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NEW ADULT APPLICATIONS

The National Office has devised new Adult Applications, making the ones you have obsolete. If you have ANY adult applications in your possession, please throw them away. They can no longer be used for registrations and cannot be accepted in the office. The New Adult Applications will be available at Program Launch and in Cub Recruitment packets or can be picked up at the Betts Scout Service Center. Thank you.

MONTHLY LEADER MEETING REWARDS

Attending Roundtables just got a whole lot more interesting. They're always interesting! - but now you get an additional reward for attending. Each registered Scouter who attends a Roundtable meeting will receive, at the end of the evening, one wooden token. May not seem like much, but collect 10 of them and turn them in at Camp payment time and you receive one free leader at Camp Olmsted! For every 10 tokens redeemed by a unit at camp payment time that unit will receive a free leader at our camp next summer.

The only "trick", is that you can't turn in a few tokens hoping to get something taken off the price. You need to submit 10 before the discount can take effect. Otherwise its that simple! Go to Roundtables, stay as long as you are able, pick up a token with real value. These are not intended as individual rewards. They should be pooled by each unit and may only be redeemed at camp payment time by registered adult leaders. More information at Program Launch.

ANNUAL PROGRAM LAUNCH

The annual Program Launch is planned for August 24 at DeFrees Park Pavilion, next to the Service Center. 6:30 PM.

All Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Our new Scout Executive will be on hand to pass out a wealth of information that should help make your upcoming Scouting year a sensational one! Everyone will get a packet of "stuff" that is unit specific (Packs for Packs, etc.). Council Program Calendars will be available as well.

No charge to attend and pizza is on the menu. So please have someone from your unit in attendance or plan to miss out! Please contact Karen at the Betts Scout Service Center to let her know how many from your Unit plan to attend so we may order enough pizza and beverages.

See you there!

OUTDOORSMEN DISCARDS

We are in the process of revamping the interior of the Betts Scout Service Center. It's going to be a long project and we are attempting to do it at NO cost so that NO Friends of Scouting or any other financial contributions are spent on it.

One of the things we could use our some "outdoors" type items: a deer head or two, mounted fish, rough hewn paneling, etc. If you have any of these type items just laying around, or that you were planning to discard, let us know so as we do our "interior decorating" phase, we can get them from you if they are in good condition.

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" to all who helped get camp set up in time for our recent Conclave. Without your help it would have been impossible to pull it off.

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FROM THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S DESK

It has been nearly six months since I was hired to be the Scout Executive of our Council. The Bonner family has finally moved into Warren County and I look forward to showing up at more Pack, Troop, Crew & Post meetings this fall. We obviously have an outstanding Council. Not because of me or anything that goes on at the Betts Scout Service Center - but because of you and all the adult Scouters who willingly give of your time to help the youth of our area develop character through Scouting.

Thanks to Ernie and his staff, Summer Camp went exceedingly well and we are already looking at some exciting developments for next summer. Within just 6 weeks of kicking off our Friends of Scouting Community Campaign we reached 62% of our goal and expect to finish up our fundraising effort soon. If you haven't renewed your gift for this year, please do so as soon as possible.

We do need to find new ways to attract more boys to our program. We will be doing that first through our fall Cub Recruitment effort, headed by Judy Kepple. We will be getting out the membership plan to everyone soon and hope that everyone follows the same game plan for success. Troops really need to track upcoming Webelos and invite them to meetings and outings. I hope that all Troops will consider conducting an open house as well.

For Venturing there is a new knot available to anyone helping to start a new traditional unit. If you can help to sign up your church youth group as a Venture Crew, you immediately earn this knot for your uniform! Why church youth groups? Some are in need of youth - which we can help provide. Some are in need of program - which we can also help provide. Some are in need of a place for retreats and outings - a place like Camp Olmsted. With our first duty in Scouting being a Duty To God, Venturing and church youth groups is a natural fit.

Great things are on the horizon for the Chief Cornplanter Council. I'm excited to be a part of it and I hope you all are as well. We're currently the 3rd smallest Council in America - lets not rest until we're at least the 4th or 5th!!!!

In conclusion, its nearing United Fund campaign time. The United Fund is a huge supporter of Scouting and we appreciate our partnership with them. Please give generously when a United Fund representative contacts you for support.

Kevin J. Bonner
Scout Executive

POPCORN CHANGES ANNOUNCED

There will be a few changes to this year's fall Popcorn Sale.

1) Your Unit now has the opportunity to earn up to 35%\$ You'll earn a base of 30% for selling and getting your money in on time. You can receive an extra 5% credited to your unit account at the Betts Scout Service Center, if your Unit decides to forgo the incentive prizes for the boys. It's your Units choice. Not available to individuals - it is a UNIT decision.

2) Check the dates! Popcorn kickoff doesn't occur until October 5th Roundtables! And you have until December to sell and pay. Order forms are due by Nov. 2nd Roundtables. Popcorn pickup is on November 18. Popcorn payments aren't due until December 8! This way, your Scouts have a better chance of selling people on the idea that popcorn makes great Christmas presents. Also, it stops the old "welcome to Scouting, here's your popcorn form" routine.

3) There will be an extra incentive this year. The top seller in the Council will have his choice of an Xbox, a Playstation 3, or an Ipod Mini. Everyone has the opportunity to be that top seller! This is an additional incentive and does not effect the traditional prize structure - it's over and above those prizes.

4) If you haven't already done so, make a budget for your Unit. Divide the necessary income by the number of boys in your unit. This should be every boy's goal. Multiply this number by 3 to figure out how much total dollars in popcorn each Scout should sell, then divide that number by 10 to figure out how many containers (on average) he must sell to make that goal. It sounds complicated but its really a sure-fire way to make sure your Unit has enough funds for the year to deliver on the promise of fun we make to our Scouts - without having another fundraiser all year.

Look for the Popcorn information at the Program Launch!

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS

Our neighbors to the west, the French Creek Council, hold a University of Scouting each year in November at Edinboro University. Its a huge event with Scouters coming from Councils all over PA, Ohio & New York.

They are currently seeking instructors for some of their courses and have asked us if any of our Scouters would like to join them. For those teaching a session(s) they get a free lunch and they also get to go to any session they want when they are not teaching. They just have to register so we know how many are in each class.

Here is a list of what courses, at press time, still needed instructors:

- > Cub Grub I
- > Troop Open Houses
- > Monthly Leader Meetings - Round Table
- > In the Night Sky
- > Cub Grub II
- > Leader Survival
- > Cub Scout Outdoor Activity/summer time pack award
- > Youth Protection (2 periods)
- > A Patriotic Scout
- > Ceremonies
- > Planning a red & white
- > The History of Scouting - The blast from the past
- > Patrol Spirit
- > Balancing scouting and family
- > Conflit resolution
- > Patrol method
- > New dangers in the Wilderness
- > Helping the pack grow
- > Planning a court of honor
- > Planning a blue and gold
- > Drug & alcohol awareness

If you feel capable of instructing any of these courses, please contact Janet Loosemore at janet.loosemore@wheatland.com to let her know of your interest.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING SCHEDULED

Council Advancement Chair Larry Dalrymple has announced that a Merit Badge Counselor training will be held on September 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Slater Room at the Warren Public Library. All who are interested in becoming merit badge counselors are invited to attend this training session. Individuals wishing to brush up on the correct procedures for signing merit badge cards may also attend.

Here is one of the winning essays from the Elks contest for Flag Day. It was read by the author, one of our Scouts, I thought it deserved space in the Communicator. Ernie

"What I Feel When I Look at the American Flag"

When I was folding the American flag at Boy Scouts, I was thinking many different things. I was thinking about all the beautiful flags around the Nation that are Red, White and Blue.

I fold the American flag in half. I think of my friend's brave fathers who are risking their lives for other countries freedom. I make the first triangle. I feel lucky that our country is free. I hope it will always be that way. I fold the second triangle. I feel sad and glum because many of our soldiers may not return home...to the American flag. I fold the third triangle. I think of all the battles our country has confronted...holding the American flag. I fold the fourth triangle. I think of all the uniforms of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Of the Military, the Navy, and all the other forces that have the American flag. I tuck in all the triangles. The first flag on the moon.... Was red, white, and blue.

Everywhere around the world, people know the American flag. I am proud of that. You should be too. So remember...the RED,WHITE, and BLUE.

GREGORY MIZAK
BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA
TROOP 9

Switchbacks™ are coming!

These new trousers/shorts are an additional **official** uniform option. They do not replace the traditional poly/cotton trousers and shorts; they are another choice for our customers, much like the poly/wool or 100% cotton trousers and shorts.

Switchbacks™ are trousers, shorts and a removable nylon belt—all for just \$39.95.

You may place your order with Karen at the Betts Scout Service Center. These will make Great Christmas Gifts!



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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

Patrick Snook, son of Gary and
Vanessa Snook, is a member
of Troop 43, sponsored by The
Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-
ter Day Saints, Lee Dosser,
Scoutmaster.

Matthew Griffin, son of Ray
and Sue Griffin, is a member
of Boy Scout Troop 31, spon-
sored by the Evangelical
United Methodist Church,
"Butch" Hazeltine, Scoutmas-
ter.

William "Billy" Thomas, the son
of William Thomas and Dawn
School, is a member of Troop
13 sponsored by the North
Warren Presbyterian Church,
Larry Dalrymple, Scoutmas-
ter .

Taiji Nelson, the son of Elaine
Rhodes, is a member of Troop
1, sponsored by the Trinity Me-
morial Episcopal Church, Ad-
die Landrio, Scoutmaster.



CAMP NEWS

The camps have come and gone and I believe that we can call them a SUCCESS! The Parent/Pal Overnighter and Webelos Resident camp set new attendance records. Smiles were seen everywhere!

Both the Webelos Resident and Boy Scout Resident camps qualified as National Quality Camps. Many thanks to the staff for getting things in shape and for providing a quality program.

We will have a list in your mailboxes of the advancements earned at Webelos Resident camp soon.

Again, many thanks to the staff, leaders that participated and of course the many campers and their parents for attending.

Online Popcorn Training

For all you leaders who would like a little extra boost in how to help your pack and run your popcorn sale; help is available online in the form of training videos. Use your favorite browser and go to www.trails-end.com. From there click on the Web-Based Training window and then onto the Leader button. It's that simple.

You need the latest version of FLASH to run the videos. I had a problem loading the program from their site. The latest version of Adobe Flash Player can be downloaded for free from www.macromedia.com.

DAY CAMP NEWS

Sue, you did it again! I can't begin to relate the good remarks that I have received about Cub Scout Day Camp. It was conducted at Camp Birdsall-Edey this year and the location couldn't be nicer. The pool, buildings, Flat terrain and beauty of our Pennsylvania woods made it the best camp in years.

Many thanks to camp director Sue Lyle for her hours of effort. Of course she had help from a staff of volunteer who were very willing to help. Thank you all!

BEAVER DAY



Saturday October 14th

8:00 am— ?

Camp Olmsted, Scandia, PA

We will be doing numerous projects around camp. Bring your work gloves and whatever tools you are handy with and join in the work bees to help us get camp ready to open for the summer season. Come join other Scouters in a day of friendly service.!

We need everyone's help!

CUB SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

Are you a new Cub Scout Leader? Are you confused about what Cub Scouting is and what your role is?

Cub Scout leader basic training is designed just for you and your needs. It is an opportunity for you and your leaders to get all those questions answered about how to organize and run a successful Cub Scout Pack. A staff of Cub Scout leaders with years of accumulated experience teaches the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training courses in the Chief Cornplanter Council. Plan now to attend as a group and make it more fun for all. To sign up for one of the upcoming training events, give the Betts Scout Service Center a call at 723-6700.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

September 19 and 21, 2006	Jefferson DeFrees Family Center	6:00 PM—9:00 PM
October 7, 2006	Clarendon Trinity Methodist Church	9:00 AM—2:00 PM
October 16 and 18, 2006	Otterbein United Methodist Church, Pittsfield	6:00 PM—9:00 PM



NEW COUNCIL STRIPS AVAILABLE

Pictured is the new official Council Shoulder Strip for the Chief Cornplanter Council. It shows Chief Cornplanter with the Allegheny valley in the background, an orange sunset and purple sky. In the sky is the Iroquois wampum belt adapted from the flag of the Iroquois nation. The Seneca are represented by the square on the far left of the strip as "keepers of the western gate". In the heart of the wampum belt image is our fleur-de-lis.

There should be plenty to go around and these will be the strips worn by all new Cubs this fall. We do have a limited supply of the former Council Shoulder Strip featuring the dam. These will continue to be sold on a first-come-first-served basis until the supply lasts. The former strips are sure to become collector's items so make sure you stop by the Bett's Scout Service Center to pick a few up.

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR CUB RECRUITMENT!

September is fast approaching and we need all our Cub Packs on the same page in order to help make this the most successful Cub Recruitment effort ever.

This year we are pleased to announce that Judy Kepple has agreed to serve as Cub Recruitment Chair. Judy will be contacting all Packs to find out what you have planned for a sign-up date and time. We would like everyone to plan for the second full week in September (the 11th thru the 15th) so we are less trouble on our schools who are very busy at this time of year.

Everyone attending the Program Launch will receive a copy of the Cub Recruiting Membership plan - chock full of great time-tested ideas and strategies to help you recruit as many cubs as possible **IF YOU FOLLOW THE PLAN!** We ask that everyone conduct their sign-ups **AT THEIR OWN MEETING PLACE**. This information will be printed on the flyers. So as soon as you know what night and time, please call Judy so we can get it on the flyers in a timely fashion.

Please don't conduct a full fledged meeting on sign up night. These people largely don't understand Scouting and aren't prepared for the fanfare! They're coming to sign their kids up. Sign 'em up and send them home with a note telling them their Den Leader's name and number and when their first meeting will be. It's that simple. And don't hold applications! A boy isn't registered in the program or covered with BSA insurance until that new application is in the Bett's Scout Service Center. As soon as you conduct your recruitment night, get your applications turned in.

If we all follow the plan we can be successful. The professional staff pledges its support in this effort

FREE TIGER AND BOBCAT BADGES

A twist to Fall recruitment this year - there will be an opportunity to get free Tiger and/or Bobcat badges for all new boys recruited this fall. In order to qualify, your Pack only has to have just 1 more boy registered by October 2 than you did on December 31 last year. That means boys applications turned into the office by that date.

If you qualify, your Pack will be given a coupon good for free Tiger or Bobcat Badges for those new boys when they earn them next spring (Tiger badges for new Tigers, Bobcat Badges for new Wolves, Bears and Webelos). One free badge per new boy.

Best of luck. We hope you are successful!



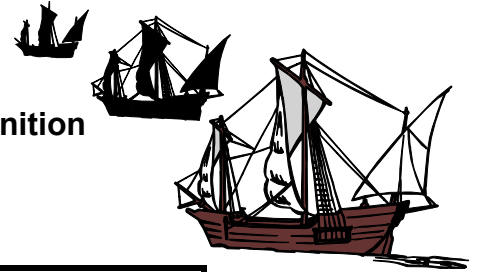
Chuck Riel and Steve Hotchkiss receiving their Wood Badge recognition from Don Johnson.



Gregg Trislet congratulates Tim Harlan on receiving a Scoutmaster's Award upon the nomination of his troop.



**2006 Volunteer Recognition
Dinner Pictures**



Dan Wolboldt, Council Commissioner, congratulates Marty Stover on his District Award of Merit



Jim Marshall, Council President and Dan Wolboldt, Council Commissioner congratulate Addie Landrio upon receiving the highest award a Boy Scout Council can grant, The Silver Beaver Award, at our 90 Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner.



Mark Durnell, District Commissioner, displays his "District Award of Merit."

Attention all Cub Scout Leaders

We will be conducting a Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training session on Saturday October 14th, 2006 at the Scout Office. Any Pack wishing to have any kind of an overnight program **MUST** have a BALOO trained leader in attendance. This is a great opportunity to receive this training. It will be held from 9:00 AM until we get done (probably around 4:00). We will be doing the Webelos Outdoor Leader Skills Training at the same time. Please sign up at the Betts Scout Service Center before September 30th. This session will be cancelled if we do not have enough participants.

Attention all Boy Scout Leaders

We will be conducting a Boy Scout Leader training session Starting Friday evening September 29th through Sunday October 1st at Camp Olmsted. Any Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committeemen or adult who helps a lot at Scout meetings may attend. This training is only done twice a year and won't be conducted again until the spring. It will be held from 6:00 PM Friday until we get done on Sunday (probably around 4:00 PM). This training will include the three different areas needed to be considered a "Trained Leader" by the BSA. Those sessions are New Leader Essentials, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training. Please sign up at the Betts Scout Service Center before September 15th. This session will be cancelled if we do not have enough participants.

FALL ORDEAL

Fall Ordeal is August 25 to August 27, 2006. Ordeals are a very important part of our brotherhood. They provide us with an opportunity to welcome Ordeal candidates into the lodge and to celebrate in the success of our Brotherhood and Vigil members. We have many exciting projects to work on at camp, so mark these dates down on your calendar and register for Fall Ordeal at the Betts Service Center. Cost for Ordeal candidates is \$45.00, Brotherhood candidates \$35.00 and all other members \$15.00.

CUB SCOUT LEADERS

Spread the word that there will be a Cub Scout Adventure Day this year. It will take place on Saturday September 30th. This will be open to ALL CUB SCOUTS. Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos are invited to join in the fun.

We are looking for a Chairperson to run the event, so if you are interested...give Ernie (723-6700) a call or get hold of Rick Lyle (489-0296)SOON. As we get closer to the event, you will get flyers in your Pack mailbox at the Betts Scout Service Center.



Can of Worms Camporee

This fall we will try something new. On Saturday October 7th, Troops may come to Camp Olmsted for a fall camporee. Troops may arrive any time during the afternoon or evening to set up. On Sunday October 7th, we will make patrols from all campers and proceed to the C.O.P.E. course for a day of fun activities. While at the course, the Scouts will cook their own lunches with food that will be provided by us. Since Monday is a day off from school, Troops are free to stay Sunday night and do troop activities on Monday as long as they have the required leadership. Troops need to provide their own food for all meals except Sunday lunch. Campfires will be allowed but in a raised container. The camp has a limited number of containers available. A minimal fee of three dollars will be charged and will cover the cost of lunch and a patch. The patches will not be ordered until we have a final count, so they will not be available at the camporee. We will have an opening campfire and will have some sort of pro-

Dear Scouters and Friends,

It has come to our attention that some people might be interested in recipes that you have in your possession. These would be your favorite potluck dishes, casseroles, desserts, appetizers and etc. There is a committee that is looking into making a council cookbook with you in it.

We are asking at this time that if you would please submit three or four of your favorite recipes with your name and Pack or Troop number to the scout office. If the interest is there, we will compile them into a cookbook that could be ready as early as February. Forms are available at the Betts Service Center for your recipes and we will also put a couple in your mailboxes. If you are interested please respond by the middle of September. Also, please indicate how many of the cookbooks you would be interested in purchasing. If you have any questions, please call Karen at the Betts Scout Service Center 723-6700. Thank you for participating in our efforts.





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Chief Cornplanter Council Activity Calendar

September

- 4 Labor Day Observed, Betts Service Center Closed
- 7 Roundtable
- 13 District Committee Meeting
- 13 Beaver Day—Camp Olmsted—Scandia 8:00 AM—POC
- 19 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training Part one
- 20 Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 21 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training Part two
- 23 Beaver Day at Camp Olmsted—Scandia 8:00 AM
- 29– 30 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 30 Cub Scout Adventure Day

October

- 1 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 5 Roundtable
- 6 Popcorn Sale Begins
- 7 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training Parts one and two
- 7-9 Fall Camporee
- 9 Columbus Day Observed, Betts Service Center Closed
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Beaver Day—Camp Olmsted—Scandia 8:00 AM
- 14 Cub Scout Baloo and Webelos Outdoor Training
- 16 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training Part one
- 18 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training Part two
- 31 Halloween

KEY DATES FOR THE POPCORN SALE

October

- 5 Popcorn Kick-off and Training
- 5 Popcorn Take Order period begins.

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

