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Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Looking Ahead

Dec 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Jan 5 - Eagle Recognition Dinner

Jan 7 - Wood Badge Critter Breakfast

Feb 5 - Scout Sunday

Feb 5 - Catholic Religious Awards

Feb 24,25,26 - NNJC Scout Ski Days

Mar 3 - NNJC Cub Pow Wow

Mar 17-18 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Apr 2 - Campership Deadline

Apr 27-29 - NNJC Weboree

Jun 4-6 - OA Ordeal weekend

Jun 21 - NNJC Recognition Dinner •

Our Brand New "Eastern" District

This month marks the kick-off for the "Eastern" District, and we're all starting off with high hopes for a successful year plus many years to come.

What a district does

A district covers a geographic area, and acts as the parent organization for all the Scout troops, Cub packs, and Venture crews in that area. It provides support and services to the units, and does things that units are not able to handle on their own.

One example is the upcoming "Gateway Camporee" (see below). This promises to be a really good event that Scouts and Webelos will enjoy. A troop or pack working on its 2011-12 calendar has a ready-to-go event for September with no effort on its part.

Another example is that our "Eastern" District is currently putting together a staff of Unit Commissioners. Imagine that your church has started a brand new Scout troop and that you (gasp!) volunteered to be its Scoutmaster. Wouldn't it be nice if some experienced old hand came to your meetings, gave you some guidance, answered your questions, and located resources for you? That's the job description of a Unit Commissioner.

Why the quote marks?

It's the "Eastern" District because it has a temporary name designated by the Northern NJ Council that created it. By this time next month, our district will have a new permanent name that we selected for ourselves.

Who's driving?

There's a District Committee committed to make things happen, consisting of a bunch of volunteers, and supported by three paid professionals called District Execs. For names and positions see the masthead at the bottom of this newsletter. The masthead will also give you a rough idea of what else the Committee intends to do besides the Camporee ("Activities") and unit service ("District Commissioner").

Three scheduled meetings each month

District Roundtables: 2nd Tuesday. Everyone is invited. This is where you find out what's going on, hear presentations, ask for advice, air complaints, etc.

District Committee Meetings: 1st Tuesday. Everyone on the masthead below is expected to attend, along with Members-at-Large. This is where long-range and short-range planning takes place.

District Commissioner's Meeting: 3rd Thursday. The District Commissioner meets with his Assistants and his Unit Commissioners for planning and problems. An effective Commissioner staff can make everyone else's job a whole lot easier. •

District Meetings in September

Assistant District Commissioner Eric Dlugosz broadcast this message on Aug 30:

September is just around the corner and it's time to get ready for an exciting new Scouting year!

Recruiting materials/flyers are available from NNJC! Contact DE Steve Leonardi at SLeonard@bsamail.org, 201-677-1000 x46

The professional and Commissioner staffs can help your unit be successful!! Don't know who your Unit Commissioner is? Contact Sal Bellomo at NJLawyer@HotMail.Com

The new Eastern District web page is up and can be found <http://nnjbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=42738&orgkey=945>

The District meetings are as follows:

District Roundtables - 2nd Tuesday of each month
District Committee Meetings - 1st Tuesday of each month
District Commissioner's Meeting - 3rd Thursday of each month

Details for September:

Roundtable in September is Sep 13 and this month will be at American Legion Post # 170 located at 33 West Passaic Street in Rochelle Park. Roundtables are the fun and informative meetings that EVERY unit should send a representative to. Learn about upcoming events, training, and meet new people with new ideas! Meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM. Look for details about the October meeting location soon!! Roundtable questions can be addressed to George Simoni at

GSimoni@aol.com.

You can check out American Legion Post # 170's website at <http://www.alpost170.us/>.

District Committee meeting in September is on Sep 6 and will be held at One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson Street in Hackensack. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM. There is MUCH to discuss and decide at this meeting as we go forward with our new SUPER District. ALL District Committee Members should make every effort to attend. Please arrive on time, and bring your ideas, open mind along with your patience and understanding. Guards will direct you to the meeting room upon entering the building. Tell them that you are there for the Boy Scout meeting. Directions to One Bergen County Plaza can be found at

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/help/directions.html>.

Questions can be sent to District Chair Pat Stamato at

PStamato@aol.com.

District Commissioner's meeting is Sep 15 promptly at 7:30 PM. Meetings will be held at the North East Region Scout Museum, which is located behind American Legion Post # 170 on 33 West Passaic Street in Rochelle Park. This is a crucial meeting, and all Unit Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners should make every effort to attend. Discussion in depth about the expanded

coverage area and how Commissioners can help the units with RECRUITING are hot topics. All Unit Commissioners should contact District Commissioner Sal Bellomo with your total unit contact numbers ASAP at
NJLawyer@HotMail.Com.

Did I mention RECRUITING?? Do you know a Scout-aged boy -- 6-20 years old? Help him find an age appropriate unit to join by checking out www.BeAScout.org. Venturing Crews for girls 13-20 are also listed!

Wishing you all a great back to school, back to Scouts and a healthy and happy autumn!

Yours in Scouting,
Eric Dlugosz
Assistant District Commissioner •

Some Council and District History

The Northern New Jersey Council came into being on Jan 1, 1999 as a result of a consolidation of four smaller Scout councils: Bergen, Essex, Hudson-Liberty, and Passaic Councils. The new Council then divided itself into nine districts, each run by adult volunteers with support from a paid professional District Exec (sometimes two).

Last year, NNJC decided to revisit its district structure. The health of the nine districts ranged from thriving all the way to near-dysfunctional, and hiring additional District Execs to fix the ailing districts was not an option due to financial considerations.

The result was a 2011 decision to consolidate districts from nine down to three. Our current "Eastern" District combined Tantaqua, Twin Valleys, and Hudson-Liberty. The other two consolidated districts bear the temporary names "Northwest" and "Southwest". Rather than "consolidation," the Council prefers the term "reallocation." That is, it's a reallocation of resources, where the resources are the DEs and the adult volunteers.

There's an interesting contrast between 1999 and 2011. Old timers will tell you that the 1999 consoli-

ation did not go down well, and that it left a lot of people unhappy. Contrast that with the general optimism surrounding this current merger. People really want to make this thing work and, indeed, they're certain that it *will* work! •

Eastern District Camporee

Eastern District Gateway Camporee (Sep 16-18)
For Scouts, Webelos, and Venturers

When September rolls around, all Hudson County Scout units will become part of the new larger "Eastern District," and this Camporee will be its first joint event.

When: September 16-18, 2011

Where: Floyd Bennett Field
Gateway National Park
Brooklyn, New York

Cost:

\$15 per person before July 1, 2011 (\$20 after)
\$10 per Webelos Scout or Den Leader

Main Events/Activities:

Oceanography Merit Badge
American Heritage Merit Badge
Disabilities Awareness Program
Webelos Scout Advancement Program
Guided Tour of the H.A.R.P. hanger with vintage aircraft from the 1930s & WW-II to the 1960s
Park Ranger-led tours of historic Floyd Bennett Field
Service Project for the National Park Service
Ham Radio Station

Other Activities:

Cycling
Hiking
Salt water fishing
Bird Watching and Nature Study

On-line registration by unit at www.nnjbsa-tv.org
Acct #164

A Leader's Guide will be available soon. •

Eastern District to Get a New Name (Sep 13)

This message was broadcast on July 18:

Scouters, The name "Eastern District" is intended to be temporary, and now we need something permanent. Your suggestions are welcome. Any registered Scout or Scouter may suggest a name. Click on this link:

<http://www.nnjbsa.org/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=23591&OrgKey=945>

The votes will be tallied and the top suggestions will be voted on at the September 13 roundtable. Everyone (registered) who comes to the roundtable will have a vote. •

New: Eagle Project Checklist

A new requirement for Eagle candidates

This message was broadcast by Fred Creswick of the Eastern District Advancement Committee on Jul 20:

Please begin using this Eagle Project Checklist, which is being used by other communities of the Eastern District. It is for use by the Scoutmaster and Troop Advancement Chair to ensure that an Eagle candidate is complete in preparing his proposal.

It should be provided with the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook to the District Eagle Scout Coordinator when project approval is requested.

The checklist summarizes requirements defined in the workbook, and should help unit leaders ensure the workbook is complete and that project proposals meet requirements. A copy can be downloaded using this link:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=97636>

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Fred Creswick

Eagle Scout Coordinator for Hudson County units
fcreswick@gmail.com

The problems being addressed

Fred said, "Most Eagle project proposals are incomplete. It appears that Scouts just don't read or follow the workbook instructions." He added, "Units need to improve guidance to Eagle candidates. This tool should help." As an example, a Scout might mistakenly consider doing a project to fix something at one of our summer camps. Checklist question #2 can head that off:

Yes No Beneficiary is a not-for-profit organization? (cannot be the BSA)

Fred addressed the problem of "how big?" That is, how big does a project have to be to qualify as an Eagle project. Fred pointed to question #9:

Yes No The proposed Project is significantly greater in scope than a typical Star, Life, or Troop-wide Service Project?

Fred said, "Star and Life just call for participation in six hours of service projects. An Eagle Scout project is considered more significant since it includes project planning, working with organizational contacts, purchasing, procuring, fund-raising, scheduling, etc."

There is also the problem of "how complex?" Fred wants unit leaders to encourage the Eagle candidate to "aim higher," saying, "If he is mature enough to think beyond the food drive, blood drive, or park clean up... the boy will benefit." This was the reasoning behind question #11:

Yes No The Eagle Candidate is actually planning and managing ... (Blood drives, food, clothing and other collections drives; and clean-ups, landscaping projects, etc. often must resolve this shortcoming to the satisfaction of the District Eagle Coordinator)

Another common mistake is for an Eagle Candidate to propose organizing a fund-raiser. Question #4 is intended to head that off with:

Yes No The proposed Project is not a fund-raiser (fund-raising may only be done to acquire materials for the project and must be pre-approved by the District Eagle Coordinator)

When funds are needed to support an Eagle project, Fred noted that BSA has policies about which kinds of fund-raisers it deems appropriate, saying, "A boy cannot ask for cash, and canister drives and games of chance are not appropriate fund-raisers." He also cited some appropriate ways to raise funds, such as soliciting contributions from targeted supporters like clubs and associations.

Question #11 also acts as a reminder to both the Eagle candidate and the adults in his unit, with:

...The Eagle Candidate is actually planning and managing all aspects of the project himself; he is not just following the instructions of others?..."

Fred said, "Planning the project is where an Eagle candidate does most of his work." Thus, when the project is actually in progress, he shifts from being a worker and becomes instead a supervisor. Fred said, "The rest of the time is spent leading others in completing the project, not working the project himself. Unit leadership plays a significant role guiding an Eagle candidate through his role as the project leader."

During his time on the District Advancement Committee, Fred has witnessed Eagle projects that were forced to change scope at the last minute. He said, "If an Eagle candidate gets approval for 'Project A' and variations occur: Fine. However if 'Project A' turns into 'Project B,' it is different and should get all approvals again due to significant changes. This should be a rare occurrence."

Fred added, "Once a project is started and a project variation occurs, I would expect an Eagle candidate to talk through the change with his unit leadership before executing the change. [As follow-up, he should] account for the variation in his workbook. I'd consider that to be a demonstration of leadership." In fact the workbook has a section titled "Changes" with a lot of space reserved where such changes can be listed. •

2011 Popcorn Sale Dates

- Jun 1:** Sign up for the 2011 Fall Popcorn Sale
- Aug 9 or 17 or 25:** Popcorn Training Session
- Aug 31:** Order products online for Show-n-Sell
- Sep 17:** Show-n-Sell order ready for pick-up
- Sep 17:** Take Order sale begins
- Oct 29:** Return any Show-n-Sell leftovers
- Oct 30:** Take Order ends. Enter sales online
- Oct 30:** OK to enter prize orders online
- Nov 12:** Take Order popcorn ready for pick-up
- Nov 12:** Take Order payments due
- Nov 30:** Final day for prize orders •

This Year's Popcorn Products

Sweet & Savory Collection	\$40
• 20oz Chocolatey Triple Delight	
• 20oz Butter Toffee Caramel Corn	
• 7oz Cheddar Cheese Corn	
Cheese Lover's Collection	\$30
• 2x 7oz.packages Cheddar Cheese Corn	
• 1x 7oz White Cheedar Cheese Corn	
White Chocolatey Pretzels 20oz	\$22
18 Pack Kettle Corn	\$22
18 Pack Unbelievable Butter	\$18
18 Pack Butter Light	\$18
Chocolatey Triple Delight 20oz	\$18
Caramel Corn with Almonds, Cashews & Pecans 26oz	\$18
Butter Toffee Caramel Corn 20oz	\$18
Caramel Corn 11oz	\$10
Popping Corn 2.5lbs	\$10

A customer can also request that his money be used to ship popcorn to a military unit:

Military Donation	\$50
Military Donation	\$30

What changed from last year's sale

These two were dropped:

Chocolate Lover's Collectionn	\$50
Butter Toffee Light	\$18

These three were added (see above)

White Chocolatey Pretzels 20oz	\$22
18 Pack Kettle Corn	\$22
Butter Toffee Caramel Corn 20o	\$18

Three Ways to Sell Popcorn

Show-n-Sell:

- Estimate what you think you can sell this way.
- Place an order online by Aug 31
- Pick up that order (without paying for it) on Sep 17.
- Spend the next month selling at a table you've set up, door-to-door, or at parents' workplaces.
- Turn in money and leftover product on Oct 29.

Take Order:

- Sale starts on Sep 17
- Scouts go door-to-door with an order form and ask people to support the Boy Scouts by buying popcorn. They pay for it on the spot but get no popcorn yet. The Scout takes the money and writes pertinent information on his order form.
- On Oct 30 the unit popcorn coordinator uses the online system to enter all the orders.
- On Nov 12 you drive to a warehouse and pick up all the popcorn that was ordered and then distribute it to the customers.

Remote Via E-mail:

- An individual Scout sets up his own e-mail account on the Trails End system.
- He sends an e-mail message to friends and relatives asking them to buy popcorn in order to "support me, my unit, and my council."
- The e-mail has a "click here" for the customer to place an order.
- Trails End ships the popcorn directly to the customer via UPS or other carrier, but note that the customer has to pay for shipping.
- Trails End handles the accounting so that NNJC and the Scout's unit both get their cuts, and the Scout gets credit towards his prize.

Here's a How-To guide that was prepared for last year's sale. Most of the information should still be valid:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=84616>

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Why Sell Popcorn?

A chance to do well by doing good

The Northern NJ Council *really, really* wants all troops, packs, and crews to sell popcorn! And they make every effort to encourage your unit to sell. The cold hard fact is that they need the money, because it makes a big difference in how their budget looks at the end of the fiscal year.

Your unit benefits as well, since there's a 3-way split of any money you collect from customers. For simplicity, say that NNJC gets a third, you keep a third, and the rest is the wholesale price that goes to the Trails End supplier. The Council has additional

incentives that result in your share going up and NNJC's going down (see following article).

What the Council does with its share

A big chunk goes to pay the salaries of the District Execs, the other professionals, and the administrative staff. In addition they have camp properties that have to be maintained and upgraded. They also have all of the administrative costs that any business has, such as electricity, water, taxes, printing, etc.

What local units do with their share

Some Scout troops buy tents and stoves and other camping gear. Some Cub packs hold a Blue-and-Gold banquet or buy a new Pinewood Derby track. A unit may decide to pay for kids going to summer camp or pay for their subscriptions to Boys' Life. Your choice! •

Popcorn Incentives

A good way to earn even more money for your unit

This is how to earn extra money from a popcorn sale. For simplicity assume that each customer sale is split 3 ways, so your unit gets \$33 for each \$100 worth of popcorn sold (the rest goes to the Council and to Trails End).

If you committed your unit to sell last June, you would have gotten an extra 2% or \$35 per \$100. There are three incentives like this"

Jun 1: Sign up your unit to sell popcorn = 2%

Aug 9 or 17 or 25: Attend one of these training sessions = 3%

Nov 12: Turn over the money on time that your unit collected from Take Order sales = 2%

If you missed taking advantage this year, make sure to get them in 2012.

Extra Incentives

\$50 will be deposited into your unit account at the NNJC office if:

1. Your unit sold \$2,000 or more, and
2. Your 2011 total is an increase of 10% over 2010

\$150 BSA Gift Card if your unit sells \$15,000 or more.

\$350 BSA Gift Card if your unit sells \$30,000 or more. •

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West New York Troop 101 in the News

This notice was broadcast on Jul 26:

Go to www.HudsonReporter.com and scroll down the front page to "West New York News", where you'll see a link to the article.

Or click on this shortcut link:

http://www.HudsonReporter.com/view/full_stories_home/14791514/article-The-oldest-Boy-Scouts-From-hiking-to-feeding-the-hungry--troops-learn-new-skills-?instance=west%20new%20york_story_left_column

You can read about the past: They're among the nation's oldest troops, signing up with the Boy Scout movement in 1910 shortly after it came into being.

You can read about the present and future: Their membership, their good turn service projects, and plans some of their Scouts have for the future. •

Secaucus Troop 222 Assists the City

Assistant District Commissioner Kevin Kilroy broadcast this request on Aug 7:

Pat Stamato and I met today with the mayor of Secaucus, and he presented an opportunity for Scouts to be involved.

There is going to be a Festival on August 20th from 10 AM to 2 PM, and they are looking for Scouts to help with set up, help running events, and then break down and clean up.

The Mayor said that any Scout Unit willing to help will be able to camp at Mill Creek Point on Friday and/or Saturday night. They will be able to cook there and have a small campfire if desired. He also stated that the town will supply a BBQ lunch to participants.

Pat and I feel this will be a good way to perhaps build on our membership.

Kevin Kilroy broadcast this follow-up on Aug 7:

Thank you to Troop 222 in Secaucus for the help and Scout Spirit they showed at the Festival in Secaucus on Saturday Aug 20.

The troop facilitated the canoe rides by launching the canoes, making sure PFDs were properly secured, and giving instruction on how to paddle a canoe. They even had youth and adults in canoes and kayaks on the water to make sure people were safe.

Again Thank You Troop 222 for living the Scout Oath and Law.

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One more follow-up from Tom Molnar:

I'm not surprised. Many of them were in my Jamboree troop. They're good Scouts. •

Citywide Recruiting in Bayonne Maybe you want to try it in your own town

Albert Faccioli of Bayonne Pack 19 sent this note to all unit leaders in Bayonne on Aug 21:

Bayonne Scout recruiting day

We are putting together a Bayonne-Wide Scouting Recruiting Day on Sep 24 at the 16th Street Park from 10:00 AM until ??? (depends on crowd).

This will be a taste of Scouting. There will be all kinds of different Scouting events that boys can check out and participate in to explore Scouting. Some thoughts are Cubmobile cars, soda bottle rocket launching, Raingutter Regatta, a mini-Pine-wood, maybe some water fun, some knot tying, to name a few.

I am planning a meeting on either Sep 12 or 16 at the Scout room in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 7:00 PM, 39 East 22 St. My plan is for each participating unit to have boys in uniform running events in a round robin. Please confirm if your unit is a definite

participant. Also let me know ASAP if you can make the meeting.

Albert Faccioli, Cub Scout Pack 19
201-970-1728 •

NNJC Derby Day Canceled (was Aug 21) Too few Cubs registered

"I am sorry to say that Derby Day is postponed indefinitely," was the message from Council Activities Chair Leslie Sonkin about a week prior. She explained that too few people had registered in advance and that she "simply cannot justify the expenses, even though they are minimal."

This was a surprise, considering how successful last year's Derby Day was in spite of being held outdoors on a drizzly day. The program calls for all five of Cub Scouting's most popular events:

- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Space Derby
- Cubmobile Derby
- Bottle Rocket Derby

The event was to take place in the parking lot of a busy mall on Route 4. Leslie explained that the location was purposely chosen as being "high profile enough to be seen by the public. It's Scouting in Action." The late August date was chosen as being just a few weeks prior to September recruiting.

Shortly before cancellation, Leslie broadcast a last-minute appeal for people to register, saying to anyone who planned to come, "Please go online and register, even if you don't want to pay in advance, but would rather prefer to pay at the door." (The "at the door" part was for a Cubmaster who didn't yet have a final headcount.)

As painful as the cancellation was, there was more. Leslie said, "Of course you know that I received five e-mails from Cubmasters and parents telling me that they are disappointed that the event was cancelled, since they had planned to come, and NONE of them were registered...sigh....!" •

Invitation to Participate in a 9/11 Ceremony

This message was broadcast on Aug 12:

Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan would like to invite Boy Scout troops to participate in the Bergen County 9/11 Memorial ceremony.

Participating Scouts will lay flowers after each of the 147 names of Bergen County victims are read (the flowers will be laid before the county's 9/11 memorial).

The event will be held:
Sunday, September 11, 2011
3:00 PM
Overpeck Park, Leonia

Interested troop leaders should call 201-336-7403 for further details and participation •

OA Induction Weekend (Sep 9-11)

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

Lenapehoking Lodge, Northern NJ Council Ordeal Induction Weekend at Camp No-Be-Bo- Sco

Everyone arrives to camp in CLASS A Uniforms.

Online registration only, but online payment is optional. If paying by mail, please mail payment with e-mail receipt to the NNJC Service Center prior to arriving for the weekend.

Early Bird Discounts (\$20) apply to weekend registrations only paid at least 14 days in advance of the given weekend. 3-weekend registration and other lodge events are not eligible for Early Bird Discounts. The Lodge reserves the right to close registration early for planning purposes.

- Ordeal Candidates - \$50
- Brotherhood Candidates - \$45
- Lodge Members - \$35 per weekend
- Elangomats - Free

Brotherhood Candidates should read *Brotherhood Requirements* before coming to camp.

Ordeal Candidates should read *Information for Ordeal Candidates* prior to attending your Ordeal. All should read the *Scout Code of Conduct*.

Friday night arrival (by 9:00 PM) is mandatory for Ordeal Candidates. If you can bring a tent, please bring it with you. Ordeal candidates will not be allowed to use tents on Friday night. •

JoAnn Scheck Retires

NNJC Trading Post Manger from Day-1

NNJC Scout Exec Doug Dillow broadcast this message on July 19:

The National Office has announced that JoAnn Scheck, Manager of the Oakland Scout Shop, will be retiring on July 31. David Wing will be the new Manager as of August 1, 2011. David previously served as Manager of the Morganville Scout Shop, and he is not a stranger to Northern New Jersey. He earned his Eagle Award as a member of Troop 272 in Dumont.

JoAnn began her Scouting career as Bergen Council Trading Post Manager in September of 1993. She served as Trading Post Manager/Registrar until 1998, as Trading Post Manager of the NNJC in 1999, and has been employed by the National Council since 2000.

JoAnn is also a Veteran Scouter. She has been registered since 1985, when she joined Pack 198 (Wyckoff, NJ) and is currently registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 89 (Wyckoff, NJ). JoAnn's service to Scouting has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, the Distinguished Commissioner Award, and the Silver Beaver Award, and she is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Please join us to congratulate JoAnn and wish her well as she begins this new phase of her life. We will be holding an Open House at the Council Service Center on July 28, 5:00-8:00 PM. •

Planning for the 2013 National Jamboree

So soon? Didn't we just wrap up a Jamboree the summer before last? The answer is that Jamborees take place every four years -- except for just this one time: After 2005, they decided to wait for 5 years, which means that the next one will be a quick 3 years later in order to get back on schedule. Of course, this one-time delay allowed the 2010 Jambo to take place during the Boy Scout centennial year.

The Jambo Planning Committee announced several major changes for 2013:

- 2013 will take place in West Virginia. Since 1981, the US Army has hosted the last 8 Jambos at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. However, a generous donation of land from the Bechtel family enabled Scouts to have their own permanent site for this and all future Jambos.
- A "smaller footprint" is the way the planners phrased it. This will mean fewer long-distance walks from the subcamps to the venues. They're also hoping that smaller will cause more interaction among the Scouts attending.
- They will provide the tents, cooking equipment, and other unit gear, which should greatly reduce each contingent's expenses and the fee that each Scout pays.
- One subcamp will be devoted to Venture crews.
- They've installed a lot of underground power lines and optic cables.
- Food deliveries will be packaged to serve an entire troop instead of each patrol. They're hoping this will simplify a lot of the commissary's logistics.
- Because the Bechtel Reservation is a permanent installation, there will likely be permanent bathroom facilities.

BUT... The 2013 contingents will surely run into its share of start-up problems, known as "teething pains." There will be kinks and glitches and not-quite-completed construction. Even so, like all Na-

tional Jamborees, 2013 will prove to be a memorable experience.

The Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve will be home to lots more beside the Jamborees. Check out their website. <https://summit.scouting.org> •

This Water Park is Open Year Round

Several Scoutmasters received this advertisement last month:

Splashtastic Scout Fun!

Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park

Scout Day - Nov 12, 2011

Includes full day admission, hot dog meal deal, & arcade card

Only \$22.95

Add SAMAZON Ropes Climb for only \$4.95 per person

Scout Overnight Water Park in the Dark

Feb 25, 2012, 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM

Splash into the night, enjoy a pizza buffet, play in the arcade, and camp out on the dry side! All paid swimmers also get a FREE climb on SAMAZON Ropes Adventure, and a FREE ticket to come back and splash!

Swimmers: \$59.95

Adult non-swimmers: \$29.95 (one free adult for every 10 paid swimmers)

Features

- New Jersey's only indoor Flow Rider surf simulator!
- SAMAZON, the world's tallest ropes course! Earn a SAMAZON fun patch!
- Scout outings: Get a special year-round \$19.95 ticket! Plus you get 1 free adult non-swimmer for every 10 paid swimmers! (10 person minimum)
- CPR and AED demonstrations with an explanation to help Boy Scouts earn the First Aid merit badge.
- We will also be offering an opportunity for Cubs to earn a belt loop!

E-MAIL ME FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:

In order to make your reservation, e-mail me the following information: Pack/Troop number, contact information (address, phone number), date selected, approximately how many guests, planned time of arrival (arrival time needed for day trip only). I will e-mail you a reservation confirmation.

Make it a SPLASHTASTIC day!

Sincerely,

Beth Twisler, Director of Sales

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A Death: Doc Swarz

This message was broadcast on Jul 19:

Dr. Alan Swartz, age 92, of North Haledon, N.J., passed into eternal life on Saturday, July 16, 2011. "Doc," as he was lovingly known as, is survived by his two sons; daughter; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. "Doc" was a local optometrist for decades; a World War II pilot, a folk singer and Boy Scout professional. He was a special man who made a difference in all the lives he touched. All services were held privately by the family. Donations in his name may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice Foundation, 11 Independence Way, Newark, Del. 19713.

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A follow-up from Craig Gazzano:

Fellow Scouters, It is with a heavy heart that I report to you the news of Doc Swartz's passing this past Saturday. As we all know, Doc has been an iconic figure in our ranks, and he will be dearly missed.

Although I wasn't that close to Doc personally, he inspired me many times. I cannot recite the Pledge of Allegiance without thinking of him saying, "There's no comma in the words 'One Nation Under God.'" Doc had another phrase I may have used myself a million times when speaking to other

leaders: "It's all about the boys!" I am honored to have served with him.

At this time, there isn't a memorial ceremony planned, but many are speaking with Alan, Doc's son, to arrange something. Of course we'll keep you apprised of any news.

All my best regards,
Craig Gazzano •

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Event Details

Sep 6 - Eastern District Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Sep 13 - Eastern District Roundtable
American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Stree
Rochelle Park
George Simoni
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Sep 15 - Eastern District Commissioners
North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Stree
Rochelle Park
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Sep 10-12 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (1)
Camp Winnebago at 7:00 AM
Rockaway, NJ
Mike Sass
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Sep 16-18 - Eastern District Gateway Camporee
Flyod Bennett Field
Brooklyn, NY
Peter Hilaris
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Sep 23-25 - Paterson Diocese Retreat Weekend
\$50 deposit toward \$25 per person fee
Early bird \$20 until Sep 15
Camp Hope
West Milford, NJ
Debbie Wickham
973-697-2048

Sep 24 - NNJC Triathlon Run-Off
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco
Blairstown, NJ
Anthony Chirido
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Sep 25 - Glen Gray Hike-o-Rama
Registration starts at 9:00 AM
Hikes start at 10:00 AM

Camp Glen Gray
200 Midvale Mountain Rd
Mahwah, NJ
www.GlenGray.org

Oct 1-3 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (2)
Camp Lewis at 7:00 AM
Rockaway, NJ
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Oct 4 - Eastern District Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Oct 12 - Eastern District Roundtable
American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Stree
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Oct 14-16 - Newark Archdiocese Retreat Weekend
Ross Dock under the George Washington Bridge
Hold-a-site reservation: \$25 per unit
Fee: \$20 per person
Checks to: CYO Youth Center
499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny
Gabe Feltz 201-998-0088

Oct 20 - Eastern District Commissioners
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Nov 1 - Eastern District Committee Meeting
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Nov 8 - Eastern District Roundtable
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Nov 17 - Eastern District Commissioners
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