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Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

Dear Scoutmasters and Cubmasters,

This is a critical time of year for our Council. In order to stay a strong, viable and independent council, we need to be able to raise all we can in Friends of Scouting dollars. In the past, we have been able to visit your Courts of Honors and Blue and Gold banquets to do our yearly appeals for funding and have received generous help from our Scouting families. However in the last couple years, invitations to attend these events to do our presentations have been dwindling. We have tried various incentives to allow us to talk to your families but that didn't seem to be working either.

This year we decided to do a mailing to all who are involved in Scouting. We added the ability to go online to donate through PayPal. Sadly, our campaign is suffering worse than ever. We need the help and financial support of our units and their families. We would like to schedule a brief Friends of Scouting presentation in your unit on an evening when you have your families assembled. Volunteers are prepared to visit and ask our Scouting families to help support the program that is turning their boys into the leaders of tomorrow. The talks are very short and they are not hard-sell at all. The main point of the presentations is to give our families a sense of why we have a Council, what the Council does for our units, and the importance of keeping ourselves financially secure so that we never have to merge with another Council.

We are asking all unit leaders to call District Executive Ernie Crawford within a week of receiving this newsletter and let him know when you would like one of his volunteers to come visit your unit. Our Scout Executive (Kevin Bonner) is willing to come and answer any question about how the council operates.

Please help us so we may continue to serve you!
Thank you

TREATS FOR THE TROOPS

This is the fifth year for our annual spring "Treats For The Troops" effort to send popcorn and peanuts to active-duty military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. We hope that all of our Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts will participate in the effort.

This year we are offering prizes for Scouts, which we hadn't done in previous spring sales. Just like last fall, any Scout who sells \$1,500 or more in popcorn or peanut items will get his choice of a Kayak from Gander Mountain Sports or an Xbox, Wii or PS3 gaming system. Anyone selling \$1,000 to \$1,499 will receive a \$100 Wal Mart or Gander Mountain gift card. Those selling \$500 to \$999 will receive a \$50 Wal Mart or Gander Mountain gift card. Those attending Philmont 2011 and/or Jamboree 2013 may opt to skip the bonus prizes and put that amount on their Jamboree or Philmont account at the Betts Scout Service Center (\$250 cash equivalent).

The sale starts March 11 and concludes April 15.

This is one small thing that we can do for those who put their lives on the line for us every day. Please help in this important effort.

PANCAKE SUPPER

The annual St. Patrick's Day Pancake Supper hosted by the Rotary Club of Warren will be held on Wednesday, March 16 from 4-7 PM at St. Joseph's Hall, Pennsylvania Ave. in Warren. Cost is just \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth - all you can eat. If you have not yet purchased tickets, you may do so at the Betts Scout Service Center or at the event on Wednesday evening. Takeouts are available. The Rotary helps to financially support the Chief Cornplanter Council every year with proceeds from this event so don't bother planning a menu for dinner on March 16, just head down to St. Joseph's Hall and enjoy some delicious pancakes and sausage. You'll be helping our community and the Council at the same time.

HAPPY EASTER

A very Happy Easter to all Scouts, Scouters and their families from the staff of the Chief Cornplanter Council - Kevin, Ernie, Joan and Marty.

The Betts Scout Service Center will be closed for the Easter Holiday on April 22 and 25.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on May 5 at the Irvine Presbyterian Church and will be hosted by the members of Troop 22. The menu has not been set yet so we will get a flyer in your mailboxes by April 15th with the cost info. I will post it on our website as well. We will start gathering at 6:00 with dinner following at 6:30. Bring the whole family!

This is the time of year when we award many prestigious honors such as the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and many others.

We hope that you will come and share an evening of friendship and fellowship with the other outstanding volunteers of our Council and their families.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the Council Annual Meeting in January, four people were voted in as new Executive Board Members for our Council. Ivy Knopf has agreed to serve as District Chair for the Handsome Lake District. Ivy is no stranger to our District having been a valued member for many years. Bob Patchen of the Times-Observer and Heidi Powley from WCCBI have also joined the Board. Our new youth member on the Executive Board is Jordan Bullock of Troop 13 chartered to the North Warren Presbyterian Church. We welcome our newest Board Members and look towards a great year with their help.

BSA Troop 8 Annual Spaghetti Dinner April 2, 2011 4pm - 8pm

Troop 8 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church Corner of Third Ave and Market St, Warren. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 children (under age 10). Dinner includes: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert and beverage.

Thank you for helping to make our Troop successful!



Council Calendar

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

DISTRICT NEWS

Klondike Derby Results

The 2011 Klondike Derby was held Saturday January 16th, 2011 on a beautiful sunny day at Camp Olmsted. The boys competed, and the adults stuffed themselves with Chicken and Biscuits cooked by Tom Zaffino. The Chair for the event this year was Marty Yucha and he did another great job. First place went to the Tasmanian Devils Patrol of Troop 55. Second place was won by the Eagle Patrol of Troop 9 and third place was earned by the Weasel Patrol of Troop 8. Many THANKS to all who participated in the event and also to those who worked behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. The official results are in the Troop mailboxes at the Betts Scout Service Center.



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.

JAMBOREE

The Chief Cornplanter Council has 36 boys and 4 adults all set to go to attend the 2013 National Jamboree.

Due to the interest in this council for the Jamboree, we are still taking names and deposits for the possibility of sending two troops. The next Jamboree will be at the new Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve. A link is available from our website.



Camp Flyers and Applications

Camp Flyers and Applications will be mailed to all youth sometime in the last week of March. For those wanting the applications early, they can be found on our website www.cccbsa.com under the Camping tab. Available also are the campership forms which need to be filled out and returned by April 15th.

Please remember to turn your applications in to your Scout Leaders not to the Betts Scout Service Center.



2010 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

Zachary Byers, son of Sgt. Major Gary M. and Stacey Byers, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 35, sponsored by the Sheffield United Methodist Church, Tom Dunn, Scoutmaster.



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