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CHILI DINNER FOR CAMP IS FOR BOY SCOUT AND CUB SCOUT LEADERS!!

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, February 3rd 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 . **All leaders** who are planning to attend summer camp with their units are encouraged to attend. IF YOU CAN'T, PLEASE HAVE ANOTHER LEADER FROM YOUR UNIT IN ATTENDANCE. Please call 723-6700 and let us know how many in your unit are attending. This is always a popular meeting, if we don't receive your reservation by January 29th, you might receive an empty bowl!!!

POPCORN AND PEANUT SUCCESS

Council Product Sales Chair Gary Lester reports that the fall sale of Trails End Popcorn and Virginia Diner Peanuts met, and in some cases, exceeded expectations. Even in the tough economy, we were able to keep pace with last year's total net proceeds. The sale was not without some glitches, notably the late arrival of the peanuts. However, everyone pitched in and we came through with flying colors. Congratulations to the following: Highest overall sale - Pack 782 (\$14,153); Highest Per-boy sale - Pack 45, Pack 54, Troop 13 and Venture Crew 82; Most Improved over last year (total dollars) - Pack 8, Pack 27, Pack 45, Pack 54, Pack 782, Troop 8 and Crew 82

Gary would like to thank everyone who helped with the sale and we look forward to an even bigger sale in 2011.

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Betts Scout Service Center will be closed on January 17 for Martin Luther King Day, and on February 21 for Presidents Day



HANDSOME LAKE DISTRICT

We would like to CONGRATULATE Ivy Knopf; who is our new District Chair. We hope you will all give Ivy your heartfelt congratulations and support her efforts to keep our District running smoothly.

We would also like to THANK Brad Peterson for his leadership during the last two years. We appreciate it!

CHIEF CORNPLANTER COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Chief Cornplanter Council will be held on January 24 at 4:30 PM at the Jefferson De-Frees Center. All Executive Board Members are requested to attend. All Council Advisory Board Members are welcome to attend as are all CR's in the Council.

Woodcarving Session Starting Feb. 21st, 2010

Wes Augenstein has gone overboard in his service to Scouting....again. Starting Sunday February 13th at 1:30—4:00 PM, anyone can join us as we carve whatever you want to carve! We will be there as much for the fellowship as for the carving. This is a great opportunity for beginner and experienced carvers to improve your skills. The classes will be held in Wes's workshop at 614 High Street Youngsville, Pa. There is no charge for the sessions. This is open to all Boy Scouts and adults and your friends. We hope to see you there!

SCOUT SUNDAY

Although Sunday, February 6th, 2010 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.

UNIFORM DAY

Wear your uniform to school, work or play on Wednesday, February 9th! That will be the day to show your *SCOUTING PRIDE* as all Scouts and Scouters celebrate scouting on Anniversary Day.



Take Woodbadge!

Woodbadge is an accelerated training program offered by the Boy Scouts of America and is so successful that many major corporations send their top executives to courses throughout the country. Woodbadge is Scouting's premier training course. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, directed the first course in 1919 and designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop.

The uniqueness of Scouting is the patrol method. The use of the natural gang of six or eight boys who elect their own leader and plan and carry out many of their own activities is a democracy in microcosm. Woodbadge is the embodiment of Scouting spirit. Carried out in context of Scouting ideals and service to young people, the course brings out a deep dedication and spirit of brotherhood and fellowship in most participants.

Our neighbors in the French Creek Council will be hosting a Woodbadge training starting on September 8, 2011. The cost is just \$225. This course is a combined Council effort between the French Creek Council, Moraine Trails Council, Chief Cornplanter Council, Allegheny Highlands Council and Bucktail Council. An application form can be found on our website.

We encourage anyone who wants to achieve the highest pinnacle of Scout training to consider attending the course. For more information, contact course director Joan Martin at gracerose4@aol.com or 814-899-5562.

EAGLE RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Warren Elks Lodge is scheduled for February 17. All Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2010 will be invited to attend with their parents and Scoutmaster at no charge.

Additionally, if you earned your Eagle Rank at any time, the Elks invite you to attend as well to congratulate our newest class of Eagle Scouts. Cost for other Eagle Scouts to attend is \$10.00 (spouses of Eagles also welcome). If you are an Eagle Scout within our Council and would like to attend the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, reservations must be made by February 4 and can be made by calling the Betts Scout Service Center at 723-6700 or stopping by any time during regular business hours. You may pay at the time you register or you may pay at the door that evening. Reservations made after the 4th cannot be accepted as we need to give the Elks a firm number on extra meals. No walk-ins will be accepted. This is a full-uniform event.

We hope to see as many Eagle Scouts as possible on February 17. Come share in the fellowship of the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts.

Order of the Arrow Elections

Hi, my name is Hunter Proctor and I'm the Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief for Gyantwachia Lodge 255 in the Chief Cornplanter Council. Starting in January of 2011 I will be visiting all the Troops in the Council to give you an opportunity to hold Order of the Arrow elections for each Troop and talk to you about next years summer camp. To be eligible to be elected you must be a First Class Scout or higher and have 15 nights camping in the last 2 years to include a week long camp (Summer Camp). An adult from your Troop may also be nominated each year by your Troop Committee if they have 15 nights camping and a week long camp and Troop elects at least one youth that same year. You can help me along with getting the elections done by going to our new web site www.oa255.com and in the menu area of the page click on the tab about our lodge and at the bottom of the page you will see names of Lodge Advisors, click on any of the names that are underlined and there email will pop up and you can let them know that you would like me to set up a time for me to come to your Troop meeting and hold an election in January, February or March of 2011. I will also be making calls to Scout Masters to set up elections.

A lot of people do not understand much about the Order of the Arrow. We are Scouting's National Honor Society, and we provide service to our Council, camp and community. Some of the ways we do that is by visiting nursing homes with small gifts before Christmas and doing flag ceremonies on Flag Day or Veterans Day. We also have a lot of fun at different functions held over the year like "fun days" where we get together watch movies, play video games and play basketball against the adults of our Lodge. We hold a Conclave each year with 4 other Lodges in our section which is an entire weekend of fun and games for both youth and adults. We also hold a family banquet every year that your whole family is welcome to attend. A few of us traveled to Indiana University in August of 2009 and was a part of "NOAC" which is the Jamboree of the Order of the Arrow were had a ton of fun. Most people think that the OA takes you away from what your Troop is doing, but the golden rule of the OA is that your Troop always comes first.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Hunter Proctor

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Like in years passed, soon everyone will receive a request to support Friends of Scouting. We are not a rich Council by any means. There are times when it's a monumental task to try to figure out how to keep the doors open at all.

Friends of Scouting accounts for roughly 12% of our total Council income, which we need to stay in business. Your financial gift to Friends of Scouting helps us provide a District Executive, maintain a website, continually improve and upgrade Camp Olmsted, keep a good stock of advancement items at the Betts Scout Service Center, maintain individual records, and so many other things. It also helps us to keep our Camp Fees as low as possible.

Without financial gifts to our Friends of Scouting Campaign we would be forced to consider major cost-saving issues such as sending our Scouts to other camps for the summer, closing Camp Olmsted, or worse, close our doors and consider merging with some other local Council. We NEVER want to be in that position!

Please keep our Council financially strong - please pledge your financial support to our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. The annual cost per-boy is roughly \$250. The average gift in our Community FOS Campaign has been roughly \$200. Anything you can give to keep Scouting strong in Warren County will be greatly appreciated.



CUNNINGHAM ELECTED NORTHEAST REGION CHIEF

The Chief Cornplanter Council is proud to announce that our very own Travis Cunningham has been elected as the new Northeast Region Chief for the Order of the Arrow.

Travis is an Eagle Scout from Troop 8 in Warren and is a former Lodge Chief of Gyantawchia Lodge #255.

Congratulations Travis!!!!



Polar Bear Shirts now Available

If your unit has not received polar bear tees from the 2010 summer camp, they will be available at the Betts Scout Service Center beginning January 5th. Please have your designated leader pick up your whole package (not one family at a time). These are only for those who participated in the swim at camp last summer.

DISTRICT NEWS

Pinewood Derby Races

Just a reminder to call the office and reserve your date to run the Pinewood Derby at the mall or your meeting place!

Pinewood Derby Workshop

Do you have trouble putting cars together or just don't have the tools to do it properly, then this workshop is for you. Pinewood Derby Chairman Al Webster would like to announce that he is putting together Pinewood Derby Car Workshops again this year. The workshops would begin at 6:30 PM and end around 8:30 PM. This is open to any parent/boy teams who needs help with their car. We will have to limit the size each night to about twenty boys/parent teams. You may sign up for a workshop by contacting Al Webster at 730-9693. There will be NO CHARGE for these workshops. You will however need to supply your own Official Pinewood Derby kit from Dreamboat Marine and anything that you may want to include on your car and weights (stickers, drivers, pipes...etc.).

Winter Camp/ Klondike Derby

The 2011 Klondike Derby will be held Friday January 14, 2011 and Saturday, January 15, 2011 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 will be \$3.00 each, 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, your flyers are in your mailboxes at the scout office or you can download them from our website.

Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk was held Friday December 3rd in downtown Warren. We had a good group of kids and adults show up to march in the parade this year. As always, the Order of the Arrow crew had a fun time selling Chestnuts (get your hot roasted chestnuts). Thanks to all who participated.

Council Calendar

The Council Calendar is now available online at our website: www.cccbsa.com

ROTARY PANCAKE SUPPER

The annual Rotary Pancake Supper is scheduled for March 17, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus.

As in the past, we'll need some Scouts and adults to help set up, serve as waiters, cooks and to help tear down afterwards. Those youth helping will earn service hours.

Also, if your Pack or Troop would like to earn some more money, you can help to sell tickets for this event. For every ticket your Scouts and adults sell, you will receive (check last year's) for their unit account. That's a lot of income for very little work! Those units who sold tickets last year did very well for themselves.

If you are able to help out, as a unit or individually, please contact District Executive Ernie Crawford. If you would like to get some tickets to sell, please contact Scout Executive Kevin Bonner.

GET SET FOR THE KINZUA ADVENTURE

Program Director Jason Waid is pleased to announce a cooperative High Adventure initiative between our Council, Bucktail Council in DuBois, and French Creek Council in Erie. The "Kinzua Adventure" will take place from July 31 to August 6th at our own Camp Olmsted. This week-long activity is available to all Registered Scouts and Venturers age 14 to 20 and will feature outstanding High Adventure opportunities including Black Powder Rifle Shooting, Scuba, Water Skiing, Geocaching, Climbing and Rapelling, Sailing, Wilderness Survival and the opportunity to earn the 50-miler Award.

Brochures will be mailed directly to all currently qualifying Scouts and Venturers. This is shaping up to be the adventure of a lifetime so don't miss it.



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