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Event Summary

"TRD" = Three Rivers District

(See last page for details)

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- Jun 1-3 - OA Ordeal weekend
- Jun 2 - Scout Day at Field Station Dinosaurs
- Jun 2 - NNJC Triathlon
- Jun 3 - OA Chapter meeting
- Jun 7 - TRD Committee Meeting
- Jun 8-10 - OA Conclave
- Jun 9 - NNJC Beaver Day at All Camps
- Jun 10 - Jewish Award Workshop
- Jun 12 - TRD Roundtable/Program Launch
- Jun 16 - TRD Fishing Derby
- Jun 21 - TRD Commissioners
- Jun 22 - TRD Swim Meet
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Looking Ahead

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- Jul 1 - First day of camp at No-Be and Turrell
- Jul 2 - First day of camp at Yaw Paw
- Jul 5 - First day of camp at Lewis
- Jul 15 - First day of camp at Floodwood
- Jul 30-Aug 4 - OA's NOAC Convention
- Aug 12-18 - National Youth Leadership Training
- Sep 14-16 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (Part 1)
- Sep 21-23 - OA Ordeal weekend
- Oct 6-8 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (Part 2)
- Oct 12-14 - TRD Camporee •

TRD Roundtable/Program Launch (Jun 12)

This article reprinted from last month's issue of The Heckawee Herald:

The June Roundtable will act as the Three Rivers District Program Launch for the 2012-13 session.

Each District subcommittee will have a table with calendars, event lists, flyers, and sign-up sheets:

Activities, Training, Membership, FOS, popcorn sale, etc.

This information will be very valuable for unit leaders planning their own program and calendar for 2012-23.

Location:
American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Roundtable questions can be addressed to George Simoni at GSimoni@aol.com

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Bill Metts added this note:

The 2012 Roundtable/Program Launch will also feature a barbecue. Parking for 34 vehicles can be found behind the Valley National Bank at 405 Rochelle Avenue. Ed Quinn agreed to open the nearby Northeast Region Scout Museum. We want some of our leaders to see the Museum and to think of using the Museum in the future. •

Rocket Launch for Cubs (May 6)

84 Cubs came to the first Three Rivers District Rocket Launch, held during a May afternoon at Foschini Park in Hackensack, NJ.

Rockets consisted of empty 2-liter soda bottles that the Cubs brought with them. They were given an hour to tape on fins and other fancy decorations, then each bottle was filled with water and compressed air and launched straight up.

Event organizer Ken Hesse said, "More Cubs might have come, but I insisted on only one rocket per

den, instead of one per boy." He explained, "Given the size of the district, I might get 200 kids, and I won't have time to launch 200 rockets. I can only do 100 in the hour allocated." In the end, there were 94 rockets, almost exactly what Ken had planned for.

Ken described how the weather cooperated, saying, "Storms threatened before our 2-hour launch window. But then Mother Nature cleared the sky and gave us a beautiful blue sky to launch into." He added, "We hope to have patches available by the June 12 Roundtable." •

Warren Dressler Joins TRD Staff

Warren Dressler received a warm Thank-You from District Chair Pat Stamato when he agreed to serve as the Three Rivers District Training Chair. The post was previously held by Mary Kay Tokar.

Warren has been involved with Scout training at many levels, including Council Training Chair. In 2002 he organized the Council's first week-long "Junior Leadership Training Conference" (later named National Youth Leadership Training). The NYLT course proved to be immensely popular, always selling out and even attracting youth from other nearby councils. He continued as Course Director through 2007. The following year he took over as Course Director for Wood Badge.

Most recently, Warren's many contributions were recognized when he received the prestigious Silver Antelope award. •

Doug Dillow Resigns as Scout Exec

Doug submitted his resignation effective June 1, however, as of this writing, there has not yet been an official announcement. The NNJC Executive Board named Pat Coviello to fill in temporarily until a replacement can be hired. Pat will also fill in for Kenyon Sandy, who stepped down from his position as Director of Field Service.

Doug took over from Trip McMillan in October, 2008. Previously he was the Scout Exec in Tacoma, Washington. He was a member of the Boy Scouts

for 34 years and served as a Scouting professional for 27 years. •

NNJC Exec Board Will Ask for Input (Jun 7) All TRD committee chairs asked to attend

This month the NNJC Executive Board will solicit input from each of the Council's district committees. For Three Rivers, Clark Atwood is scheduled to attend our June 7 meeting in Hackensack.

District Chair Pat Stamato is urging all TRD committee chairs to attend this important meeting. •

"June Madness" Swim Meet (Jun 22)

This message was broadcast on May 29:

District June Madness Swim Meet

June 22

Lyndhurst Town Pool located at the Lyndhurst High School

400 Weart Ave at Forest Avenue

\$10 per patrol

Please register on-line:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1177997>

Flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=111992>

The schedule:

5:45 PM - arrive, sign in, have a hot dog outside while waiting

6:00 - Organizers will set up and assign lanes

6:20 - First age group should be lined up and ready to swim

6:30 - Second age group should be lined up and ready to swim

6:45 - Third age group should be lined up and ready to swim

Age groups (each group gets its own prizes)

First age group: 9-10 year old

Second age group: 11-13 year old

Third age group: 14-17 year old

Patrols:

The competition works best with 4-man patrols, but the organizers will do their best to accommodate

other numbers. A large pack, troop, or crew may bring multiple patrols (no limit).

Program for the first age group (9-10)

Two Scouts swim 25-meter freestyle at the same time, best time counts.

Two Scouts swim 50-meter freestyle relay

All four compete in the cannonball big-splash dive

All four compete in the no-splash racing dive

Program for the second age group (11-13)

Two Scouts swim 50-meter freestyle relay

Four Scouts swim 100-meter freestyle relay

Four Scouts swim 100-meter medley relay:
backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, freestyle

All four compete in the cannonball big-splash dive

All four compete in the no-splash racing dive

Program for the third age group (14-17)

Two Scouts swim 50-meter freestyle relay

Four Scouts swim 100-meter freestyle relay

Four Scouts swim 100-meter medley relay:
backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, freestyle

All four compete in the cannonball big-splash dive

All four compete in the no-splash racing dive

ALSO: Mascot Competition

For non-swimming Scouts or siblings

Name your patrol after a college team, then dress up a non-swimmer as the mascot.

Example: The Duke Blue Devil Patrol

Contacts:

Mike Carp, 201-787-9492

MichaelCarp@Verizon.net

John Sedlock, 201-481-2600

john@bergencountyglass.com •

District Fishing Derby for Cubs (Jun 22)

This message was broadcast on May 24:

District Cub Scout Fishing Derby

Oradell Reservoir (Lake Shore Drive)

Saturday June 16, 2012

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$7.00 per Cub Scout

(Includes Hot dog, fruit drink, patches, and awards)

(Parents can purchase coffee, donuts, hot dogs, and drinks.)

Register online on or before June 8, 2012 (see below). Please register as a den or pack if possible.

Rules:

- Open to all Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos of the Three Rivers District
- Cubs must be accompanied by a guardian of 21 years or older
- Catch and release program – return your fish to the water alive
- No swimming or wading in the reservoir
- No open fires or grills
- Adults need a license to fish (NJ State requirement for anyone 14 years or older)
- Scout insurance covers all Cubs and all potential Cub Scouts.

Awards will be given out to those registered Cubs that catch the biggest fish by weight. There are FOUR fish categories for each rank of Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos:

- Sunfish
- Perch
- Bass
- Other

A fishing gear set will be awarded to the Cub with the overall biggest fish by weight.

A rain date will be announced later if needed.

To register:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendar/detail.asp?ActivityKey=1064520>

Event flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=111963>

Mandatory permission form:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=110990>

Driving directions:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=110997>

Questions:

Gerry Beatty, 201-446-1703

gpb64@aol.com •

Help Wanted at a Bike Safety Rodeo (Jun 9)

This message was broadcast on May 13:

Boy Scout Volunteers Needed at a Bike Safety Rodeo

Scouts are needed to help staff the upcoming "Stride & Ride" bike rodeo:

June 9

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lincoln Park in Jersey City

In the parking lot near the running track

Also: We need a Scouter willing to be interviewed by a local cable company. Also: We need people to man a Scout recruiting booth.

The event is being run by the Hudson County Transportation Management Authority (TMA). Food will be provided.

Event brochure:

<http://www.hudsonntma.org/brochures/2011/TMA-SRBrochureSM2011.pdf>

Video from a past rodeo with Scouts from Bayonne Troop 25 assisting:

http://www.hudsonntma.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=88&cat_id=21&Itemid=61

If you can assist, please contact Pat Stamato:

PStamato@aol.com •

Upcoming Popcorn Sale

This message was broadcast on May 18:

Looking Ahead to the September Popcorn Sale

To all Scout troops, packs, and crews:

Please plan to sell popcorn this year!

- It's an easy way to earn money for your unit.
- It's an easy way to earn money for the Northern NJ Council, so they can keep our Scout camps maintained and keep providing lots of behind-the-scenes services that we rely on.

Earn extra money by starting now!

The money from each sale is split three ways: The Trails' End wholesaler gets roughly a third, the

Council gets roughly a third, and your unit gets a third -- actually 30%. BUT...

There's an incentive system in place that can raise your share up as high as 37%!

DO THIS BEFORE JUNE 1: Go online and commit your unit to selling popcorn and pick up 3%.

DO THIS IN AUGUST: Send a representative from your unit to one of three training sessions in August and pick up an additional 4%.

Online signup

<http://nnjbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=6094&orgkey=945>

Contact for Three Rivers District:

Sandra Wrightington

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Contact for Northern NJ Council:

Debbie Meggett

debbie.meggett@scouting.org •

OA Conclave (Jun 8-10)

This information was taken from the Lodge IX website:

Section NE-5A Conclave 2012

Yards Creek Scout Reservation

123 Walnut Valley Road

Blairstown, NJ 07832

Starts June 8 at 7:00 PM

Ends June 10 at 10:00 AM

Lodge youth member: \$45

Lodge adult member: \$55

- Sports
- Shooting sports
- Fishing
- Boating
- Patch trading
- Great food
- Brotherhood
- Great shows

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every

year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring/mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions. A section is lead by three elected youth officers: the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary, who are advised by an adult section adviser and professional section staff adviser. •

Troop Has an Open Slot for Scout Sea Base

This message was broadcast on May 7:

A Great High Adventure Opportunity for an Older Scout! The Scout's Florida Sea Base is too cool to be believed!

One of our Scout troops made a reservation and now has one empty slot to fill. They're asking for a 15+ year old who is "experienced." Plan on spending about \$1,600.

Sea Base has several programs. The troop selected this one:

Coral Reef Sailing

A 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht will become your home for a week. It has a large self-contained galley and dining area where you will prepare wholesome meals from the fresh or canned foods supplied by Sea Base, supplemented by fresh catches from trolling while underway.

Your captain will instruct you in navigation, fishing, and sailing, and will remain on board for the entire trip. You choose your own float plan to explore the beautiful Florida Keys. This trip offers one-of-a-kind snorkeling and abundant fishing. You'll spend a "port day" back at Sea Base and have the chance to demonstrate your sailing skills in our fleet of Hunter Sailboats. This is a seven-day event.

If you're interested, contact Senior DE Joel Lieberman: Joel.Lieberman@Scouting.org •

Scout Day at a Dinosaur Park (Jun 2)

This message was broadcast on May 23:

"Field Station: Dinosaurs" recently opened at Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus, and they're offering a discount to Scouts who come for the day on June 2. Open 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=111931>

Their website:

www.FieldStationDinosaurs.com

Come with your troop. Get a 10% discount with a group of 20 or more. Come with your family. The scout saves 10% when in uniform.

- 2 years and under: \$17.50
- Adults: \$20

Be prepared! We are an outdoor exhibition open rain or shine.

One Dinosaur Way, Secaucus, NJ
Exit 15x off the NJ Turnpike
Call 973-748-4317

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

Games - Workshops - Dig Site

Merit Badge Workshops

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

Do you know a Scout who bugles?

Two lucky scouts will be guests of the Field Station and will bugle for the troops throughout Scout Day. For the chance to be one of our buglers, e-mail us at Info@FieldStationDinosaurs.com

Contact:

Jim Ennis at Group Sales

Groups@FieldStationDinosaurs.com

While you're there... Watch for and say hello to a member of the grounds crew with name tag "Harry." That will be Harry Allen of Secaucus Troop 222, who breezed through the hiring process when "Eagle Scout" was spotted on his application form. He said, "They pointed to some tents on the ground and told me to get a crew and pitch them. No problem. They asked me if I could recognize poison ivy, oak, and sumac, and gave me a can of herbicide. No problem." In fact the "no problem" tents were large canvas Army surplus items that didn't come with direction and required 8 people to raise and pitch.

Was it all "no problem?" Harry said, "The toughest job was setting up the mesh fencing that lines all the walking paths. Driving those fence poles into the ground -- that was hard work!" •

National Trails Day (Jun 2)

NY-NJ Trail Conference will open a new hiking trail

The "ScoutStuff" online catalog store's newsletter for May included this article:

National Trails Day

Once a year, Scouts join with others to celebrate the 200,000 miles of trails lacing the American landscape. National Trails Day - this year it's on Saturday, June 2 - highlights pathways enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. Designated routes on the water enhance the experiences of people in canoes, kayaks, and other human-powered watercraft.

National Trails Day was started 20 years ago when the American Hiking Association invited people to get out and have fun on pathways. The special day also encourages them to roll up their sleeves and give back by taking part in trail cleanup and maintenance projects. Check with your Scout leaders and local council for National Trails Day events in your area.

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference chose June 2 as the opening day of the new Mine Hole

Trail. They said, "This 3.5-mile trail links the Berrypicker Trail to Berme Road and provides most of the long-sought green link to connect the Shawangunks to the Catskills." •

About Scout Tour and Activity Plans

Some background information

Scout Tour plans have suddenly become news again, as described in the following article. For those not familiar with tour plans, here is some background information.

When tour plans are required: Unit leaders are expected to submit a tour plan to the Council three weeks in advance of camping trips and other outings. There are a few exceptions, such as a trip to No-Be-Bo-Sco or one of the other Council properties, or a trip to a Council or District-sponsored Camporee or other event. You also don't need a tour plan when the event replaces a regularly scheduled meeting, such as taking your Tiger den to visit a firehouse or taking your Scout troop to attend a City Council meeting.

Purpose: Tour permits have three purposes: insurance-related, event planning, and emergency planning. For insurance, the secondary coverage given to all Scouts and Scouters applies when they are involved in Scouting activities, and a tour plan is how you designate an event as a Scouting activity.

The event planning aspect of the application becomes clear when you fill out the form. You have to verify that trip leaders are trained, especially in regards to Youth Protection. You have to verify that you've planned the transportation, planned the gear, gotten approval from parents, and arranged for overnight accommodations if needed.

The emergency planning aspect is covered when you tell where you're going, how you plan to get there, and who are the contact people, one on the trip and one who can be reached at home.

History: Old timers will recall the paper application form implemented in the 1960's called a "tour permit." The online application process was added to www.MyScouting.org in 2009 with either online

or paper allowed. The paper and online forms were revised in 2011 and renamed "tour plan." The paper version still exists but should be used only by units without access to a computer. •

New Web Page Installed for Tour Plans **Questions about mandatory First Aid certification**

Late last month BSA National completely revised its online application process for tour plans, followed by some hasty revisions and explanations. However, unit leaders will also find that the site implemented some nice features.

Unexpected mandatory training: Unit leaders who accessed the new website for a simple weekend camping trip were stumped when they got to page 7 and found that "at least one adult must have completed... required training" for:

- *[basic]* First aid
- Hazardous Weather
- Wilderness First Aid

BSA National has an online course for "Hazardous Weather" (see MyScouting.org), but not for the other two! Questions abounded! How do I get certified? If National doesn't offer these courses, who does? And why are they "required" in the first place?

Simple weekend camping: Page 7 mandated the training, but the website's real problem is on page 6, titled "What activity will you be doing?" with six photo choices:

- Wilderness/Backcountry (photo of backpackers)
- Orientation Flights (photo of a glider)
- Shooting Sports (Scout with bow and arrow)
- Climbing (Scout working his way up a cliff wall)
- Swimming (Scouts in a pool)
- Boating (Scouts paddling canoes)

The only possible choice for a simple weekend camping trip must be "Wilderness/Backcountry."

Wrong! The correct choice for a simple weekend camping trip is #7:

- Other Activity (Please input a maximum of 50 characters)

A hasty explanation: As of this writing, National has not yet fixed the website, but instead posted an "update" message. They said that the summary on

page 9 will insist that you must be certified, but for an "other activity" they said, "Please disregard this message as CPR and First Aid are not required." **Thus, for a simple weekend camping trip, select "Other Activity"** and then ignore the first-aid related requirements. But please note that Hazardous Weather certification is still required.

"Wilderness/Backcountry" As a rule of thumb, consider wilderness to be a site with no easy way to get medical attention for an injured Scout. Read the following article for more details about the tour plan's first aid-related requirements.

Some nice features:

- Page 4 is where you specify, "Which adults are going?" When you select "Add Registered Adult," a dropdown will show you every adult currently on your roster, including Committee members. When you select one, the name and address fields all get filled in automatically.
- There's a handy link to get a copy of the "Activity Consent and Approval" form that parents are expected to fill out.
- The summary page will tell you which adults don't have current Youth Protection Training.
- If you are both Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, a drop-down will let you choose whether your troop or your pack gets the tour plan. **WARNING:** This drop-down may have bad information but is "currently being worked on and is the highest priority."
- There is a place to enter information for a stay-at-home emergency contact.

Some simplifications: You no longer have to tell how old each adult is. You no longer have to give the license number of each driver and tell how much insurance his car carries. •

Meeting Tour Plan's First Aid Requirement

As described in the previous article, a tour plan for a "Wilderness/Backcountry" trek requires that "at least one adult must have completed... required training" for:

- *[basic]* First aid
- Hazardous Weather
- Wilderness First Aid

Basic first aid: Our parent Northern NJ Council advises us to take the first aid course offered by the American Red Cross. Their website:

<https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main>

Select "First Aid" as the category and select a convenient date and location. A recent query into this website turned up a \$90 course given in New York City. A certificate is good for two years.

Hazardous Weather: This course can be found on the www.MyScouting.org website. The session is fairly lengthy, and might take as long as an hour to complete. It covers 10 different kinds of weather-related conditions that Scout leaders should be familiar with, telling how to plan or prepare, and how to cope when something bad happens. Scout leaders in our area should pay particular attention to the segments about "lightning", "cold weather," and "hot weather."

Wilderness First Aid: While you are filling out the tour plan, you can click on a link that will tell you why "WFA" is important, and then tell you to sign up with either:

- American Red Cross
- Emergency Care and Safety Institute
- Other courses accepted by the BSA

These are no-kidding-around courses. The Wilderness Safety Council offers a 2-day course for \$240. The Red Cross course takes 16 hours.

What about Floodwood? This one is easy. Your group is assigned a "voyageur" guide who has all the required training. He's the one who meets the requirement that "at least one adult must have completed..." The same should be true for any Scout high adventure base. •

6-Day Wood Badge Training Announced **Sep 14-16 and Oct 6-8**

This information taken from the Council website:

Purpose: Wood Badge is Scouting's advanced training course for all adult leaders: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, Varsity, District and Council volunteers, and professionals. New Wood Badge training provides a common leadership foundation for all Scouters. It gives multi-faceted presentations

of leadership skills, organizational tools, and activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. You also will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way have a great deal of fun.

Who may attend? To attend a Wood Badge course, a Scouter must:

- Be a registered member of the BSA (there is no minimum tenure requirement)
- Have completed basic training for their Scouting position (#1 below)
- Have completed Outdoor Skills training for their Scouting position (#2 below)
- Be capable of functioning safely in the outdoor environment
- Complete a BSA Class 3 medical, signed by a doctor

6-Day program: The Wood Badge program consists of two parts: Practical Training and the Application Phase. The Practical training portion is 6 days divided into two 3-day weekends. In addition there are two patrol meetings held between the two weekends. For more details about the program and the Wood Badge "ticket" see:

<http://www.nnjbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2104&ActivityKey=1149580>

Locations: Beautiful outdoor settings at Winnebago Scout Reservation and Camp Lewis, both in Rockaway NJ

Cost: \$295. \$100 deposit by Aug 1 followed by \$195 any time prior to the weekend. Financial assistance is available.

Discount: To encourage units who have not recently sent adult leaders for Wood Badge training (since 2008), if your unit sends two participants you will receive a \$50 discount on the second registrant!

Prerequisites #1 - Scout basic training:

Fast Start and New Leader Essentials for all adult leaders

Leader Specific Training based on position for Tiger Cub Leaders, Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders, Cubmasters, Asst. Cubmasters, Pack

Committee Members, Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members, Venturing Advisors, Asst. Venturing Advisors, Varsity Scout Coaches, Asst. Varsity Coaches, District Committee Members, Council Boards Members and Professional Scouters.

Commissioner Basic Training if you are a District Commissioner or Council Commissioner.

Prerequisites #2 - Outdoor skills training:

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is required for Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, Asst. Venturing Advisors, Varsity Scout Coaches, and Asst. Varsity Scout Coaches.

Note that no Outdoor Skills training is required for Cub Scouters.

Contact: Bob Cunniff, 201-259-2375

RCunniff@optonline.net •

New Scout Policy at Hersheypark

This Scout-friendly park offers over 60 different rides, rated from 1 to 5, where 1 is low-speed and gentle, and 5 is high-speed and aggressive. For the latter, skiers will recognize the double black diamond signage.

New "Camp & Play" The park has a nearby campground that Scouts have used in past years during scheduled Scout Days. What's new this year is that Scouts may now sign up for any weekend from May through September. The "Camp & Play" package costs \$52.50 per person and includes:

- One night tent camping
- One admission to Hersheypark
- One meal ticket to use in the park
- Complimentary shuttle service to Hersheypark
- Early admission to Hersheypark
- Discount coupon for Chocolate World Attraction
- Commemorative patch

<http://www.hersheypark.com>

Contact: Annette Eckinger, 1-800-242-4236

ANEckinger@hersheypark.com •

From the Archives: Scandal in Alabama

Reprint of an article that appeared in the February 2005 issue of the newsletter of the former Hudson-Liberty District:

FBI Investigates an Alabama Council

This is an extract of an article written by Associated Press reporter Jay Reeves, which was published on Jan 25, 2005 by the Washington Post, CNN, AOL, and other news outlets:

"FBI Probes Alabama Boy Scouts Membership" was the headline of Reeves' article. The allegation was that the Greater Alabama Council had padded its membership numbers "perhaps to bring in more funding from agencies like the United Way." The council's board chairman was quoted as saying, "Let me assure you that your executive committee considers these allegations to be very serious and is taking necessary and appropriate action." The council announced that it was cooperating fully and was conducting its own internal audit.

The problem came to light when one of the council's volunteer board members, Tom Willis, was scanning an alphabetical list of Scouts, and spotted 20 Scouts named Doe. He said, "It was just so blatant. They didn't even try to make up names." Referring to Greater Alabama's 2003 funding application to United Way, which claimed that they "served almost 120,000 youths and adults," Willis said, "I would say the numbers are probably inflated 30 to 40 percent in our council." The article pointed out that Greater Alabama "received millions of dollars from United Way chapters during the six-year period, and is slated to get around \$1 million this year." It added, "The probe has shaken the United Way."

In his article, Reeves said that other councils in other states have also been investigated for padding their numbers. He said, "A Scout group [in Texas] removed thousands of names from its membership rolls and a federal grand jury two years ago looked into the matter, [and] independent auditors [in Georgia] are investigating claims the metropolitan area's Boy Scouts inflated black membership numbers to 20,000 to gain more donations."

Reeves' article ended with a quote from Larry Cox, a "long-time Scout volunteer" in the Alabama council: "The idea that someone would overstate membership goes against what the Boy Scouts are supposed to stand for: Being trustworthy and having integrity is one of the prime points of the Scouting oath." •

Vets May Salute During the Anthem

Traditionally, a hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag was appropriate only for members of the Armed Forces in uniform or for members of the nation's veterans service organizations wearing their organization's official headgear.

In 2008, Congress authorized hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering, or passing of the flag, but they did not address salutes during the national anthem.

A 2009 amendment extended the hand-salute privilege to all members of the Armed Forces, whether in uniform or not, and to all vets. It also added the national anthem as an appropriate event. The amendment was sponsored by Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, himself an Army veteran. •

Memorial Day Parades in Hudson County May 28 and May 30

Flyers were handed out during the April District Gold Rush event in North Bergen. This message was broadcast later on May 14:

Invitation to Two Memorial Day Parades

West New York
May 28 (Monday)
Report in at 5:30 PM
Step off at 6:30 PM
Start from 67 Street and Bergenline Ave

Guttenberg
May 30 (Wednesday)
Report in at 6:30 PM
Step off at 7:00 PM

Start from 68 Street and Madison

Contacts for WNY:
Dept of Public Affairs - 201-295-5121
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Contacts for Guttenberg
Lawrence Giancola - 201-289-0421
Barry Weiss - 201-681-0558
Weiss49@optonline.net •

Brooklyn Cyclones Scout Night (Jul 9)

Boy Scout Night is always one of the most popular group nights of the year. This season will be no exception as Scouts get the excitement of a Cyclones game with the added bonus of a sleepover on the field.

Flyer:
<http://brooklyncyclones.com.ismmedia.com/ISM3/std-content/repos/Top/PDFs/2012BSAflyer.pdf>

Tickets start at just \$8 each and include:

- Pre-Game Boy Scout Parade on the field at MCU Park
- Post-Game Fireworks Show
- Post-Game Sleepover at the ballpark
- Souvenir Cyclones Cap
- Commemorative Patch

Group Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling Craig Coughlin at 718-382-2601
Coughlin@BrooklynCyclones.com •

A Death - David Kornas of Kearny Troop 2

This is an extract of an article posted on NJ.com on May 25. The reporter was Matthew McNab:

David Kornas died from injuries suffered when he attempted to turn off a fabricating machine at the Hummel Machine and Tool Company on Davis Avenue. Reporter Matthew McNab quoted Kearny police as saying, "The machine he was operating ejected a piece of aluminum, striking him in the neck and head." Apparently he heard an odd noise

and turned off the machine. The chunk then "shot out of the machine and struck him."

McNab interviewed a co-worker and a neighbor who lives across the street from Hummel Machine and Tool Company on Davis Avenue. Both agreed that Kornas was a very nice person and that he was "one of the kindest men I knew."

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This note from Ed Bradow of Kearny Troop 2:

Dave was an invaluable adult member of the troop. He was always ready to volunteer for whatever was needed, had a great rapport with the youth, and fabricated campfire items for the boys. He was always ready to transport the boys to camp and other activities. He was a great husband and father to his three children David (Eagle 1998?), Brian, and Christine. He was a great friend to the Scouting family as well. •

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Event Details

Jun 1-3 - OA Ordeal weekend

Camp Turrell, Cuddebackville, NY

Ordeal Candidates - \$50

Brotherhood Candidates - \$45

Lodge Members - \$35

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Contact: Larry Burke

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Jun 2 - Scout Day at Field Station Dinosaurs

Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus

[Details to be announced]

www.FieldStationDinosaurs.com

Jun 2 - NNJC Triathlon (2)

Camp No-Be-Bo-SCO

Blairstown, NJ

(Subsequent event on Sep 15)

\$10 per person

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Jun 3 - OA Chapter meeting

Sunday morning

See OA Ordeal weekend, above

Jun 7 - TRD Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.

Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM

District Chair Pat Stamato

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Jun 8-10 - OA Conclave

Yards Creek Scout Reservation

123 Walnut Valley Road

Blairstown, NJ 07832

Youth member: \$45, Adult member: \$55

Larry Burke, 973-696-0963

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Jun 10 - Jewish Award Workshop

Temple B'nai Shalom

300 Pleasant Valley Way

West Orange, NJ 07052

10:00-11:30 AM

Rabbi Robert Tobin

RabbiTobin@yahoo.com

Jun 12 - TRD Roundtable/Program Launch

American Legion Hall

33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
7:30-9:00 PM
George Simoni
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Jun 16 - TRD Fishing Derby
Oradell Reservoir (Lake Shore Drive)
Catch and release
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$7 per Scout
Fishing license required for age 14+
Permission slips from parents required
Gerry Beatty
gpb64@aol.com

Jun 21 - TRD Commissioners
Elks Club Lodge, 7:30 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
Sal Bellomo
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Jun 22 - TRD Swim Meet
Lyndhurst Community Pool
400 Weart Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 201-935-3493
5:45 - 11:00 PM
\$10 per patrol of 4-6 Scouts
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