



The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

May 12, 2011

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Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Thomas Jefferson High School.

District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road.

WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- Meet Joe Guida, our **new District Executive** on page 2.
- A update on **FOS progress** is found on page 2.
- **Journey to Excellence (JTE)** is the new quality unit program. The Commissioners Corner on page 3 provides current information of interest to both commissioners and units.
- Don't forget to get your **District Dinner** Reservations, May 25th. See page 2 for how.
- The District Chairman announces the **Key Six Award recipients** on page 4, presentation will be at the District Dinner, May 25th.
- Membership goal are announced on page 5, with recruiting tips.
- The **Spring Camporee** was a great success. An **after action report** is found on page 7 and photos are found sprinkled about this issue.
- Page 7 provides information on **how to log service hours**. They are part of the Journey to Excellence criteria.
- Some coming training opportunities in Colonial District are on announced on page 9.
- The **OA Spring Ordeal** is coming. Details are provided in the OA Update on page 11, along with a summary of recent Chapter activities.
- **Cub Scout Day Camp** is coming soon. There are opportunities for adults and Boy Scouts to earn credits toward Goshen and Cub Scout attendance at Day Camp. See details on page 12.
- Venturers will find an update on **V3 activities** and coming events on page 13.
- Now is the time to start planning for the **2011 popcorn** sales. Details and dates are announced on page 14 (back cover).



**FRIENDS OF
SCOUTING**

Thanks For Your Help!

We would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts to date with the 2011 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS)...we are 60% there, almost up the hill to our GOAL of \$84,000. WOW, we are one of the top districts in the Council as far as contributions go....GREAT JOB....But no mission is done until we have made 100% contact in every unit, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Our team stands ready to support you in any and all endeavors to get you and the Old Dominion District to OUR GOAL....WAY TO GO TEAM!

Helpful FOS Campaign Tips

1. Make sure that every family in your unit has been asked to contribute! Some may not be able to contribute and others may choose not to, but ensure that each family has been asked!
2. Use your unit roster to follow up with every family in your unit that that has not already contributed or explicitly declined to do so. Keep at it until you have contacted every family!
3. For Boy Scout troops, make sure you have invited the families of your troop's Eagle Scout "alumni" to make an FOS contribution. These families understand very well the value of Scouting, and most will be pleased to contribute.

Thank You!

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OLD DOMINION DISTRICT WELCOMES ITS NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE



New Old Dominion District Executive Joe Guida and District Chairman Holly Brown discuss future ODD plans

The Old Dominion District is please to welcome our new District Executive, Joe Guida (pronounced GUIDE-uh). His official first day was April 15 and many of you have already met him at the Spring Camporee. Joe is an Eagle Scout from Branford, CT and a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. He has previously served as a staffer on a Senate campaign, with the American Red Cross and, most recently, with the YMCA.

Please welcome Joe to *America's District*. He can be reached at joseph.guida@scouting.org or 203-848-5197 until a local number is established.

Annual District Awards Dinner

The Annual District Awards Dinner is being held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on May 25, 2011. Tickets will be available at the May Roundtables or by contacting Nam Chi at:

NCACOldDominion@gmail.com.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



Commissioner Staff News

Welcome to new commissioner

John Rephlo. John will be taking over the St Bernadette's units (995). John is a former District Commissioner (and District Chairman) and we're fortunate to have him back on the Commissioner Staff!

I need an Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) for New Unit Service. At the council level we have been losing more than half of new units within their first year. This is tragic and can be avoided by good commissioner service. Please let me know if you are interested, before I start gently and nicely (but firmly) twisting arms.

Congratulations to Mike Nepi for being selected to be the new District Vice Chair for Finance.

Roundtable Attendance for April

- Cub Scout – 34 Scouters from 19 out of 37 units (51%)
- Boy Scout – 41 Scouters from 22 out of 34 units (65%)
- Venturing/Varsity – 20 Scouters from 8 of 23 units (33%)

Roundtable Upcoming – Program Launch

It is really important that all units send one or more representatives to roundtable Thursday. It will be "Program Launch", where units can pick up information and meet district staff, gathering program resources and information for the year.

Charter Renewal

Charter Certificates – I still have some charter certificates. I will have these at the May Roundtable for pickup.

- Pack 688, 818, 1100, 1789, 1845, 1892
- Troop 683, 994, 1789, 1845
- Crew 574, 610, 1789,
- Ship 938, 1176

District Recharter Process – If you are primary registered with the district, soon will be time to renew your membership. I will be in touch with names of those who I need membership fees from.

Journey to Excellence – District Progress

Unit Visitation Tracking System. The gold standard for unit visits for District JTE purposes is for 50% of our units to have 6 or more contacts entered into the system over the course of the year. So far this year:

- 229 visits logged to 51 different units (55%)
- 15 units with 6 or more visits already (15%)

- 28 units with 4 or more visits (1 per month on average) (30%)

This is pretty good for being only 4 months into the year, but we need to do better! Please make a point to enter all visits. If you are still having trouble getting into the system, let me know.

Performance Achievement for Units. The gold standard for unit JTE accomplishment is for 70% of our units to achieve the bronze level. At this point in the year, all units need to be oriented to the JTE program and be working toward their goals. The ADCs and I will be surveying units informally to make sure this is happening. We will also do a quick spot check at Program Launch (this month's roundtable). The next step will be to check progress at mid-year when doing Unit Health Assessments. More to follow at the May Commissioner Meeting.

Chartered Org Relationships. The JTE standard is to have all chartering organizations visited by a district representative during the year. The visited person can be the institutional head or COR. The district representative can be the Unit Commissioner. Last month I added the COR to the unit leader contact spreadsheet but got very few responses. Please provide me with the name, phone and email for the COR in your unit(s).

We can use the Unit Visit Tracking System to track which units have had visits by commissioners to their COR or organization heads. Bill Nelson will send out instructions soon on how to do this.

Commissioner Support to Spring Camporee

Wow, what a picture-perfect camporee up in Harpers Ferry last weekend, made possible in part by some truly impressive Commissioner support. It started with an early turnout Friday which led to a very smart routing of traffic and commissioners in key spots to help units get settled. A strategically placed "Commissioner's Corner" white board helped notify units of key schedule updates (thanks to Jim Stewart's dry erase board). A team of 6 commissioners inspected campsites Saturday and made possible the award of the "Railroad Spikes for best campsite" at campfire Saturday night. Finally, a complex parking scheme to get campers to service project sites on the battlefield Sunday morning was made possible by commissioners stationed at 4 different sites. All in all, a milestone in commissioner service excellence at district events, thanks to you.

Hope I don't forget anyone, but here's the 2011 Spring Camporee Commissioner Team: Bill Wilson, Bill

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. —Franklin Delano Roosevelt

On May 25, the Old Dominion District will be celebrating our adult volunteers with a Western themed dinner and recognition ceremony, "No One Can Fill Your Boots." This evening is one of my favorites of the year. I invite you all to come out and join us for this fun evening of fellowship. The dinner is held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield. Doors open at 6:30pm. To reserve your seat e-mail Nam Chi at ncacold-dominion@gmail.com

The cornerstone of scouting is the people who selflessly give their time and talents to help "build our youth for the future." May 25th will give me the opportunity to publicly recognize some of those key scouting volunteers from this past year. I must emphasize the word "some" in that last sentence. In the past year, I have been able to visit many units and attend many scouting events. There is not an ODD unit or event out there that doesn't have a fantastic group of volunteers behind it. It is truly energizing to be a part of such a strong organization. Nonetheless, the evening will be dedicated to those special "Some Amongst Many" who truly have stood out this past year.

The District Award of Merit recipients, Mike Kidd, Lee Nelson, Tom Quigley and Derek Trumbetic will be formally recognized during our National Court of Honor. The District Key 6 will recognize it's rising stars; Mark Burrows, Bob Colella, Jason Evenson, John Hannon, Steve Scherr and Chip Souser with the ODD Key 6 Award. Plus, we will have a few surprise awards for some other really important VIP's in our district.

I again encourage you and your units to come out and help us celebrate the best of scouting-you the volunteer!

YIS,
Holly Brown
District Chairman
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Wolf Cub Scouts from Pack 685 Practice First Aid Skills

VIRGINIA SCOUT SHOP

Located at: 5234 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA, in the Ravensworth Shopping Center - just off the beltway at the Braddock Rd. exit.

Phone: 703-321-4836

Store Hours:

Monday-Friday	9 AM - 7 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM



They carry uniforms, scouting equipment, badges, literature and will accept most scout advancement form turn ins. (However, Eagle Advancement forms must be turned in directly to the NCAC office in Bethesda so data accuracy can be checked against the ScoutNet database.)

COMMISSIONERS' (cont.)

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Mitchell, Mike Stumpf, Jim Stewart, Mike Nepi, Lee Nelson, Tom Buckner, Seth Distler Kirk Nielsen and Dennis Ratliff. Commissioners on camporee staff were Carl Holman, Bob Austin, Cyndy Blake, Laura Buckner and Steve Richardson.

Training – Commissioner Awards

Thanks to Bob Hartzell for providing training on the various awards available for commissioners.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
scottstaron@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

New Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator!

Welcome to our new Cub Scout Recruiting/JSN Coordinator, Tony Tersine! Tony, a den leader in Pack 1853, is stepping up for one of our most important jobs at a critical time in our recruiting year. Welcome aboard, Tony!

Cub Scout Recruiting! Spring Roundup Time!

It's May, so it's time to roundup those new recruits and show them the FUN of scouting. Imagine your pack growing by 10-15-or even 20 percent. It's SIMPLE, hold a spring roundup! Remember all those kindergartners who couldn't join last fall? Well, as of June 1 the BSA considers them 1st graders. That's right, which means they can join Cub Scouts before summer! Of course, your pack must have a fun and exciting summer program to start them out on the right trail. Even better, your new Tigers can attend ODD Day Camp on July 11-15 for a super exciting time!!

It's very easy to hold a spring roundup. Pick a date and place. Announce your event at your local elementary school(s). Have COOL activities for the boys (invite a Boy Scout troop to do a demonstration). Then watch your membership INCREASE!

Besides FUN, a couple of other items are needed to have a successful roundup: recruiting supplies such as yard signs, BSA information brochures, and mini-Boys' Life magazines. Contact us if you still need these. It's extra important that you have your summer pack program schedule on paper so you can hand it out at your event.

If you have not started planning yet, DON'T PANIC. Drop us a line or give us a call and we can walk you through some of the steps to get your unit's Spring Roundup rolling. You can have a roundup in June before school is out.

Spring 2011 Old Dominion District Unit Membership Growth Goals

When you were a teen, your dad said to you: "You're never going to get anywhere in life without setting and reaching goals." Well, maybe not EXACTLY those words—but surely something like it. Well, we are setting goals for unit growth through Spring Roundup this year. These goals won't be used to judge—they are meant to be used as a challenge and target.

Now—here are our ODD unit membership growth goals for Spring 2011:

- For Cub Scout packs—20% growth
- For Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews—10% growth

Growth will be measured from the end of April membership figures.

OK—let's put this in perspective—20% growth for a pack of 30 Cub Scouts is 6 new Cub Scouts. Hey—that's your new TIGER DEN! 10% growth for a troop of 30 Boy Scouts is 3 new Boy Scouts. If you work with your pack and recruit this year's 5th graders, this should be easy pickings!

No Webelos Left Behind!

By mid-May most Packs have conducted their Arrow-of-Light Ceremony and Bridged their Webelos II Cub Scouts over to Boy Scouts. Hopefully, those new Boy Scout Troops have also updated their Council registration records with information about their new boy scouts. Pack Webelos-to-Scouts (WTS) coordinators should check to make sure that last item has been completed. Why? And why should the WTS coordinator for the pack do this? First, it's important for Council to have accurate records. Everything from proper insurance coverage to accurate advancement tracking (think Eagle Scout!) is dependent on accurate Council Records. Second - and this is why the WTS coordinator should do this - you can ensure that your 2010-2011 class of Webelos II are actively registered and hopefully participating with (more on this point later) a new Boy Scout Troop.

So how do you check this? It's easy. Pull a copy of your own Pack's current registration records. If you've already bridged your boys AND the new Troop has submitted transfers for them and updated their Council records, you should no longer show those boys on your records. If you still have any of your 2010-2011 Webelos II showing on your records as Webelos II, something's wrong - time to investigate. Hopefully we've just got some record housekeeping to do. But as you do this housekeeping you just might find that one Webelos II who did not register for a Troop. And then you need to kick your Webelos-to-Scout transition skills into high gear.

One of the best tools at your disposal is OUTING in scOUTING. A boy who hasn't registered with a new Troop likely hasn't joined up with a new Troop (or found one he likes yet). The best thing you can do is hook that boy up with a Troop that is having an event this month, preferably something overnight taking advantage of our beautiful spring weather. If you need help linking up with a Troop planning an overnight, or at least some multi-hour out-of-doors fun, I can help. I know of Troops camp-outs planned for each of May's weekends, two Memorial-Day Pool Parties, several "Scout-night" / "Scout-Day" ball games, etc. May is an action-packed month and it gives

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Above: Venturers enjoying reenactor exhibits at the Spring Camporee;
 Below: Scouts hike the Harpers Ferry Heritage Trail at the Spring Camporee.
 Story on page 7.



ADVANCEMENT

Now is the time to talk to scouts going to Summer Camp about various MBs they should sign up for, such as Environmental Science! Some may take some preliminary work before camp or finalization work after camp. If they do the work now they can take a partial blue card to camp and finish the badge there.

It is very important to prep your newest scouts about the advantages of taking MBs at camp. A talk by older scouts who may not have done so and had regrets can be powerful.

Thanks!
 Laura Buckner

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The link below is to an interesting article about one of Troop 1518's Eagle candidates carrying out his Eagle project at Lorton Community Action Center:

<http://lorton.patch.com/articles/scouts-stock-new-lcac-food-pantry>

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The fastest way to make an email address change or subscribe to the ODD's YAHOO mailing list is as follows.

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ODD 2011 SPRING CAMPOREE

Beautiful West Virginia, great weather and 458 Scout and leaders made for an exceptional Camporee at Harpers Ferry.

Visiting the two groups of Civil War reenactors, horseback riding, rock climbing, hiking the AT, biking on the C&O Canal, hiking the Harpers Ferry Heritage Trail and geocaching were among the activities that took Scouts out from the KOA campground during the Camporee.

On Saturday the commissioners conducted Troop Campsite Inspections. The winners were 3rd Place Troop 991, 2nd place Troop 150 and 1st place went to Troop 2215.

Saturday evening the campfire included Civil War stories and a short movie. The campfire was closed out with the Old Dominion OA Chapter "Call Out" announcing those individuals who had been elected to the Order of the Arrow from their unit and from the Old Dominion District committee.

On Sunday over 350 Scouts and leaders moved out to School House Ridge Trail, which was Stonewall Jackson's right flank during the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry, where we picked up trash as the Camporee Service Project. The National Park Chief Ranger, David Fox, sent the following in an email after we left ... "Thank you very much for making this happen. An amazing amount of work was accomplished"

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to an extraordinary staff that included: Cyndy Blake, Monica Lynch and Laura Buckner who handled registration flawlessly. Steve Richardson covered first aid (health and safety) and treated only minor injuries. Bob Austin handled facilities, logistics and good weather. Mike Cooley and his wife Liz put together the geocaching. Ed Bloom and Adair Petty provided the Venturing program. Don Palomaki and John Rephlo produced the outstanding campfire program. Jeff Morrow advised the Great Old Dominion OA Chapter. Dennis Wokeck, District Vice Chair for Program, helped everywhere throughout the weekend. Carl Holman and his outstanding "cook crew" who provided delicious chow throughout the weekend for the 50 people who comprised the staff and reenactors.

Bob Hester and the Troop 1140 "Cliffhangers" are due our special thanks and appreciation. Bob Hester coordinated the event and worked through some of the various hoops and hurdles that the National Park Service placed in our way during planning. Bob simply forged ahead and made changes as required so we could offer climbing as one of the Camporee program activities. This event was so well received by Scouts in the ODD that all available slots



LOGGING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Units can now enter their service hours at: www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence. Look for the "Service Project" area of the screen. There they can find the link to log hours, information for first time users, ideas and tips for a successful service project, and sample reports that can be pulled by their council administrator. To enter service hours click on "service hours website." Choose "New User Click Here" or enter in the existing username and password. Users can still use www.goodturnforamerica.com and they will be redirected to the new data collection site. If you have any questions, please contact the national service desk at 1-972-580-2267.

As a reminder to those who are closely following the new Journey to Excellence (JTE) program, community service hours are measured and tracked for the Council's JTE scorecard item #11. The details on how the Community Service Hours metric is measured are as follows: This measurement tracks the total service hours by Scouts, leaders, and other participants recorded on the Journey to Excellence service hours website divided by the total traditional members and Explorers. The determined standard is pro-rated according to the total number of months elapsed in the year. The performance standard is a factor in how a council's score may be decided.

Level	Determined standard	Performance standard
Gold	3 hrs avg.	1 hrs. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Silver	1 hr avg.	0.5 hrs. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Bronze	0.2 hrs avg.	0.2 hrs. growth

were taken well before the Camporee registrations closed.

Special thanks go out to Scott Staron and his most excellent team of commissioners who helped with traffic, parking and getting the units into camp on Friday as well as providing critical assistance throughout the service project on Sunday morning.

A great time was had by all.
 Jerry Prentice
 Camporee Director

THE TRAINING PAGES

Need to get trained for your new position fast? Most training is available online at www.olc.scouting.org and can be completed in short sessions. Need more advanced training? Check out the Council website for available courses, information and online registration. Go to www.boyscouts-ncac.org and click on the training tab. Click on the training calendar. There you will find a drop down menu for the different districts in the council and what training they are offering each month. Clicking on the training will give you more information about the session and how to register.

For online training you will need your id number provided on your registration card from BSA if you have one, if not you can take the training and then add your number to your profile when you receive it.

All registered adults must have youth protection training including newly registered adults, their YPT card must be attached to their registration form or the registration form will not be accepted by Council. For Charter Renewal this year all unit leaders like Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Cub masters, Assistant Cub masters, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders as well as all committee members must be fully trained in their position to continue in those positions.

Wood Badge Training June 10-12 #2

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is designed for all Cub, Scout, and Varsity and Venturing leaders who have completed basic training. It is a leadership skills course, based on a format originally created by Scouting's Founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell and is considered the "Ph.D." of Scout training. The course is held over three days over two weekends about a month apart. Participants are required to attend each weekend in its entirety, including all day on Friday (arriving by 8:00 AM). Held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA.

The course will deal with cutting edge leadership and management skills while using a structure built on Scouting's organization and unit program. More information and registration info can be obtained from the council website (www.boyscouts-ncac.org). Click on "Training" and then "Wood Badge" to get the data and forms to download.



The following classes are available online

On-line training is available at:

www.myscouting.org

Youth Protection Training (YPT) – Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This course is required to register as a Scouter.

Youth Protection Training For Venture Leaders– Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This is a different class for Venturing leaders which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units.

This is Scouting – is the entry-level course required for all Scout leader training.

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training (CSLT) – covers all Cub Scout leader positions.

Chartered Organization Representative Training (COR) – This Is Scouting is not a prerequisite for COR Training but is recommended for CORs not familiar with the Scouting program. Fast start for CORs is available online.

Troop Committee Challenge (TCC) – covers all Troop Committee positions

Supplemental Training Modules – are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training

Live courses can be arranged for groups for YPT, TCC, COR and CSLT. Contact your training team for

Commissioner Training

Course Taught	Date	Responsible District
ADC	March 26, 2011	Colonial
ADC	May 7, 2011	MD North
RTC	May 7, 2011	MD North

Contact John Pastino at: <redacted> for additional information on Commissioner Training.

The following training events are through Colonial District. Register online through the calendar at www.boyscouts-ncac.org.

Den Chief Training

May 21

POC is Dominick Caridi, 703-360-9206. Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria VA 22308. Wear your uniform \$5.00 registration fee payable at the event. Classroom: TBD

Boy Scout Leader Specific

May 21 and June 4

Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria VA 22308. Classroom: TBD. Wear your uniform and bring your lunch; \$5.00 registration fee payable at the event. POC is Dominick Caridi, 703-360-9206.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

June 10-11 overnight

POC is Dominick Caridi, 703-360-9206. Location: USCG Station, Telegraph Road, Alexandria VA. Wear your uniform, and bring a meal that doesn't require heating \$15.00 registration fee payable at the event.

BALOO

June 11

POC is Dominick Caridi, 703-360-9206. Wear your uniform and bring your lunch; \$5.00 Registration fee payable at the event. Location: USCG Station, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

We are updating our list of ODD Merit Badge Counselors (MBCs) and need your help! Two of the more important reasons are all adult volunteers must have completed Youth Protection Training (YPT) and the ODD MBC list is not in sync with the NCAC list.

On Easter Sunday a list of MBCs affiliated with ODD units was emailed to each unit leader and committee chair. The units were asked to review the list to validate and confirm that the listed counselors are still interested in participating, to review the list of merit badges they've offered to counsel, and to verify that they have current Youth Protection Training.

The response has been slow, which in view of the holiday, the Spring Camporee and the busy spring scouting schedule is understandable. But, we can only fix this problem with your participation.

- All MBCs must register as an adult volunteer.
- This registration is separate from any other registration. ALL BSA positions require a separate registration. (A scoutmaster who serves as both Scoutmaster and MBC has to have two registrations).
- YPT is required to register as an adult volunteer in the NCAC.
- YPT is valid for two years.
- After the unit review is received the Dean will compare the response to the NCAC ODD MBC list for registration and YPT compliance.
- The Dean will then work with the units to correct or collect missing documents.
- MBC registration is through the District, whether the MBC elects to work with a single unit or serves multiple units. The Adult Application, proof of YPT and the Merit Badge Counselor Information form (BSA # 34405) need to be submitted to the ODD MB Dean, address below. YPT compliance can be verified with either a copy of the certificate or the ID # from Scout-Net.
- MBC registration is no-fee.
- The ODD MBC list is available upon request (<mailto:odd.mbs@gmail.com>) and distributed quarterly to the ODD Yahoo email group. To subscribe, send a blank email to NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- Most MBCs are affiliated with an ODD unit. The unit has primary responsibility for vetting the qualifications of a prospective MBC. This will occur annually when re-chartering.

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Scouts learn about Civil War era camp life from reenactors at the Spring Camporee

THREE SMALL BOATS-FREE TO A GOOD SCOUT HOME

Three small boats are available to any local BSA unit which could make use of them. The boats were originally purchased by Mr. Andy Grafton, a Silver Beaver recipient, as gifts for a BSA troop in the Colonial District, which used them for some years. They were housed gratis by Mr. Brian Sachlis, who had a son in the troop. Now, his son has graduated out of Scouts, Mr. Grafton has passed away, and the troop has decided that they no longer want the boats. Mr. Sachlis would like to dispose of the boats, and, in keeping with their original intent as a gift to Scouting, would prefer that they be acquired by a local BSA unit. If anybody would like to make inquiries, Mr. Sachlis may be reached via his cell phone at 703-584-6470. The boats available are :

- 17-foot Old Town brand canoe.
- 17-foot Old Town 2-man kayak, made for whitewater work, has an extra-heavy exterior coating, "a heavy boat."
- Single-man kayak, probably Old Town. (The name has worn away.)

Thank you for your consideration,
 Randy Falkofske
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MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

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you great opportunities to make sure no Webelos II Scout is left behind!

Need Help? Call the Membership Team

The membership team is standing by to assist your unit in recruiting new Scouts and families into our units:

Vice-Chair, Membership Dan Ehrlich
cubmaster678@verizon.net

District Professional Joe Gouda
joseph.gouda@scouting.org

Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator Tony Tersine
 <redacted>

Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator — Vacant
HELP WANTED

WTS Coordinator John Ruby
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New Unit Coordinator — Vacant
HELP WANTED



Scouts from Troop 1140 combine with reenactors from the Virginia 7th Infantry to retire the colors Saturday evening before the Spring Camporee campfire

MERIT BADGE (cont.)

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Thanks in advance for the effort required to get this right; once we get our names and lists synchronized and validated, updates and adding new counselors will be relatively simple!

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OA UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Ordeal – May 13-15 –

The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Spring Ordeal on the weekend of May 13-15 at Camp Moss Hollow. Come out and fulfill your ordeal while providing cheerful service to

Camp Moss Hollow and the inner city youth that use the camp. Arrowmen are also welcome to come out and participate in the ordeal as Elangomats or provide cheerful service while welcoming our newest members.

Youth Elangomats are still needed to support the Spring Ordeal—There will also be an opportunity for eligible Arrowmen to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood conversion. The Brotherhood walk will occur Saturday afternoon with the Brotherhood ceremony occurring late that evening. Brotherhood costs nothing but your time and commitment. However, you do need to register.

This is the first opportunity in the Old Dominion District for those scouts and Scouters who were elected by their fellow scouts and Scouters and called out at the Spring Camporee to fulfill their induction into the Order of the Arrow. If you are one of those that were elected for induction and you do not complete your ordeal by the end of this year, you will have to be re-elected by your fellow scouts for you to be eligible for induction into the Order of the Arrow next year. Re-election is not always guaranteed.

Contact your Troop Order of the Arrow Representative (TOARs) for more on the ordeal and Brotherhood.

SUMMARY OF RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Ordeal Candidate Call Out - April 30 – Spring Camporee – Harpers Ferry, West Virginia The Old Dominion Chapter ceremonies team supported the district by playing a big role in both the lighting of the campfire during the Spring Camporee and then performing a Call Out ceremony for the district's units newly elected Ordeal candidates. The ceremonies team once again showed the district how to light a campfire without having to touch the wood with an open flame. The Call Out ceremony also returned to the practice of being the last main attraction of the campfire and being able to honor all of the newly elected Ordeal candidates. We want to thank all of the units that helped the chapter conduct a successful elections season. We now look forward to having these candidates

complete their Ordeal.

Chapter Leadership Elections – May 1 – Chapter Meeting During the chapter's May meeting, the youth elected the Chapters leadership for the coming year. The Old Dominion Chapter Chief for the coming year is Brian Umberger, Chapter Vice Chief of Administration is Max Snyder and Chapter Vice Chief of Unit Programs is Nick Shidlovsky. The positions of Chapter Vice Chief of Inductions and Chapter Vice Chief of Activities did not have any youth step forward that were interested in running for these positions. If you have any youth that are interested in running for any of these positions, they need to contact the Chapter Adviser, Mr. Morrow, oddscouter@cox.net, as soon as possible so that they can be sent a Chapter Candidacy Petition and fill it out prior to the next meeting. It continues to be very important that we have as many Arrowmen attend this meeting as possible to allow for the youth to participate in running the chapter.

The following is a list of Troop/Units that had their youth Arrowman represented by attending the May Chapter meeting: Troop 859, Troop 1115, Troop 1146, Troop 1501, Troop 1849, and Troop 1853

Brotherhood Conversion - April 30 – Spring Camporee – Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow conducted a Brotherhood Walk and associated Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony during the afternoon and evening of April 30, during the Old Dominion District's Spring Camporee. The chapter converted 15 Ordeal Arrowmen to Brotherhood membership in one of the more memorable locations that the chapter has ever held a Brotherhood ceremony.

2011 Dues and Brotherhood Eligibility

To all unit leaders and TOARs, please check with all the members of your units to insure that they are current with their lodge dues. Also check with any OA member that has completed their ordeal more than 10 months ago and inquire as to whether or not they have sealed their membership in the order by completing their Brotherhood conversion or when they intend to do so. Brotherhood conversion is a key parameter to the Old Dominion Chapter being able to achieve Honor status each year. Information on who is eligible for Brotherhood Conversion and that status of any members lodge dues is available to the unit leadership by contacting the Old Dominion Chapter Adviser, Mr. Jeff Morrow, at oddscouter@cox.net.

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CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2011 MEDIEVAL ADVENTURES!

July 11-15, 2011 at Occoquan Regional Park!



Each Cub will get a FREE T-shirt, water bottle, and week of fun when they attend Old Dominion District's Day Camp

PACK COORDINATORS: Pack Registration for Tiger Cubs (boys in grade 1 as of Sep 2010) through Webelos is available online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org. Camp information packets will be distributed by June 1st.

CAMP STAFF NEEDED!

ADULT SCOUTERS: We **NEED STAFF** Directors for our Archery (must be archery-range certified), Games, and First-Aid! Our Program Areas also need **AS-SISTANTS!** Contact Karin Linehan if you can help or need more information!

****Each Full time staff member gets FREE CAMP REGISTRATION for one Cub Scout!****



SCOUTMASTERS: Please Inform Your Scouts:

- We need Boy Scouts aged 14 and older to help run the Program Areas! If they work all five days they'll earn \$75 credit for a Goshen Camp!
- Scouts under age 14 can earn service hours while helping a parent or scout leader with a station. Den Chiefs can earn service hours by attending camp with their Den!

CUBMASTERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please send an e-mail if you need additional information or can recommend someone for our staff!

Have questions, want to volunteer or set up a presentation? Contact Karin Linehan at ODDaycamp@gmail.com or 703-495-0133.



Above: Demonstrating firing of Civil War era weapons at the Spring Camporee
Below: Scouts touring Harpers Ferry during the Camporee.
Bottom: Camporee Commissioner staff hard at work
Story on page 7.



V3 VIEWS

- 12 May, District Venturing Officer Association (VOA) at the District Round Table (each Crew and Ship should send a youth leader representative).
- 27-30 May 2011, Fri-Mon, Sea Scout Regatta, Camp Brown, MD



Venturing at the Old Dominion Camporee. (Story by Ed Bloom)

Venturing Out. Four Crews made the trek to Harper's Ferry, WV for the District Camporee 29 April to 1 May 2011. Each unit took advantage of the many activities available. Crew 1501 took a walking tour of Harper's Ferry and visited the Civil War re-enactors. Crew 4522 biked and hunted geo caches. They also took time on the trail to do some unit planning for the rest of the year and used the wonderful beauty of the area to help them work on their youth religious awards. They also decorated their campsite. Crew 1115, our newest Crew, climbed rocks, rode horses, and visited the re-enactors. One member also hiked part of the Appalachian Trail. Crew 1511 and Varsity Team 1511 hiked 11 miles of the Appalachian Trail with Adair Petty from Crampton Gap along South Mountain, on the C&O canal along the Potomac River, and from Harper's Ferry back to camp with a stop at the AT Headquarters where they qualified for Maryland and West Virginia AT Patches. Mr. Bloom, the VOA Advisor, did a Volksmarch (check www.ava.org) around Harper's Ferry and visited with the re-enactors. Michael and Molly Stumpf, the Venturing Round Table Chairpersons, biked around the Area.

Rocking Out. Three Units gathered after the Camporee Campfire to play "Rockband" in a small competition. Each unit had to let the system randomly pick the song from RockBand. All units had some unique style and variations. Crew 1501 had a vocalist sing random words over the lyrics and came out with 100%. Way to play the game, Name Withheld Crew 1115 had a Bass player hit 98% on Hard level. Mad Skills by Name Withheld. Crew 4522 had great stage presence in matching shirts and entering the arena to Star Wars music,

Titanium Chef Cook Off. Three meals were prepared and presented to the judges during the Saturday evening meal at the Camporee. Each unit met the requirements for a one-pot, single burner stove, backpacking meal. Each unit took a different and unique approach to ingredients and when in the backpacking trip the meal would be served. The judges had a difficult time making the final decision as each team completed the task, met the

requirements and all the food was of good quality. One judge even ate peas which are not his favorite green veggie. But it came down to taking the competition to the next level. Three meals were prepared and presented to the judges during the Saturday evening meal at the Camporee. Each unit met the requirements for a one-pot, single burner stove, backpacking meal. Crew 4522 won with their fresh shrimp and chicken stir-fry, served with rice. They added a nice touch by coming dressed in matching Hawaiian shirts and playing the theme song to Hawaii Five-O.

High Adventure Movies This Summer.

So what is your crew, ship, or team doing this summer. Take some pictures and turn them into a high adventure movie or show. We are looking for great high adventure movies to show at the fall camporee and the Hike-oree. We would love to show yours. At the fall camporee, one of the competitions will be a high adventure movie festival. Show your best; show your fun; win an Old Dominion Oscar.

Adair Petty
Venturing Vice Chairman
Old Dominion District

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OA KEY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 13 – 15: Chapter Spring Ordeal – Camp Moss Hollow
- June 3 – 5: Section Conclave – Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD
- June 5: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- June 11: Lodge Leadership Development – Camp William B. Snyder
- July (4 Weeks) Summit Corp – New River Gorge National River, West Virginia
- July 16 – 17: Goshen Bus Loading - AT& T Building; 3033 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, VA.
- Aug. 1-6: Indian Summer - Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, N.C.
- Sept. 16 – 18: National Leadership Seminar – Camp Alpine, NJ

POPCORN 2011

YES, it IS time to start planning your Fall Popcorn Campaign!

This year NCAC is on the Drive for 5 -- \$5 Million in sales, that is! To help meet that goal, Popcorn training dates start Jun 16th, and the first order is due Aug 5th. Units should identify their Popcorn Chairs NOW so they can get schedule key dates and Show and Sells on their calendars. Early planning will help ensure your unit has a successful campaign and earns more profit!

There are changes in the product line and prizes available, so please make sure your popcorn chair gets on the e-mail list (address below) and attends training. Unit Leaders and/or Committee Chairs are also welcome.

Online sales continue through the summer, so encourage your scouts to sell to family or friends out of the local area. Online sales will count for Popcorn Campaign prizes and scholarships from Aug-Dec.

SCOUTMASTERS: Does your unit need funds? Do your scouts want money for High Adventure, Camps, or Equipment? Popcorn Sales can help your unit earn money to cover those costs! If your Troop/Crew does not plan to have a unit popcorn chair, the Scouts may join the District

Sales Team. Contact Karin at the following address to get interested scouts signed up.

Have questions or need to get on the e-mail list? Send a message with name and contact information to Karin Linehan at ODDpopcorn@yahoo.com.

2011 Training Dates - locations to be determined

Jun 16, 30

Jul 30

Aug 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31

2011 Important Sale Dates

Aug 5 - Early orders due

Aug 20 - Early order pick-up (no chocolate) (location TBD) *

Sep 9 – Popcorn Order Due – Case orders only

Sep 24 - Popcorn Pickup (location TBD) *

Oct 7 - Mid-Sale Order Due - Case orders only

Oct 22 - Mid-Sale Popcorn Pickup (location TBD) *

Nov 16 (Wednesday) - Final Popcorn Order & Prize Orders Due

Dec 3 - Popcorn Pickup # 2 (location TBD) *

* orders over \$10,000 will be delivered to the location of your choice.

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