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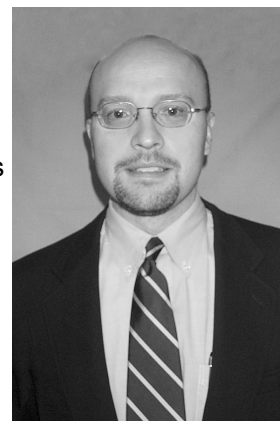
Welcome Scouters, to the inaugural edition of the Chief Cornplanter Council's new newsletter, "The Pathfinder". We hope that you all like the new format, will find it easier to read, and enable you to more easily find the information that's pertinent to you. Your submissions to this newsletter are always welcome. We will print them, and any great pictures of your Scouts in action, as space permits. Your suggestions are always welcome. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully as it is one of our Council's primary communication vehicles and we plan to present a lot of great information here to enable you to provide a better quality program for the boys in your unit.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT

At the January Board Meeting, Skip Marsh was elected as new President for 2007, succeeding Jim Marshall in that position. Skip is the Chief Financial Officer of Warren General Hospital.

Marsh was a Cub Scout and Webelos Scout as a youth. He received his Bachelor's and Masters Degrees in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo and is a Certified Public Accountant. Marsh is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

He currently serves on the boards of Deerfield Behavioral Health, The Regional Gamma Knife Network and is also a member of the CFO Advisory Group for the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. He previously served on the board of Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.



Marsh is entering his third year as an Executive Board Member for the Boy Scouts, having been first elected to serve in 2005. He has served most recently in the capacity of Vice President of Finance for the Council. Marsh was presented for election by the volunteer Nominating Committee of the Council and his nomination passed unanimously.

Jim Marshall left the Board Presidency because he was recently honored by the Regional Scout President to serve in a higher capacity as a member of the Regional Scout Executive Board, overseeing the operations, assisting and advising a large number of Scout Councils from the Ohio border to Lake Champlain. Jim's done a lot for our Council and will be missed as President, but we're sure to continue to benefit from his wisdom and experience as he continues to help locally as an Executive Board Member of our Council.

Along with the change in Presidency, we would like to welcome the following new Executive Board Members who were approved at the January meeting: Kathleen Morse, ANF; Carmen Feranto, Warren State Hospital (ret.); Mary Gustafson, Whirley's; Jack Werner, Warren School District; John Wagner, United Refining; Jasen Diley, Rouse Estates; Ed Burris, Veteran's Office; John Elchert, Warren Times Observer; Dart Summerson, Troop 17; Gary Landrio, Stone Consulting.

COUNCIL NEWS

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Chief Cornplanter Annual Adult Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is slated for Wednesday May 2. Please reserve this date on your calendar now. This is the big banquet where we recognize all of our volunteers for the outstanding work you do with the boys each year. Highlight of the evening's activities is always the presentation of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. This award is the highest honor a Council can bestow on a volunteer. It's based on many areas of service, both in Scouting and other service in the community. Inside this edition of the newsletter you will find a Silver Beaver Nomination Form. Please think of someone you feel is deserving of this honor and then take the time to complete the form and return it to the Betts Scout Service Center by April 1.

Last year's Silver Beaver recipient Addie Landrio is Chair of this year's dinner and, at press time, is out seeking a great location which will keep cost at a minimum. When all the details are confirmed, we'll be sure to get the information out to everyone.

Attention Scoutmasters

Did you get your 2007 Camp Leader Guidebook? If not; check your mailbox at the Betts Scout Center. They are on a CD in a .pdf format!

ROTARY DINNER

The council was recently notified by the Rotary Club of Warren that the Chief Cornplanter Council will again be the recipient of half of the proceeds of their 10th Annual St. Paddy's Pancake and Sausage Supper. The All-You-Can-Eat supper is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 14th from 4:00 to 7:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Second Avenue in Warren. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event, as pre-sale ticket salesman, a set-up crew for the evening before the event, servers, busboys and a clean-up crew. If you are able to assist in one or more of these positions, please contact Kevin Bonner at the Betts Scout Service Center.

A NOTE FROM THE FAMILY FOS CHAIR

Dear Unit Leaders,

It's my privilege to serve as Family FOS Chair for the Handsome Lake District and our Council.

As you know, every year we ask our Packs, Troops and Crews to invite us in to a family gathering to talk to all our Scouting families about Scouting in our Council and ask for their financial support. As a volunteer, I hope that everyone knows that FOS is a vitally important part of what keeps our Council afloat. Without it, we might not ever be able to improve our facilities at Camp Olmsted or improve the quality of program we're able to deliver. At worst, without the support of our Scouting families, we could lose Camp Olmsted or even lose our independence as a Council and be forced to merge with a neighboring Council. That means that, as leaders, you might have to someday drive to Erie or Du Bois to pick up simple things like badges for your boys. Wouldn't that be terrible?

We need to cherish our independence and maintain our Council with the same geographical boundaries it's always had. In order to do this, we really need to step up to the plate and support Family FOS. Many of our units already support it, and support it well. On the other hand, there are a few out there who don't invite us in to things like Blue and Gold Banquets, or just don't invite us in at all. And the ones who don't invite us in perturb me more than the rest. Sometimes I think they would be the ones complaining most if our Council were ever forced to merge for lack of funding. Having said that, our Council is in decent financial health. We're not close to going out of business - but - we never want to see what being in that position is like either. If you aren't aware, a Family FOS presentation is painless. We don't bring in any computers or video screens. It's just a brief talk of about 5 to 8 minutes. There's no high pressure tactics used. We just state our case and ask for help. If done at a banquet, we could do it while everyone is eating dessert and be out of your hair before the program started. And, if you didn't already know, supporting Family FOS helps reduce your camp fees. Those units who don't participate in financially supporting the Council through Family FOS pay a higher fee for camp, as well they should. Please, if you haven't scheduled a presentation, please do so at your earliest convenience and let Ernie or I know when you'd like a presenter to come in. It's not too late. If you have invited us in, thank you, we appreciate your support of our Council, its future, and the strength of the Scouting program that we are able to provide the boys here in Warren County.

Sincerely, Ellen Koontz, Family FOS Chair, Handsome Lake District

SILVER BEAVER AWARD / DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that a council can bestow on a volunteer Scouter. The Chief Cornplanter Council is currently accepting nominations for individuals that have shown noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth. We encourage you to nominate individuals from your unit or your district worthy of such consideration.

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can bestow on a volunteer Scouter. The Chief Cornplanter Council is currently accepting nominations for individuals that have shown noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth. We encourage you to nominate individuals from your unit or your district worthy of such consideration.

Nomination forms for both awards are available in your mail boxes at the Betts Service Center. After completion, they may be dropped off C/O Mike Brennan at the office or mailed to him at 824 Liberty St., Warren, Pa. 16365. These nominations must be received by April 1, 2007 to be considered for awards at the Council Annual Banquet on May 3, 2007. All nominations will be held confidential.



DISTRICT NEWS

Merit Badge

The recent reorganization of the Chief Cornplanter Council, Committees and the Handsome Lake District, Committees gave the District Advancement and Recognition Committee an opportunity to get a fresh look at how Merit Badge councilors are trained.

Individuals interested in offering merit badge education to the Boy Scout may fill out an Adult Boy Scout of America membership form to be turned in at the Council Service Center. A Merit Badge Councilor training brochure from the BSA national office will be given to the counselor to study and adhere to the national policies and procedures of the BSA. Each year the District, Advancement and Recognition committee will mail out a letter and return card to renew the counselor's membership. Membership is FREE to the active Merit Badge Counselor. Further information will be provided at the Scout Leaders Roundtable scheduled each month.

Scoutmaster Training

District Training Chair Denny Mattison has set the next training session for Friday May 4th—Sunday May 6th. New Leader Essentials, Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills and Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training will be covered. Boy Scout Leader Fast Start should be viewed before coming to this training.

The cost is \$15.00 to cover the cost of food for the weekend. The class **starts** at 6:00 PM Friday evening (eat before you come). Report to the Kiwanis Lodge with your gear for the weekend. There will be some outdoor sessions, so come prepared. We must have reservations for this event. Please call the Betts Scout Service Center 723-6700 by May 1st to sign-up.

2007 KLONDIKE DERBY

The 2007 Klondike Derby was held Saturday, January 27, 2007 at Betts Park. It was a cold clear beautiful day. Twelve Patrols representing 9 Troops competed for the top three prizes. This year's events included: Topography, Fire Building, Planet Zolar, Knots and Lashings, A Blind Sled Pull, First Aid, Distance Measuring, Scout Trivia, Leaf Identification and Bean Bag Throw. Alex Watkins was the chairman for this event. Alex's enthusiasm as chairman insured a successful competition this year. Thanks again, Alex! Congratulations go to the winners and to all of the 74 boys who attended this event. Thanks go to all who donated their time, work and goods to make this event one of the best ever. Special thanks to Tom Zaffino for once again providing the food and the means to cook it. Thanks also to Gordon Mathis for taking care of the Soup; and Denny Mattison and Dan Wolboldt for keeping score. We truly couldn't do this without you.

The winners were:

1st place Ferret Patrol, Troop 9 First United Methodist Church, Warren
2nd place Tasmanian Devils Patrol, Troop 55 Midway Alliance Church
3rd place Black Sheep Patrol, Troop 45 Bethlehem Covenant Church, Warren

Thanks go to all who donated their time, work and goods to make this event one of the best ever.

Eagle Board of Review

The recent reorganization of the Chief Cornplanter Council, Committees and the Handsome Lake District, Committees gave the District, Advancement and Recognition Committee an opportunity to get a fresh look at how an Eagle Board of Review is offered to the Eagle Scout candidate.

After much intense discussion and with a sincere concern to the life-changing interview for the Eagle Scout candidate, the Advancement and Recognition committee with the assistance from the District Committee has elected to offer the Eagle Scout candidate to choose a Board of Review done by the Advancement and Recognition committee or by his Unit. Both reviews are mandated that the district committee members would be directly involved to assure that the Boy Scouts of America national policies and procedures are followed. Further information and unit training will be provided at the Scout Leaders Roundtable scheduled each month.

Allegheny Highlands University of Scouting

University of Scouting will be held on March 10th at the University of Pittsburg/Bradford campus. For a detailed schedule and registration form, please go to:

<http://www.whitetailbsa.org/2007UniversityForm.htm>.

There's a link to the schedule on this page. A course descriptions are not yet available. More classes are being planned, please check this site often for updates.

Just a reminder that registration is \$20 until February 28th. Effective March 1st, the cost goes up to \$25. Pre-payment is encouraged, however, payment is due at the door. Hope to see you at this educational, informational and fun training event.

BOY SCOUT OLYMPICS

Scoutmasters- Flyers will soon be in your mailboxes at the Betts Service Center with information on the Boy Scout Olympics which will be held on March 24th, 2007 from 9:00 until done (3:00?). The location for this event will once again be at Camp Olmsted. Individual Scouts will compete in all ten events for the Gold Medal or they can compete in individual events. Please note that this is not a patrol or team competition but individual competition. Athletes will be encouraged to "DO THEIR BEST" as they compete for the coveted "GOLD MEDAL". Dave Whitten SM of Troop 14 will chair this event. Sign up at the Betts Scout Service Center or at the event. Cost is \$3.00 but we will not order patches until after the event to keep costs down.

MALL SHOW

Event Chair Judy Kepple had five groups with displays at this years Mall Show. Crew 450, Pack 782, Pack 14, the OA Dance Team and Gordon Mathis all had nice displays. Judges for the displays were State Representative Kathy Rapp, Warren County Councilman John Eggleston. While all the displays were winners, plaques were awarded to the following units: OA Dance Team was chosen as the best with Pack 14's in second and Pack 782 third place. Many THANKS to all who participated.

DISTRICT NEWS

Fourth of July Parade

The time is now to be planning for your summer program. The Fourth of July Parade is one of the easiest events to plan for. Have your units meet at the parade site, march with the Council, eat hot dogs afterward. The event is all planned! All you need to do is show up! The first 100 participants will receive a free gift!

SPRING ORDEAL'S COMING FAST

Spring Ordeal is May 18 to 20, 2007. 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. With summer camp only a few months away, spring ordeal also provides us with an opportunity to get a lot of work done to help get camp ready to open. So mark these dates down on your calendar and register for Spring Ordeal at the Betts Scout Service Center.

COUNCIL PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS

When the smoke cleared from the air and dust finally settled, the Cub Scouts of the Chief Cornplanter Council declared this years Mall Show/Pinwood Derby a winner. Race sponsor "Ed Shults of Warren, Inc." provided each boy with a take home prize and provided the trophies for this years' event. A total of 83 racers competed in five different categories. Winners are as follows:

Overall Race Winners:

- 1st Grey Tucker of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.
- 2nd Joshua Eernisse of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.
- 3rd Jason Tipton of Pack 45 St. John's Lutheran Church, Pleasant Twp.

Lion Division

- 1st Paul Swanson of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.
- 2nd Drew Bearfiled of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.

Tiger Division

- 1st Dylan Burt of Pack of 30 Free Methodist Church of Youngsville, Youngsville, Pa.
- 2nd Sebastian Mathers of Pack 6 St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Warren, Pa.
- 3rd Mitchell Angove of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.

Cub Division

- 1st Braiden Blair of Pack 14 Russell United Methodist Church, Russell, Pa.
- 2nd Nick Falber of Pack 33 Trinity United Methodist Church, Clarendon, Pa.
- 3rd Mark Reiff of Pack 6 Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Warren, Pa.

Webelos Division

- 1st Jason Gustafson of 30 Free Methodist Church of Youngsville, Youngsville, Pa.
- 2nd Devon Wertz of 30 Free Methodist Church of Youngsville, Youngsville, Pa.
- 3rd Tony Leach of Pack 33 Trinity United Methodist Church, Clarendon, Pa.

The Open Division was for parents, siblings, Boy Scouts, leaders and any business who wanted to compete in the race. Our winner for the second year in a row was Valerie Thompson of Sugar Grove.

"Best of Show" was awarded to Tristan Johnson of Pack 782 Grace United Methodist Church, Warren, Pa. Great Job!

The Chief Cornplanter Council would like to thank race chairman Albert Webster for a "Job Well Done". Al spent many hours helping boys and their parents in making their cars. Al and his crew of volunteers makes sure the track is in top condition and ready for the races. The Council would also like to thank Mall Show chair Judy Keple for coordinating the Scout displays in the mall. We would also like to the Warren Mall and their maintenance crew for their help and cooperation. A special Thank You to our sponsor "Ed Shults of Warren, Inc." ;without the dedication of our volunteers and sponsors, the pinwood derby, mall shows and Scouting in general just wouldn't happen. Thanks to all for a GREAT DAY!

Eagle BOR Training at March Roundtable

Bruce Clark, (District Advancement committee member of the Oliver Perry District, Erie, Pa.) has agreed to present Eagle BOR at the next roundtable. (7:00pm, March 1, 2007) . We would like to invite all Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters and all Troop Committee Members to attend. We now have a very good opportunity to understand the recent changes. Please RSVP to the Betts Scout Service Center by Tuesday February 27 so that we can have enough handouts available.

Webelos Crossovers — Free Transfers

All Webelos who have their transfer paperwork (to join a troop) into the Betts Scout Service Center BEFORE March 31 will be transferred free of charge. Those whose paperwork is in after that date will be charged the standard National Council \$1.00 transfer fee.

COUNCIL NEWS



SCOUTS EARN PRIZES

Jim Marshall (left), President of the Boy Scout Executive Board presented Playstation 3's to the three Scouts who sold the most popcorn in the Council's Fall popcorn sale. The winning Scouts were (from l to r) Ryan Gustafson (Pack 60, Pittsfield), Niel Morrison (Pack 13, North Warren) and Drew Lang (Troop 6, Warren). District Chairman Gregg Triskett looks on. The three Scouts pictured were responsible for over \$5,000 in gross combined sales. The Scouts received congratulations and presented their prizes at the Chief Cornplanter Council Executive Board Meeting on January 22.

NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCOUT RENDEZVOUS

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of April 27, 28 & 29. That's the date for our Spring Camporee. This year, we are joining forces with our western neighbors, French Creek Council to conduct a big Camporee event at Oil Creek State Park at Petroleum Center, PA. Many of you may recall the last time we had a multi-council event there and it was sensational. We hope to have an equally sensational time this year as well and expect hundreds of Scouts from all over northwestern Pennsylvania to be in attendance. Some of the things that Scouts will be participating in will include geocaching, first aid, pioneering, and leadership skills. The plan also includes having an Irish band in attendance, story telling, a portable climbing wall, French & Indian War reenactors, a gunsmith, a furniture-builder and, of course, a train ride on the OC&T railroad from the park to Drake's Well Museum for a nitro glycerin demonstration.

Cost for the event is \$12 per Scout which includes the patch, the roughly 20 mile round-trip train ride, the exciting Nitro Glycerine show at Drake's Well, and the portable climbing tower (weather permitting). We hope to have a small trading post on site as well for snacks and soda, bottled water, etc. Information packets will be mailed to all Scoutmasters within the next week or so. Check the last page - the Scouts are being asked to design the patch for the event. If you or your Scouts have personal GPS units they would like to bring to use, they will be permitted. However, we will not be responsible for lost GPS units. All the little details are still being hammered out between our two Councils, but its shaping up to be a real treat for your Scouts. So let your boys know that this year's Spring Camporee is going to be a great one. If you have questions or need more information, please call Kevin Bonner at the Betts Scout Service Center, 814-723-6700.

SPRING POPCORN SALE SOON

A reminder that our Spring Popcorn Sale is about to start soon. Details will be in the mail to all Unit Leaders. Please be on the lookout for the information in your mailbox.

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 Edey in Pleasant Twp. The dates will be Monday through Friday July 23rd through the 27th from 9:30—4:00. Please note that this year we are expanding camp to five (5) days. Flyers are being prepared and will be in your mailboxes by April 1st. Cubs registered by May 1st will be able to take advantage of the FOS and popcorn sale discounts (if their Pack earned them). Now is the time to be planning to attend.

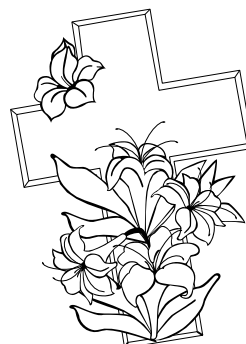
Hint: Include the camp fees into your yearly budget and sell popcorn this fall and in the spring to help with the cost for your boys.

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CAMP NEWS

DAY CAMP DIRECTOR NAMED

Sue is Back!!! The Chief Cornplanter Council is proud to announce that we have secured the leadership for Cub Scout Day Camp this summer. Serving again as Camp Director will be Sue Lyle. Any-one wishing to help Sue at this years camp are requested to give her a call at 489-0296. With American Pride as the theme, our boys will be bustin' out with a sense of patriotism by the end of the week.

CAN'T GET TO CAMP???

If your son, or some other Scout you know, is unable to get to Camp Olmsted during our one week of camp this summer because of other commitments, he can still get to camp. We want everyone to have a great summer camping experience so we will be putting together a group of boys and leaders from our Council who will be attending another local Council's camp.

There are about 10 other camps within an hour's drive of Warren so we are collecting all the information from these Councils and will make a determination of which one and which week, depending on the number of boys from our Council that we will be sending, and which week is best for the majority.

If you know a boy who needs to take advantage of this in order to have a summer camp experience this summer, please contact us at the Betts Scout Service Center (723-6700) by April 1 to guarantee your spot. Spaces will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

March 1st Deadline

Don't miss the March 1st deadline for signing up your Scouts for camp. A \$50.00 per camper deposit is required to reserve their spot at camp this summer. Deposits should come in the form of one check for your Troops reservations. Deposits Due March 1 so that we can have an accurate idea of how many to expect at camp and start purchasing the necessary supplies

Chief Cornplanter Council Activity Calendar

March

- 1 Roundtable
- 6 OA Lodge Meeting
- 8 District Committee Meeting
- 10 Camp Olmsted Work Day
- 14 Rotary Pancake Supper
- 24 Boy Scout Olympics

April

- 3 OA Lodge Meeting
- 5 Roundtable
- 6 Good Friday Day, Betts Service Center Closed
- 8 Happy Easter
- 12 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Camp Olmsted Work Day
- 27-29 Spring Camporee

