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SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING on NOVEMBER 7

LOCATION: Riverside High School, Main St. in Taylor

THEME: "The Next 100 Years Begin with YOU!"

REGISTER: www.nepabsa.org - Training tab

The University is a day of fun, learning, sharing and Scouting camaraderie. It is much more than just another training course. It is a Scout leader's learning extravaganza! The University is a day-long get-together where you can take classes of your choice, a conference, a convention, a big, fun-filled experience where Scout leaders increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Scouting. It is a place for leaders to recharge their batteries and renew their commitment to the purpose of Scouting. Registrations are being taken NOW! See you there!

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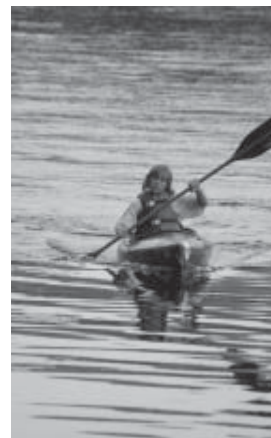


Northeastern Pennsylvania Council - Boy Scouts of America

VOLUME 2, NO. 4

2009 FALL

Summer Camp Season Sets New Record



A new attendance record at Goose Pond Scout Reservation has been set this year: 1,270 campers. This is the largest attendance since 1920!

We attribute this success to several factors: An excellent staff and program - one that has an established reputation for quality, a camp that is "traditional" in look and feel - including many new upgrades, and excellent volunteer leaders who are committed to providing great Scouting programs to their Scouts.



The camp also earned the coveted "A Rating" as a result of the camp inspections that were conducted during the first week. A team of qualified volunteers,

representing the Northeast Region, visited Goose Pond to conduct the annual inspection, which included reviews of all health and safety issues, programs, certifications, facilities, and more.

Goose Pond will be celebrating its 90th Season in 2010 and campsite reservations are already running ahead of last year's pace. Be sure to have your Troop sign up for a campsite as soon as possible. The 2009 season was "sold out" in January of this year...may be the same for 2010...don't delay!

HARVEST FEST AT CAMP ACAHELA OCTOBER 24 & 25

It's back again and better than ever...Harvest Fest at Camp Acahela! Looking for a GREAT outdoor activity this Fall for the Cub Scouts and families? Harvest Fest is the perfect Autumn-back-into-scouting event to fulfill that promise of outdoors, adventure and camp to your Cub Scouts.

Come as a Pack, a Den, a family, or just a day with Mom or Dad. There's two days to choose from...Saturday, October 24, Noon to 6pm or Sunday, October 25, 11am to 5pm.

In addition to the Cub Scout classics of BB shooting, archery, crafts, etc, each day is action packed with tons of games, activities and lots of special "harvest" events including hayrides, face painting, a haunted campsite, jump houses, pumpkin catapulting and lots more! Tickets are available on a first-come basis at the Scout Shop.

Additional volunteers are always needed to help run this great event. Any adults or Boy Scout Troops that wish to help staff this year's Harvest Fest are asked to contact the Service Center.



Scout Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
10am - 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday:
10am - 7pm

Saturday: 10am - 2pm

This valuable resource is made possible in part through contributions to the annual Family Friends of Scouting Campaign.



SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS DUE

The Silver Beaver Award is a very distinguished, restricted, national award presented annually by the Council. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered volunteer Scouters in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. The 2009 Silver Beaver Awards will be presented at our Council's Annual Recognition Dinner on November 6.

Anyone may nominate a registered Scouter, 21 years or older, using the Nomination Form available from the Service Center or on the Council website. Completed nomination forms are due to the Service Center no later than **October 9**. Consider taking some time to nominate a Scouter that you feel has made a great difference in Scouting and the lives of the youth we serve.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER APPROACHING

Please join us in fellowship and appreciation at our annual Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner on November 6, 6:30pm as we celebrate the dedicated service of all of our volunteer Scouters. Highlights of this premier event will include the presentation of the distinguished Silver Beaver and George Meany Awards, in addition to other noteworthy awards, recognitions and special presentations.

Please register today for the dinner. Cost is only \$22 per person. Registration forms can be obtained from the Service Center or the Council website. This is surely an event not to miss!

COPE COURSE UNDERGOES RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

Thanks to the generous support from three Foundations, our COPE Course at Goose Pond was renovated and upgraded to the latest safety standards just in time for camp opening in June.

The following Foundations provided over \$7,250 in special project funding: The Luzerne Foundation, The Scranton Area Foundation, and the Wayne County Community Foundation.



The funds were used to fully upgrade the course to meet the latest safety guidelines of the BSA. Upgrades included the replacement of numerous connectors, pulleys, wires, and to purchase new helmets, harnesses, and personal climbing gear.

Hundreds of Scouts enjoyed the COPE experience at Goose Pond this summer. Troops are also able to use the course during the off season. Reservations for Fall 2009 weekends are being taken now!

The COPE Course is also available to non-Scouting groups and businesses. We can provide an exciting team-building and leadership development program to meet any level of experience. Call 207-1227 to request a brochure and receive more information.



Just a quick reminder about our Friends of Scouting Campaign:

1. Please make sure that your pledge of support is fully paid by year's end. We send out monthly reminders to all those who've pledged.

2. If you have not made a pledge, then please consider doing so! The average donation this year is \$58. In addition, our council's per-youth expense is about \$150 - that's how much we must raise per youth in order to provide all the great programs and services that we all enjoy.

3. You can go on line and make your donation count for your district:

DAN BEARD: www.nepabsa.org/contributeemt.html

IRON HORSE: www.nepabsa.org/contributeih.html

TWO MOUNTAINS: www.nepabsa.org/contributetmt.html

Thank you!



"CENTURY OF VALUES" RV Visits Our Council

On June 30th the "Century of Values" RV visited our Council to help kick off the official Centennial of Scouting celebrations. Volunteers from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America have formed 6 teams, with each one taking a portion of the country. The goal is for the RV to eventually visit every Council in the BSA and end up at the National Office on February 8, 2010 - the official Anniversary Date of the BSA.

An assembly of about 40 Scouts and Scouters greeted the RV team on the morning of June 30th. The team presented our Council with an autographed poster rendition of an original oil painting created by Bill Morrison, a noted artist from the Detroit



area. The poster depicts scenes of Scouting's history including portraits of noteworthy individuals who have been instrumental at shaping the Scouting movement in the U.S. The autographed poster is on display at the Scout Office, and a very limited number of posters are for sale.

The traveling RV idea was conceived in 2006 by volunteers in the Detroit Area Council. Donations for this unique venture included the RV itself and its complete maintenance, the decoration and gas.

Council Anniversary Chair, Jo Posluszny has announced that the Centennial Committee has been very busy preparing numerous celebrations and activities for everyone. Below is a list of just some of the great items on the centennial agenda.

- Treasure Hunt – A Council-wide GPS navigation course
- Here We Go Marching – A Scout Marching Corps for our area's major parades
- A Look Forward & Back – Museum displays, time capsule and local histories
- Birthday Party – Join us on Feb 8, 2010 for the biggest birthday party ever
- Scout-O-Rama – A massive Council-wide event with tons of activities and excitement
- Summer of Service – 100 hours of service by your Unit, Summer 2010
- National Scout Jamboree – Super Scout Stuff!
- Historic Trail Hikes – In Scranton & Wilkes Barre
- Time Capsule Interment – December 2010

These are just a small sampling of some of the many 100th Anniversary items coming your way. Watch for more details on all these and more this Fall!

Anyone interested in joining the Council's Anniversary Committee and helping to be a part of this great year of Scouting is asked to contact the Service Center.





Camp Acahela 2009 Summer a Great Success!

Thanks to Stew Thomas, Camp Director, and a great staff, Camp Acahela Cub Resident Program this past summer posted some new records and many exciting program features.



Nearly 250 Cubs and Webelos enjoyed the new program areas which included: Frisbee Golf Course, Cub Scout Obstacle Course, and "Cape Acahela Model Rocketry Launch Pad". These were just three of the 12 program sites that Cubs could choose from during each week at camp - there was simply too much for them to do! Extra features included home-made pizzas that each Pack could order and take back to their campsites, an advancements-oriented daily program where each Cub completed requirements towards ranks, a fun after-meal program, and the traditional



archery, BB Gun Range, Swimming, Tubing, Nature, Crafts, Scout Skills, and much more.

"Really fun and organized camp", was one comment made by an enthused leader. "Our Cubs had a fantastic time, they earned badges, and the staff was wonderful."

Sign ups for the 2010 season are going on now. Be sure to reserve your favorite campsite during a week in July. Call 570-207-1227 to make a Pack reservation.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Training Dates

Oct. 2-4	Climbing Instructor Training	Camp Acahela
Oct. 5	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Oct. 17	BALOO Training	Camp Acahela
Oct. 17-18	Webelos Leader Outdoor Training	Camp Acahela
Oct. 22	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Nov. 7	University of Scouting	Riverside High School, Taylor
Nov. 10	CS Leader Specific Training - Part I	Dan Beard District
Nov. 14	Den Chief Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Nov. 15	Chain Saw Safety Training	Camp Acahela
Nov. 21	Great Expectations	TBA
Nov. 30	Troop Committee Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Dec. 6	OA Elections Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 10	Venturing Leader Specific Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 12	CS Leader Specific Training - Part II	Dan Beard District
Jan. 16	Den Chief Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 17	OA Lodge Leadership Development	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 26	Health & Safety Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 30	Top Hands Training	Scout Service & Training Center
Jan. 31	Trainer's EDGE Course	Scout Service & Training Center



TWO MOUNTAINS DISTRICT NEWS

Serving the northern portions of Luzerne County

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OCTOBER

- 1 Words to Live By recruitment - Round #1
- 2 Silver Beaver Nomination Due
- 2-4 Webelos Woods - Moon Lake Park, Hunlock Creek
- 7 Cub Scout Roundtable - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:00PM
- 14 Commissioners meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 6:00PM
- 14 District Annual Committee meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:15PM
- 28 Boy Scout Roundtable - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 7:30PM

NOVEMBER

- 4 Cub Scout Roundtable - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:00PM
- 7 Show and Sell Popcorn Payment Due
- 7 Show and Sell Popcorn Returns Due
- 11 Commissioners meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 6:00PM
- 11 District Annual Committee meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:15PM
- 13 Popcorn Take Orders Due
- 18 Boy Scout Roundtable - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 7:30PM
- 21 Coordinated Re-chartering Day - Scout Service and Training Center, Moosic
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Scout Service and Training Center Closed

DECEMBER

- 2 Cub Scout Roundtable - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:00PM
- 5 Popcorn Distribution
- 5 ALL Popcorn prize orders due
- 9 Commissioners meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 6:00PM
- 9 District Annual Committee meeting - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, 7:15PM
- 16 Boy Scout Roundtable - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 7:30PM
- 18 Popcorn Take Order Sale payment due
- 24-26 Christmas Holiday - Scout Service and Training Center Closed
- 31 New Years Eve - Scout Service and Training Center Closed

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES

Mark your calendars now to attend Roundtables! Cub Scout Roundtables meet on the first Wednesday of every month during the program year. The Cub Scout Roundtable is held in the Community Room of St. Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre. This is a meeting for ALL Cub Scout volunteers and leaders to learn and share ideas about the upcoming month's theme. We have your program all planned out for you, all you have to do is come and pick

up the book and start sharing it with your den or pack.

Boy Scout Roundtables meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month during the program year, unless it falls the night before a holiday. The Boy Scout Roundtable is held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Wyoming Avenue in Kingston. This is a meeting for ALL Boy Scout volunteers and leaders to learn and share ideas about the upcoming program.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As many of you are wrapping up your summer activities, we would like to thank those of you who have already had a Family Friends of Scouting presentation within your unit. This is a time that we get to meet so many new people and share our passion for Scouting. Personally, our Family FOS chair, Denise Syms, extends her thankfulness for all of the leaders, committee people and the generosity of those who INVESTED their dollars so that the Scouting program can continue to grow and develop here in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. To date, over \$22,000 has been pledged to this campaign. Thanks again to all our supporters.





DAN BEARD DISTRICT NEWS

Serving families in the following school districts of Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna, and Wayne Counties: Carbondale Area School District, Forest City Regional School District, Wallenpaupack Area School District, Wayne Highlands School District, and Western Wayne School District.

Warren Schloesser - District Chairman 253-3745; wshcloesser@hotmail.com

Liz Haber - District Commissioner 689-7362; liz1052@aol.com

Mark Messersmith - District Director 207-1227 ext 231; mmessers@bsmail.org

Help Provide these Program Features for Your Son in 2010! - Water Trampoline for Goose Pond and a Horizontal Climbing Wall at Achela

Our President challenged us to raise \$120,000 across the council in our Friends of Scouting campaign in 2009. If we achieve this goal by December 15, 2009 the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council will purchase these two new program features for camp in 2010. We are asking each family to contribute \$30 to the Friends of Scouting Campaign to achieve this goal. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible and not only will support the Water Trampoline and climbing wall, but also supports your son and your Pack, Troop, or Crew in a number of ways. These include: a copy of the Program Helps for every Pack, this Newsletter, camperships, processing tour permits and money earning applications, roundtable materials, maintaining our Scout Shop Inventory, processing advancement for your son and your unit, providing program planning materials to your unit, providing all of the flyers, posters, yard signs and incentives for membership recruitment, and a host of other program features. In the Dan Beard District we need to raise an additional \$5,000 by the end of the year to achieve our portion of the \$120,000 goal. Do your part to provide a new exciting program for your son and contribute \$30 today. If you have contributed to the Friends of Scouting Campaign in 2009 we thank you, and ask that you encourage other families in your unit to make a contribution no matter how large or small. Contact Mark Messersmith to request a pledge form, or to make a contribution with your credit card over the phone. You may also make a contribution securely over the internet at www.nepabsa.org/contributeent.

Be-A-Scout and Words to Live by Fall Recruitment Progress

I hope your unit has had a positive impact in reaching out to involve every youth who wants to be in Scouting and give them an opportunity to join. If your unit has not planned a fun activity for October to invite youth to be involved in a "hands on" Scouting experience and join Scouting, please do so ASAP! If you need ideas, posters, flyers, yard signs, or assistance in planning this activity get in touch with me soon. I also invite you to share your successes with recruitment this fall. The Dan Beard District needs to recruit 215 new Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers this fall to achieve the Quality District Award for the second year in a row! We need everyone's help to achieve this goal. Please do your part and get a youth involved in scouting today! For more information please contact Mark Messersmith.

Fall Popcorn Sale Update!

Selling popcorn is a great way for your unit to provide families a way to support their son's Scouting adventure without shelling out a lot of money over the course the year. What better way to teach scouts to be thrifty than by helping them earn their own way. Remember when your unit achieves the pre-set sales goal, your unit can send its three top selling scouts to the Dan Beard district bowling party in January for free! If you want to get involved, or need assistance with sales ideas, sales materials, or anything about popcorn, please get in touch with one of us. Our District Gross Popcorn Sales goal is \$48,000. For more information, please contact Bill Durando at 729-7504, Cindy Johnson at 207-1227 ext 238, or Mark Messersmith.

District Committee & Commissioners Needed!

The Dan Beard District is looking for individuals who would enjoy working with adult volunteers across our district. You would provide support and service to Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts to improve the quality of all scouting programs to our youth. You should be organized, have the ability to engage others, and motivated. We have positions to suit all talents and the time you have available to serve. Projects may last a few weeks to year round. You determine what time you have to give. You can serve in areas of recruiting, unit development, training, activities, advancement, fundraising, and unit service. If you are interested in volunteering, know of a parent in your unit, or a business associate who would be a good person to ask, get in touch with us. Contact Mark Messersmith, Liz Haber, or Warren Schloesser.

Welcome Aboard!

The District welcomes our newest Scouting Unit Pack 410. The Beach Lake United Methodist Church has started a new Cub Scout Pack. The unit will serve elementary aged boys in the Beach Lake, Lackawaxen, and Narrowsburg, NY areas.

Native American Pow Wow Camporee at Goose Pond Scout Reservation

The Dan Beard District will hold it's fall camporee at Goose Pond Scout Reservation October 9-11, 2009. The theme is a Native American Pow Wow. For more information and details, contact Jeannie Hartzell 226-7582, or Bill Durando 729-7504.



Dana Healey Joins Council Staff



We want to welcome Dana Healey, our newest member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council professional staff.

Dana will be serving as the Scout Reach Program Coordinator primarily for Lackawanna and Wayne Counties.

Thanks to support from the Lackawanna County and Wayne County United Ways, the Scout Reach Program in these communities has grown to over 300 youth.

Scout Reach is the initiative that serves hard-to-reach communities, low income and at-risk youth. United Way funds are helping to provide Campership assistance, uniforms, and other direct needs-based assistance to these youngsters.



Great Expectations - Troop Leadership Training

The 2009 Great Expectations Course is scheduled once again for November 14th at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre. Great Expectations is a special one-day training course developed here in Northeastern Pennsylvania Council for Boy Scout youth (and adult) leaders. The course is designed to provide Scouts who hold a leadership role in their Troop with a more in-depth training experience in advanced leadership skills by providing a variety of specialized supplemental sessions.



The course is staffed primarily by Northeastern Pennsylvania Council's top youth Scout trainers. Joe Ferdinand, Scoutmaster of Troop 100, Plains will serve as the Course Director/Scoutmaster. The staff is preparing diligently for the course to provide our Troops with this very worthwhile, outstanding leadership experience. Check with your Scoutmaster or the Council website soon to get a copy of the course flyer and registration form. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Great Stocking Stuffer...The Gift of Scouting!

Looking for a great Scouting gift this Holiday? Stop by our Scout Shop at the Service Center and pick up a Gift Card in any amount. Our Gift Cards can be used for anything in our Shop, toward Council or District activities, Camp...almost anything Scouting related! There's no better gift this Holiday than a great summer camp experience at Goose Pond or Camp Achela...yes, a Gift Card can be used toward any summer camp experience, not to mention the National Jamboree, or even any training course!



Mark your calendars!

Our "Signature Event" for the BSA's Centennial will be our **Centennial Scout-O-Rama**

May 7-8, 2010
(Friday night and Saturday).
Optional camping into Sunday the 8th (Mother's Day).

Place: Kirby Park and National Guard Armory, Wilkes Barre.

Program: Dozens of Action Booths, Pack and Troop demonstrations and competitions, Pinewood Derby, Space Regatta, Rain Gutter Regatta, National Guard displays, archery, BB Gun Range, camp-wide game, Indian Lore, Medieval Jousting and Demos, Saturday night Shows, and ...a whole lot more fun than you can take in in one day!

Leader's Guide will be distributed in October and will contain sign up forms, fees, ideas, and a whole lot more. Units will be able to raise funds for their treasuries by selling SOR Tickets at \$5 each - keeping \$2 (the balance helping to defray the costs of the event).

Look for more info coming at Roundtables and other District / Council events!

Please note: The 2010 Centennial Scout-O-Rama date is; May 7-8, 2010!

MAY 2010



UPDATED MAY CALENDAR PAGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Beaver Weekend # 1 @ Acahela C-SM/ASM Outdoor Trng Great Medicine #2	3	4 DB - DCM/CSM	5 IH - DCM/CSM TMT - Program Kickoff	6	7	8 Great Medicine #2
9 MOTHER'S DAY C - Scout-o-rama	10 IH - BSRT	11 IH - CSRT DB - Roundtable	12 TMT - DCM/CSM	13 C - Finance Committee Mtg.	14 Early Sign-Up Dead- line for camp fees	15 Hammer & Saw Day #2 @ GPSR C - Spring Popcorn Distribution
16 Woodbadge Gathering	17	18 C - Executive Board Mtg.	19 C - Eagle Board of Review	20	21	22
23 C - CS Specific Training OA - Spring Ordeal	24 C - Commissioner Mtg.	25	26 OA LEC	27	28 OA - Spring Ordeal @ GPSR	29 Rockety Weekend Show & Do Weekend @ Aca- hela Scout Shop Closed
30 Rockety Weekend Show & Do Week- end @ Acahela	31 Scout Shop Closed MEMORIAL DAY					



POPCORN ...Earn Plenty of Bucks for your Unit!

By now we hope that everyone is in the midst of selling popcorn to help pay for those camping trips, dues, equipment, summer camp or whatever else you need funding for. If you have not started...well, it is not too late. Did you know that over 75% of the community is never asked to buy popcorn?

The effort to sell is not difficult. Just take your sheet and go around your neighborhood. Parents, if you want to help alleviate the constant draining of the wallet, go out and drive your Scout around. People will buy popcorn if asked. Sure you get the occasional "NO" but there are plenty of "YES's" out there. The sale ends the first week in November and all orders are due by November 13th. If you need help or suggestions, call the Scout Service Center.

OVER
70%
OF THE PURCHASE PRICE
GOES TO YOUR
LOCAL
SCOUT UNIT
AND
COUNCIL

TEN REASONS TO SELL TRAIL'S END POPCORN!

1. You can pay for your whole year's Scouting program with just one popcorn sale!
2. You can cover all of your unit's activities and supplies with the commission you get from popcorn!
3. You can get more parents excited by eliminating their out-of-pocket expenses!
4. You can deliver a great product to family and friends! They will enjoy the product as much as the Scouts enjoy their prizes!
5. 70% of the purchase stays locally to support unit and council programs!
6. You can enrich a Scout's future – Selling more than \$2500 can earn a Trail's End Scholarship!
7. You can attend next year's summer camp, day camp and other Scouting outings and have it paid for!
8. You can teach Scouts the valuable lesson of earning their own way!
9. Earn GREAT prizes!
10. You can support your entire year with popcorn sales! Budget all expenses and raise the money you need in the fall.



KEY POPCORN DATES

- September
19 Popcorn Take-Order sale begins.
- November
7 Show & Sell/Show and Deliver Popcorn returns due
7 Show & Sell/Show and Deliver Popcorn Payment due
___ Individual Take-Order sale orders due to Unit Popcorn Chair from selling scouts.
___ Individual prize orders due to Unit Popcorn Chair from selling scouts.
12 Unit Popcorn Take-Order sales period ends.
13 Unit Take-Order Popcorn Order due
- December
5 Take-Order sale popcorn distribution to units
5 ALL Unit Prize Orders due
18 Popcorn Money Due – Turn in to Council Service and Training Center
19 LATE PENALTY FEE IN EFFECT - (2%)





IRON HORSE DISTRICT NEWS

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RECRUITMENT! RECRUITMENT!

The time has come for Fall Recruitment. If your Troop or Pack has not done a recruitment...well, you are missing out on gaining new friends and leaders. Contact Mike LaPolla at the Scout Service Center and he can help arrange getting you the necessary materials to have a successful recruitment. Matter of fact, a Troop in Dickson City is taking their recruiting efforts into the school. They will be doing a small presentation to all the 6th thru 8th graders and show them what Scouting is all about. If you think your unit would like to do this, call Mike at the Scout Service Center.

For those that have been doing some fantastic recruiting, make sure you get the new applications into the office so they can be registered and covered under the Boy Scout Insurance.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

HARVEST FEST is coming up on October 24th and 25th at Camp Acahela in Blakeslee, PA. This is a wonderful event for the whole family. It is also a great time to bring along all those new Scouts that have just joined. There will be hayrides, haunted campsite, dutch oven cooking, spooky crafts, pumpkin tossing, BB and Archery range, refreshments and a whole lot more! You can come as a Cub Scout Pack, Den or family. ALL ARE WELCOME to come. You can purchase tickets at the Scout Service Center. There is also a patch for those Scouts who attend.

TRAINING is coming up for all those registered adult leaders. There is training for Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Committee Members and Tiger Leaders. Also in October there is Outdoor training for Webelos Leaders as well as BALOO

training for those packs that want to take your Pack camping. Please visit our Council website to get your information today. Every youth deserves a well trained leader.

ROUNDTABLES have started back up. The Cub Scout Roundtable meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Scout Service Center. This is the perfect opportunity for leaders to get information on crafts, advancement, games and much more for your Den and Pack. If you cannot make it, send a representative down to gather all the pertinent information for the upcoming month.

CUB SCOUT WINTER FUN DAY is coming up on January 24, 2010. Once again this event will be held in Dickson City. Please visit our Iron Horse Web Page for more information.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

FALL CAMPOREE is going to be held on October 9 – 10 at Camp Acahela. The theme for the event is the celebration of Scouting's 100th Anniversary. You will be tossed back in time and performing activities and meals from Scouting in the 20's, 30's, 40's and so on. This is going to be a lot of fun by experiencing what they did. Dutch Oven cooking is going to be the primary means of cooking for the weekend, so prepare your best nostalgic meals for this Camporee!! Please look at the Iron Horse District web page for the latest and greatest of the Camporee.

HARVEST FEST is not only for Cub Scouts; it is open to the Boy Scouts as well. The weekend requires a lot of volunteers to make it run smoothly. In years past, several Boy Scout Troops come down and camp for the weekend and help with the event. There is no cost

for camping that weekend as long as you are helping with Harvest Fest. You can run a station, help park cars, help with crafts, play games or anything else that is needed. If you or your unit is interested in helping out with the Harvest Fest please call the Scout Service Center.

DEN CHIEF TRAINING is coming up in November. If your unit has any interested youth who want to learn more about becoming a Den Chief and want to get trained, please sign up at the Scout Service Center. The training will take place on November 14th.

BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY is coming up on February 13th at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. If you need to reserve a cabin, please do so with Jan at the Scout Service Center. There is overnight camping available for all units who wish to do so. Please visit our council website for more information.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

2009 was a banner year for Family Unit Friends of Scouting. The units in Iron Horse District were able to raise over 95% of their goal for program support in the council. On behalf of the Iron Horse District Finance Committee THANK YOU to those families who gave to the campaign this year. In 2010 we are celebrating Scouting's 100th anniversary. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council has plenty of programs planned for the whole year. We can be involved in this monumental occasion by participating in all the events, supporting Scouting financially and most importantly, inviting a friend to join Scouting with you. So please take time in the upcoming months to reflect on what Scouting has done for you and your family. And remember, without your support, Scouting would not be possible.



CAMP NEWS

"FUN STUFF READY TO DO" - NEW WEEKEND CAMP PROGRAMS AT CAMP ACAHELA AND GOOSE POND AVAILABLE TO PACKS AND TROOPS

Fun Stuff – Ready To Do! allows units to tap into a host of Webelos Activity Pins, Merit Badges, or other activities that are available as a "DROP-IN" program for Packs and Troops. All you do is show up - the program itself is already planned out for you. You can reserve a half day, whole day, or a weekend - your choice.

You can visit the council web site at: www.nepabsa.org to look over the numerous activities that are available, group size requirements, costs, and reservation info. Please make reservations at least 3 to 4 weeks ahead of time.

Look for the "Fun Stuff Ready to Do" icon on the left sidebar and click on it.



Cub Scouts can earn credit towards rank advancements. Boy Scouts can earn Merit Badges and do requirements towards ranks. And everyone can just have plain 'ol FUN at camp!

Hmmm...could be fun...Nah...it WILL be FUN! Come and do your Holiday Shopping with the Scouts!

Mark your calendars for the December 11th Holiday Scout Auction. We're collecting a whole boat-load of great gifts. Scouting memorabilia, toys, gift certificates, crafts, quilts, electronics, home and garden items, and so much more!

Our own Dave Srebro, Council Program Director and "Fun Guy" will serve as our Auctioneer, so you KNOW it will be a fun...and sometimes surreal...evening. Admission of \$5 per Bidder. Cubs and Scouts are welcome to be Bidders! Each Bidder will receive a Bidder Card, three tickets for door prize drawings, and everyone will be treated to refreshments and the evening's "entertainment". We will also have a Silent Auction going on with great "stuff" available! Look for more info coming your way soon!



GOOSE POND VIDEO GAME & VIRTUAL TOUR NOW AVAILABLE!

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council is pleased to announce the completion of the Goose Pond Video Game & Virtual Tour "Goose Pond - A Timeless Adventure".

Cost is only \$30 and all proceeds go toward special projects at Goose Pond. The disc includes an amazing Goose Pond video game as well as a 3D camp tour and searchable database of season patches, dining hall plaques, and staff group photos. In addition to the disc with the game and 3D camp tour, the case also contains a collectible, special edition, 4-inch patch containing an image of the Goose Pond waterfront (which also happens to be the disc case cover photo!).

They are currently available from the Council Scout Shop or may be purchased online from the Council website. Makes a Great Holiday Gift! "This is totally beyond cool, a must have!!"