 7 requirements, Scouts have to get 6 out of the way before they get to the cool stuff (2 about safety, 3 about theory, and 1 about careers). Requirement #6 has six projects that the Scout must do, starting with tagging a metal plate with his initials written with molten "beads." He also has to weld two plates together, first side-by-side, then in an L-shape, then in a T-shape, then overlapped.

Expect Bill Metts, our District Dean of Merit Badges, to put out a call for counselors. •

Some Scout Requirements Clarified

"BSA Myths" circulated among Scoutmasters

John Brobson received this e-mail and passed it around:

"BSA Myths" is a 7-paragraph flyer intended to clarify the "subjective" requirements specified for Tenderfoot through Eagle. For example, exactly what does "Be active in your troop" and "Demonstrate Scout Spirit" mean? Here is a quick summary of "BSA Myths"

1. The Scoutmaster conference is a good way for the Scoutmaster and Scout to get to know each

other better. They can also share information that will help the Scout and the troop. The Scoutmaster might also do a quick review of the rank requirements before the Board of Review just to be sure that the Scout is ready to move on.

2. Both the Scoutmaster conference and the Board of Review should do their best to put the Scout at ease and provide an environment where the Scout can talk openly and honestly. They are also opportunities for a Scout to gain experience speaking to adults in a give-and-take session.
3. You should give the "demonstrate Scout spirit" requirement the importance it deserves, since a major goal of the Scout program is to instill good character, which we define as living the Scout Oath and Law in one's everyday life.
4. The "Scout Spirit" requirement was made less subjective with a revision made in January 2010. A Tenderfoot Scout has to select 4 of the 12 points of the Scout Law and give an example of how he actually fulfilled each. For Second Class he has to select 4 more, and for First Class the last 4.
5. Star, Life, and Eagle have the requirement to "serve actively in a position of responsibility." The Scoutmaster has every right not to advance a Scout who's done nothing while holding a position of responsibility. In fact, he would be doing both the Scout and the troop a disservice by "socially promoting" the Scout.
6. The Scoutmaster has the final word as to whether or not a Scout is ready to advance to the next rank. The troop's Advancement Chair or Committee may not override his decision. However, the Scout may file a formal protest with the district Advancement Chair, but the district will support the Scoutmaster if he has followed BSA policies and procedures correctly.
7. The Scoutmaster should also hold a conference with a Scout who's lagging behind and not advancing. A well-timed Scoutmaster conference may make the difference between a Scout who gives it another chance and one who throws in the towel.

The "BSA Myths" flyer missed this one. Star, Life, and Eagle each have a requirement to "Be active in the Troop" for 4, 6, 6 months respectively after reaching the prior rank. See following article. •

What Does "Be Active" mean?

This information provided by the NNJC Advancement Committee as part of "Advancement FAQs" dated June 2010:

A Scout is considered "active" in his unit if he is

1. Registered in his unit (registration fees are current)
2. Not dismissed from his unit for disciplinary reasons
3. Engaged by his unit leadership on a regular basis (informed of unit activities through Scoutmaster conference or personal contact, etc.)
4. In communication with the unit leader on a quarterly basis.

(Units may not create their own definition of active; this is a national standard.)

If the Scout does not initiate communication, the unit leader is to contact the Scout and ask if the youth wishes to remain in Scouting. If the answer is negative, then the unit leader should no longer communicate with the Scout. If the answer is affirmative, the unit leader should provide the unit calendar. After six months of nonparticipation, the unit leader may cease to contact with the youth and drop the Scout from the unit at recharter time.

The Scout may return to the unit at any time while on the unit charter. At any time a Scout is dropped from a charter, the youth may re-apply to a unit for readmission; the acceptance of the application is at the discretion of the unit. The youth would be reinstated at the rank and level that can be documented by either the Scout or the unit.

[Editor's note:] The above text is also available from this website:

<http://www.scouters.com/forums/viewThread.asp?threadID=264902> •

Info about the Jamboree 2013 (Jul 14-24)

This message was broadcast on Feb 21. Note that the Mar 3 session was later relocated to the Pow Wow, and the Mar 17 session was relocated to St. Phillips in Clifton.

Don't Forget!!! National Jamboree information and action meeting

More action - more fun

Need questions answered??

Want information??

Want to get signed up to go???

Meet the Committee, Meet the Scoutmasters, Get in on the Plan!!

Feb 25 (Sat), 10:00-noon at the Council office
or

Mar 3 (Sat), 10:00-noon at the Council office
or

Mar 17 (Sat), 10:00-noon at the Council office

Attend any of these sessions, the earlier the better. Please e-mail your intent to be there to steven.leonardi@scouting.org in order to help us manage the space needed. Go online to BSAJamboree.org to start your registration process.

10K acres of base camp area surrounded by 70K acres of National Park Land Featuring world-class rock climbing, mountain biking, and rafting. The earlier you get registered, the earlier you can pick your activities online. •

National Jamboree 2013 (Jul 14-24)

Size matters!

The slogan on the most recent Jambo poster says "Go big. Get wild." But the emphasis is on "big". Examples:

- 13 acres of shooting sports.
- 6 miles of zip lines sports.
- 10,000 acres of base camp surrounded by 70,000 acres of national park.
- 6 different high adventure camps that cover BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports, and aquatics.

These activities will be hugely popular, so they're planning to create an on-line registration system to let Scouts schedule in advance.

Adult leaders who had to plan for past Jamborees will greatly appreciate the announcement that camp gear will be taken care of:

"All that is missing is you. To better your Jamboree experience, the Summit is going to have all of your necessary gear waiting for you on site, which means all you have to bring is yourself and some personal items."

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The Scouts first announced The Summit in January 2010, with its official name, "The Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve," and gave its location at the New River Gorge region of West Virginia. It was intended to serve Scouts in a number of ways, including a high adventure base, a training center, and the permanent home for National Jamborees.

Purchase of the land – over 16 square miles adjacent to a 70,000-acre national park – was made possible by a \$50 million gift from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, with Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. present when the announcement was made. Construction of the camp began in 2010.

As a high adventure base, they plan to offer whitewater rafting, technical rock climbing, mountain biking, and other outdoor sports. Scouts have three other high adventure bases: Philmont in New Mexico, Seabase in Florida, and Northern Tier in Minnesota. All three are in great demand and often have waiting lists, so creating a fourth makes sense.

Stephen Bechtel was quoted as saying, "Scouting made a tremendous impact on my life. It's the source of some of my fondest memories. I'm proud to be a founder on this project, and I'm thrilled to know that it will be a part of the Scouting legacy future generations will enjoy." His uncle, Kenneth Bechtel, served as BSA National President 1956-1959.

The Bechtel Corporation is a worldwide presence in engineering, construction, and project management. They did the Hoover Dam in the 1930s, the Hong

Kong International Airport in the 1990s, and many more. They were one of two prime contractors for the "Big Dig" in Boston, the most expensive highway project in the U.S. They also did a lot of construction in Iraq after the 2003 U.S. invasion. Two of President Reagan's top cabinet officers came out of Bechtel: Secretary of State George Schultz, and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. •

Cheeseburger in Paradise (Mar 13)

A fund-raiser for Multiple Sclerosis

This note from Asst District Commissioner Kevin Kilroy on Feb 9:

Cheeseburger in Paradise

Do it together with "Firefighters 4 MS"

Their Dine-In night is

Tuesday Mar 13

4:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Bring a copy of the flyer with you

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=106719)

[DocDownload.aspx?id=106719](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=106719)

Come in, dine, and 20% of the total will be donated to the NJ Metro Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Cheeseburger in Paradise

700 Plaza Drive

Secaucus, NJ •

Mad Science Will Come to Your Cub Pack

From their flyer:

Want to offer innovative, exciting **science programs** to your troops, dens, or packs? Invite Mad Science to your next meeting!

If you attended the March 2012 Pow Wow, you got to see Mad Scientist Andrew Reyes showing off some of the cool experiments and demonstrations that his crew can perform for your Scouts. You can invite them to help with your advancement program, or just for entertainment.

For advancement, they have hands-on workshops for belt loops and academic pins for Science, Astronomy, Geology, Weather, and Wildlife. The

flyer doesn't mention the Webelos Engineer activity badge, but Reyes said they can handle that as well. For entertainment, the flyer names "Fire & Ice," "Spin, Pop, Boom," and "Up, Up, & Away." How about making green slime or pink cotton candy at your Blue-and-Gold dinner?

Mad Science prices cover a wide range, depending on which activity you ask for when you contact them, but Reyes said that a typical event might cost \$200. He said that they cover all of Bergen, Essex, and Passaic Counties.

Mad Science of Bergen County, 201-236-1400

www.MadScience.org/bergen •

A Unique Trophy from New Dimensions

Some unit leaders received this ad last month:

Celebrate Your Award Night Like Hollywood does!

The trophy in the ad's photo could easily pass for an Oscar statuette. But instead of a crusader's sword, the knight is holding a large victor's laurel wreath.

<http://www.NewDimensioninc.com>

Search for "Classic Achiever figure." It comes in four sizes complete with a wooden base and a metal plate engraved to your specs. •

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Event Details

George Simoni
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Mar 1 - TRD Committee Meeting

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

Mar 13 - OA Chapter meeting

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

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
Tyrone.Manning@scouting.org

Mar 15 - TRD Commissioners

Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
Sal Bellomo
Scoutmaster379@gmail.com

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

Camp Alpine, Hearst Cabin
\$80 per person (includes food)
CubPack255@hotmail.com

Mar 17 - TRD Pinewood Derby

Elks Club Lodge, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
\$5 per car
Ernie Sprance, 201-836-1371
Racemaster@optonline.net

Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow

Mar 3 - Den Chief Training

Mar 3 - Commissioner Basic Training

Mar 3 - Jamboree Informational Meeting (1)

Westwood Regional High School
701 Ridgewood Road
Twp. of Washington, NJ 07676
Larry Butto, 201-243-6339
LButto@otonline.net

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
Ernie Sprance, 201-836-1371
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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
AChirido@bsamail.org

Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ
\$52.95
Eric Chamberlin
Eric.Chamberlin@Scouting.org

Mar 11 - OA Trade-O-Ree

Guardian Angel Church, 9:00-2:00 PM
East Allendale Ave.
Allendale, NJ
Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777
NERSMuseum@aol.com

Mar 17 - Jamboree Informational Meeting (2)

St. Philips - 10:00 AM - noon
779 Valley Road
Clifton, NJ
Steve Leonardi
Steven.Leonardi@scouting.org

Mar 13 - TRD Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM

Mar 21 - NNJC Cub Camp Orientation Night

7:00 PM
Northern NJ Council Service Center
25 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, NJ 07436

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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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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Apr 5 - TRD Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Apr 10 - TRD Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
George Simoni
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Apr 10 - OA Chapter meeting

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

Apr 14 - TRD Gold Rush for Cubs

April 14
Braddock Park
North Bergen, NJ
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Mark Wrightington, 201-334-2714
MarksMadness331@aol.com

Apr 15 - TRD Awards Dinner

Elks Club Lodge, 5:00 PM, \$25
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
Register by March 25
Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777
NERSMuseum@aol.com

Apr 19 - TRD Commissioners

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

Sal Bellomo
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Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco
Blairstown, NJ
Chairman George Davis
Weboree@aol.com

May 3 - TRD Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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May 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend

May 6 - TRD Rocket Derby

May 8 - 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

May 8 - OA Chapter meeting

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

May 17 - TRD Commissioners

Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
Sal Bellomo
Scoutmaster379@gmail.com

May 18-20 - Camp Turrell X-Treme Sports

Camp Turrell
Cuddebackville, NJ
Arrive Friday 6:00 PM
Depart Sunday 11:00 AM
\$35 (\$50 after Apr 27)
Dave Gabel
CampTurrellEvents@gmail.com

May 19 - NNJC Triathlon (1)

Camp Turrell
Cuddebackville, NJ
(Subsequent events on Jun 2 and Sep 15)
\$10 per person
Anthony Chirido, 201-677-1000 x41
Anthony.Chirido@Scouting.org

May 21 - NNJC Recognition Dinner
[Details to be announced] •