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FAMILY FOS SIGN-UP TIME

It's once again time to start signing up for a family FOS presentation. This year – no slides, no movie screen, just us giving a brief talk about how vitally important support of Family Friends of Scouting is to us remaining a viable and independent Council. Please think about what date you would like to have a presenter come in. Ideally, we would like to come in any time before March 31 and preferably at a family-type meeting such as a Blue and Gold Banquet. Remember that conducting a Family FOS presentation helps reduce your Camp fee for next summer. Sign-ups will begin at the November Roundtables, or you can email us with a date, or just let us know the next time you drop by the Service Center.

POPCORN REMINDER

A reminder that Popcorn orders are due in the Betts Scout Service Center by November 2. Popcorn pickup is scheduled for November 18 at the United Refining Warehouse (same location as last year). Units selling \$1,000 or more in total sales may pick up their popcorn the evening of Nov. 17th. Please call the Service Center to let us know if you plan to do so. Payments are due in the Betts Scout Service Center by December 8th. The 3 top selling Scouts in the Council will have their choice of an iPod mini, Playstation 3, or Xbox 360 as a prize!

New Friends Of Scouting Counsel Strip

A new Council Strip series has been developed to thank contributors. The new series is a collection of nature scenes with animals we're all familiar with here in Warren County. 2007's has a bear on it, 2008 will have a flock of geese, 2009 will have white tailed deer, and the FOS Council patch for our 100th anniversary year in 2010 will feature a bald eagle.

The Council Strips featuring the bear (pictured) will be available as our way of saying "thank you" to anyone who makes a pledge of \$60 or more to our Friends of Scouting campaign in 2007. That's only \$5 per month! Of course, if you have been contributing at the previous "per boy" levels, we encourage you to keep doing so. That will mean that you will receive more than one of our new series patches.



CUB RECRUITMENT

Council Cub Recruitment Chair Judy Kepple reports that the fall Cub Recruitment seems to have gone well but results are still coming in. The new Lions program has been well received and we hope that more Packs will jump on board with Lions next year. A reminder to all that its important NOT to hold on to new boy applications until recharter – if those boys get hurt at a meeting they will not be covered unless their applications have been processed in the Betts Scout Service Center. If you want a great idea on how to get more Cubs – throw a party! Have all your Cubs invite a friend or two to the party and have applications available there. Let the new boys know that Cub Scouts have FUN!



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CAMP TO BE ONE WEEK

In order to focus all our efforts on providing the best possible program for the Scouts in our Council, Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Olmsted in 2007 will be just one week. We're currently looking at the 3rd full week of July as Summer Camp week but will let everyone know as soon as that is firm. By having all our Scouts in Camp in one week, the boys should have a lot more fun and get the understanding that Scouting is a much bigger thing than they probably realized. More fun translates better Scouting and better retention. There are lots of great plans in the works for this coming summer and we hope you'll plan on being a part of the excitement. Bill Wilson (SM Troop 9) is in charge of camp for 2007 and is seeking everyone's input on what Merit Badges should be offered. Bill is also counting on us all pulling together as a Council to make this idea work. He'll need lots of volunteers for the week, so if any adults in your Troop can make it up to camp for the week, a few days, or just an evening to help out this summer, please let Bill know as soon as possible. Camp's gonna be great!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Has your unit committed to participate in the annual "Scouting for Food" drive this year? This year's food drive may be more important than in prior years due to the state of the economy in northwestern Pennsylvania. This program is one of the best that Scouting can offer the community. You all should be proud of your involvement in this worthy cause. Please take the time to notify the Betts Scout Service Center in advance if your unit is planning to participate in the fall or spring campaign? Please record your success by recording your results on the Good Turn for America website.



READYMAN-IN-A-DAY

Jim Zavinski has announced plans to have a Readyman-in-a-Day class on Saturday, November 11th, 2006 from 9:00AM until 3:00PM. The class will be held at the North Warren Community House, 3 Church St. North Warren. This is a good time to have the Webelos of your pack trained by Pro's. There will be no charge for this event but they will need to bring a lunch. Please sign up by Saturday, November 4th at 723-5060 so that enough supplies can be arranged for your participation. Better yet; call today!

Woodcarving Session

Wes Augenstein has once again announced that he will host a woodcarving session this winter starting Sunday November 12th from 1:00—4:00 PM. (Yes the football game will be on). It will be held in Wes's woodshop at 614 High Street Youngsville, Pa. There is no charge for the sessions. We will start a Santa ornament as our first project and if interest continues, we will probably start a second project later on. This is not a merit badge class but could be used as a requirement with consent from your counselor. This is open to all Boy Scouts and adults. Please contact Wes (563-4247) or Ernie (723-6700) by November 10th so we know how many blanks to prepare. This was a fun project last year, we hope to keep it going. See you there.

Venturing Leadership Skills Course

It is fun. It is easy. It is a way of learning the Scout way. You learn to lead by leading. You learn to lead by observing others who have lead. Venture Crew 450 is offering an overnight Venturing Leadership Skills Course Friday and Saturday, November 17—18. This event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 Pleasant Drive, Warren.

The VLSC begins at 8:00 PM Friday and will conclude by 4:00 PM on Saturday. The cost is \$10.00 a person which includes a cracker barrel Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and a trained patch. Bring a bedroll, change of clothes and any other personal items you would need for an overnight campout. Register by Saturday November 11th by calling 723-5870. You may pay the \$10.00 registration at the door Friday night.

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SILVER BEAVER LODGE INTRODUCED

If you are a recipient of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, you are invited to be a charter member of the Chief Cornplanter Council Silver Beaver Lodge. Whether you received it in this Council or in any other, all Silver Beavers can join. Dues for joining our Silver Beaver Lodge are just \$30 for the year. That gives you admission to the Council Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Recognition Dinner), a shoulder patch (see flyer) that lets everyone know you're a Charter Member of the Silver Beaver Lodge, and a lot of other perks too – such as the ability to help select future Silver Beaver recipients. It's planned that the Silver Beaver Lodge will also have social activities for its members like a barbeque at camp during the summer or other such gathering. To join, fill out the Silver Beaver Lodge flyer in this edition of The Communicator, and return it to the Betts Scout Service Center.



SPRING CAMPOREE

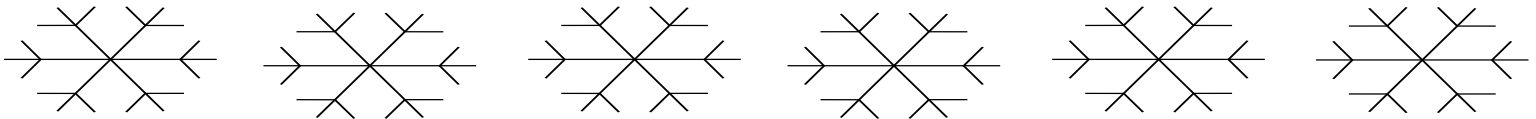
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The Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 27, 28, 29 so put that date in your calendar now and get your Scouts excited about it. Details are still sketchy at this time but we plan to try to do some hiking, bird study, canoeing, mountain biking, geocaching and other great stuff. If you have some ideas on what you'd like to see at the Camporee, or would like to help out on a station, contact Bill Wilson, or call Kevin at the Betts Scout Service Center.

Pinewood Derby News

For the second year in a row, Units will be able to hold their Pinewood Derby race at the Warren Mall. The council has gotten permission to use an empty store to set up our track. Please remember to sign up at the Betts Service with your race date. The store will be available to us from January 2nd until February 8th. Two Packs are have already signed up, so Sign up soon to reserve your spot!

See you at the races!



Pinewood Derby Workshop

Do you have trouble putting cars together or just don't have the tools to do it properly, then this workshop is for you. Pinewood Derby Chairman Al Webster would like to announce that he is putting together a Pinewood Derby Car Workshop which would be held during the week of December 11th—15th. The workshop would begin at 6:30 PM and end around 8:30 PM. This is open to any parent/boy teams who needs help with their car. We will have to limit the size each night to about twenty boys/parent teams. You must sign up at the Betts Scout Service Center to reserve your spot. There will be NO CHARGE for this workshop. You will however need to supply your own Official Pinewood Derby kit from the scout shop and anything that you may want to include on your car (stickers, drivers, pipes...etc.). On Monday and Friday; we will be at the Free Methodist Church in Sugar Grove. On Tuesday and Thursday; we will be at the Youngsville Free Methodist Church Hall on Main Street. We haven't found a place for Wednesday yet, so try to arrange for the other four times. I will keep trying to find a location for Wednesday.

Holiday Season

As we come into the holiday seasons, please remember all the men and woman who are serving our country (both at home and abroad) so that we may celebrate in our own way. Kevin, Karen, Tim and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr! Nadolig LLawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda , a:o'e:sad yos-ha:se:' , Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ur! , Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! , Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan , Wesolych Swiat i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku , Boas Festas e um feliz Ano Novo , Nave sal di mubaraka !

SUMMER CAMP FEES ANNOUNCED

The Council Executive Board voted to accept a camp fee structure for the 2007 camping season, including Boy Scout Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp. Every effort was made to keep our fees reasonable while maintaining our ability to keep up with the rising cost of utilities, etc. **There will be NO Early Bird fees this year**

Boy Scout fees for 2007 are as follows:

\$230 per Scout - basic fee and Out-of-Council fee

\$215 per Scout - If the unit either sells popcorn at a Fair-Share amount or conducts a Family FOS presentation at a Fair Share amount.

\$200 per Scout - if the unit participates in both the Popcorn Sale and Family FOS at Fair Share amounts

Webelos Resident Camp Fees for 2007 are as follows:

\$145 per Scout - basic fee

\$130 per Scout - If the unit either sells popcorn at a Fair-Share amount or conducts a Family FOS presentation at a Fair Share amount

\$115 per Scout - if the unit participates in both the Popcorn Sale and Family FOS at Fair Share amounts

Cub Scout Day Camp Fees for 2007 are as follows:

\$90 per Scout - basic fee

\$75 per Scout - If the unit either sells popcorn at a Fair-Share amount or conducts a Family FOS presentation at a Fair Share amount

\$60 per Scout - if the unit participates in both the Popcorn Sale and Family FOS at Fair Share amounts

Fair Share is defined as follows:

For Popcorn - an AVERAGE sale of at least \$200 per boy (this figure determined by average sales across the country and recommended by Trails End as well as the average per boy sales history in our Council).

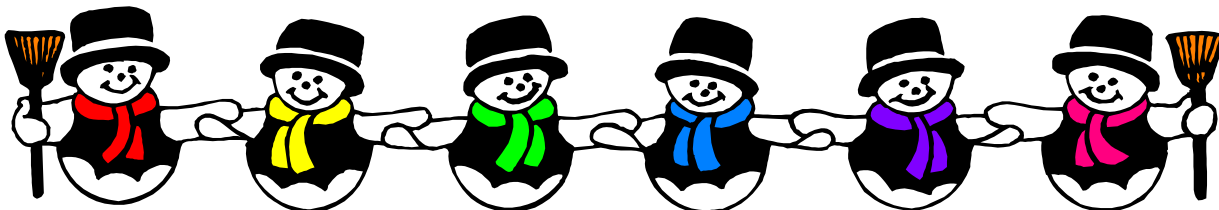
For FOS - an AVERAGE gift of \$20 per family (this figure based on the average Family FOS contribution history for our Council)

The Fair Share concept is not new and is conducted in many other Councils in the country. This is not difficult to achieve. For instance, if this had been in effect for 2006, most of our Units would have qualified for both discounts and nearly all would have qualified for both.

Camp dates, payment due dates and other pertinent camp information for 2007 will be announced soon.

GET YOUR SUMMER CAMP SHIRTS NOW!

Why wait until summer camp? You can get your 2007 Camp Olmsted shirts now! As we did last year, we are having a pre-sale on our summer camp t-shirts for 2007. Every registered youth and adult will receive a pre-camp shirt order form showing the latest design. To order, fill out the form and submit it to your **unit leader** by December 1. We'll try to get your shirts back to you before Christmas. The shirts are only \$11 each and we will even have Sweatshirts available for on \$20 ea. (add \$2.00 per shirt for XX and XXX sizes). Your check should be made out to your unit and, when the total unit order is placed, that should be accompanied by a check for the total made payable to "Chief Cornplanter Council." If you are an adult, not registered to a Pack or Troop, you can place your order directly to the Betts Scout Service Center. Our 2006 design was wildly popular last summer and this coming year's design looks to be even more popular so order yours today! The cost of the shirts will be higher at the Trading Post at camp this summer so now is the time to order and save. There will be no extra shirts for sale at the Service Center after camp. Individual order forms are in the unit boxes at the BSSC now, so stop in and pick them up for distribution to your scouts.



WEBELOS TO SCOUT

It's that time of year again! All Packs should be hooking their second year Webelos up with a local Troop and all Troops should be inviting local Webelos dens to their Troop meetings and events. We have Cub Scouts to grow new Boy Scouts. In the Webelos-to-Scout process, it's important for Packs to let their Webelos know that joining a Troop is a fun and exciting experience. Let your Webelos know that they'll be joining the "big leagues" and get to do things that Cubs just can't do. And let them know its an expectation.

Troops should be planning outings, campouts, etc. and bringing those Webelos along for the fun. Invite the Cubmasters and Webelos Leaders along too. These guys can tend to think that Boy Scouts is just more years of Cubs. It's up to you to show them the kind of fun they can expect if they join Boy Scouts.

~~~~ NEW UNIFORM KNOT FOR W-T-S ~~~~~

In addition, we're announcing that there is a new knot available for helping with the Webelos-To-Scout Transition. This knot is available to any adult who helps guide at least 2 Webelos Dens into a Boy Scout Troop (over a 2-year period). It's available for both Pack Leaders and Troop Leaders (with slightly differing requirements). Please check the Council Website for complete details.

CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

How's your Church's youth group doing? Does it need more kids? Does it need a boost to its program? Does it need a place to hold retreats? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then that youth group should consider registering with us as a Venture Crew. We can fix any of those issues with Venturing. It can be an important part of your church's youth ministry. You can either talk it over with your Pastor, or give us a call at the Service Center and we'll help get that ball rolling. Since "Duty To God" is one of our guiding principles, Venturing is a natural for church youth groups for boys and girls ages 14-21.

LOVE TO HIKE OR CANOE?

We're in the process of collecting as much information as possible about all the available hikes and canoe treks in our Council. The In-Council Trek Committee is seeking to compile this information and distribute it in book form to all Packs, Troops and Crews in the Council (and possibly to other Councils). Executive Board Member Matt Franklin is heading the Committee to help put this all together. If you would like to lend your expertise to this project, we sure could use the help. We don't plan on having very many meetings, so if you could help out, we'd appreciate it. Contact the Betts Scout Service Center to let us know if you can pitch in.

RECHARTER

A few years back, all the Charters for all the units in our Council fell in different months, which created an administrative problem. The Charters were all moved to December & January. This method also created a few unforeseen problems, like year end membership reporting and Cub application processing, that need to be rectified.

Council Commissioner Dan Wolboldt, in consultation with Scout Executive Kevin Bonner, is changing things slightly. This should not affect your unit's operation much, if at all. As of this recharter season, all December units (Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts) will be granted a 6 month charter only. This will bring their recharter month to June and the charge is less than half the price (this will save you some money). Then in June of 2007, you will be charged the full-year amount, making you current until June 2008. Current January units will have the option of rechartering with a 17 month charter (bringing you to the end of June 2008), or going with a 6 month charter to get to July 2007; then an 11 month charter to get to June of '08 with everyone else. The second selection will save these units a little bit of money, but we're leaving that choice up to each individual unit.

We aren't collecting any more money from anyone to do this and we want to make sure, by announcing it now, that everyone has ample time to plan for a June recharter date. As always, all registration & recharter fees are set by the National Office and transmitted directly to them. The Chief Cornplanter Council receives no income from the rechartering process. If you are unclear about how this all works, please don't hesitate to contact us for answers. Look for more information in your recharter packet.

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CHIEF CORNPLANTER COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA will hold its Annual meeting and election on Monday, January 15, 2007. The location will be in the Slater Room at the Warren Public Library in Warren. Time to begin is 4:30 PM.

Individuals seeking to submit nominations for the Council Executive Board MUST submit the nominations in writing to the chairman of the Council Nominating Committee. Nominations should be sent to:

John Eggleston, Chairman

Council Nominating Committee

Chief Cornplanter Council

316 Fourth Avenue

Warren, Pennsylvania 16365

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp Director Sue Lyle has announced the theme for the 2007 day camp as being:

"AMERICAN PRIDE"

Day camp will be held once again at Camp Birdsall Eddy in Pleasant Twp. The dates will be Monday through Friday July 23rd through the 27th. Please note that this year we are expanding camp to five (5) days. Times for the day camp will be announced at a later date. Now is the time to be planning to attend. Include the camp fees into your yearly budget and sell popcorn this fall and in the spring to help with the cost for your boys.



Unit Recharterers for December

Packs: 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18, 30, 33, 36, 43, 45, 47, 54, 60, 782

Troops: 1, 17, 35

Venture Crews: 35, 450

Explorer Posts: 312

Attention: Please take the time to verify all information on your charter papers: name, mailing addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, unit positions, Boys Life Subscriptions, etc. and make all necessary corrections. Only fully completed charters will be accepted for processing. Help us serve you better by providing the necessary information.

A rechartering Workshop will be held will take place on Saturday Dec. 9, at the Betts Service Center from 9:00 AM —12:00 noon. The unit representative bringing the rechartering kit in for processing should plan on spending 60 to 90 minutes (less if you attended the training and have done the prep work). Those individuals responsible for rechartering should be sure to bring your units paperwork. **If you are bringing in your units recharter at another time, you MUST make an appointment with Ernie. Please do not simply drop off the package at the Betts Service Center.**

BOY SCOUT LEADERS TAKE NOTE!

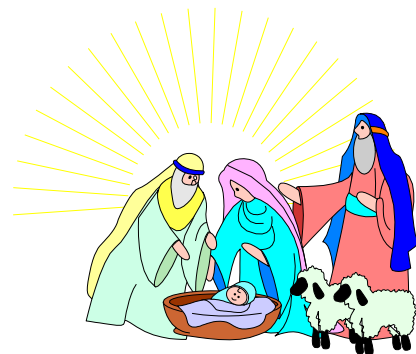
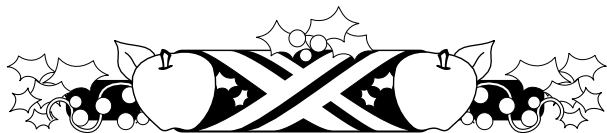
With the important changes in summer camp taking place, there are also changes in the Boy Scout Roundtables which concern all of us. With all of our efforts concentrated on providing a sensational week of program for our boys at camp, your wisdom and expertise are absolutely essential for success. We're asking all Boy Scout Leaders to start attending Roundtables as frequently as possible so that we can pull our resources and use these meetings to plan out the camp program for this coming summer.

Your experience in Scouting and the time you've spent at summer camp are invaluable to us as we plan the program. You can have as much input as you like in what's going to go on at Camp Olmsted this summer. But it starts with you. These are only one meeting per month (not counting February) for as much time as you can spare. Roundtables are always the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Warren.

Please come and share your Scouting wisdom.

Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk will be held Friday December 1st in downtown Warren. Other than the date, there are no details. We encourage all units to walk in the parade but won't know the Exactly where to meet or what time. Please keep looking in the newspaper for the time and starting area of the parade. Hope to see you all there.



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2006 Eagle Scout Roll
Congratulations from the Chief
Cornplanter Council to the fol-
lowing Scouts who have
achieved Scouting's highest
award and honor—

the **Eagle Scout** rank

Aaron Byrne, son of Joe and
Anita Byrne, is a member of
Boy Scout Troop 31, spon-
sored by the Evangelical
United Methodist Church,
"Butch" Hazeltine, Scoutmas-
ter.

Joseph R. Riel, son of
Charles and Terrie Riel, is a
member of Boy Scout Troop
17, sponsored by the Sugar
Grove American Legion, Dart
Summerson, Scoutmaster.



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Order of the Arrow Family Banquet

The lodge will hold its annual Family Banquet on Saturday January 6, 2007 at the Pleasant Township Fire Hall. You are asked to arrive around 5:30 PM to sign in, look around at the displays and share fellowship with other Scouters. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. This is a tureen dinner, please bring your own table settings and a dish to pass. The main course, drinks and rolls will be provided by the lodge. There will be a \$5.00 cost for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, maximum cost of \$15.00 per family. Reservations are required by December 29th!

Please Note: OA dues need to be paid when your unit recharter. It is the responsibility of each troop's OA Representative to collect the OA dues for members of their troop. Please make sure that these dues are submitted to the Bett's Service Center when your re-charter is turned in. This will save a lot of time trying to collect this information later.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE

The Handsome Lake District of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA will hold its annual meeting and election on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. The location will be at First Presbyterian Church, Warren. Time to begin is 7:00 pm. All Chartered organization Representatives and Executive Board members are asked to attend.

Individuals seeking to submit nominations for the District Committee MUST submit the nominations in writing to Michael Brennan, chairman of the District Nominating Committee. Nominations should be sent to:

Michael Brennan, Chairman

Handsome Lake District

Nominating Committee

316 Fourth Avenue

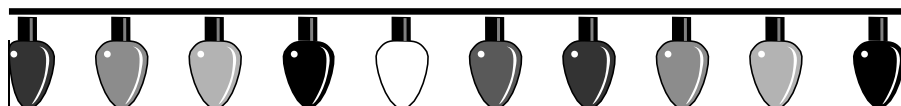
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365

KLONDIKE DERBY

The 2007 Klondike Derby will be held Friday January 26, 2007 and Saturday, January 27, 2007. Location has not been determined yet.

We will gather Friday evening for a campout. You do not need to attend the campout to participate in the derby on Saturday. While the cost has not been determined, it will be the same whether you camp or not. The Chair for the event this year is not determined. Registration for the derby on Saturday is from 8:15 AM until the event starts at 9:00 AM. The event should be over around 3:00 PM. Scouts need to bring their lunches and a can of soup for the Mulligan Stew. Please do not bring Tomato or cream soups. Scoutmasters, you will be receiving some information in December with more particulars.

Note: This is just a heads up notice for the Klondike. More details will be in your mailboxes at the BSSC in late December.





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Chief Cornplanter Council Activity Calendar

November

- 2 Roundtable
- 4 Scouting For Food Bag Distribution
- 8 District Committee Meeting
- 10 Veterans Day Observed, Betts Service Center Closed
- 11 Scouting For Food Bag Pickup
- 23-24 Happy Thanksgiving, Betts Service Center Closed

December

- 1 Christmas Walk
- 7 Roundtable
- 9 Recharter Day
- 13 District Committee Meeting
- 25-26 Merry Christmas, Betts Service Center Closed

Dates to Note: January 27th, 2007 Klondike Derby

KEY DATES FOR THE POPCORN SALE

November

- 2 Unit Popcorn Orders Due – Turn in to Betts Service Center
- 17 Popcorn Breakdown – United Refining Warehouse (the old Mangione Distributors Warehouse), Fourth Avenue, Warren
- 18 Popcorn Distribution – United Refining Warehouse (the old Mangione Distributors Warehouse), Fourth Avenue, Warren

December

- 8 Popcorn Money Due – Turn in to Betts Service Center

CUB RECRUITMENT NOT OVER

Even though you had your recruitment night already, Cub Recruitment is something that should never be “finished.” We have developed a “Business Card” that your Cubs can take to school and present to their friends. The cards will list when your meeting is, where it’s at, and what time. We’ve made enough so that each Cub in our Council could give one to five of their friends as a way of inviting them to join Cubs and join in the fun. This method of recruiting is called “peer-to-peer”. On a nationwide basis it’s proven that when a boy asks his friends to join, more boys join Cubs.

The business cards are available during Trading Post hours at the BSSC, and if there are any left, at Roundtable. Please make sure you stop by and pick up as many as you think you will need. Even if we only recruited just one boy from this method, that boy needs Scouting.