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FOS KICKS OFF

Now is the time for all Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts to schedule their 2007 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation. There will be no more powerpoint presentation in our FOS talks and the impact on your meeting will be minimal. We expect the presenters will take no more than 8 to 10 minutes. We ask that everyone consider having our presenter in at a banquet or other family gathering and we hope to have them all completed by the end of March at the latest.

Family FOS is an extremely important part of our Council's ability to stay in business and to provide a top-notch program with quality volunteer support. Those attending Camp this summer are reminded that a fair-share Family FOS presentation reduces your camp fees.

Also, everyone should take note that we are starting a whole new series of Friends of Scouting Council strips. The new series is based on area wildlife. This first year's patch will feature a black bear (pictured). Following years will feature geese, deer, and bald eagle.

And things have changed with regard to the FOS Council Strips. While we will still be asking contributors to give at the average per-boy amount, we will be giving out the FOS patches as our way of saying "thank you" to anyone who contributes at the \$60 level or more.

To schedule your Family presentation, please contact Ernie at the Betts Scout Service Center as soon as possible.

Thank you.

CHILI DINNER FOR CAMP

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, February 1 and plan to attend the annual Camp Leaders Chili Dinner. This dinner will be held at the North Warren Presbyterian Church on State Street in North Warren. Starting time for the evening is 6:00PM.

This dinner is being hosted by the Gyantwachia Lodge, Order of the Arrow and is designed to give our Scout leaders more information about the specifics of the upcoming summer camp session at Camp Olmsted. All leaders who are planning to attend summer camp with their troop are invited to attend. Please call 723-6700 and let us know how many in your unit are attending. If we don't receive your reservation, you might receive an empty bowl!!!

REPRESENTATIVE OFFERS RESOURCES

State Representative Kathy Rapp would like to remind all Leaders that her office is stocked with resources to help Scouts earn citizenship requirements (belt loops, merit badges, etc.). Her office contains information including the flag code, how a bill becomes law, the history of Pennsylvania, and many others. In addition, there is information on Pennsylvania wildlife, the trees of Pennsylvania and many other subjects. Rep. Rapp has provided us with a standing offer that Troops, Packs and Crews can go to her office at any time during regular business hours to get some of this resource information.

SUMMER CAMP REALLY TAKING SHAPE

Scout Executive Kevin Bonner & Program Vice President Chad Betts are pleased to announce that, as of press time, the program for Summer Camp is really taking shape. We've nailed down the merit badges we will be offering at Boy Scout week, the Webelos program is being solidified, and volunteers are flocking to help man all the program areas. Camp Director Bill Wilson and Program Director Ernie Crawford are really working hard to make sure that every boy who attends camp this summer will take away memories to last a lifetime. The Camp Leader Guidebook will be available shortly with all the program details. We will go over camp in detail at the Chili Dinner. See the article on the Chili Dinner elsewhere in this edition and make plans now to be there and make sure your boys come to Camp Olmsted this summer to make some history with us!



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LION CUBS

A big WELCOME! To all our new Lion Cubs (kindergardeners). This new program was introduced this year as an option for Packs who want to serve kindergarden aged youth and get a jump on their Tiger Cub recruitment for the following year. Those Packs who are currently running the program seem to be pleased with the way it operates and have mentioned that they are glad that they decided to support Lion Cubbing.

Other Councils are now taking a serious look at the program that we helped to create and the kindergarden-age movement seems to be taking hold in the BSA.

If your Pack currently doesn't serve kindergarden-aged youth and would like to give it a try next September, give Ernie or Kevin a call to let them know you will be interested. You should start thinking about it now in your Pack planning process. There are program items which the Council will need to order in advance for the program to be successful.

CHANGE IN CHARTER MONTH

It has come to our attention that people are a bit frustrated with the change in charter dates for all units because they feel they will be charged an extra \$20 charter fee in the process. This is NOT true.

The overall charter period will be 18 months and, if we kept on our old schedule, everyone would have been rechartering twice in the same time frame and still sending the \$20 charter fee twice to the National Office. The only additional fees a unit might be paying in this charter month change would be an extra ten cents per boy if they decide not to charter for the full term to bring them to June, 2008.

We need to do this change and we are trying to make it as painless as possible on everyone involved. If you have any questions about the rechartering change, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin at the Betts Scout Service Center.

SPRING CAMPOREE

The 2007 Spring Camporee is tentatively planned to be a joint effort between our Council and our neighbors in French Creek. The event will be held at Oil Creek State Park in Petroleum Center, PA. The last time our Councils met there we had over 1,000 people show up for the event so this looks to be a great time for all.

The Spring Camporee is tentatively 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.

FALL POPCORN SUCCESS

Wow, what an excellent job everyone did in our fall popcorn sale! As a Council our popcorn gross sale was almost \$80,000. That's fantastic. Of course, those who followed the Ideal Year of Scouting, produced a budget and set sales goal for their boys were the real winners because they should not have to have another fund-raiser all year.

Our thanks to United Refining for the use of their warehouse. Also thanks to Marty Stover, Patrick Hamilton and all the others who helped break down orders and load vehicles at the warehouse. Thanks especially to the boys who did a great job selling the world's best tasting popcorn, and to all the unit volunteers who helped put orders together, distribute the popcorn, etc..

At press time, prizes have been ordered for everyone and should be on their way to you soon, if you have not already received them.

We have some great plans for the Spring popcorn sale so keep your eyes peeled for more information. You really will want to take part in this one.



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SCOUT SUNDAY

Although Sunday, February 4, 2007 is the nationally recognized Scout Sunday, your unit can schedule your service for any Sunday throughout the month of February. Units are encouraged to take part and assist with their various religious affiliation services and activities that day. Units able to send a copy of their church bulletin to the Scout Service Center are asked to do so.

UNIFORM DAY

Wear your uniform to school, work or play on Tuesday, February 6th! That will be the day to show your *SCOUTING PRIDE* as all Scouts and Scouters celebrate scouting on Anniversary Day.

COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY

The Council Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, February 10th, 2007 at the Warren Mall. All Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts in the District are invited to participate this year. Sign-in for the race will begin at 9:00 AM with the race scheduled to start at 10:30 AM or as soon as everyone is weighed-in. Racers will compete in all six lanes for the best time. Pre-registration is **MANDATORY** and thanks to our sponsor, Ed Shults of Warren, this event is **free**. All Cubmasters are reminded to contact the Scout Office by February 7th with a list from your pack of who will be participating. Trophies will be awarded to the top Tiger cub racers, Cub Scout Racers and Webelos Racers, as well as the overall winners. Come join the fun at the mall!!!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER TO BE HELD

Each year, the Chief Cornplanter Council hosts a gathering to recognize those individuals who have gone out of their way to support Scouting here in Warren County. This year's dinner will take place on Thursday, May 3rd. This event is planned as an opportunity for adult Scouters to spend an evening out with other Scouters, meet their spouses and enjoy the camaraderie of the gathering. Everyone is welcome.

UNITS RECHARTERING IN JANUARY

Troops: 8, 9, 13, 14, 21, 22, 31, 33, 43, 45, 55 and Crew 22

Please remember that you need to schedule an appointment to turn in your recharter paperwork. Please contact Ernie Crawford 723-6700 to schedule your appointment. Remember, an ON TIME charter renewal is required to be a QUALITY UNIT.

Remember...we will be collecting the annual Order of the Arrow dues at the same time. Pay your dues before any increases occur.

SCOUT ACCOUNTS

The National Office recommends that every Pack, Troop and Crew maintain individual Scout Accounts for each youth member you have registered. When they sell something, a portion of what they've sold gets placed in their Scout Account for use in paying for camp or for purchasing Scouting related items.

This system teaches fiscal responsibility to the boys and lets them know that they have done a great job, if they are regularly informed of what they have in their Scout Account. It also encourages them to succeed in whatever fund-raiser your unit is doing because they will know that exceptional individual effort has rewards. This will also benefit your unit in total sales.

Those who are not using the Scout Account model suggested by the National Office are encouraged to start doing so as soon as possible.

If you have questions about unit budgeting, Scout Accounts, etc., please contact Scout Executive Kevin Bonner and he will set up a time to come visit with you and your parents to explain the benefits of the system and how to start implementing it in your unit.

We will be having a Boy Scout Olympics on Saturday March 24th. Dave Whitten will chair the event. This will be held at Camp Olmsted and should once again give the Scouts an opportunity to "Go for the Gold" while challenging their Scouting skills. Please encourage your boys to attend this fun event. More information will be coming out to you.. Stay tuned!

2007 Mall Show

Handsome Lake District Chairman Gregg Trisket is proud to announce Judy Kepple as the Chairperson for the 2007 Mall Show. It will take place on Saturday February 10th, 2007. This year's theme is "**Proud to be an American**".

Set-up can be made after the mall closes at 10:00PM Friday night or before it opens at 9:00AM on Saturday. The mall management requests that ALL units stay until 9:00PM on Saturday. Plan to have the most coverage during the highest traffic period (10:00AM-5:00PM). It is best to work in 1-2 hour shifts, by den or patrol. All participating units are to contact Judy Kepple (757-9201), with requests for spaces in the mall, type of activity or display, and any special needs (i.e.- electric, you are urged to bring your own tables and chairs), by Friday, January 26th.

History Trunks

Would you like to offer your troop an educational and exciting way to experience local history? The Warren County Historical Society offers traveling history trunks with great hands-on projects for learners of all ages. The trunks contain a wealth of information and activities, so you have many choices to adapt the materials to fit what you think would best benefit your group. A convenient table of contents, worksheets, and activities guides will save you time so you can devote your energy to the projects. Historical Society volunteers are also available to help you present the trunks to your group. Our trunks are rotating in and out of the building, so it's a good idea to reserve your trunk well in advance. We request that trunks be returned after two weeks or that you contact the historical society if you need the trunk for a longer time. Some of the trunks available include:

People & Places: *lead students on a visit to each community through photographic images and historical sketches of people important to Warren County and its development.*

Early Industries: *explore how agriculture, petroleum, tanning, and lumber contributed to the growth and prosperity of Warren County.*

Transportation: *wear an airplane pilot's helmet with plug-in earphones or a duster worn in a Model-T automobile and view an overhead transparency program showing the transitions in area history.*

Immigration: *using ethnic objects, craft ideas, and background information, imagine how newcomers to this country and our county found a better life.*

Seneca Nation of Indians: *Iroquois traditions and the lifestyles of the Cornplanter Seneca are presented through books, activities, and authentic objects.*

Lumber Industry: *Photo collection and information on all aspects of this industry.*

To reserve a history trunk, please call (814)723-1795, stop by 210 Fourth Avenue in Warren, or send an email to warren-history@kinzua.net

POPCORN WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Part of the prize incentives for this past fall's Trail's End Popcorn sale was that the top 3 sellers would get their choice of a Playstation 3, and Xbox 360, or an iPod mini.

The three top sellers this year and the amounts they raised were:

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| 1) Andrew Lang, Troop 6 | \$3,039 |
| 2) Ryan Gustafson, Pack 60 | \$1,116 |
| 3) Neil Morrison, Pack 13 | \$1,071 |

Congratulations to these boys who strived for excellence and achieved it. That's part of what Scouting is all about.

And congratulations to all the other boys who worked so hard to try to be top sellers.

Congratulations also to our top 3 selling units: 1) Pack 782, 2) Pack 14, and 3) Pack 30. And last but not least, Congratulations to the following units who had the highest per-boy sales in the Council. For the Packs in order: Pack 60, Pack 782, Pack 33 and Pack 14. For the Troops in order: Troop 6, Troop 1, Troop 45 and Troop 13. Thank You one and all!

KLONDIKE DERBY Reminder

The 2007 Klondike Derby will be held Friday January 26, 2007 and Saturday, January 27, 2007. Location has been set for Betts Park.

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 Alex Watkins. Registration for the derby on Saturday is from 8:00 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 reminder notice for the Klondike. Information is in your Mailboxes at the Office.

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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 22, 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

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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 Birdsell 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.



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

the **Eagle Scout** rank

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

Mark Werner, the son of Jack and Gloria Werner, is a member of Troop 35, sponsored by the Sheffield United Methodist Church, Thomas Dunn, Scoutmaster.

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 Spirits of Scouting Past, Present and Future were certainly pleased with the great turnout we had for this year's parade. Many units participated (with banners and flags) and showed what Scouts are made out of by braving the cold winds that threatened to blow us all away. Too bad there weren't more spectators to watch the parade. The Order of the Arrow and Troop 8 also had a good youth participation with their sales. Thanks to all who participated in this community event.

Reminder of 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 tu-reen 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!

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Chief Cornplanter Council Activity Calendar

January

- 1 Happy New Year, Betts Service Center Closed
- 4 Roundtable
- 6 OA Family Banquet & Lodge Meeting
- 10 District Committee Meeting
- 13 Camp Olmsted Work Day
- 13 Recharter Day
- 15 Martin Luther King Day, Betts Service Center Closed
- 26-27 Klondike Derby

February

- 1 Camp Leader's Chili Dinner—Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 4 Scout Sunday
- 10 Pinewood Derby / Mall Show
- 14 District Committee Meeting
- 17 Camp Olmsted Work Day
- 19 President's Day, Betts Service Center Closed

Dates to Note: March 24th, 2007 Boy Scout Olympics

Free Rank Badges Return

At one time the Chief Cornplanter Council gave all badges of rank to units for FREE if they were 100% Boy's Life Units. At some point this tradition ceased. Well Guess what?? It's Back!

If your Pack or Troop is a 100% Boy's Life Unit, you will get all your Badges or Rank for the charter year at absolutely no charge. Reading is fun for young boys, and Boy's Life is a fun way to get boys reading and learning new things. And if you didn't know it, Boy's Life is now age specific. 16 Year old boys and 8 year old cubs do not get the same information inside their magazine anymore.

You are considered to be 100% when every member of your unit subscribes to the magazine. If you have brothers, it counts if one subscription comes to their household (both do not have to subscribe. If you have already chartered, you may still sign up now or wait until the June recharter time.

Unit and Leader Pinewood Derby Race

We will once again hold a Derby race for Units, Unit Leaders, parents, Boy Scouts and Community businesses. \$5.00 will get you a car and entry into the race. Make sure you leave your name at the off office when you pick up your car. A ten ounce weight limit will be in effect for this race, but last year no one came close to the winner of the other race with the 5 ounce limit. Hmmm is that a hint? You also need to remember what gender won the race. Challenge your rival Units or friends, let's make this a bigger race than last year! See you There.