



The Heckawee Herald

The Newsletter of the Three Rivers District
Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Event Summary

"TRD" = Three Rivers District

(See last page for details)

Apr 10 - TRD Roundtable

Apr 10 - OA Chapter meeting

Apr 12 - TRD Committee Meeting

Apr 14 - TRD Gold Rush for Cubs

Apr 15 - TRD Awards Dinner

Apr 19 - TRD Commissioners

Apr 21 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE

Apr 22 - Training: Catholic Youth Protection

Apr 23 - Ramapo Val. Training: MB Counselors

Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

May 3 - TRD Committee Meeting

May 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend

May 5 - Ramapo Val. Training: Den Chiefs

May 5 - Ramapo Val. Training: SM Specific

May 6 - TRD Rocket Derby

May 8 - TRD Roundtable

May 8 - OA Chapter meeting

May 9+10 - Ramapo Val. Training: Leave No Trace

May 14 - Council Recognition Dinner

May 17 - TRD Commissioners

May 17 - Ramapo Val. Training: Cub Leaders

May 18-20 - Camp Turrell X-Treme Sports

May 19 - NNJC Triathlon

Jun 1-3 - OA Ordeal weekend

Jun 2 - NNJC Triathlon

Jun 6 - NNJC Program Launch

Jun 8-10 - OA Conclave

Jun 9 - NNJC Beaver Day at All Camps

Jun 12 - OA Chapter meeting

Jun 16 - TRD Fishing Derby

Looking Ahead

Jul 30-Aug 4 - OA's NOAC Convention

Aug 12-18 - National Youth Leadership Training

Sep 21-23 - OA Ordeal weekend

Results from the District Pinewood (Mar 17)

This message was broadcast on Mar 21. Note that trophies were given for 1st and 2nd place only:

Results from the Three Rivers District Pinewood Derby of March 17 have been posted online at:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewDocLibrary.asp?FolderKey=4286&OrgKey=944>

Summary of what you'll find there:

Tigers - 76 cars raced with times posted from fastest to slowest

1st place - Sam V. (Car #29)

2nd place - Casey S. (Car #67)

3rd place - Colin M, (Car #63)

Wolves and Bears combined - 68 cars raced with times posted from fastest to slowest

1st place - Matthew R. (Car #4)

2nd place - Cole S. (Car #5)

3rd place - Jaden P. (Car #22)

Webelos - 71 cars raced with times posted from fastest to slowest

1st place - Kyle H. (Car #154)

2nd place - Vincent M. (Car #153)

3rd place - Bradley M, (Car #152)

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Feedback: Pinewood derbies are always fun, but this one was unique and thus had some unique problems that detracted. Last year, "Racemaster" Craig Gazzano created an "Invitational Pinewood" for the three fastest cars from each of NNJC's nine former districts. This year Ernie Sprance agreed to do another, but this time the invitation went out to

83 Three Rivers Cub packs, inviting the four fastest Tigers and four fastest older Cubs.

One Cub family from Hillsdale said,

"Honestly, we did not have a good experience. We got there a few minutes before 10:00 AM and waited in line just to register for 1 hour and 40 minutes. At that point our son couldn't take the waiting anymore and we left. When we left the Tigers hadn't even started racing yet and we still had a while to wait in line to register."

Event organizer Leslie Sonkin responded, "The attendance was overwhelming!!! We have already taken steps to alleviate the long wait next year and have a smoother-running event. Feel free to let folks know that. I posted a 'statement' on Facebook the next day for those folks who follow the 3 Rivers District." •

Rechartering in 2012: Many Units at Risk

Every pack, troop, and crew must renew its charter each year, which they do by sending the Council an updated roster of registered youth and adults along with fees. In our Three Rivers District, the great majority of units have a renewal date of Jan 31.

One of the most important tasks assigned to the District Execs and to the District Commissioner staff is to ensure that renewals are submitted, preferably on time. After a 3-month grace period, late units are assumed dropped.

Just before he resigned in mid-March, former DE Ian Meades compiled a status report and gave it to District Commissioner Sal Bellomo to assist him and his staff. Ian listed each unit in the Council's database, and then named the January units that were on the verge of being dropped at the end of March. In summary:

	Packs:	Troops:	Crews etc:
Total	83	84	29
January units about to drop	23	11	5

Hopefully, by the time you read this, many of the at-risk units will have recovered their good standing. •

Diversity Awareness (Mar 22)

An invitation to come to Hasbrouck Heights
This message was broadcast on Mar 17:

Hasbrouck Heights Pack 17 presents Diversity Awareness

Come experience the world as a Scout sees it.

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Date: March 22, 2012

Corpus Christi Early Childhood Learning Center
Boulevard
Hasbrouck Heights

Contact: Patricia Sonzogni
201-288-2441

Cub Scout Pack 17 is not affiliated with the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education or Corpus Christi School •

Open Cockpit Day at Teterboro (Mar 31)

This notice was broadcast on Mar 15:

Open Cockpit Day

at the Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro Airport

The Aviation Hall of Fame announces its "Open Cockpit Day," Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10 AM till 4 PM. Visitors can sit in the cockpits of a one-of-a-kind 1950 Martin 202 airliner, a rare Lockheed-designed Bush Plane, a Cobra gunship helicopter (with sound effects!), an OV-1A Mohawk close support aircraft, our "Little-Cut-Up" demonstrator, and the control cab of an Airport Rescue and Fire-Fighting truck.

People, young and old can learn how the flight systems work. Qualified pilots will help guests understand the instruments and controls of these special aircraft.

Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey
March 31, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
400 Fred Wehran Drive
Teterboro, NJ 07608
Admission \$7.00 Adults, \$5.00 seniors and children under 12

Founded in 1972, the Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey is dedicated to the preservation of the Garden State's distinguished, two-century aviation and space heritage. The men and

women, whose outstanding aeronautical achievements have brought worldwide recognition to the state, are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. The Port Authority of NY & NJ generously supports the Hall of Fame by providing the space for the museum.

For directions and more information
Shea Oakley, 201-288-6344
www.NJahof.org
NJahof@verizon.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](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

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Joel Lieberman, 201-677-1000 x30

JLieberman@bsaemail.org •

District Awards Dinner (Apr 15)

This message was broadcast on Mar 19:

District Awards Dinner

It's time to recognize adults within the Three Rivers District for outstanding service to youth. Please make it a point to attend the District Awards dinner:

Link to a flyer:

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/
DocDownload.aspx?id=105255](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=105255)

April 15 (Sunday) at 5:00 PM

Paramus Elks Club

200 Route 17 (North)

Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture

\$25 (\$28 for walk-ins)

Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777

NERSMuseum@aol.com

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Of the awards to be presented, the most prestigious will be the District Award of Merit (DAM).

The award is made to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. If you know someone who qualifies, please download, fill out, and submit a nomination form:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

For questions about filling out the form or submitting it:

Rich Curran, 201-819-6850
RichCurran@verizon.net

The deadline for submission is March 22 (Thursday) at 4:00 PM.

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Three Rivers Service to Local Unit Award

Units leaders: Be sure to take advantage of this dinner to give recognition to some parent or other individual in your troop, pack, or crew who has been instrumental in making your Scouting year a success. This is the person who always seems to volunteer to step up and help make things happen.

Let Rich Curran know who that person is and invite him/her and others from your unit to the dinner.

RichCurran@verizon.net •

Camporee at Six Flags (Apr 20-22)

Several unit leaders received this notice on Mar 23. The camporee is organized by the Jersey Shore Council:

Six Flags Camporee Now Open to both Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts!

It's not too late to sign up your troop or pack for the Six Flags Camporee! We have extended the early bird registration until March 30, 2012

Scouts: Arrive Friday evening and set up your campsite close to the park. On Saturday mix rides in the park with work on merit badges. On Sunday there will be religious services. Then pack up for departure, plus more rides.

2-day package: \$50 (\$70 after Mar 30)

1-day package: \$42 (\$50 after Mar 30)

Lunch sold separately: \$23 (\$28 after Mar 30)

Cubs:

1-day admission: \$30

Belt loop access: \$15

Lunch ticket: \$23 (includes free return ticket)

Packing package: \$12

www.JerseyShore-BSA.org •

Lou Cappelluti to be Honored (Apr 29)

This invitation was mailed to members and friends of Jersey City Troop 466:

BSA Troop 466 cordially invites you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor of

Michael De Man, Jr.

Brandon Rahim

Anton Steiger

Michael Turner

The troop will also honor Mr. Lou Cappelluti for his 40 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 466.

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Lou joined as an adult in 1972 and agreed to take over as Scoutmaster a few months later. In 1992 he also took over as Cubmaster for Pack 465, so this year marks his 20th. Troop 466 has been a successful troop since 1943. During Lou's 40 years in charge, they have produced some 25 Eagle Scouts, including this month's four.

Lou also lent his experience to seven National Jamborees, three as Assistant Scoutmaster for a council provisional troop and four as a Jambo staff member. He also attended two World Scout Jamborees, one in Holland and one in Canada.

Lou's resume lists these honors:

Silver Beaver Award

District Award of Merit

Scoutmaster's Award of Merit

Vale La Pena Service Award

OA Brotherhood Honor

Scoutmaster's Training Award

Scoutmaster's Key

Cubmaster's Training Award

plus

Jersey Journal Everyday Hero Award
Everything Jersey City Festival Legend Award •

10th Anniversary for Venture Crew 1444

Jersey City crew anniversary dinner (Apr 29)

Bill Dall broadcast this flyer on Mar 31:

Reminder:

Venture Crew 1444

10th Anniversary Dinner

April 29, 2012

4:30 PM

Knights of Columbus

150 Chestnut Street

Nutley, NJ

\$25.00 per person

We will auction many patches and memorabilia from Camp Rock Hill, the Hudson-Liberty Council, many national jamborees, and many other interesting events displayed in 18x25 frames. They come from the collection of the late Ronald Verheyen, longtime Scoutmaster of Jersey City Troop 444.

Tickets are still available but are going fast.
E-mail me ASAP if you want to attend.

Yours in Scouting and WWW

Bill Dall

PapaDall@aol.com •

Dinosaurs in Secaucus! (Jun 2)

"Field Station: Dinosaurs" expects to open for business in late May in Secaucus' Laurel Hill Park, and they've already scheduled a Scout Day for June. This information was extracted from their website:

- Field Station: Dinosaurs is a world-class family attraction that combines cutting-edge science with the creative minds of great artists and teachers.
- Over thirty life-sized, realistic dinosaurs come to life thanks to the brilliant engineering of the world's leading roboticists and the imagination of our artists.

- One display is the ninety foot long Argentina-saurus, the largest animatronic dinosaur ever made.
- The story of the dinosaurs is vividly presented on twenty acres of wild, unpredictable woods, mysterious pathways, and mountain trails.
- Scientists from the New Jersey State Museum have worked to ensure that the exhibition encompasses the latest theories and discoveries in the fields of paleontology, geology, and environmental studies.

www.FieldStationDinosaurs.com •

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We're Celebrating Scouts at the Field Station.

Join us for a fun-filled day of games and learning, and an outdoor adventure especially designed for Scouts. Learning Stations feature merit badge topics including:

Bird Study	Orienteering
Energy	Plant Science
Robotics	Reptile and Amphibian Study
Geology	Environmental Science
Nature	Soil and Water Conservation

Participating Scouts will earn a Field Station: Dinosaurs' Commemorative Patch.

Call our group sales hotline to reserve your credentials today. Groups of 20 or more save!
973-748-4317

Groups@FieldStationDinosaurs.com •

Scout Backwoods Engineering (Aug 5-11)

This information was extracted from the Patriots' Path Council website:

Do you love to lash? Do you want to learn how to build challenging towers, bridges, catapults, and more using nothing but sticks, rope, pioneering tools and your own hands? Do you just want to have fun?

Then enroll in Backwoods Engineering Camp at Camp Somers. Learn how to do things most people will say are impossible! This is an individual sign up, so come by yourself or bring a friend.

Over the course of the week, the group will build a trestle bridge, a signal tower, a catapult, a suspension bridge, and a raft using spars and ropes. You will learn the principles of stable structures, stress, and load distribution. You will also learn about the six simple machines, how to use them, and how they permeate every aspect of our daily lives.

Scouts will form their own Camp Troop for the week and will also participate in other camp wide and fun activities at Camp Somers. We provide the leadership, campsite, meals, fun and Scouting. You provide the enthusiasm!

The cost for the week is \$307. This includes meals, lodging, materials and adult leadership. Space is limited to 24 participants, so sign up early!

Information: 973-347-3266 or 973-765-9322 x222
http://www.camps.ppbsa.org/camps/somers/Backwoods_Engineering_Camp.htm •

Youth Leadership Training (Aug 12-18)

Training for Boy Scout Junior Leaders

National Youth Leadership Training

It's exciting and fun!

It's awesome and incredible!

It's co-ed!

It's NYLT !!!!

It's one of the best youth leadership training opportunities in the Northeast Region!

Let them be leaders!

Give your youth a chance at making a difference:

- Teach them how to lead
- Show them how to lead
- Let them lead!!!!!!!

YOU can make a difference...

Let THEM make a difference...

To be eligible, Scouts must

- Be 14 by Aug 1 and have completed 8th grade
- Be no older than 18 by Aug 1
- Be a Venturer or First Class Scout by Aug 1

Cost:

- \$50 non-refundable deposit to hold a space
- \$300 by Apr 1, \$315 by Jun 1, \$325 after
- Balance of fee dues on Jun 30
- Camperships are available

Register early because:

- Course closes when registration reaches capacity
- Course has sold out quickly in past years
- Further information e-mailed after registration

Information:

Mike Wenson, Calcomet@aol.com

Anthony Chirido, Anthony.Chirido@scouting.org

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Note to Scoutmasters from a prior session:

Is your Boy Scout troop lead by a well-seasoned group of senior boys? The Patrol Method is the backbone of Boy Scouting, and boys need a whole lot of coaching and support to do the job well and to have a high quality experience in being a leader. NYLT will help the boys be more effective and comfortable in their leadership roles.

The course will give them a great boost in confidence and make your job as Scoutmaster that much easier. The edge that Scouts will receive by attending the week-long course will firmly prepare the boys to assume the bulk of the responsibility for ensuring that meetings and outings are filled with learning experiences and exercises that are well planned, and include lots of fun and enjoyment for Scouts of all ages.

Attending the course is just the beginning. After completing the course, your Junior Leaders will continue to apply what they have learned at NYLT, as they develop their own personal style of leadership and expand upon their abilities to lead by example in front of their own peers in your troop environment. •

Trying to Get to Camp Yaw Paw

Hudson County moms petition to add a bus stop

Last year, a Cub from Weehawken Pack 223 attended the Council's day camp at Yaw Paw. His

mom was so pleased that she came back and encouraged other families to sign up this summer.

The Council's website has a bus schedule with 29 stops, with Clifton being the closest in Hudson County. She said, "[Last summer] the Clifton stop had maybe 8 kids, which included 3 from Weehawken and 2 from Jersey City." At a recent Council briefing she posed the question, "Can you add another bus stop?" She added, "The traffic is awful, and we have parents who either don't drive or can't drive that far in the mornings/at evening rush hour."

The response was, "Yes, if you can promise 10 kids going the same week." District Program Chair Leslie Sonkin was willing to pursue the matter with Grey Rolland, the Council's Director of Support Service. She said, "It's a chicken-and-egg debate," meaning that we need a firm bus stop before families will sign up, and we need firm sign-ups before we can add a new bus stop. Leslie said, "There is no real 'minimum' of Scouts needed to arrange a bus, but the cost would be prohibitive to arrange a route for just 4-5 campers."

The moms are taking a 2-step procedure to solve the chicken-and-egg problem. Step 1 was a broadcast on March 28 to all Hudson County Cubmasters and Den Leaders asking them to contact their Cub families, saying, "If there is enough interest, we might be able to convince NNJC to add one more bus stop to their route. Respond quickly so we can start to work out how many Cubs are definite and which weeks they will attend." •

Pinewood Track Given Away

Tony Villano of Troop 60 broadcast this message on Mar 22:

Mr. York, the former Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of Pack 45 and Troop 45 at St. Anne's has a perfectly good pinewood derby track stored in his home that he must dispose of very soon. He advised me that if it doesn't find a home, it's going to the dump.

Can anyone use it? It's a wood track, three lanes, starting gate, no electronic timing.

If you want to preserve it, I need to know soon or it will be cut up for trash pickup -- probably this weekend since our next pickup date is Monday.

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Tony Villano sent this follow-up a few days later:

Due to the rapid communication system of the District, there were numerous requests. The track found a home with Pack 217 in Fair Lawn. •

Order of the Arrow Unit Elections

This information was extracted from the Council's OA website:

First this note:

The election season ends on May 1, 2012. Due to the vast area that our council serves, we ask that requests for an election be done online.

www.OALodgeIX.org

Click on the left blue menu "Unit OA Elections"

All Requests must be submitted by April 15, 2012. Troops are not permitted to hold their own elections. Instead, members of the OA Election Team will come to your Scout meeting, conduct the election, then take the new candidates aside to explain what the next step will be.

Eligibility into the Order of the Arrow is restricted to those Scouts who complete the following requirements:

- Scout must be a registered Boy Scout.
- Scout must hold minimum rank of First Class.
- After registration, the Scout must have attended a minimum of 15 days and nights camping, of which 6 but no more than 6 of these must be consecutive, overnight camping. One week of summer camp can fulfill this requirement. Camping must be done within two years prior to the election.

Questions: Francis Howitt, Lodge IX Chief

FKHowitt@gmail.com •

Boy Scouts are from Mars, Girl Scouts are from Venus

The pop culture book *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* was a best-seller in 1992. Marriage counselor Dr. John Gray coined the catchy title to underline his belief that men and women think so differently about things that they might as well be from different planets.

Venus: Author Kate Tuttle put her own twist on the title with an article published in the March issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* (see link below). What got her to thinking was a no-vote cast in the House of Representatives by Bob Morris, a Republican from Indiana. In her article, Tuttle wrote:

Instead he sent colleagues a letter warning that the Girl Scouts were not a benign, cookie-peddling kids' organization but rather "a group that has been subverted in the name of liberal progressive politics" with "surprisingly radical policies" -- and, in fact, "a tactical arm of Planned Parenthood."

She said that Morris later apologized for the tone of his remarks as being too emotional, but that he stuck by his objections.

Tuttle continued by saying that Morris was hardly alone in his beliefs, and cited a 2004 cookie boycott in Texas, a counter-organization calling itself "Honest Girl Scouts," and a recent incident in Reston, VA, where a 10-year old girl selling door-to-door got this: "Our family doesn't give money to Girl Scouts because they support abortions, which kills babies."

Mars: Tuttle wrote, "Meanwhile, the Boy Scouts have their critics on the left. Objections to the Boy Scouts mostly focus on the group's 1991 ban on gay members or leaders (which is unique to the Boy Scouts USA - their Canadian and European counterparts have no such policy)." She added

"The group expressly prohibits membership (even as Cub Scouts) of atheists and agnostics. Local Boy Scout troops and councils that have tried (or been forced) to follow anti-discrimination policies have been banned or ejected from the national organization."

Red states/blue states: Tuttle asked, "To put it another way, are Boy Scouts from red states and Girl Scouts from blue?" Tuttle remarked on how both organizations started at about the same time, with William Boyce starting Boy Scouts in America

in 1910 after meeting Baden-Powell, and Juliette Gordon Low starting Girl Scouts in 1912, also after meeting Baden-Powell. But, she said, "History has enormously widened the ideological gulf between them." Her thumbnail history of the two organizations gave example after example of how they diverged.

Tuttle had this conclusion about the boys and girls in each organization:

But they will all, in varying doses, be influenced by the worldview each organization has crafted. Boys, if they want to learn how to tie slipknots and make fire, will do so in an atmosphere steeped in straight male Christianity. Girls, if they want to sell cookies and go camping, will soak up messages about empowerment, diversity, and social activism.

Link to Tuttle's article:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/03/boy-scouts-are-from-mars-girl-scouts-are-from-venus/253957/>

2012 Training Events Posted

Council Training Advisor Mike Cowan broadcast this summary of upcoming training events (you will also find them on the first page of this newsletter).

"RV" sessions are presented by the Ramapo Valley District, but Scouters and Scouts from anywhere in the Council are welcome to attend.

- Trainer's EDGE: 4/21/2012 8 AM - 5 PM
- Archdiocese of Newark Protecting God's Children: 4/22/2012 10 AM - 12 PM
- Archdiocese of Newark Scouter Development Course: 4/22/2012 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- RV- Merit Badge Counselor Training: 4/23/2012 7 PM - 9 PM
- RV Den Chief Training: 5/5/2012 9 AM - 2 PM
- RV SM/ ASM Leader Specific Training: 5/5/2012 9 AM - 2 PM
- RV - Leave No Trace Awareness Training Course: 5/9/2012 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- RV - Leave No Trace Awareness Training Course: 5/10/2012 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- RV Cub Scout Leader Specific: 5/17/2012 7 PM - 10 PM

- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT):
8/12/2012 - 8/18/2012

Mike also included handy "click here" links for:

- NNJC Official Training Calendar
 - What training do I need?
 - BSA Online Training
 - Course Descriptions
 - Training Awards (Knots) for Cub Leaders
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Trail's End Scholarship Program

This message from Trail's End was broadcast on Mar 13:

To ensure that our college scholarship program continues to meet federal guidelines, we have updated the terms and conditions of the program. Please review the process below.

How to enroll and report sales

Scouts who sell \$2,500 or more in a calendar year must email a completed scholarship enrollment form and proof of sales to

Scholarship@Trails-End.com.

Scouts must reach \$2,500 only one time. Once enrolled, they must report their annual sales to Trail's End each year.

Trail's End does not accept faxes, snail mail, zipped files, or files over 5MB. Scholarship balances will be emailed to each Scout annually.

Payouts

Scouts must email a completed scholarship payout form and all required documentation to

Scholarship@Trails-End.com

Trail's End does not accept faxes, snail mail, zipped files, or files over 5MB. Payouts are processed four times per year: Mar 15, Jun 15, Sep 15, Dec 15. Trail's End sends your funds directly to your educational institution to offset tuition, books, housing and/or other fees.

Terms and conditions are subject to change. Please view the most updated college scholarship guidelines on Trails-End.com •

Wolves in South Salem NY

Several Scout leaders received this flyer from Maggie Howell on Feb 27:

Wolf Conservation Center

Is your TROOP ready to cry wolf!

My name is Maggie and I'm the Managing Director of the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC), headquartered in South Salem, NY. I would like to extend our education programming to your Scouts in the coming year. All of our educational programs are designed to conform to New York State Standards for Science Education and touch on a variety of disciplines from biology to history. Field-tested throughout the northeast, our programs have received rave reviews everywhere we present them.

We provide a wonderful opportunity for Scouts of all ages to experience the WCC's educational message. Scouting groups can arrange a visit to our facility in South Salem and experience our Ambassador wolves and learn about the WCC's Species Survival Program. Our programs are adaptable to all age levels and can be held indoors or out. Our experienced Ambassador wolf, Atka, never fails to impress children and adults alike.

With the mission to educate people about wolves, their relationship in the environment and the human role in protecting their future, the WCC has put together an informative and entertaining look at the history of wolves in North America, wolf biology, and the mythology that surrounds this misunderstood predator.

I look forward to hearing from you and invite your troop to visit the WCC for an experience that your Scouts and their families will remember for the rest of their lives.

Maggie Howell

Managing Director, Wolf Conservation Center

914-763-2373 x2

maggie@nywolf.org

www.nywolf.org •

Wolves in Columbia NJ

A Wolf Preserve in New Jersey

"Truly an experience of a lifetime!" is the slogan of the Lakota Wolf Preserve. Says owners Dan Bacon and Jim Stein on their Website, "Once again the howling of wolves echo through the mountains of the Delaware Water Gap. Photo opportunities of a lifetime and the experience of watching and listening to packs of tundra, timber, and Arctic wolves will be yours. View wolves here in the East in a natural surrounding for the first time in over a century. Bobcats and foxes also reside at the reserve."

Dan and Jim have set up a twice-daily "Wolf Watch" program, in which visitors can go to an observation area and talk with the folks who raised and cared for the four packs of wolves that roam the fenced-in acreage. There is an admission fee, but Scouts get a nice discount. "We try to educate people on the true behavior of the wolf, and we're glad to answer any questions you may have. While in the observation area, you will be able to watch the wolves play, interact with each other, and maybe even hear them howl." One observer characterized the howls as "eerie", saying that they sent chills up his spine.

The current population is 24. There are two packs of timber wolves, one pack of tundra, and one pack of Arctic wolves, which have somehow divided up the 10 acre preserve. The refuge was named after one of Dan's favorites, a 7-year old female timber wolf named Lakota, which is an Indian word for "peace." Dan and his wife, Pam, started raising wolves in Colorado, obtaining them from people who mistakenly thought they could raise wolves as pets. The problem is that they were too wild to be good pets, but not wild enough to be turned loose to survive in the wilderness. Due to problems with some Colorado statutes, Dan, Pam, and Jim decided to set up elsewhere, and found a home in New Jersey. Not only were they welcomed, but they were also the winners of the N.J. Governor's Environmental Tourism Award. Get details and driving directions from www.LakotaWolf.com •

The Three Rivers District Organization

Key People

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Event Details

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 12 - TRD Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.

Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM

District Chair Pat Stamato

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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

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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 21 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE

Little Falls Civic Center

119 Warren St, Little Falls, NJ

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

\$25 (includes lunch)

MaryKay.Tokar@gmail.com

Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco
Blairstown, NJ
Chairman George Davis
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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
Camp Yaw Paw, Mahwah, NJ
Ordeal Candidates - \$50
Brotherhood Candidates - \$45
Lodge Members - \$35
Elangomats - Free
Contact: Larry Burke
lpb51@msn.com

May 6 - TRD Rocket Derby
[Details to be announced]

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

May 14 - NNJC Recognition Dinner
[Details to be announced]

May 17 - TRD Commissioners
Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM
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(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
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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
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Jun 1-3 - OA Ordeal weekend
Camp Turrell, Cuddebackville, NY
Ordeal Candidates - \$50
Brotherhood Candidates - \$45
Lodge Members - \$35
Elangomats - Free
Contact: Larry Burke
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Jun 2 - NNJC Triathlon (2)
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco
Blairstown, NJ
(Subsequent event on Sep 15)
\$10 per person
Anthony Chirido, 201-677-1000 x41
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Jun 6 - NNJC Program Launch
[Details to be announced]

Jun 8-10 - OA Conclave
[Details to be announced]

Jun 12 - OA Chapter meeting
[Details to be announced]

Jun 16 - TRD Fishing Derby
[Details to be announced] •