



The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

October 13, 2011

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*Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at
Washington Irving Middle School in West Springfield for
October and until further notice*

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

WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- **Old Dominion District Annual Business Meeting and Elections** will be in November. Details are found on page 3.
- **Journey To Excellence progress** update is found on page 2.
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- **Webelos-ree** information is found on page 3, and **Fall Camporee** information on page 6.
- **WTS, JNS** results, and **Scout Expo** are among Membership topics discussed on page 4.
- **STEM**, a new program in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics is **being piloted in NCAC**, see page 5 for details.
- **Finance** is on everyone's mind, and see page 5 for a summary of the **ODD's progress** this year.
- **Roundtable topics for October** are found on page 7.
- **Charter Renewal** is getting underway, see page 7 for the 9-step process, and page 9 for on-line renewal training opportunities.
- **Silver Beaver nominations** are due in November, a month earlier than in previous years. See page 7 for the process.
- And **Award Of Merit nominations** are due in December, see page 7.
- Cub Scouters don't miss **Pow Wow training**, see page 9.
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- And a first look at the coming **Klondike Derby** is on page 13
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COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



Commissioner Staff News

Welcome aboard to new commissioners James Taylor and Paul Humphreys ! Welcome back to Dean Stinson, who will take over as Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. We still need an Asst District Commissioner for New Unit Service.

Roundtable

The October roundtable and those following until further notice will be held at Washington Irving Middle School on Old Keene Mill Road in West Springfield.

Journey to Excellence Program

Unit Visitation Tracking System JTE Gold standard is 50% of units with 6 or more visits by end of year (logged into UVTS). Up to 32% of all units have 6 or more visits. Only 15 units need two more visits over the last 3 months of the year for the district to achieve Gold for this area. If you are not yet able to access the system, let me know ASAP. While we are working on getting you into the system, you can have your ADC or another UC enter them for you. You can go back to the beginning of the year and catch up if you need to !

Performance Achievement for Units: JTE Gold standard is 70% of units achieve the Bronze award. Please continue to work with your units on the home stretch for their individual awards. We'll cover this in more detail next commissioner meeting. Remember that reporting service is one of the units performance measures. So far only 12 units have reported Good Turn for America hours: Packs 678, 686, 890, Troops 683, 856, 991, 1538, Team 1538 Crews 574, 1511, 1538, and 3200. Plus only 5 units reported hours for the Spring Camporee Service Project. There are also many units that are showing no advancement on the on-line system (too many to list). This also will affect their ability to gain a Gold, Silver or Bronze award.

Chartered Org Relationships: JTE Gold standard is all Charter Organizations visited during year. So far, we only have UVTS record of 11 units with a Charter Organization visit by Commissioners (12%). Remember that a visit to the Charter Organization Representative (COR) by the unit commissioner counts for this visit. All you have to do is include a statement in your visit comment and Bill will log it as a charter organization visit.

Unit Charter Renewal

Recharter packets (with online access codes) will be available at Oct roundtable next week to be given out to

commissioners only (ADCs will pick up for those UCs who can't make it). See page 7 and 9 of this issue for more information on recharter. If questions on how to help your units through this process, contact ADC Hubert Fry and/or come to one of the scheduled training sessions.

Commissioner Support during Fall Recruiting

Dan Ehrlich, District Vice Chair for Membership, attended the commissioner meeting and talked about commissioner responsibilities during the Fall recruiting season. These include ensuring that all units (not just cub packs) have an assigned recruiting coordinator (for cubs a JSN coordinator), a planned recruiting effort, and turn in new scout applications as they receive them, rather than waiting until the end of the year. Troops should team up with packs at back to school nights and Join Scouting Nights to capture 5th and 6th graders. See membership notes on page 4 for more information.

Commissioner Support to Fall Camporee

We will need help all weekend, but especially Friday night for parking and welcoming units. If you're not on my most current list but planning to attend, please drop me an email and make sure to bring your purple neckerchief !

Thank you for all you do for your units and the Old Dominion District – it's an honor to serve with such an excellent commissioner staff !

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
District Commissioner
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An Eagle Scout (earned in 1938) at the Scout Breakfast held October 10th at Greenspring (See story on page 3.)



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



On October 10, 2011, the Old Dominion District held it's first Community Scout Breakfast. The event was held at Greenspring in Springfield. We had about 50 attendees come and show their support to scouting. Springfield District Supervisor, Pat Herry was the Key Note

Speaker. Our program was focused on highlighting the many contributions our scouts make to the community and asking the community to in turn support us in our efforts. Two awards were presented; the Future of America, Youth Leadership Award and the Community Leadership Award. They were awarded to Gerry Souser from Crew 4522 and Roy Ewers from Fischer Hardware respectively.

I would like to personally thank all those Old Dominion District Scouters who took the time to attend. Your support of this event is truly appreciated! Starting a new event from scratch is a challenge, but having such a great group of scouters to call on for help and support makes job that much easier! Special thanks to fellow committee members; Mike Nepi, Doug Cochrane, and John Rephlo. You all are amazing!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge our sponsors. The following businesses were very generous in their support to our event. I hope that you will support them too.

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Hope to see many of you at the Camporee or Webe-los-ree this weekend!

YIS,
Holly Brown
District Chairman
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WEBELOS-REE

Emergency Preparedness-Are you ready?

Have you registered your Webelos? Webelos Scouts won't want to miss the Webelos-ree October 14-16 at Camp Highroad. It is not too late to register, but you need to do so NOW! All Webelos (I and II) are invited to camp both nights, one night, or just come for the day on Saturday to take advantage of the many programs that are being offered. Units in our District are hard at work planning programs and I hope you will come support them. The Webe-los-ree program packet is on our district website at:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017> which includes information on how to register your Webe-los Den.

Contact Lisa Wokeck with questions at <redacted> or <redacted>.

ODD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Old Dominion District Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Wed, Nov 16th, 7:30 PM, at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road. District elections for District Officers and members-at-large will take place at this meeting. In previous years, this meeting was held in April of each year. Due to NCAC realigning its schedule to the recommended National BSA annual schedule, the meeting had to be shifted to the November 2011 date. In order to enable a smooth transition and assuring that end of year JTE goals are met, we will recommend that the new officers assume their respective responsibilities on Jan 1st, 2012.

This meeting will also feature presentation of the annual reports for the District. Unit Charter Organization Representatives and members of the District Committee are encouraged to attend. The District Nominating Committee is in the process of selecting individuals for the various leadership positions within the ODD. Any recommendations are welcome. Please contact: John Rephlo, Nominating Committee Chairman, at 703-451-9473 or jm@rephlo.com with any recommendations you may have for consideration.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Webelos-to-Scout (WTS) Fall Training

Webelos-to-Scout training will start Thursday night, October 13th at 7:00PM, before Roundtable at Washington Irving MS. Don't miss it!

Webelos Leaders/New Scout Coordinators: This is your one shot at this year's Webelos-to-Scout Training session. Since the September flooding (hope everyone's dried out!) the October Roundtable is the only training session. Every scout deserves well-trained leadership, and every pack needs a Webelos-to-Scout leader. You have the role of ensuring every boy has the opportunity to find a Troop he'll enjoy, and thrives when he arrives. Be sure a representative from your Pack is there to get all the latest info on how to ensure your Cub Scouts successfully transition to Boy Scouts.

It's STILL Scout Recruiting Time!

According to your inputs (and yes, some of you have yet to report your JSN date- Packs 881, 890 and 2000), all of our ODD 2011 JSNs should have been held. But that does not mean that our fall recruiting season is over. Remember to follow up on boys who you have no application but contact information! They expressed an interest and we need to follow up. We also encourage units that had a less-than-spectacular JSN outcome to use their October pack meeting as a 2nd chance JSN. Our team will provide you recruiting materials and advice to make such a supplemental event a success. Of course, we ALL know that it is NEVER too late in the year to join the Cub Scouts, right???

We Need your Unit JSN Results

Only 6 packs have reported the results of their JSN that leaves approximately 20 packs that have yet to report the results of their JSNs. In fact, 5 of these packs have not even reported what night they held their JSN. How can we help you if we don't know you need help??? Please "Do Your Best" and let us know how you did by sending your JSN information and/or results to: tersineag@hotmail.com.

Now that you have new Scouts, PLEASE turn in their Applications The 6 packs that reported results have 80 new boys! If the other packs have the same success we could have over 300 new boys in Old Dominion District Cub Scout Packs!! Wow! Joe was out at the scout shop last week collecting applications and can pick them from your pack if needed. Also bring your applications to roundtable. Let's make sure our new scouts' applications are processed in a timely fashion so our Scouts can start receiving Boys Life, be properly covered by our insurance, and be properly advanced in ScoutNet.

Scout Expo

Hey Old Dominion District Cub Scouters, where can your soon-to-be bridging Webelos II's learn about many of the great Troops in our District?

Hey Old Dominion District Scouters, where can those soon-to-be bridging Webelos II's learn about your great Troops?

At the Scout Expo, that's where! Scout Expo will be held November 10 at 7pm before Roundtable at Washington Irving MS.

Scout Expo is a great chance for our Webelos II Scouts to learn about our Troops - the kinds of activities they plan, the style of the events (every Troop is different) and get excited about Boy Scouts as they work toward completing their final Webelos Activity Badges and earning the Arrow of Light.

Our Membership team is working with some dedicated ODD Scouters to make this year's Scout Expo the best ever. In addition to the Expo being an opportunity for prospective Boy Scouts to meet troops, we are looking at ways we can provide important information to Webelos II Scouts' families on the exciting changes ahead of them on the Scouting trail as they transition.

Please contact our Webelos-to-Scout Coordinator, John Ruby, if you have ideas to improve the event as well as if you want to volunteer.

Welcome to our New Unit Coordinator

Bob Coella has joined our Old Dominion Membership team as District New Unit Coordinator. He will be working with chartering organizations who are interested in joining our movements and coordinating the efforts of ODD New Unit Organizers. Welcome, Bob!

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.guida@scouting.org

Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator Tony Tersine
<redacted>

Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator — Vacant
HELP WANTED

WTS Coordinator John Ruby
john.ruby@cytechservices.com

New Unit Coordinator Bob Coella
<redacted>



STEM

The National Council of BSA has chosen NCAC as a pilot council for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Initiative. The BSA STEM initiative, funded by a multiyear grant from Exxon-Mobile, is designed to

bring a Scouting focus to skills that are relevant and needed in our competitive world. This initiative will provide appropriate opportunities for youth at all levels of Scouting (Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts and Venturers) to develop an enhanced interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while recognizing youth STEM achievement.

The STEM initiative is planned to provide Scouts these opportunities through a program that culminates in a new series of youth awards and adult recognitions known as NOVA and SuperNOVA. The intent of the STEM initiative is for Scouts to start with the NOVA program to gain basic STEM knowledge and then, over time, progress to the more advanced SuperNOVA program.

Completion of the four STEM activity areas found under the NOVA program will be recognized through the distinctive NOVA award. This award consists of a distinctive pocket patch with a separate pin-on device awarded for each completed topic area. If the scout completes a number (currently undetermined) of the four available STEM topics, they will be presented with a Certificate and Bronze Medal.

The SuperNOVA Award program, also available to the full range of scouts, builds upon the knowledge gained in the NOVA program. SuperNOVA is designed to encourage and recognize in-depth superior achievement in STEM in a number of progressively more challenging levels. The basic SuperNOVA requirements are to earn certain Academic Pins (Cub Scouts), Activity Badges (Webelos) and Merit Badges (Boy Scouts) plus complete various other more rigorous STEM related requirements. The Venturing requirements are based on more independent achievement and teaching activities. Formal recognition for SuperNOVA consists of an award specific certificate, medal on a neck ribbon, and, for Boy Scouts and Venturers, a square knot patch.

The adult Scouters will mentor the Scouts through the NOVA and SuperNOVA program. Each level of Scouting has specific requirements for the individual scout to complete under the guidance of the adult mentor. Adults will be recognized for promoting the BSA STEM initiative and

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FINANCE

Friends of Scouting (Doug Cochran, ODD FOS Chair). 2011 ODD Campaign. The goal of \$85k was exceeded by ~4% at ~\$89k. This was made possible by 564 donors out of a pool of 3,404 potentials, with only ~16.6% contributing.

2012 NCAC FOS Campaign: Time lines for campaign:

- October 4 - Goals set
- October 31 - Complete District Orientation for Unit Coordinators and Presenters
- November 29 - FOS Kickoff Dinner
- December 1 - Presentations Set

Position description are available for new/key positions, and a Family FOS model has been issued. Emphasis this year on 'Education' versus 'Fundraising'. The NCAC Chairman is Rich Mendelowitz. In order to sustain necessary program, all units must show value to youth and parents. The 2012 patch for suggested level of giving will state "A Scout is clean...but not afraid to get dirty." Everyone who contributes, regardless of size of contribution, will receive a very cool hand-charged flashlight.

Popcorn Sales: (Karin Linehan, Popcorn Kernel)

- 18 out of 37 packs have placed orders
- 18 packs ordered a total of \$154,444
- 18 packs with on-line sales of \$7,024
- No orders placed thus far from 34 troops, 18 Crew or 3 Ships.
- Total Sales YTD = \$161,468
- Estimated profit to units YTD is ~\$48,676

Endowment Fund: Dinner held on September 17, 2011 at Camp Snyder with ~70 attendees. \$36,000 pledged at event; \$53,870 pledged before/after event @ \$87,870. Seeking a Roundtable representative from ODD for James E. West *Centennial Club* recognition. Current Endowment fund value at ~\$4M; should be ~\$40M for the size of ODD. The Fund is suffering from losing a \$600,000 annual congressional grant that ended in 2007.

Community Scouting Breakfast: Was held on October 10, 2011 at Greenspring. Income was ~\$5,200; with a net of \$1,600. Attendance was about 60 guests.

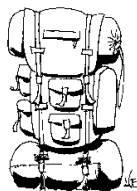
Key "3" Workshop: Five representatives from the ODD participated in the Council-Wide goal setting on October 4, 2011 at Concord - St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

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GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

Effective with the October Roundtable, the location will change to Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keen Mill Road, Springfield, until further notice. Same date and time.



All flavors - Fall Camporee is THIS WEEKEND. We will have latest news and updates for those attending. But if you're not attending, there is still plenty of great Fall program - read on:

Cub Scout Theme: Bring your Pack's Recruiting Material, signs, and other attention getters for Show-and-Tell. Also welcome are Parent Meeting agendas and ideas and New Scout game ideas. We'll have A Roses, Thorns, and Seeds on September's Recruiting (Better Late than Never.). This Month's Topics

- Core Value: Citizenship
- Den Meeting Activities
- Recruiting Adult Leaders
- Halloween Fun? You Bet!

Boy Scouts – Welcome back to Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner and former T1853 SM Dean Stinson ! The Boy Scout breakout will be "Order of the Arrow/Unit Integration" by Chapter Advisor Jeff Morrow. OA has a lot to offer your boys and your unit - come and hear about benefits to both. .

Venturing/Varsity - For the Venturing and Varsity Forum, topics will be "The Youth Leader Training Continuum: Planning and Holding an Effective Team Leader's Training Seminar" plus ideas on what Crews/Ships should be working on in the near term, with resources and upcoming opportunities. .

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. (Turn in Eagle forms at NCAC, Bethesda.)

2011 FALL CAMPOREE

Are you ready for the unexpected?

A Scout is always prepared for any kind of emergency situation, even major urban disasters, sometimes those you least expect, like hurricanes, tornadoes, epidemics, or ... even, possibly, according to the Center for Disease Control, Zombie Invasions! Over 200 Scouts (so far) are signed up to come to beautiful Camp Highroad on October 14-16 for a great time preparing for.... the unexpected.

We will have a patrol competition and learning experience over 12 different stations, each run by one of the district units, and each focusing on a different area of disaster preparedness. By the time Saturday evening comes, all units should be ready for.....whatever or whoever might arrive at camp that evening. The Camporee Staff will stay in touch with the local authorities just in case....

Camp Highroad is a great facility, offering other optional activities for troops for Saturday such as hiking, geocaching, mountain boarding, a COPE course, and others.

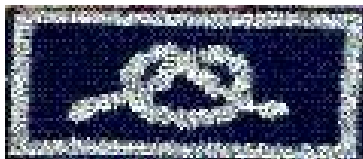
All units are encouraged to take part in the "Apocalypse Gourmet" Cooking Competition for Saturday lunch. Impress the judges with your ability to cook tasty, nutritious meals using only non-perishable ingredients (canned or dried foods) that you would expect to find if having to survive a major disaster for long periods of time. Extra points will be given for creativity in the reasons for choosing the ingredients you used. Quick preparation and cleanup might also be a good idea if you are trying to survive and on the move ! Your unit leader has the rules.

This is a Camporee you don't want to miss ! Signups were due on the 3rd of October but if you contact us NOW with your forms we will do everything we can to accommodate those units interested in joining us. If you have any questions or want to volunteer on staff, please contact the Camporee Director, Shawn Anderson, at <redacted> or <redacted>.



Supervisor Pat Herrity giving the Key Note address at the Scout Breakfast (story on page 3)

AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS



The District Award of Merit is the only official BSA award that the Old Dominion District can award to its adult Scouters. While there are no specific requirements, the award recognizes outstanding service to youth within the District and is only presented for exceptional and dedicated service over a period of time.

Nominations should be submitted to the Old Dominion District Award of Merit Committee Chairman Ken Davis no later than December 30, 2011. Nominations can be mailed to Ken Davis, 6320 Phyllis Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312-6402 or e-mailed to daviskenjared@aol.com. The *Nomination for the Award of Merit* form can be obtained from the Council web site at:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/> under the Awards section. ([Link to the file](#))

The awards will be presented at our District Scouter Recognition Dinner in the spring.

Ken Davis
703-941-9018

SILVER BEAVER NOVEMBER 30th



The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level award approved by the BSA National Court of Honor and is available to only about 2% of registered Scouters in any year. It is given for "exceptional service to youth on a council level." There are no specific criteria except for service to young people through the Scouting program and at least some involvement in youth work outside Scouting. Recipients are usually those who have extensive district and unit Scouting experience, usually exceeding 10 years in tenure, and almost always includes some service at the council level, such as Wood Badge, Pow Wow, Commissioner, Order of the Arrow or other service beyond the district level.

Anyone can submit a nomination which should go directly to the council Silver Beaver Committee no later than November 30, 2011. The nomination form is available on the council web site. Scouters interested in submitting nominations can get guidance and suggestions for write-ups by contacting Ken Davis at 703-941-9018 or daviskenjared@aol.com, or by contacting any member of the Old Dominion District Key 6 leadership.

FALL MEANS FOOTBALL, LEAVES TO BE RAKED, COOL WEATHER TO BE ENJOYED, AND....CHARTERS TO BE RENEWED !

The charter renewal step by step process is:

1. If you haven't assigned an adult unit member to be your Unit Renewal Processor (RP) – do it now !
2. Your Unit Commissioner will obtain your unit's re-charter packet and online access code at the October Roundtable or shortly thereafter.
3. Your Unit Commissioner will then provide you with your package and work with you as needed to pull all chartering information together into a package, including new youth and adult applications and YPT documentation.
4. On-line rechartering will open on November 1st. When it does, you should enter all of your charter information - either via Scoutnet or Electronic Unit Management Software (like *Troopmaster* or *Packmaster*).
5. When finished, you may use the online system to print a charter renewal application.
6. You should provide your Unit Commissioner with the opportunity to review your complete package and application for accuracy and to ensure they meet minimum requirements.
7. You may then submit the charter renewals on-line and print out the final application.
8. Unit leaders and chartering organization executive officers must then sign the appropriate forms.
9. You should then provide your Unit Commissioner with the opportunity to conduct a final review of the entire package, sign the application, and turn in the charter renewal package, preferably at the November Roundtable.

The goal for this entire process to be complete is Nov 22nd (before Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season).

Where can you go for help? See Charter Renewal Training dates and location on page 9 or contact:

Hubert Fry
<redacted>

CLEARING AWAY THE FOG

Or—What is the REAL Story on the National Required Training Pilot Project and 2011 Rechartering

I am a long-time Old Dominion District Scouter. Recently, I was given a new “opportunity to excel” for the Council. As the new Leadership Training Chair for NCAC, I have been traveling around the Council promoting the National Required Training Pilot Project. I must share with you that there is much confusion about this project. Most of this confusion stems from the fact that the consequence of being not trained has changed several times over the last 18 months. I hope to clarify the official guidance here today.

First, the implementation of the National Required Training Pilot Project falls under the responsibility of the Council Leadership Training Committee. The Council Committee is being assisted by the District Leadership Training Committees and the Commissioner Corps.

Second, the Official Document is located on the NCAC Website under Training => Hot News! <http://boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=27357&orgkey=1934>

Third, “current Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required of all Scouters.’ *Scouters have three months to complete this training after submitting their paperwork as a registered Scouter.* This training, valid for 2 years, is a requirement for “membership” in Scouting regardless of “position.” (This is a change as of August 2011. The NCAC Leadership Training Committee is working to update the training policy at the above link.) Until then it is most strongly urged that that a Scouter complete YPT in advance and attach their YPT Training Card to their application. (Venturing and Sea Scout Leaders need Venturing YPT. All other leaders take YPT.)

Fourth, the NCAC Training Philosophy is “Get Trained, Then Lead.” This philosophy encompasses the long held philosophy of “Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be trained.” This may sound idealistic, but we do not get trained so that we will not be kicked out of Scouting. We get trained, and remain current in our training, so that we can serve the youth in the Scouting program. Yes, techniques change over time. Scouting goes through continuous improvement. We need to stay current with our training. I am surprised by Scouters who were trained 10 – 20 years ago, who feel that they have no need of further training. This is not a philosophy held by industry, professions, or government. I certainly hope that my doctor stays current on the latest in the medical profession! So while basic training (This is Scouting, Position Specific Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills) do not expire, I encourage you to keep current on the latest techniques. Hey! Join the District Leadership Training Team. We could use your help,

and you can stay current at the same time.

Finally, “the NCAC has elected to set a goal of December 31, 2012 for all currently registered Direct Contact Leaders to be 100% fully trained. All future registered Direct Contact Leaders preferably will be 100% fully trained PRIOR to registering in that position. If that cannot happen due to unforeseen circumstances, a Direct Contact Leader should become 100% fully trained within three months of assuming that Direct Contact Leader position.” (See the NCAC link paragraph 3 for the definition of a direct contact leader.)

So there you have it, to maintain your association with the BSA you must maintain a current Youth Protection Training. You are also, highly encouraged to stay current in your position and to appoint leaders who have already been trained for their position.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ncac.leadership.training.chair@gmail.com.

Chip Souser
NCAC Leadership Training Chair

STEM (cont)

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for mentoring youth to earn the NOVA and SUPERNOVA awards through award of a certificate, bronze medal on neck ribbon and Square Knot.

Please contact Dr. Chuck Frizzelle, ODD STEM POC, at <redacted> for additional information on this exciting program.

Dr. Charles D. Frizzelle, Jr.
<redacted>

SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

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

To subscribe, from the new address, or add a new subscription, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

This has the effect of deleting the subscription for the old address, and creating a new subscription for the new address. If this does not work for you, send an email request to: **NCACOLDDOMINION-owner@yahoogroups.com**

THE TRAINING PAGES

Need to get trained for your new position fast? Most training is available online at www.olg.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.olg.scouting.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.

Check the Council calendar for more training events and register online through the calendar at www.boyscouts-ncac.org.

The following **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



POW WOW Saturday, November 19

On Saturday November 19th, we will have the greatest, most mind boggling training extravaganza available during your Cub Scouting year. Pow Wow offers something for everybody - leader specific training, supplemental training, Den Chief and Baloo, plus a whole lot of fun!

- Spend the day learning cheers and songs
- Learn how to deliver a high quality Den and Pack program
- Learn how to keep all your fingers attached when teaching Whittlin' Chip
- Learn first aid in case you weren't paying attention
- Learn how to sing the Announcement song to entertain our Boy Scout leaders at Roundtable!
- Get your leaders trained and qualify for the 100% Trained Unit Award!!!!
- Bring a newly registered leader from your Pack! Bring the Cubmaster and assistants and get them all filled with the spirit of small boys!
- Learn the Tiger roar, the Wolf howl, the Bear growl, and the Webelos cheers for camping!
- Wear your uniform! Bring your committee and get them filled with that Cub Scout Spirit!

Registration will open on the council website in the next few days; look for it at www.boyscouts-ncac.org

See you at Pow Wow 2011 !!!

Unit Charter Renewal Training

- Saturday, October 29th - 1-2 PM—Pohick Regional Library (Conference Room)
- Saturday, November 5th - 11AM-12 noon —Richard Byrd Library (Conference Room)
- Thursday, November 10th - 7-8 PM—Irving Middle School (Room TBD - prior to Nov Roundtable)
- Saturday, November 12th - 11AM-12 noon—Pohick Regional Library (Conference Room)

If you have questions, please contact Hubert Fry, <redacted>, and see article on page 7.

University of Scouting Saturday February 26, 2012

Save the date, and watch for registration to open on the NCAC web site in early 2012.

OA UPDATE



The Following Units were represented by youth members at the October Chapter Meeting on Sunday, October 2: 688, 1146, 1501, 1853 and 2215

If your Units Order of the Arrow Representative is not attending the Chapter meetings, are your Arrowmen getting the information concerning the activities of the Chapter?

Upcoming Events

Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity – October 15 – Fall Camporee – Camp High Roads. The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be conducting a Brotherhood Walk and associated Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony during the afternoon and evening of October 15, during the Old Dominion District's Fall Camporee. This will be an opportunity for eligible Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow to seal their membership in the order. If unit leaders are interested in identifying unit members that are eligible for Brotherhood Conversion, they are encouraged to contact the chapter adviser, Jeff Morrow, via email, oddscouter@cox.net, to obtain the information for their use in encouraging unit members to convert their membership. The entire Brotherhood conversion can be accomplished at no cost to the eligible member. Sign up forms will be provided by chapter during the Camporee.

Fall Ordeal – October 28-30 – Camp Moss Hollow
The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Fall Ordeal on the weekend of October 28-30 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 and Adult Volunteers are needed to support the Fall 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.

Fall Ordeal is your last Opportunity This is the last 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

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. Members of the Order of the Arrow also have to be registered with a Boy Scout Unit to be a member in good standing of the Order.

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.

Key Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 2: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- Oct. 14-16: Chapter support of ODD Fall Camporee
- Oct. 15: Brotherhood Conversion – ODD Fall Camporee
- Oct. 22: Chapter Supporting NCAC Centennial Event
- Oct. 28-30: Old Dominion Chapter Fall Ordeal – Camp Moss Hollow
- Nov. 6: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- Nov. 12: Chapter Supporting Scouting for Food Drop off
- Nov. 13: Area Leaders Development Course – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

V3 VIEWS

Upcoming Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Varsity Events



- Oct 14-16, 2011 (Fri-Sun), Old Dominion District Fall Camporee and Venturing Out, Camp High Road, VA (Geocaching, Bike Trekking, Hiking Potomac Heritage Trail, Mountain Boarding, Corn Mazing, etc.) Pot Luck Dinner for Venturers, Sea Scouts and Varsity Scouts Saturday evening. Bring enough for you unit and another unit of the same size to share. See you there!!
- Oct 22 & 23, 2011 (Sat-Sun), NCAC Venturing Officer Association NCAC Centennial Venturing Overnighter, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. (More Information to follow. Coming only for Saturday is OK.), contact: Gerry Souser, President, NCAC CVOA, <redacted>
- Oct 29 & Nov 19-20, 2011 (Sat, Sat-Sun), Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills course is now open to Venturers. This is a great course that helps prepare you for planning and doing a backcountry or high adventure trip – <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org> > Training > BCOLS
- Nov 4-6, 2011 (Fri-Sun), V3 Hike-o-ree, Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, and the Shenandoah National Forest, VA. (Coming only Friday night and Saturday is OK.)
- Nov 12, 2011 (Sat), Scouting for Food, food bank stocking – we need the help of Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Varsity Scouts to count, sort, and stock the Scouting for Food donations.
- Nov 19, 2011 (Sat), 9 am – 2 pm) Venturing and Varsity Leader Specific Training, Springfield. Contact Adair Petty to sign up – ppetty1@cox.net
- Jan 6-8, 2012 (Fri-Sun), Venturing Ski Weekend with Pittsburgh (now Laurel Highlands) Council Venturing, <http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.as?ActivityKey=1033522>

What's New?.

Journey to Excellence – 3 Months Left to “Gold”. Only 5 months left to “Go for the Gold” in your Journey to Excellence. Go to the above website to get a score card for your unit and check your score now. What do you need to do by the end of December to score “Gold” for your unit and your Scouts?

www.scouting.org > Volunteer > Scouting's Journey to Excellence (right sidebar menu)

Top Unit Leaders Basic Training Required for Charter Renewal

Top Unit Leaders (Advisor, Skipper, Coach, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster) must have completed basic training PRIOR to registering in that position during unit recharter in December 2011. If that cannot happen due to unforeseen circumstances, a Top Unit Leader should become 100% basic trained within three months of assuming that Top Unit Leader position. Basic trained requirements according to BSA computer program are:

Crew Advisor – This is Scouting, Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST), Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the crew has outdoor program activities, Venturing Youth Protection Training

Skipper - This is Scouting, Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (SSALBT), Venturing Youth Protection Training

Varsity Coach - This is Scouting, Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training (VCLST), Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Youth Protection Training

If you are a top leader or an adult leader and have not completed your basic training, there will be Venturing and Varsity Leader Specific Training in Springfield on Saturday. 19 Nov, 2011, 9 am – 2 pm. Contact Adair Petty to sign up – ppetty1@cox.net

“Fast Start” Now Supplemental Training. BSA has moved “Fast Start” to supplemental training. It is not now required for completion of Basic Training but is still required for the Trained Leader Award Knot. Fast Start is also an excellent resource to view until new leaders can get to Leader Specific Training and to show youth, parents, and chartering organization members to understand in 15 minutes what the program is all about. For more details, see <http://scouting.org> > Volunteer > Training > View the Most Recent Training Update (right side bar)

What is new on the Scouting.org for Varsity? The Varsity Program Resources for the 36 Varsity Activity programs are now online at <http://www.scouting.org> > Youth > Boy Scout > Resources (bottom of the page).

Varsity Fast Start has now been added to My Scouting E-Learning as supplemental training. The Fast Start DVD available in the Scout Shop is a great resource to use with your youth members and chartering organization members.

And don't forget the Hike-o-ree November 4-6. See details on page 12.

Adair Petty
Venturing Vice Chairman

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

**2011 Scouting for Food Drive
November 5th and 12th**

The Scouting for Food (SFF) campaign is the single largest "Good Turn" project that the National Capital Area Council conducts annually aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live. This year's food drive is scheduled for the first two weeks of November, with bag drop-off on November 5th and bag pickup on November 12th.

Scouting for Food



A Good Turn For America Initiative

Last year through the collective initiative and hard work of participating units, Old Dominion District provided over 45,000 pounds of donations to food-banks in Annandale, Springfield and Lorton just in time for the holidays. Units should ensure they have a representative to pick up their SFF collection bags at the 3 October Old Dominion District Roundtable. The need of the disadvantaged this year is greater than ever so each Pack/Troop/Team/Crew/Ship is strongly encouraged to put out the greatest possible effort.

Old Dominion contact for more information: Fred Shiner at olddominionsff@gmail.com.

Calendar:

- November 5 Scouting-For-Food bag drop-off
- November 12 Scouting-For-Food bag pick-up (donated food collection at ACCA, ECHO and LCAC community food-banks)



This year is the 22th V3 Hike-o-ree. Don't miss this great activity and your chance to get a special 22th anniversary T-shirt honoring the anniversary of Scouting and the creation of Shenandoah National Park. Come to a great hike and listen to crew presentations on high adventure opportunities. There are still hikes open and space for additional crews. The Hike-o-ree will be held on, November 4-6 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration will be limited to trail capacities at the fifteen trails. Units are encouraged to form crews, consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Minimum age for scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2012. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, Troops and Girl Scout units.

Crews will select one of fifteen circuit hikes. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening campfire, a high adventure rally on Saturday night, and a service project on Sunday morning. Crews will be awarded distinctive Hike-o-ree t-shirts at the completion of the Hike-o-ree. The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$15.00 (\$17.00 for extra extra large shirts). For a registration point your browser to the Council Web site - <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org> and sign up. For any additional information, or call Bob Austin 703-425-9675 (home), 703-676-1191 (work), email bob.austin@verizon.net or Adair Petty, 703-607-2190 (work), email at ppetty1@cox.net.

THE OLD RAG

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The Purpose of the Old Dominion District is to serve the Scouting needs of the units in the District.

LAST YEAR'S KLONDIKE WINNERS

- 1st Place:** T-1501 Dream Team
- 2nd Place:** T-2215 Mortal Kampers
- 3rd Place:** VC-1501 Shadow
- 4th Place:** T-1853 Pirates

See page 13 for this years Klondike details

KLONDIKE DERBY 3-4 FEBRUARY 2012

The 7th Annual Old Dominion District Klondike

The Fall Camporee features emergency preparation and on the heels of that will be snow covered trails and patrol competitions in the mountains of West Virginia!!

We are changing the venue and tweaking the program, but everything you have come to expect will be delivered with this year's program.

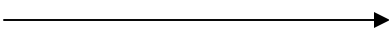
Join us for this year's Old Dominion District Klondike mixing the challenges of outdoor weather with activities that test your Scout skills and your patrol's ability to work together. The main competition lasts all day Saturday with the overall goal to accrue as much gold as possible. Gold is mined in a variety of ways: accomplishing a variety of Scout skills, demonstrating Scout Spirit, and working closely as patrol. Socials are held both Friday and Saturday to strongly encourage Scouts (and Scouters) of different troops to intermingle.

Remember, the patrols get to choose the events they want to do and are rewarded for the choices they make. The Klondike Derby is a District Event, but more importantly it is an option to your Scout program – and one which many troops return to because it delivers the fun and “outing” of the Scouting Program. Troops can choose to either camp or stay in bunk rooms. Last year's option of allowing troops to plan their own breakfasts is still available. Otherwise, breakfast is included in the cost and is only \$3 per person!

Some of the changes:

- Lunch will be provided – hot dogs, soup, chips, cookies, & drinks.
- No Golden Spoon – you'll be able to work the stations throughout the day.
- Sunday breakfast will be a hot breakfast.
- All campsites and cabins have campfire rings.

Hoping for snow, so it's time to start looking at your winter wear and your winter gear.

Estimated cost for this year is 

- Scouts & Scouters: \$35.00
- Scouts & Scouters in a lodge: \$45.00

Cost includes:
 Saturday & Sunday Pancake Breakfast
 Saturday Hot Lunch
 Saturday Pizza & Salad Dinner
 Friday & Saturday Night Socials
 Bug Juice, Coffee & Hot Choc all Day
 And all Program Costs – patches, etc.

The Klondike Information Guide will be posted shortly; we are still working on the final program costs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Fred Woody at 202-685-5727 (work), 703-628-4111 (cell) or fred.woody@navy.mil.

Special Incentive and Opportunity to put your Troop's or Crew's claim in the Klondike!

And this year we would again like to allow troops to contribute to the event if they want. Each year the director comes up with the program activities and coordinates the supplies. If a troop or crew would like to develop and provide the Station Guide and materials for a challenging station, Fred will incorporate it into the Klondike and the Troop/Crew will get a 50% discount on one Scout or Scouter registration.

Guidelines:

- The Station must be challenging, fun, and patrol oriented.
- The Station must be constructed in a manner that allows points/gold to be awarded. The conduct of the station, the points assigned, and the scenario must be clearly written. Most stations are worth between 30 and 50 points.
- The Troop/Crew must provide one adult to work the station.
- The Station must be within the requirements of the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
- The Station must be approved by the Klondike Camp Director and Station Manager.

Examples of past Station Leader Guidelines can be provided; contact Fred Woody if interested. It's fun setting up a challenge and watching the Scouts work together to beat that challenge!

THINK SNOW



POPCORN 2011 THE DRIVE TO FIVE!

Two shipments of popcorn have been received by units and sales are going strong! Unit orders are over \$144,000 so far!

Our next delivery is Saturday, October 15th at Robinson Terminal. Council may have extra product available, so let Karin know if you're looking for some.

Have questions? Contact Karin Linehan at ODDpopcorn@yahoo.com. Get updated sales information online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org. Click on Support Scouting, then 2011 Popcorn Sale (right side of the screen).

2011 Important Sale Dates:

- Oct 15 — Mid-Sale Popcorn Pickup Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield *
- Nov 16 (Wednesday) — Final Popcorn Order (cases and individual containers) & Prize Orders Due
- Dec 3 — Popcorn Pickup # 2 Robinson Terminal, 7201 Wimsatt Rd, Springfield *
- Dec 19 — Final payment and any outstanding prize orders due

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

NESA SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the National Eagle Scout Association will award 153 scholarships to Eagle Scouts through various Eagle Scout scholarship funds. These scholarships vary in size from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

The scholarships are for tuition, room, board, and books only and are limited for use at a four-year accredited college or university that offers at least a bachelor's degree upon completion of the course of studies.

These scholarships are not available to students attending a trade school, two-year college, or any of the U.S. military academies (because at the academies, expenses covered by NESA scholarships are already paid by the U.S. government).

Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2012.

Applications information is available at:

<http://www.nesa.org/applications.html>