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POPCORN REMINDER



Council Fall Popcorn Chair Mary Gustafson would like to remind everyone that the popcorn pickup date is Friday, November 16, from 9 AM to 5 PM. We would appreciate a call at the Council Service Center if you know approximately when you will be coming for your popcorn so that 10 units don't show up at once. Also, if you come very early, most orders will not have been separated into individual unit orders, but any help we can get on Friday to do that separation will be greatly appreciated.

Payment Due date is Monday, December 3. Payments after that date will be considered late. Also please remember that to qualify for the extra 5% for your unit account, you will need to turn in all the requirements for that by popcorn payment time.

Reports coming in from the field at press time suggest that we have a number of \$1,000 sellers and that many Scouts decided to try to raise the goal to earn them free camp at Camp Olmsted in 2008.

If you have issues with your sale or need further information, please call Scout Executive Kevin Bonner at the Betts Scout Service Center, 723-6700

HANDSOME LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Handsome Lake District of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA will hold its annual meeting and election on Thursday, December 13, 2007. 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:

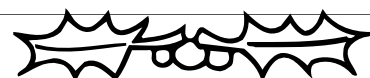
Michael Brennan, Chairman
Handsome Lake District
Nominating Committee
316 Fourth Avenue
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365

CHIEF CORNPLANTER COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA will hold its Annual meeting and election on Monday, January 21, 2008. 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



COUNCIL NEWS

END OF THE YEAR MEMBERSHIP INVENTORY

Be safe and register every boy

At the end of every year, each Pack, Troop, Crew and Post in our Council should make every effort to ensure that each boy in their unit is properly registered. If you have a boy who somehow slipped through the cracks and an accident happened, it would be an unfortunate circumstance for everyone.

It's the responsibility of the adults in the units to make sure each boy is counted and registered. So please take a few minutes to develop a list of the boys you think should be registered. Turn this list into the Council Service Center and we'll compare it against our list of registered Scouts in your unit from the National Office. If we notice any missing, you will be contacted immediately to get him registered.

Registering each boy is an important thing that should never be overlooked. Please make and submit your list as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

For the first time in a few years it looks as though we will make our Community Friends of Scouting Goal in the Council. John Elchert, Vice President for Finance & Revenue reports that, at press time, we were only about \$1,000 from our goal with at least \$3,000 in renewable pledges set to come in. This is a significant step in making us a financially stronger Council and hopefully a trend that we can continue. Our goal for 2008 (our Anniversary year) will be even more challenging. We appreciate the support and generosity of everyone who contributed to both Family and Community FOS efforts this year to make our overall FOS campaign a success. Thank you.



95TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

By now, most people are aware that we're celebrating our Council's 95th birthday next year. Lots of things are planned or are being planned. We could also use some great ideas from you!

So far we plan to incorporate the Anniversary into Friends of Scouting, Spring Popcorn for the Troops, an Endowment Drive, new 95th Anniversary Letterhead and a huge birthday party at Camp Olmsted on July 18. We've invited local, state and national leaders to attend. We've also invited many news outlets.

You can also help celebrate this significant occasion and get your boys interested in helping too. Maybe a Pack or Troop birthday party to celebrate our 95th? Maybe a Pack or Troop Service Project for the Community that has to do with our birthday? Or come up with your own ideas and share them with us, either by email, or by calling the Betts Scout Service Center.

Let's make 2008 truly a year to remember. How many 95th Anniversaries do you get to celebrate???

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

This is the time of year when we start to ask all of our units to invite us in to tell the story of the Council, where we derive income to continue to exist as an independent Council, where we spend the money we raise, and to ask all of our Scouting families to help support the operation of the Council through Family Friends of Scouting.

We're not a rich Council and every dollar of support is crucial to our ability to remain in business. Family Friends of Scouting is an integral part of that funding. Please select a date when we can come visit your unit in January, February or March. Our presentation is very brief. For instance, if you invite us to a banquet, we can deliver our presentation and be done before everyone is cleaned up and the awards start. The whole presentation usually doesn't last for more than about 8 minutes, and we don't force anyone to give.

When you know your date for a Family FOS presentation, please contact Ernie or Kevin at the Service Center.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

*Celebrate Thanksgiving
With Us!*

CAMP NEWS

CUB CAMPING

At Press time, we're in somewhat of a holding pattern with regard to Cub Camping in the summer of 2008. We're sure we'd like to continue to have it, but we're not exactly sure what form it will take or where we will have it. A lot depends on the number of people who are able to commit to volunteering their time for the few days that both Day Camp and Resident Camp run. The Boy Scouts proved to everyone that a volunteer run camp in our Council can be more fun, exciting and instructional for all boys and will continue to use volunteers in all areas for the foreseeable future. Now we need to do the same for Cub Scout Camping and we need between 35 and 50 people to work areas like Archery, Rifle Range, Waterfront, Nature, the Dining Hall and other areas for our boys.

We hope to solidify the details with the Council Executive Board in the very near future in terms of where we will be holding Cub Camps, what dates, and other information. As soon as everything is firm, we will be posting those details on the Council Website. We will also be sending out a Camp Leader Guidebook for all Cubmasters to share with the other adults in their Packs. This guidebook will have all the necessary information in it to make your Cubs Camp experience the best that we can possibly make it.

DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR CAMP

Scoutmasters take note! Last year we did not accept any out-of-council units for summer camp at Camp Olmsted. We did this to make sure we had enough room for every Scout in our Council to attend Camp if he wanted to. This year we have a much better idea of what we're looking at in terms of the numbers we can hold and provide program to at Camp Olmsted in one week. Therefore, we're going to experiment with registering Out-of-Council Troops for Summer Camp 2008.

All of our Troops have the opportunity to register for camp before we let any Out-of-Council Troops in, however, if you're planning on attending Camp Olmsted this summer for another Scouting "bash" and to help celebrate our 95th Anniversary, you'll have to notify the Council Office prior to **December 31** of this year. No payment is due at that time, however we will need to know approximate numbers from each Troop.

After December 31, openings at camp will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis and Out-of-Council Troops will then be in the mix.

Again, no Out-of-Council units may register before January 1, 2008, but if you want to guarantee spots at Camp for your Troop this summer, it behooves you to call or stop by the Betts Scout Service Center before December 31 to let us know.

Boy Scout Summer Camp will be held July 12-18 in 2008.

Summer camp is the place where memories are made. We hope that your Troop will be joining us in 2008 for an even better summer camp than this year's was!

Oh, yes, and Slushies will definitely be served at the Trading Post this year.

YOUTH CORPS ANNOUNCED

Because of the overwhelming requests from older Boy Scouts to help at Summer Camp, Council Vice President for Properties and Program Chad Betts is announcing the formation of the Olmsted Youth Corps.

This group of young men will be volunteering their time to help in program areas during camp, serve up meals, camp in their own area for the week, and they will even have their own "Olmsted Youth Corps" T-shirts.

There will be no charge for camp for Youth Corps members, but those who wish to join the corps must realize that they will not be able to work on merit badges during the week.

If you know of any Scout who is at least First Class Rank and 16 years old who would like to join the Olmsted Youth Corps, please have them complete the Youth Corps Application which can be found in the Camp Leader Guidebook for 2008.

ADOPT AN AREA

Thanks to our Troops, Leaders and many other Scouters throughout the county, Summer Camp at Olmsted in 2007 was one special week. 2008 is our Council's 95th Anniversary, and we will probably have many dignitaries (local and national) visiting our camp next summer.

In an effort to make Camp Olmsted look really stellar, we're asking all of our Troops to pitch in and help Ranger Tim by "adopting" a program area, project or building.

The goal will be for your Troop to visit Olmsted, free of charge, on some weekend(s) in May and/or June and get the area you selected into great shape for the Summer Camp week. This means brooms, soapsuds, rakes and some elbow grease; also weed-whackers and other adult-use-only tools. Remember, hours spent helping will count as service hours for your Scouts.

Let's make sure there's not a cobweb anywhere and no extra brush along the roads, trails and campfire circles so all of our guests can see how much we all care about the upkeep of Camp Olmsted.

There will be an Adopt An Area sign-up form in the Camp Leader Guidebook. Each unit will get to select the area they wish to adopt and spruce up. Adopt An Area assignments will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis.

WEBELOS SHOULD BE AT OLMSTED!

Every Webelos Den in our Council should make plans to take their Webelos to Camp Olmsted for a weekend. These boys need to get a feel for camp before they become Boy Scouts and should be out somewhere (field trip, camping, etc.) at least once a month.

Cabins are available all year at Camp Olmsted and the short term rates for our own Scout groups are extremely affordable - we charge only enough to basically cover the cost of utilities and cleanup.

Give these boys what they signed up for and put the "outing" in Scouting. Make sure a weekend at Camp Olmsted is on your Webelos Den's list of things to do this year.

To check availability and to reserve a cabin, contact Kristina at the Betts Scout Service Center, 723-6700.

SILVER BEAVER LODGE REGISTRATION

Under the leadership of Mike Brennan, the first year of our Council's Silver Beaver Lodge was an amazing success. When we ventured into the project we had hoped that 6 to 8 people would sign on, with 10 being an amazing accomplishment. In the end, over 20 of our Council's 39 living Silver Beaver recipients joined the Silver Beaver Lodge.

During the year the Silver Beaver Lodge bylaws were passed, the selection process was refined and redefined, two new Silver Beavers were honored (congratulations to Barb Mourer & Denny Mattison), the group had a picnic, and each member received admission to the Council Recognition Dinner for one and a one-of-a-kind collectable Silver Beaver Lodge Shoulder Strip for joining. It's time for year number 2 and we look for it to be even bigger and better. Based on this year's success, and with a snazzy 95th Anniversary SB Lodge patch on the way, we're hoping that each and every living Silver Beaver recipient in the Chief Cornplanter Council will join in and help make the Lodge and its mission even stronger. An application to join the Silver Beaver Lodge will be mailed to all Silver Beavers soon.

BLIZZARD BASICS

HISTORICAL ITEMS SOUGHT

The Historical Society has agreed to have a historical Scouting display for us to help celebrate our 95th Anniversary in 2008. The display will be available for public viewing between Scouting's Anniversary in February until our Council's Anniversary in July.

Any very old Scouting-related items from our Council (or old Scouting items in general) will have the opportunity to be on display to the public during this time. If you have anything that the Historical Society may borrow for a few months, please contact Scout Executive Kevin Bonner and he will make arrangements with the Historical Society for the display.

We will keep an inventory of all items loaned and return them to you when the display is done next August.

WELCOME JOAN AND KRISTINA

Visitors to the Betts Scout Service Center will see two new smiling faces (no, not Ernie's, he never smiles). These two new people are Joan Reist and Kristina Huling.

Joan is our new Finance specialist, whose responsibilities include keeping track of all fundraising, paying the bills in a timely fashion, all bookkeeping and financial record keeping and many other duties. Joan reports that she intends to have updates of unit accounts in the hands of unit leaders **every month**.

Kristina is our new Administrative Assistant. Her responsibilities include registering all new boys and new units, processing charters, Trading Post Clerk, advancement report filing, Eagle paperwork and processing, assisting with issues of the Pathfinder, and many other duties as well.

We welcome both Joan and Kristina to our Scouting family and look forward to a long association with both of them.



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DISTRICT NEWS

A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

The Gyantwachia Lodge, Order of the Arrow has agreed to take on a very important project for our 95th Anniversary Celebration next year. The Lodge Executive Committee recently voted to take on the project of giving all the buildings at Camp Olmsted a fresh coat of paint. Sound easy? Not really. It's a pretty big job and we'll need as many Arrowmen (youth and adults) to help as possible.

We thank the Lodge for tackling such a big, but necessary project and look forward to our better looking buildings. Please, no Hot Pink or safety Orange buildings guys!!!!

SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

While we are trying to raise revenue and reduce expenses in our Council so that we can maintain our independence and remain America's Oldest Boy Scout Council for many years to come, we are also painfully aware of the many repairs and upgrades needed to both Camp Olmsted and the Betts Scout Service Center. They're not necessarily falling apart, but are in need of some tender loving care.

Visitors to the Service Center will notice some interior changes, better use of available space; a neater, cleaner environment; and others. In the next few years we intend to work on many other projects there such as new carpeting to replace the existing, frayed carpeting that's there now; new energy efficient windows; a new front porch and other upgrades.

While we're doing it on a shoestring, we intend to attempt to secure funding for these projects from outside sources so that camp fees, popcorn income and Friends of Scouting gifts can be put to use to help build the best possible program of Scouting that we can deliver.

The Betts Scout Service Center is the home of Scouting in our Council. It's the focal point that the entire community associates with the work that Scouting does for the youth in our Council territory. We want the Service Center to be a place that our Scouts and Scouters can be proud of, but also a place that the entire county can be proud of and know that Scouting is alive and thriving in the Chief Cornplanter Council.



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SIGN UP FOR PHILMONT 2008 !!!!

There are just a few positions remaining for youth members to attend Philmont, August 4-16, 2008.

Total cost for the trip has not yet been firmed up, but should be around \$1,500 per person. This is a slight increase over our last contingent fee and represents an adjustment for higher fuel costs.

All reservations need to be accompanied with a \$305 deposit to secure your spot. An additional \$255 payment will need to be made by January 1st so that we can pay Philmont in full. Final payments are due by June 1st and can be made in monthly installments.

If you know a Scout who is interested in attending Philmont next summer, please have him call the Betts Scout Service Center as soon as possible to make his reservation.

Philmont participants must be at least 14 by January 1st of the year they attend, or have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.

If you are unfamiliar with the rules and regulations of Philmont, please check out philmontscoutranch.org for more information.

DISTRICT NEWS

Survival Camp/ Klondike Derby

The 2008 Klondike Derby will be held Friday January 18, 2008 and Saturday, January 20, 2008 at Camp Olmsted.

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 Marty Yucha. 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 Campout. More details will be in your mailboxes at the BSSC in late December.

Boy Scout Leader Training

We will be offering Boy Scout Leader Training during the weekend of the Survival Camp. This will be the weekend starting Friday January 18, 2008 and Saturday, January 20, 2008 at Camp Olmsted. Please have any of your leaders who would like to be trained sign up for this course.

Community Service Opportunity

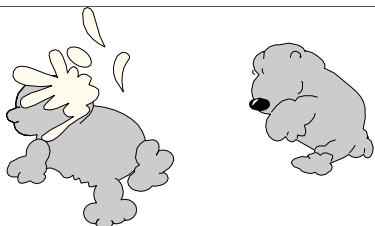
The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to "Ring the Bells" this year. This would be a great opportunity to help the community. Units could sign up for a whole day at any site and their dens or patrols and even the leaders and parents could take turns throughout the day. Don't forget to report the service hours on Good Turn for America.

Please call Major Tom Applin at 723-8950 and sign up as soon as you read this article.



Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk will be held Friday December 7th 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.



Order of the Arrow Family Banquet

The lodge will hold its annual Family Banquet on Saturday January 5, 2008 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 21st**.

Please Note: OA dues need to be paid when your unit recharterers. 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 recharter is turned in. This will save a lot of time trying to collect this information later.

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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.

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 record your success by recording your results on the Good Turn for America website.

DISTRICT NEWS

Pinewood Derby Work Shop Scheduled

Last spring at “Derby Race Day” in the Warren Mall I announced that we will once again plan a work shop for the designing & building of the Pinewood Derby Cars. Pack 45 has conducted work shops over the last couple of years to help new scouts get their cars ready for race day. Last year I saw how much of an impact it made not only on the pride the scouts had in their cars but how much it meant to the parents. The reality is that there are far more single parents or both parents working, and that a lot of parents do not have the tools or access to tools that help make a young boy’s dream car a reality.

The dates & the location will soon be set and available at the Scout Office. We will be asking Packs to call the Scout Office and schedule dates. At this time the Work Shops will be limited to 20 Scouts per day. You may need to schedule two or more days per pack. No scout will be denied the opportunity of attending a work shop. Should the demand require more time, we will setup additional workshops. I understand plans change, so if a scout is ill or family plans limit his attendance, I will make sure that he receives the help he needs to finish the car.

Schedule Example

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pack 45 (8) Cut & Sand		* Pack 45 (3) Pack 22 (5) Finish Paint		

* Most Scouts finish paint and assemble at home so the number of scouts using a second or third day is much less.

I am asking for a parent or other family member to stay with your scouts to help and supervise. I am also looking for some help. First, it would be greatly appreciated if some of the parents bring what hand and power tools they are willing to share (I do not have that many tools). If there are some Boy Scouts and/or High School student that need to get some Community Service hours in for their senior graduation project or Eagle Project. This will benefit both of us, if they could help.

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 3rd until February 8th. Sign up soon to reserve your spot!

See you at the races!

Woodcarving Session

Wes Augenstein has once again announced that he will host a woodcarving session this winter starting Sunday November 25th 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 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 20th so we know how many blanks to prepare. This was a fun project last year, we hope to keep it going. See you there.



Visitors to the Betts Scout Service Center will start to see the purple flag, which represents International Scouting, on our porch near the parking area. The flag was purchased, at no cost to our Council, for a couple of reasons. First, to show our pride in being members of the international Scouting Community as America's Oldest Council. Second, to let people know when the office is open. If you pull into the parking area and the purple flag is not flying, that means that no one is available at the Service Center at that time. If it is out waving in the breeze, that means we're open for business and you're welcome to walk right in. Hopefully very soon the flag will be flying more than it's not! We will be re-establishing regular business hours soon and will notify everyone once they're in place.



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Council Calendar

Chief Cornplanter Council Activity Calendar

November

- 9 Veterans Day Observed, Betts Service Center Closed
- 13 Cub Scout Leader Training Jefferson Defrees Center 6:00—9:00
- 15 Cub Scout Leader Training Jefferson Defrees Center 6:00—9:00
- 16 Popcorn Pickup
- 22-23 Happy Thanksgiving, Betts Service Center Closed

December

- 6 Leaders Meeting
- 7 Christmas Walk
- 13 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Popcorn Money Due
- 24-25 Merry Christmas, Betts Service Center Closed
- 26 - 28 Betts Service Center Closed for Inventory
- 31 Happy New Year, Betts Service Center Closed

January

- 1 Happy New Year, Betts Service Center Closed
- 3 Leaders Meeting
- 5 OA Family Banquet and Lodge Meeting
- 10 District Committee Meeting
- 18-19 Survival Camp / Klondike Derby

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, Joan, Kristina, Tim and Ernie wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Den Chief Training

We would like to offer a Den Chief Training session soon. If you have any boys that would be interested, please have them contact Ernie Crawford at the Betts Scout Service Center (723-6700) by December 1st.