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Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Event Summary

"TRD" = Three Rivers District

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Dec 1 - NNJC Training: BALOO
Dec 1-2 - Battleship NJ Overnight
Dec 6 - TRD Committee Meeting
Dec 8 – TRD Flag Football Challenge
Dec 8 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE
Dec 11 - TRD Roundtable
Dec 11 - OA Chapter meeting
Dec 20 - TRD Commissioners
Dec 28 - TRD Bowl-a-Thon

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Jan 3 - TRD Committee Meeting
Jan 6 - OA Lodge Banquet
Jan 8 - TRD Roundtable
Jan 10 – Eagle Scout Dinner
Jan 12 – Wood Badge Dining Out
Jan 17 - TRD Commissioners
Jan 19 - TRD Tiger Tumble
Jan 26 - TRD Klondike Derby

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Feb 2 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE
Feb 3-9 - TRD Windows Display Competition
Feb 7 - TRD Committee Meeting
Feb 8 - TRD Scouter of the Year
Feb 12 - TRD Roundtable
Feb 15,16 - Harlem Globetrotters
Feb 21 - TRD Commissioners
Feb 22,23,24 - NNJC Scout Ski Days

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Looking Ahead

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Mar 10 - OA Trade-o-Ree
Mar 15 - Campership Deadline
Mar 16 - TRD Pinewood Derby
Apr 6 - TRD Pirate Quest
Apr 15 – Summer Camp Early Bird Deadline
May 3-5 - OA Ordeal weekend
May 5 - TRD Rocket Launch
May 17-19 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (Part 1)
May 31-Jun 2 - OA Ordeal weekend
Jun 8 – Beaver Day at all Camp Properties
Jun 8-10 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (Part 2)
Jun 11 - TRD Program Launch
Jun 15 - TRD Fishing Derby
Jul 15-24 – National Jamboree •

Lots of Popcorn Sold in 2012

But sales fell far short of the district goal resulting in an extra "Holiday Sale"

Three Rivers District Exec Oliris Ramos reported total sales of $278,246. District sales coordinator ("Popcorn Kernel") Lillian Molnar said, "I thought this year's numbers were pretty good until I found that our goal was set for $500,000."

The popcorn database is organized by "community," and so Oliris was able to say that the top Three Rivers salespeople live somewhere in the towns of Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Harrington Park, Haworth, Northvale, Norwood, Old Tappan, Rockleigh, and Tenafly. They accounted for $80,764.

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Because of the shortfall, the Council decided to extend the online portion of the 2012 sale through the end of the year, with some cool prizes being offered. This flyer was broadcast on Dec 5:

Special Holiday Offer
Online Popcorn Sales
During December, all NNJC Scouts who sell online can earn special bonus prizes and be entered to win an iPad!!

Follow these simple steps:

1. If you haven't already done so, go to `Trail-End.com` and set up your account. (If you're under 13, ask your parents to help.)
2. Send e-mails to family, friends, parent's co-workers, and your popcorn customers.
3. Send a reminder or two.
4. Wait for the sales to roll in!!

For online sales made between December 1-31, 2012, Scouts will receive:
- 35% commission for all sales.
- $10 Scout Shop gift card for every $100 in sales.
- A chance to win an iPad for every individual online sale.

Debbie Meggett, 201-677-1000 x18
`Debbie.Meggett@scouting.org` •

Register Those New Cub Scouts!

Senior District Exec Joel Lieberman was both upset and stumped at the November District Committee meeting. He said, "I keep hearing good things about how many boys are being recruited and how many new Tiger dens are being formed, but we're just not getting them into the office! They're out there!" As a result: "Our membership numbers look awful!" To fix the problem Joel broadcast this message:

Important Membership Message to Cub Packs
You MUST turn in to the Council ASAP any youth application forms and registration fees that you receive for a new Cub Scout!

This is an insurance issue. You want your new Cubs to be fully registered and thus covered by Scout secondary insurance during Scout-related activities.

Here are two offers to assist the process:

1. **Messenger service:** Contact Joel Lieberman (below) and ask for someone from the Council to come to your home or office to pick up your application forms.

2. **November 13:** Bring your application forms and payment to Westwood United Methodist Church. While you're there, you can speak with an experienced Scouter about forms, fee calculation, and all the other questions you might have about running a Cub pack.

Contact for "messenger service":
Senior District Exec Joel Lieberman
201-677-1000 x30
`Joel.Lieberman@scouting.org`

Location and times for drop off and questions:
November 13
7:00-8:30 PM
Westwood United Methodist Church
105 Fairview Avenue
Westwood, NJ 07675
Contact: Dave Wolf, `davewlf@yahoo.com` •

Recruiting New Cubs in Kearny (Dec 8)

As part of Pack 305's recruiting drive, this message was broadcast on Nov 7:

Kearny Pack 305
Ultimate Flag Football 7-on-7 Challenge
December 8 (Saturday)
9:00 AM
Veterans Field
Belgrove Drive in Kearny, NJ
Link to a flyer:
`http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=118143`

$12 per player, includes
- Team T-shirt
- Hot dog or burger
- Beverage
- "Flag Football" belt loops for Webelos

Open to registered Cub Scouts of any age
Divisions: Tigers and Wolf-Webelos

Contact: Tom Gingerelli, 201-316-3115
`KearnyCubScouts@gmail.com` •

Hurricane Sandy (1)

Donations driven to Hoboken from Chesapeake, VA

This thank-you note was sent on Nov 11:

Here's a story to make us all feel good...

Thanks to Boy Scouts AlexC, NickH, FernandoR, plus their parents, plus SusanC who alerted us to the project.

We responded to Susan's call to assist when a truck loaded with food, water, clothing, blankets, shoes, toys, baby needs, etc. drove up this afternoon from Chesapeake, VA.

It double-parked in front of Hoboken High and our guys plus other volunteers carted it all inside. We also helped the volunteers empty the bags and sort the donations. Meanwhile, lots of other vehicles pulled in behind the Chesapeake truck, all with donations of their own.

A number of needy families also arrived on foot and were able to help themselves from the piles of stuff lining the high school's hallways.

Norman Kasser
Scoutmaster, Hoboken T146 •

Hurricane Sandy (2)

Massive wind damage at all NNJC camp properties

NNJC Director of Support Services Grey Rolland broadcast this message on Nov 7:

NNJC is assembling clean-up crews on Saturday Nov 10 for the camps listed below. We are seeking adults over the age of 18. (we do appreciate the offer of youth members but we have some dangerous situations out here so we have to decline).

We have a lot of logs and limbs to remove. If you have a chainsaw, the experience to operate it, and the proper safety gear (head-ear-eye protection, steel toe boots, chaps), please bring it along. Bring a bag lunch and drink, (in most cases power and water are out).

- Camp Lewis Crew is meeting up at 9:00 AM at the administration building. Power and water are out, power lines are down in camp and on the road, so be very careful.
- No-Be Crew is meeting up at 9:00 at the health lodge. Power and water are out.
- Conklin Crew is meeting up at 9:00 at the program lodge. Has power and water.
- Turrell Crew is meeting at 9:00 at the ranger yard. Has power and water at the ranger's and at Camp Kluge.
- Alpine Crew is meeting in the parking lot at 9:00.
- Yaw Paw Crew is on hold.

Thanks for your support in this matter.
Grey Rolland
Director of Support Services

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Extract from the minutes of the Three Rivers District Committee meeting of Nov 8:

[Senior DE Joel Lieberman] said that all of the Council's camp properties had been seriously damaged, and that Grey Rolland had broadcast a request for adult volunteers with power tools.

However, Camp Yaw Paw was not on the list due to a recent fire at the Ranger's workshop that requires investigation. No-Be has a special need due to a fallen tree that is blocking the main access road. Joel said that Ranger Tom Rich asked for a backhoe or excavator to help clear it. Luckily the Council Service Center received just minor water damage in the basement. •

Hurricane Sandy (3)

Hurricane relief coordinated by NNJC

NNJC's Pat Coviello worked with TRD's Leslie Sonkin to put together the first response on Nov 8, with others to follow:

Two Ways to Help Victims of Hurricane Sandy
Link to a flyer:
`http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=118187`

1. We need donations of useful items delivered to the NNJC Service Center in Oakland - See below for details
2. We need volunteers with trucks to transport donated items from Oakland to Tenafly - See below for details

1. We need donations of useful items

Bring these items to NNJC at 25 Valley Rd in Oakland. Weekdays 9:00-6:00 (Thursdays open until 8:00 PM), Saturday 9:00-3:00.

- Blankets, sleeping bags, quilts, hats, scarves, gloves (new and packaged)
- Socks, underwear (new and packaged)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Mops, bleach, brooms, rubber gloves, work gloves
- Children's backpacks
- Duct tape, plastic tarps, other items for fix-up and construction
- Gas cards
- Non-perishable food in cans and bottles
- Stuff for pets, including gift cards to pet stores
- Also: Volunteer to board a pet

2. We need volunteers with trucks to transport items from Oakland to Tenafly, but first call or e-mail to get details.
Leslie Sonkin, 201-906-5155
LSonkin248@aol.com
Pat Coviello, 201-677-1000 x14
PatrickM.Coviello@scouting.org

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Leslie Sonkin broadcast a follow-up on Nov 11:

The weekend was AWESOME -- we are so lucky to be part of such a wonderful Scout community. I revised the flyer to include some of the photos from the weekend. Please post this revised flyer so folks know we are still collecting. *[Editor's note: the revised flyer had photos of the NNJC Oakland Service Center's lobby with piles and piles of donated items.]*

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Leslie Sonkin e-mailed a summary report to Pat Coviello on Nov 11, extracted here:

Saturday was spent at the Council office sorting and organizing all the donations -- and there were PLENTY! Maria Betancourt and Kathy Baiker from the Scout Shop were instrumental in the process. We also had help from volunteers Ellen Johnson, Wendy Fowler, and her son.

On Sunday Field Director Steve Leonardi helped us move items into four vehicles, and then we caravanned to the Tenafly Municipal Circle Park, where we met up with members of the pet-rescue "Woofstock" festival, who helped us unload. Soon after, the items were reloaded into a larger truck that was headed for Rockaway and Staten Island.

What a fulfilling feeling to see the items from our Scouting families getting packed up and driven away to exactly the recipients for whom they were intended. I took a deep breath and am now getting ready for the next go-round!

Yours in Scouting,
Leslie

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Donations continued to arrive and pile up in the lobby of the NNJC Service Center. On Nov 28 TRD District Exec Oliris Ramos passed around a photo, saying, "I don't know if anyone has contacted you regarding the impressive amount of donations that are in our lobby. I am so excited to show you! See the attached pictures that I just took…

Pat Coviello responded with, "Thanks Oliris! Also, thanks for the envelope you just handed me with six gift cards donated for this cause by Troop 138!"

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This notice was broadcast on Dec 11:
Sandy Donations Accepted Until Dec 31, 2012
Your donation will go directly to those in need!

[See above for a list of useful items]

New items only, please.
Sorry, we are not accepting clothing. •

Hurricane Sandy (4)
Donations driven to Hoboken from Skokie, Illinois

Shortly after the storm passed, the Scoutmaster of Troop 243 in Skokie IL, contacted Hoboken Troop 146 and offered their assistance. T146 Scoutmaster Norman Kasser immediately responded, asking

them to adopt the Hoboken food pantry, whose basement headquarters had been completely wiped out by flooding.

The Skokie troop promised to take up a collection using the NNJC list of needed items prepared by Pat Coviello and Leslie Sonkin (see article above). They also promised to bring a replacement computer and use their contacts to arrange for a replacement copy machine.

Meanwhile, Norman sent out a broadcast to Three Rivers Units, asking if anyone had a place where their Scouts and leaders could bunk overnight before heading off to tour New York City the next day. At least a dozen units said, "Yes." As soon as PATH announced resumed train service to the World Trade Center, a tour of Ground Zero became an option, and Troop 243 selected Jersey City.

Two Scouts and two leaders pushed off from Skokie at 3:00 AM and arrived in Hoboken around 7:15 PM – about 800 miles. They were met at a public storage facility by Hoboken Scouts, who helped them offload a trailer full of donations, which included gallons of industrial cleaner suitable for post-flood decontamination, plus a replacement computer. However, the deal for a replacement copy machine fell through. •

District Bowl-a-Thon (Dec 28)

This message was broadcast on Nov 16:

Three Rivers District HFW Bowl-a-Thon
Friday Dec 28
One Great Event at Three Convenient Locations

$15 per bowler ($20 after Dec 18)
Link to a flyer:
`http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=113311`

All packs, troops, crews, friends, and family members are invited to participate in the 2012 Harold F. Wrightington Memorial Bowl-a-Thon on Dec 28.

The Bowl-a-Thon is a fun and easy way to earn the Cub "Bowling" belt loop, Scout patches, and money for pack, troop, and crew activities while giving support for the programs and activities of the District.

The Bowl-a-Thon also promotes sportsmanship, physical fitness, and an opportunity to enhance your pack, den, troop, or crew program.

Montvale Lanes
13 West Grand Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645
Starts at 9:00 AM

Parkway Lanes
200 Route 46 East
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
Starts at 11:00 AM

Bowl Rite Lanes
714 Summit Avenue
Union City, NJ 07087
Starts at 2:30 PM

Contacts:
Mark Wrightington
`MarksMadness331@aol.com`
Joel Lieberman
`Joel.Lieberman@scouting.org` •

District Klondike Derby (Jan 26)

2013 Three Rivers District Klondike Derby
Saturday January 26, 2013
Campgaw Mt. County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

1. Check-in/Registration: 8:00-9:00 AM
2. Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM
3. Stations open: 8:30 AM
4. Stations close: 3:00 PM
5. Closing ceremony: 4:00 PM

$9 per person (includes patch and soup kitchen)
No registration will be accepted after Jan 18!!!

Link to a flyer, mail-in registration, what to bring, how to prepare, etc.:
`http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=119421`
Each patrol must fill out and bring a "roster card":
`http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=101967`

Note that each unit is urged to bring one extra adult leader who can work with and assist the staff.

Planning is in progress for this year's Klondike Derby, where Scouts and Webelos will compete against each other at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah, NJ. TRD Activities Chair Allen Sterk is taking the lead, based on his experience running Klondikes for the former Twin Valleys District.

The 2012 Klondike hosted 34 Scout troops and 27 Cub packs, forming a total of 83 patrols, each with its own sled. Six skill stations were set up along the access road, and Scouts and Webelos took their sleds from one to another until the competition ended and the call came to start the signature sled race. An estimated 1,200 people were on hand.

This year, mayors will be in charge of these stations:

1. Orienteering
2. Shelter Building
3. Fire Building
4. First Aid
5. Team Building
6. Knots and lashings

New this year: "Marmaduke's Revenge" (AKA "Hang on Snoopy"). Check the flyer for details, such as "Bring 4 tennis balls and a frisbee!"

Why "Mayors"? Traditionally, Klondike competition stations are named after Alaskan or Yukon towns, such as Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka, Wasilla, etc., each run by a Mayor.

Information: Allen Sterk
APSterk@verizon.net •

Dec Roundtable/OA Holiday Cheer (Dec 11)

This2-part message was broadcast on Dec 9:

1. A holiday note from the Roundtable Commissioners

Please remind everyone that the December Roundtable will have a voluntary grab bag -- around $10

• If you bring a gift, you get a gift.
• If you don't bring a gift, please don't take a gift.
• Please mark all gifts "Male", "Female", "Unisex".

2. A note from OA Chapter Chief Mark Ciccaglione

To Scout Leaders:
The Order of the Arrow Three Rivers Chapter will be having its next chapter meeting on Tuesday, December 11. It will be at the holy name hospital in Teaneck at 7:00 PM.

This meeting will be a movie party in celebration of Christmas and all of the hard work our lodge has done in 2012 (there will be snacks and beverages). All OA members in Three Rivers District are recommended to attend these monthly chapter meetings.

Please forward this to any OA members in your troop so they will be able to attend the meeting/party. See you there!
Mark Ciccaglione •

Apollo 17 Retrospective (Dec 14)

Roundtable Commissioner Ken Hesse provided this information, which was broadcast on Dec 12. Apollo 17 was the final mission of the United States' Apollo lunar landing program, and was the sixth landing of humans on the Moon:

Aviation Hall of Fame celebrates Apollo 17 mission anniversary Friday, December 14, 2012.

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 17 flight to the Moon, the Aviation Hall of Fame announced that on Friday December 14 at 7:00 PM Joe Lennox, human spaceflight expert, will present a multi-media retrospective here at the museum. Mr. Lennox will be using his unique film footage, models and space hardware to tell the story of the mission manned by astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Harrison H. Schmitt, and Ronald B. Evans. Mr. Lennox has one of the largest private space collections and has given many presentations throughout the New York metro area.

Admission to the event will be $7.00 for adults, $5.00 for 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 museum by providing the space for the Aviation Hall of Fame.

Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey
400 Fred Wehran Drive
Teterboro, NJ 07608 •

Bethlehem Peace Light Arriving (Dec 15)

This note from John Hahn of Glen Rock Troop 15 was broadcast on Dec 13:

Friends of the Peace Light from Bethlehem
Spread the word!
The 2012 Peace Light from Bethlehem arrives at JFK at 2:05 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012. This is the 11th year the Peace Light from Bethlehem has come to the US.

Girl Scout leader Lisa Hahn and I will deliver it to Danville, PA that night. From there the Peace Light will be taken west to OH, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA & NE.

In New Jersey the Light will be distributed at:

- Saturday: 12/15 7:30 PM Corpus Christi Church, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ (see below)
- Sunday: 12/16 Morning Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Hackensack, NJ

Let me know if you or your organization would like to receive the Peace Light From Bethlehem. There is no charge,

Please tell others about the Peace Light from Bethlehem by forwarding this e-mail to any Boy Scout or Girl Scout leader you know. Scouts help distribute the Peace light through out the world. Read the full story at: `www.peacelight.org`

John N. Hahn, ASM Troop 15 Glen Rock, NJ
2012 Peace Light Coordinator
201-925-2827
`JohnNHahn@aol.com`
`Lisa.Hahn@chcomm.com`

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For over a thousand years, lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. For the last 26 years, a child from Upper Austria has lit two blast proof miner's lamps from the grotto lamp. These lamps are then transported to Vienna, where the living flame is distributed at a "Service of Dedication" to Scouts and Guides from across Europe.

From Vienna, these Scouts and Guides take the Peace Light back to their communities, where they share the Peace Light at rail stations, churches, and Scout meetings. By Christmas, the Light reaches nearly every country in Europe. This custom – serving as a reminder that Christmas is more than just material gifts – spread with a message of peace after December 1989.

Since 2002, Austrian Airlines has flown the miner's lamps containing the Peace Light from Vienna to New York City.

On Saturday, December 15th at 7:30 PM, Pack 17 in Hasbrouck Heights will be welcoming the Peace Light to northern New Jersey. The Cub Scouts will be hosting a ceremony at Corpus Christi Church, 218 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

All are welcome to join us and receive the light. We do encourage anyone planning to attend to bring a candle to participate in the ceremony because they will not be provided. Please help us spread the mission of peace, joy, and goodwill. •

Order of the Arrow Banquet (Jan 6)

This information extracted from the OA website:

2013 Lodge Banquet
Roast Beef Dinner
Date: January 6 2013 at 2:00 PM
Cost: $20.00 per person
Location:
Paramus Elks Lodge
200 Route 17 North
Paramus NJ 07652
Open to all Lodge Members and Guests.

Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to Hurricane Sandy relief. Link to online registration:
http://www.nnjbsa.org/event/1269731

Lodge Chief John Homler:
lodgeixchief@gmail.com
Lodge Adviser Larry Burke, 973-696-0963
lpb51@msn.com •

Eagle Scout Reception Dinner (Jan 10)

This flyer was broadcast on Dec 13:

Northern NJ Council
2013 Eagle Scout Reception Dinner
Presentation of the 2012 Class of Eagles
Dinner Chair: Dr. Phillip J. Mollica

Celebration of a century of Eagle Scouts starting from 1912

Mayfair Farms
481 Eagle Rock Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
Reception: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Tickets: $60
See flyer for journal ad prices.

Also: Inaugural NNJC Eagle Scout 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees:
Mark Barnard
Wayne Holland II
John Keenan
H. Karl Springob, Ph.D

Contact: Karen Niemann, 201-677-1000 x32
Kniemann@bsamail.org

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Cub Scout Centerpiece Contest
Calling all Cub Scout Packs to participate!
Display your pack's centerpieces at the 2013 Eagle Scout Dinner and win a Scout Shop Gift Card!

Rules & Regulations:

- Each pack must submit a minimum of 5 dinner table centerpieces.
- All dinner table centerpieces are due no later than Thursday, December 6th to the Council office.
- Be creative using Scouting themes such as Eagle Scouts, Pinewood Derby, Camping, etc.
- All dinner table centerpieces will be displayed at the Eagle Dinner on January 10, 2013.
- Scout Shop Gift Cards to be awarded to packs that win most creative Scouting theme, best design and highest overall appearance.
- Remember it is the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award!

Good luck! •

Jewish Religious Award Workshop (Jan 13)

This article is reprinted from last month:

For Cub Scouts only:
Aleph and Maccabee Religious Emblems Workshop

January 13
10:00-11:00 AM
Temple B'nai Shalom
300 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ 07052
Link to a flyer:
http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=118158

Free kosher donuts/bagels/coffee
To sign up, please contact:
Rabbi Robert Tobin
RabbiTobin@yahoo.com •

A Unique Eagle Scout Project

Troop 379 made its mark on a school playground

Talk about high visibility! Newly-minted Eagle Scout Sal Bellomo of Palisades Park Troop 379 organized the painting of a huge mural-sized map of the United States onto the rubberized mat of an elementary school playground.

Sal and a crew of five started on a Saturday morning by painting a 40x20 sky-blue background, overlaid by each of the 50 states in four bright colors. By the time students arrived on Monday at the Lindbergh

School in Palisades Park, the map was waiting for them. For educational reasons, states were not named and state capitals were not marked.

Although the map is intended to be a teacher's aid for geography, the kids had more fun treating it as a hopscotch court. However, they all got together later to sign a big Thank-You card to Sal and the troop. The School District posted photos of the crew at work: http://palpkschools.org/ •

Electing Your Best Boy Scouts into the OA

The Order of the Arrow is an honor society within the Boy Scouts, and Scoutmasters should ensure that their best Scouts are recognized by becoming members – the ones who "best exemplify the ideals of Scouting."

A new online system makes it easy for Scoutmasters to set things in motion. Access the OA request web page (below) and ask for an election team to visit your troop during a regular meeting. They'll take care of the rest.

The web page will ask how many of your Scouts are eligible, using these criteria:

- 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 six but no more than six 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 this election.

Use this web page:
http://oalodgeix.doubleknot.com/survey/2013-oa-election-for-three-rivers-district-request/31057 •

Next Year's First Aid Rally (Nov 2013)

An old event with new District support

Scoutmasters can expect to see a First Aid Rally in November 2013 given much more attention from TRD than in past years.

The First Aid Rally has been organized and run by Kearny Troop 302, starting in the former Hudson-Liberty District, and for the past two years in the Three Rivers District. However, attendance, which reached its peak in 2003 with 15 competing patrols, has gradually declined over the years. And that's too bad, since, win or lose, the prep work that Scouts do prior to the Rally can be useful for the rest of their lives. Here is a typical Rally scenario:

> "Your patrol is hiking on a mountainside trail, when one of your Scouts slips, slides down a slope, and lands badly, breaking his left … (etc.) Do the appropriate first aid!"

District Vice-Chair for Program Leslie Sonkin and Scout Activities Chair Allen Sterk are currently looking into how to convert the "Troop 302 First Aid Rally" into the "TRD First Aid Rally." Leslie's most recent proposal was a 2-step approach:

1. Troop 302 will run the event as usual in 2013, but with extra visibility that might boost attendance. Leslie said, "We can create flyers, promote it at Roundtables and District Committee meetings, do e-mail blasts, etc."

2. For Step-2, Leslie proposed, "If it takes off and looks like a viable TRD event, then we can add it to the district calendar in 2014.

Leslie concluded, "I think the concept is GREAT!" •

A Heartwarming Cub Scout Photo

This message was broadcast on Nov 27:

A Heartwarming Cub Scout Photo
Biff Van Kleef thought you might want to see it, saying, "It makes me proud to be a Scout Leader!"

Click on this link to see a CNN article with a roadside photo of a saluting Cub Scout:
http://www.cnn.com/2012/10/16/tech/ultimate-scout-salute/index.html

The photo was posted on a college police department's Facebook page and it went viral. CNN estimated over 68,000 "shares."

The photo shows the Cub saluting a passing funeral procession honoring a Virginia State Trooper who was killed while directing traffic at the state fair in early October, and the article gives details about the Trooper and the Cub. •

Tour NYC Holiday Lights Like a Tourist

This message was broadcast on Dec 3:

NYC Holiday Lights Tour 2012

Tour includes stops at FAO Schwartz, South Street Seaport, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and Macy's.

Sat Dec 1
Sun Dec 2
Sat Dec 8
Sun Dec 9
Sat Dec 15
Sun Dec 16

Cost is $22 per person.

• Saturday trips leave at 3:30 and return at 9:30
• Sunday trips leave at 2:30 and return at 8:30

Please let us know which date you would like because trips are filling up fast.

For more information:
`Melissa.Oles@gmail.com`
Ricky Goldsmith: 201-214-8130
`RickshawRick1958@gmail.com` •

One More Invitation to Join the Jambo Staff

This message was broadcast by NESA on Nov 16 to all its member Eagle Scouts (NESA is the National Eagle Scout Association):

This is it! This is your chance to be part of a **once-in-a-lifetime experience**: the first ever jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Participating in the National Scout Jamboree in any manner would be an amazing experience, but as an Eagle Scout, **you might want to do even more**. Like register for a staff position and do what Eagle Scouts do: share the responsibility of making the 2013 Jamboree awesome.

The upcoming jamboree marks not just a change of scenery, but the jumping off point for the next 100 years of Scouting. There will be other jamborees, but you only get one shot at attending the first jamboree at its new permanent home.

Permanent means more: more zip lines, more space for scuba, more mountain biking trails, more shooting ranges. In short, more fun for you. Permanent also means bigger scale: longer zip lines, bigger BMX jumps, bigger skate parks, longer hiking trails. That's what Go Big, Get Wild is all about.

Sign up to be part of the 2013 Jamboree staff and experience The Summit on a different level. Link to the Staff web page:
`https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/Staff.aspx` •

Boy Scout Discover Card Introduced

Several Scout leaders received this ad in early December:

We're proud to announce that the Boy Scouts of America Discover ® credit card is now available!

With the Boy Scouts of America Discover credit card, Scouting is more rewarding than ever! Specifically designed for the adult members of Scouting families, the Boy Scouts of America Discover credit card rewards you on everyday purchases, while the Boy Scouts of America receives a percentage of those purchases to support Scouting.

Also, by visiting the Scout Rewards section at `www.scoutingrewards.com`, cardholders can donate their points to Scouting. The points will be shared equally between local councils and the National Council.

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Holiday Train Show (Nov-Jan)

At the New York Botanical Gardens

Members of the NYBG were notified last month about this elaborate set-up:

Holiday Train Show
November 17, 2012-January 13, 2013

This cherished tradition delights people of all ages. Marvel at the charming model trains and New York landmark replicas, stroll the spectacular grounds, decorate (and eat!) gingersnaps, break for lunch and hot chocolate, and shop for everyone on your list.

Landmarks include more than 140 scaled iconic buildings and structures, such as the original Penn Station and Yankee Stadium, Radio City Music Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, The New York Public Library on 42nd Street, and the Brooklyn Bridge.

At Gingerbread Adventures, children explore the spices that make up a classic gingerbread recipe. Kids can step inside a child-sized gingerbread playhouse and also decorate a gingersnap cookie with frosting and candies. All ages will enjoy viewing a display of gingerbread houses made by New York City-area bakers.

- Weekdays: Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Weekends: 10 a.m.–7 p.m., including Friday, November 23 (day after Thanksgiving)
- Holiday Weeks (Monday, December 17–Tuesday, January 1): 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Early closings: December 14 and 24; 3 p.m.
- Closed: November 22 (Thanksgiving) and December 25 (Christmas)

All-Garden Pass tickets for the Holiday Train Show start at $20 for Adults and $10 for Kids 2-12.

http://www.nybg.org/exhibitions/2012/holiday-train-show/index.php •

A Death - Charlie Fabyanski

Fred Creswick provided this notice, which appeared in the Star Ledger on Dec 2. Fred said, "Aside from Troop 20 involvement, Charlie was 1997 Jamboree ASM for Troop 410 and coordinator for Bayonne Scouting for Food drives."

Charles J. Fabyanski, 61, of Bayonne, N.J., passed away on Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, after a long illness with myelodysplastic anemia.

The funeral will be conducted from the Bayonne Memorial Home, Inc., 854 Avenue C, Bayonne, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, N.J.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Condolences may be received at www.bayonnememorialhome.com.

Born in Bayonne, Charles was a lifelong resident. He was retired as a building manager from the General Service Administration of the U.S. Government, Newark, after 38 years. An Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the American Legion F. A. McKenzie Post, Bayonne, and was active with Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts of St. Mary's. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Diane (nee Kerner) Fabyanski; his loving children, Casey Fabyanski and Ariel Petersen and her husband, Matthew; his dear brother, Kevin Fabyanski, and his dear mother-in-law, Concetta Kerner. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and S. Barbara (nee Szalobryt) Fabyanski. •

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PO Box 670
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Event Details

Dec 1 - NNJC Training: BALOO
NNJC Service Center
25 Ramapo Valley Rd.
Oakland, NJ 07436
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
$20 includes coffee and pizza lunch
Robin Caiazzo
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Dec 1-2 - Battleship NJ Overnight
Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ
$52.95
Eric Chamberlin
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Dec 6 - TRD Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
PStamato@aol.com

Dec 8 – TRD Flag Football Challenge
Veterans Field, 9:00 AM
Belgrove Drive in Kearny, NJ
$12 per player includes lunch
Tom Gingerelli
KearnyCubScouts@gmail.com

Dec 8 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE
Little Falls Civic Center
119 Warren St, Little Falls, NJ
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
$25 (includes lunch)
WDressler@gmail.com

Dec 11 - TRD Roundtable
Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
Bill Severino
Bill.Wgs_arch@verizon.net

Dec 11 - OA Chapter meeting
7:00-8:00 PM
See Roundtable, above
Kevin Dolce
Scout201@aol.com

Dec 20 - TRD Commissioners
North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
Sal Bellomo
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Dec 28 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon (1)
Montvale Lanes
14 W. Grand Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645
Starts at 9:00 AM
$15 ($20 after Dec 8)
Mark Wrightington
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Dec 28 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon (2)
Parkway Lanes
200 Route 46 East
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
Starts at 11:00 AM
$15 ($20 after Dec 8)
Mark Wrightington
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Dec 28 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon (3)
Bowl Rite Lanes
714 Summit Avenue
Union City, NJ 07087
Starts at 2:30 PM
$15 ($20 after Dec 8)
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Jan 3 - TRD Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Jan 6 - OA Lodge Banquet
Paramus Elks Lodge at 2:00 PM
200 Route 17 North
Paramus NJ 07652
$20 per person
Lodge Chief John Homler
lodgeixchief@gmail.com
Lodge Adviser Larry Burke, 973-696-0963
lpb51@msn.com •

Jan 8 - TRD Roundtable
Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
Bill Severino
Bill.Wgs_arch@verizon.net

Jan 10 – Eagle Scout Dinner
Mayfair Farms
481 Eagle Rock Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
Reception 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM
Karen Niemann, 201-677-1000 x32
KNiemann@bsamail.org

Jan 12 – Wood Badge Dining Out
William Paterson University
1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ
8:00-11:00 AM
$25 per Wood Badger
$20 per Non Wood Badge Guest
$10 per Child
Joel.Lieberman@scouting.org

Jan 17 - TRD Commissioners
North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
Sal Bellomo
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Jan 19 - TRD Tiger Tumble
Palisades Park Jr/Sr High School
1 Veterans Plaza
Palisades Park 07650
$5 per Tiger ($10 after Dec 31), partners free
MarksMadness331@aol.com

Jan 26 - TRD Klondike Derby
Campgaw Mountain County Reservation
Mahwah, NJ, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
$9 per person (includes patch and soup kitchen)
Allen Sterk
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Feb 2 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE
Little Falls Civic Center
19 Warren Street
Little Falls, NJ 07424
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
$25 includes lunch (no charge for NYLT)
Robin Caiazzo
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Feb 7 - TRD Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Feb 8 - TRD Scouter of the Year
American Legion Hall, 7:00 PM
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ
Price: $35 (Walk-ins: $40)
Ed Quinn. 201-845-7777
NERSMuseum@aol.com

Feb 12 - TRD Roundtable
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Feb 22,23,24 - NNJC Scout Ski Days
Bellayre Mountain Ski Center
Highmount, NY
Lifts operate 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
$35 per person (friends and family too) •