



# The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ...  
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The Old Dominion District

WEB Edition

November 8, 2007

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## SCOUTING FOR FOOD



By now, you should have passed out bags in your areas and be planning to pick up and deliver those bags to our community food banks. Thank you for the first part of the project.

Now, the 2nd part starts! Time to pick up all the contributions just in time for Thanksgiving!! Just a few reminders:

1. NEVER, repeat NEVER, enter any house to pick up bags. This includes garages and sheds.
2. Collect bags and deliver them to one of the community food banks.
3. Your Scouts should maintain the buddy system, no one is off by himself.
4. Our food banks are:
  - ACCA - Annandale Christian Community for Action, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale
  - ECHO - Ecumenical Community Helping Others, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield
  - LCAC - Lorton Community Action Center, 9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton
5. Scouts will be working at each of these locations to help sort and store the food.
6. Take note of how many bags of food you deliver and send me your final tallies. There is no competitive prize for the most food collected, but know that every bag provides a meal to someone who might not otherwise have had that meal.
7. Enter your service hours and total food collected into the Good Turn for America database.

Thank you for all your efforts in Scouting but especially this most important community service.

ppate1@yahoo.com



**POW WOW 2007**—See registration information in the article on page 9.



## COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

### Centennial Quality Awards

**Program:** The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize units, districts and councils that deliver quality programs based on the goals and objectives set by the organization. The National Capital Area Council continually seeks quality programs for youth, and it is committed to support this goal. The objective of the program is: *To improve the QUALITY of the program in every unit!*

- Improve and increase adult leader training.
- Improve youth recruitment and retention.
- Improve parent participation.
- Improve youth advancement.
- Improve outdoor program participation.
- Improve annual program planning.

### How Does a Unit Know When it has Qualified?

Between October 31 and December 31, 2007, the *Centennial Quality Achievement form* is completed and signed by the unit and district leadership, usually a commissioner. They meet to review the unit's achievements for the calendar year compared to the goals established at the beginning of the year. (Let me know if you need a copy of the signed commitment form for your unit)

Early completion of the achievement form will help each unit and the district leadership:

- Evaluate where the unit is on accomplishing the goals established for each criterion.
- If the unit has not yet achieved all of its goals, it will have time to develop an action plan to close the gap.

All units should strive to earn the award before year-end.

**Membership.** Make sure your local unit rosters are updated to show all of your active youth, and e-mail them to Scott Staron (VP. Membership) at: Starons@dandp.com and Rich Hayes (DE) at: rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org as soon as possible, but no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. Or you can mail it to Scott Staron at his home address at 8302 Winslow Ave, Springfield, VA 22152. This is necessary to compare and reconcile your unit membership records with the current records maintained by the Council.

**GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA:** This month the Commissioner Corps has been tasked with checking how their units are doing on the Good Turn for America (GTFA) project. Scouting does millions of hours of community service each year, but in the past we've not had a good way to capture just how many hours we really perform, GTFA fills that gap. After initially getting your unit logged on to the system, with a bit of discipline - (about like logging your charity miles for tax purposes) - we can automatically keep track of unit service hours BSA is performing. THIS IS NOT JUST FOR FOOD and SHELTER

RELATED SERVICE PROJECTS. If your unit has yet to initialize your account, go to the GTFA website at: <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org> and click on the left-hand box "Tell Us about Your Service." This will lead you to a log-in page. If you don't know or remember your unique Unit ID number you can contact either Marketing Vice-Chair Don Palomaki, [dpalomaki@cox.net](mailto:dpalomaki@cox.net), or me. Once logged in you can see the menu as below:

1. Would you like to view all previously recorded projects?
2. Would you like to report a Service Project?
3. Would you like to report an Eagle Scout service project?

A few points need to keep in mind:

1. Be sure to add ALL of your service projects from this year.
2. Don't forget to add ALL your Eagle Projects. As detailed above, there is a special place to log Eagle Projects. If you do not remember how many hours were accomplished for an Eagle project, remember the Eagle Project write-up should have that information documented.
3. Don't forget that all service projects that your Scouts have performed for advancement purposes this year count.

**SCOUTING for FOOD (SFF)** is set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Scouting's oath to America has always been to serve other people at all times. Both adults and youth active in Scouting take that oath very seriously and each year, provide thousands of hours in service to our communities and SFF is a major part of this activity.

Saturday, November 3, 2007 - was bag distribution  
Saturday, November 10, 2007 - will be food collection  
See the cover page article for more information.

**New Recruiting Tools and Help** are available on Line and you can access them at the NCAC Website. Browse to: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/> and click on the Race to Cub Scouting car to find out what you can do. Check out the links for information and games, you can also check the Scouts units in your neighborhood. Each of these sites include a "unit locator" to help you find a pack, troop, team, crew, or ship holding meetings close to you. All you need is your ZIP code! Try it out right now and join the adventure.

**Unit Rechartering:** The NCAC is changing our Recharter date due to more evenly distribute their workload, Starting in 2008 Our Old Dominion District recharter schedule time will shift from April to December. More information will be provided on this as we receive details.

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



I am writing this article upon returning from our District Fall Camporee. My observations are a combination of both roses and thorns. This is the first time that we experimented with using the Camp Snyder facility for a camporee and after all is said and done,

it was a learning experience for our district staff and unit leaders alike. We also tried conducting an Order of the Arrow ordeal simultaneously with a camporee. In the final analysis this did not work out as well as expected. Therefore we will not attempt to conduct a future camporee and OA Ordeal simultaneously.

Although the camporee staff initially planned to use the grass area next to the main parking lot for the units camping area, the three days of steady rain (5 inches) resulted in us having to relocate at the last minute to the area "normally" used for camporees at Camp Snyder. Although the area is located on solid high ground, it is only accessible by a one-way road that is not conducive to smooth vehicle offload and flow. Add a steady downpour to the situation and you are in for big trouble. Additionally, this relocation of the units resulted in the activities area and headquarters being located a considerable distance away from the unit camping area. This too caused considerable communications problems among staff and units. I will pass on to the Council camping committee our suggestions for improving the drop-off and out-load area at the Camp Snyder camporee site.

On the positive side, the sun came out on a beautiful Fall Saturday, it warmed up and the boys had a great time with the cardboard boat race and the afternoon program activities. With the ground still wet after the rain, having access to the dining hall so the scouts could construct the boats was a lifesaver. I do want to commend all the unit leaders for their patience, perseverance and flexibility they exhibited throughout the weekend. Because of this, your scouts enjoyed the weekend and hopefully learned lessons for future campouts. I also want to commend Jeff Morrow, Peter Pate and Bill Rooney for putting together such an interesting and fun activity program for the camporee attendees and O/A members. It was great to see the laughter and smiles among the leaders, scouts and webelos as the day progressed on Saturday. I also want to thank Adair Petty who with minimum notice came up with a campfire program that was entertaining for all.

November is upon us and we are nearing the end of our scouting year and I encourage each of you to continue

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**Roundtables are not just for Adults.** All Roundtables (Cubs, Boy Scouts) are held from 8:00-9:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month (except for July) at Thomas Jefferson High School. You can find a map at: <http://www.fcps.edu/maps/tjhsst.htm>. As an adult you don't need a special invitation to attend – you can come with, or without others from your unit. If you care about your unit and your own Scouting knowledge.

### General Commissioner Stuff

**Commissioner College:** The National Capital Area Council will again convene on Saturday, January 26, 2008, for a day of learning, fellowship, and renewal at the 2008 NCAC Commissioner College. Classes ranged from "Unit Charter Renewal" to "Commissioners and Diversity." Participants will be able to enroll in a progressive degree program of Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees in Commissioner Science, mixing classroom and practical field experience. There is a vast array of subjects to assist commissioners in their work supporting and strengthening units and their leaders. All commissioners should plan to attend this continuing education event.

**Commissions Meeting:**– Don't forget that the November Commissioners' Meeting is Nov 29th (due to Thanksgiving) at 8:00 pm in the lounge at St. Mark's., and the December's meeting will be on Dec 12, 2007. Please come and share your experiences and your holiday spirits with others.

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## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### Annual Membership Inventory.

**What is Membership Inventory?** - This is a necessary exercise in which we compare what you have in your unit membership records to the records maintained by the Council and then work with you to submit applications and fees for any youth who are not officially registered.

**Why do I have to do this?** - some of you may say. You know who is active in your unit and who is not, right, so why bother? The benefit of doing this for you is to make sure every active Scout is actually registered, so that if there is an accident during a unit event you are covered for liability by the Boy Scouts of America. It also starts a boy's tenure for advancement and gets Boy's Life magazine to a new Scout as soon as possible. A side benefit is making sure the District Membership Team (of which every one of you is an active part) gets full credit for recruiting and program effectiveness as measured by the number of active and registered youth.

**Ok...so I'm convinced this is important, what do I have to do?** Make sure your local unit rosters are updated to show all of your active youth, and email them to me at [Starons@dandp.com](mailto:Starons@dandp.com) and Rich Hayes at [rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org) as soon as possible, **but no later than November 15th**. You can also bring a hard copy to November Roundtable and hand it to me or Rich. You can even snail mail it to me at my home address, 8302 Winslow Ave, Springfield, VA 22152, if that is the best way for you. Your commissioner can also get it to us.

We will take your roster in whatever format you have it (Word, Excel, database, etc.). However, please DO NOT send a copy of the council-printed field sheets (if you happen to have them). This will not help us - we need a listing of active youth in your unit as you have it in your own records.

**What will happen then?** We will then compare your own rosters to the Council record of currently registered Scouts. If there are any unregistered members we will contact you to arrange for a pick up of the necessary applications and fees. It may be helpful to make arrangements with your unit treasurer to have a pack, troop, team, or crew check ready.

**What about New Scouts recruited this Fall?** If any of your active youth are new this Fall, please include those names on your roster and make a note to that effect. If you haven't turned in those applications yet (particularly for Join Scouting Night campaigns for cub scout packs), **please turn those in now** and note that on your roster. Follow the instructions for application turn-in provided in this issue.

**What if you tell me I need to turn in applications that I know I've already turned in?** Please be patient. There are a lot of units and names to check and there are bound to be a few mistakes.

### Peer Recruiting

All unit leaders - the new scout you get as a result of being invited by one of his friends in your unit is the easiest recruiting you'll ever do. All it takes on your part is encouragement throughout the year.

#### My Best Friend is a Scout:

Every Cub Scout who recruits one of his friends this year will get a patch like the one shown here. Here's how you can help your cubs do this:



1. Plan a Join Scouting Activity at your next Pack Meeting.
2. Sit down with your boys, at either a pack meeting or den meeting and encourage them to bring a friend to this event.
3. You can use pledge cards, invitations and business card-sized reminders if you'd like. Contact Scott Staron or Rich Hayes if you'd like some.
4. If you are having luck with peer recruiting (either using your scouts or parents network) please pass your secrets and success stories to me so I can share them with everyone else.

There were a few examples of printed invitations put in each unit's hanging file at the October Roundtable. If you'd like to print more, English and Spanish versions are available.

#### Centennial Recruiter Patch:

Every Boy Scout and Venturer who invites a friend who joins Scouting will get one of the shown Centennial recruiter Patches. Unit Leaders - follow the same general procedure provided above for cub scouts (like having a special event to invite friends to).



**Parents Networking:** I know several packs who did not recruit well using traditional methods who filled out their units for the year just by networking. Calling parents who they know have cub aged boys and talking them into trying the program. This is a type of peer recruiting that works just as well as the others - maybe better because the families may know each other, not just the boys, and it can help strengthen the entire pack.

To get your patches, contact Rich Hayes (540-421-0561 or [rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org)) and provide him

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with the application (or name of new scout if you've already turned in an application this Fall).

### Boy Scout Recruiting

I know many of you are in the process of assisting your youth troop leadership in planning out the coming program year. While planning program, don't forget recruiting/membership. The more boys you have, the better a program you can plan. Remember - many families have moved into the area and are looking for a troop or some way for their boys to get integrated into the community. Your troop can be the answer for these families if you make yourself visible.

The following tips can help you map out a Fall recruiting program that will not take a lot of effort, but may yield a lot of new members:

1. Challenge your boys to peer recruit. Make it a competition. Reward them when they bring in a friend. Remind them it is a First Class requirement to try.
2. Get into a school (elementary for fifth/sixth graders. Middle school for 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Use your partner packs and make School Night for Scouting a true all-Scout night. Find other ways to advertise.
3. Plan a dynamic Open House. Sign up some new boys. Have some New Scout activities to get them off on the right foot.
4. Pat yourself on the back and enjoy your larger, motivated group of well-led Scouts. Share your success and ideas with everyone on this distribution. Get pats on the back from others.

### Who is Who on the Membership Committee and how to contact us ?

- Scott Staron – District VC Membership 703-923-0734 Starons@dandp.com Contact for general membership information, to provide good news membership stories, central point for providing unit-specific JSN and other membership information to district and council.
- Rich Hayes – District Executive 540-421-0561 rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org Contact for fliers and other recruiting resources, central collection point for applications, school access, whenever you can't reach anyone else.
- John Ruby – District JSN Coordinator 703-839-2524 jlruby@hotmail.com JSN resources (posters, handouts, etc.), Pack Pacesetter program.

## WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION

**Webelos to Scout Transition Training.** A special thank you to all leaders, both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, who participated in the Webelos to Scout Transition Training on 11 and 16 October. All participants shared secrets (and struggles) related to this important subject. If you missed the training and would like the information, please contact Chip Souser (chip.souser@eds.com).

**Scout Expo.** Your support is critical for the Scout Expo that takes place prior to the November Roundtable at TJ High School. We invite Scout troops to set up displays showing off their troop activities. We invite Webelos and their parents to come and learn more about Boy Scouts and the troops in Old Dominion. This is a wonderful opportunity for Webelos to visit with several troops on one evening. It's also a chance for troops to recruit Webelos. Setup starts at 6:30. The Expo will run from 6:45 - 7:45. Let's make it a special recruiting event for the Webelos.

Chip Souser  
Webelos-to-Scout Transition Coordinator

- Chip Souser – District Webelos to Scout (WTS) Transition Chair [redacted]
- Dan Ehrlich – New Unit Organization Chair (703) 798-8163 dbehrlich@verizon.net

Still needed – a Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator. Contact me if interested – this is one of the membership areas most in need of dynamic leadership and remember – every Scouting volunteer job takes only one hour per week !

Scott Staron



Among the best and fastest cardboard boats at the Fall Camporee. See story on page 11.

# SCOUT SABBATH AND SCOUT SUNDAY PLANNING

A Scout is Reverent is one of the tenants of the Scout law. For the year 2008, Scout Sabbath falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Scout Sunday is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Most denominations plan their services several months in advance. Units that plan to participate in services as a unit should appoint a committee person and a Scout this month to begin working with the church leadership to set up the Scout unit's participation in one of the services during the month of February. However, it is not required that your unit participate on the dates specified by the Council. Many church leaders prefer to have the Scouts participate in an appropriate liturgy, so let the church leaders make the final call on that issue.

For those units sponsored by a religious group, your physical presence once a year can pay great dividends in terms of continued support by that organization. Most religious organizations like Scouting and consider it a key element of their youth program. A Scout Sunday or Sabbath is a great way to show your gratitude for what they have done.

Church leaders are sensitive to the fact that on a Scout Sunday or Sabbath there may be Scouts and parents present that are not members of their specific faith or denomination. I've seen them do a great job in making everyone feel welcome. These Scout religious events are an important part of your program.

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your hard work in recruiting new cubs and scouts into your units prior to the end of this calendar year. Also want to make sure that you remind your popcorn sellers to mention the option available to contribute to providing popcorn to the troops. Finally, I know that you all will again repeat the great job you did last year in collecting food for the Scouting for Food drive.

Let me know if you have any areas that you need help from the district staff. We are always ready for suggestions to improve the program.

John Rephlo  
jm@rephlo.com



**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

## Old Dominion District Family Friends of Scouting Campaign 2008

Unit Friends of Scouting (FOS) Coordinators are requested to attend The Old Dominion District Family FOS campaign training session.

**What:** Everything you need to know to run a successful Family Friends of Scouting campaign in your unit.

**Where:** Thomas Jefferson High School, Annandale

**Date:** Thursday, December 13, 2007

**Time:** 7:00 pm (right before Roundtable)

**Please forward** your unit's FOS Coordinator name and contact information to:

Holly Brown  
ODD Family FOS Chair  
[redacted]

-- OR --

Steve Summers  
ODD Vice Chairman Finance  
703-866-9131  
stevesummers@verizon.net

Please contact us if you have any questions.



An unidentified (he hopes) adult "sails," or is it "sinks," his cardboard boat at the Fall Camporee. Story on page 11.

## PINEWOOD DERBY

Do you want to ensure that Old Dominion District will have a Pinewood Derby in March 2008? We need an ODD Pinewood Derby Chair Trainee. We also need volunteers to step forward early this year and take on job assignments. Finally we need 3 packs to step up and commit their tracks and expertise manning those tracks. Without volunteers and the track commitments we can not have a District wide Pinewood Derby. Don't delay we need your help now. Please call Vickie Trumbetic 703-451-3223 to volunteer.



## PINEWOOD DERBY PATCH CONTEST

It's time for the Pinewood Derby Patch Contest. The winning design will be proudly displayed on hundreds of Scouts and Scouters uniforms. Entries must be received by December 13th at the Roundtable. Any type of drawing or electronic format will be accepted. Remember the patch must include "Old Dominion District", "NCAC" "Pinewood Derby", fleur-de-lis (representing BSA), and "2008." There is no limit to color selections or shapes.

The contest is open to any registered Scout or Scouter. Email entries to [vktrumbetic@a-r-p-i.com](mailto:vktrumbetic@a-r-p-i.com) or turn in to Vickie Trumbetic at any Roundtable. Be sure to include your name, unit type and number and rank or position with your entry. The decision of the judges will be final.

The graphic shown above are the patches from the 2007 and the 2000 Pinewood Derby.

## Vern Hertel—Gone Home

It is with sadness that we report that Vern Hertel, past VC for Program in the GW District in the early 1980s died following a heart attack on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Although Vern, his wife Ann and family lived in Fredericksburg, they previously lived in Springfield for 42 years.

Vern served the George Washington District for many years in a variety of positions. His Scouting recognitions included Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, the District Square Knot and Square Knot Palm and was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. Vern also held Woodbadge beads. He is remembered as a kind and gentle soul with an extraordinary sense of humor

## TROOP OPEN HOUSE

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, visit Boy Scout Troop 1145, 7:30 pm at the Prince of Peace Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road. We do many things boys enjoy: camping, hiking, caving, skiing, amusement parks, battlefields, go-karts, airplane rides and canoeing. Contact Dennis Clark, [redacted]

## SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE EMAIL 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@yahoo.com](mailto:NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoo.com)**

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:

**[NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoo.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@yahoo.com](mailto:NCACOLDDOMINION-owner@yahoo.com)**

# SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31

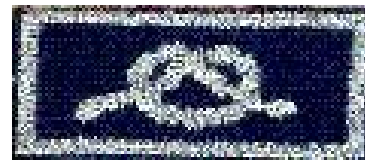


The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level award approved by the BSA National Court of Honor and is available to only about 2% of registered Scouters in any year. It is given for "exceptional service to youth on a council level." There are no specific criteria except for service to young people through 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 December 31, 2007. 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 (703-941-9018) or [daviskenjared@aol.com](mailto:daviskenjared@aol.com), or by contacting any member of the Old Dominion District Key 6 leadership.

# 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 31, 2007. Nominations can be mailed to Ken Davis, 6320 Phyllis Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312-6402. The nomination form can be obtained at the Council web site at: [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/150\\_merit.pdf](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/150_merit.pdf).

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

Ken Davis  
703-941-9018

# GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA



This is the third year that Scouting will participate in the Good Turn for America (GTFA) project. Last year was a great success, but the District has not yet come close to matching our past levels of participation. Reporting projects should be completed soon after the project while details are fresh. Remember, Scouting For Food participation counts.

If you have questions or need assistance in navigating the GTFA web site, submit your questions to [dpalomaki@cox.net](mailto:dpalomaki@cox.net).

Thanks for supporting Good Turn for America and our local community.



Right; Webelos Scouts enjoy archery and learn basic knots at the Webelos-ree. See story on page 11.



# THE TRAINING PAGE



The ODD Cub Scout Training Team is looking for a Chairman as well as looking for at least one volunteer from every pack to join the training team. This will help provide a larger pool from which to solicit training help for future scheduled training events. For your pack this may be the person filling the pack position of Pack Trainer. Remember that as adult leaders we volunteer to help the boys; the training team is there to help the volunteer leaders. We need your help in fully staffing this team. If you would like to give it a try (or anonymously recommend someone) please call or email Vickie Trumbetic, ODD Training Chair at 703-451-3223 or vickie@ar-p-i.com.

If you have special training needs let us know about that too and we will try to meet those needs. As you might expect there may be changes in the schedule so check back every month for the most current information. Be sure to bring a bag lunch to all day long classes unless otherwise noted in the course write up.

## Pow Wow November 17

Pow Wow will be the premier Cub Scout Leader training event of the season. This all-day event will offer approximately 50 different Cub Scout related classes over the course of a day. There will be classes of interest to leaders and parents serving in every position in Cub Scouting. There are no prerequisites. Students will pick their own schedule of up to six classes to ensure their time is spent in classes most closely aligned to their cub leader positions and areas of interest. The cost is \$30.00 for online registration before 11/14/2007 (\$35 offline or after 11/14/2007 and you may not get lunch) which will include lunch and course materials. The location is Annandale High School, Annandale, VA and wear your class A uniform. Register online now at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org) under the training tab. If you would like to serve on staff please email: [adonfor@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:adonfor@boyscouts-ncac.org).

### ODD Training Committee

Program	Name	Home Phone	Email
Training Committee Chairman	Vickie Trumbetic	703-451-3223	Vickie@a-r-p-i.com
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Youth Protection Training	Jack Present	703-569-9490	jpresent@verizon.net
Cub Scout Leader Training	[Vacant]		
Boy Scout Leader Training	Kurt Langenwalter Dennis Wokeck	703-690-4238 703-455-2964	langekl@cox.net wokeck@cox.net
Troop Committee Training	Fred Woody	703-644-1088	sixpacknsam@yahoo.com
Venturing and Varsity Ldr Tng	Adair Petty	703-913-1124	pettypa@hqda.army.mil
Wood Badge Training	Ken Davis	703-941-9018	daviskenjared@aol.com
High Adventure/Back Country Skills	Ed Phillips	703-690-6398	edphill@cox.net
Chartered Organization Rep	Peter Pate	703-217-5421	ppate1@yahoo.com
Health and First Aid Training	Linda Ferraro	703-913-0679	firtho4th@aol.com

### CPR classes offered at Camp Snyder November 18, December 16, January 27 ...

The Health & Safety Committee will be offering Adult CPR classes at Camp Snyder, September through May at the Hilton Center. Class check-in will commence at 12:00 noon. Instruction will begin at 12:30 pm with completion time not to exceed 4:30 pm. Registration will be handled by the NCAC Program Office, is planned to be able to register online and will cost \$25. There is a 6 student minimum. Failure to meet the minimum student registration will result in the course for that month being cancelled. For more information visit the Health and Safety Committee page at: [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/217\\_health\\_safety\\_committee.cfm](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/217_health_safety_committee.cfm)

## Youth Protection Training

January 5

Youth Protection Training provides adult volunteers with an understanding about child abuse and the youth protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America. This course is appropriate for every adult working with youth and may be mandatory to work at or participate in certain Council or National sponsored events. Re-certification is not mandatory but is recommended at least once every two years. Adults who want to attend Youth Protection Training but do not need the position specific training are welcome come to those events just for the Youth Protection Training part. Sessions can also be scheduled for units or other groups upon request. The January class will start at 9:45 AM and will be at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8505 Hooes Road, Springfield. There is no charge for this training. For more information and to arrange special presentations for your unit contact Jack Present, 703-569-9490, or email [jpresent@cox.net](mailto:jpresent@cox.net).

Youth Protection Training may also be taken on-line. This is best done by going to the NCAC web site and looking under the training tab. Note that there is a different class for Venturing leaders, also available on-line, which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units.

## New Leader Essentials

January 5

Here is where it all begins. Under the revised BSA training program New Leader Essentials is the entry-level course required for all Scout leader training. It is the foundation for building award winning "Quality Units". This fast paced course gives new leaders an overview of the entire Scout program. It covers: the purposes, aims and methods of Scouting; organization and structure of Scouting units; program funding; safe Scouting; and, the appropriate teaching methods for all ages and stages of youth and young adults. You do not need to repeat the class for additional leader specific training for new scouting positions you may move in to. There is no charge for this course and walk-ins are welcome. However, to help us know how many to set up for please pre-register with Joseph Grant by email at [joseph\\_grant@msn.com](mailto:joseph_grant@msn.com). The class will start at 8:00 AM and will be at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8505 Hooes Road, Springfield.

## Cub Scout Leader Position Specific

### Training

January 5

Cub Scout Leader Training is position specific covering all Cub Scout Leader positions, and is required for adults to earn position specific training awards. **New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection training are prerequisites for this class** but need not be repeated for those who are coming only to be trained in a new Cub Scout leader position.

The January class will start at 12:30 PM and will be over by 3:00PM. The classes will be held at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8505 Hooes Road. Cost for the class is \$10.00, which includes the New (as of last January) Cub Scout Leader Book. To pre-register send your name, unit #, phone # and the position you are seeking training for to [Vickie@a-r-p-i.com](mailto:Vickie@a-r-p-i.com). The Cub Scout Training team looks forward to seeing every new leader at one of these upcoming training sessions.

## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

November 17

This course is for Cub Scout leaders. For packs wishing to camp it is mandatory that at least one leader in attendance has completed the course. Of course, we are hoping packs will send several leaders. BALOO covers basic camping skills with a heavy emphasis on the BSA-approved techniques for providing a safe and fun camping experience for both cubs and their parents and leaders. BALOO training is not mandatory for Webelos den camping. This course runs all day. The November course will be held in conjunction with Pow Wow and fills up early .

## Adult Leader Training Day

March 1

The ODD Adult Leader Training Day is being held in conjunction with the March 1 ODD Merit Badge Jamboree (same day same location) at Annandale High School, VA and lunch is included. While your Scouts are working on merit badges you can catch up on some important training. Classes confirmed to date are New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection but we hope to have Merit Badge 101, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb-on Safely, Trek Safely and Internet Rechartering.

# Jolly Olde England Fall Camporee Camp William B. Snyder October 26-28, 2007

The fall camporee was marked by long-standing tradition—including the rain on Friday evening—and followed by fun, especially following the weather clearing Saturday morning.

The highlight may have been the cardboard board competition Saturday as patrols (including a couple adults) build their cardboard boats and then attempted, with varying degrees of success, to sail their boat across the Camp Snyder pool. (see photos on page 5 and 6 for examples.

Attendance at the Boy Scout Camporee include over 250 scouts and 110 Scouters plus staff representing 19 Troops. THE Old Dominion District's first Camporee at Camp Snyder was not without first-time rough edges (see Chairman's Note on page 3), but overall, a great success. And the weekend gave many Webelos an opportunity for an first-hand look at Boy Scouts in action. See the report on the Webelos Camporee else where on this page.



## WEBELOS SERVE AS COLOR GUARD

Pack 1229's Webelos served as the color guard at the Jeb Stuart High School football game on October 12. They presented the American, state and pack flags for the National Anthem. They represented our country, district, and pack with honor, and performed their duty perfectly. This was also a good opportunity to get our pack involved in the local community with service. Great job Webelos!



Morning formation as the weather clears at the Fall Camporee



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Friday	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 4 PM

## FALL WEBELOS-REE REPORT

Despite the presence of mud that would pull a badly tied tennis shoe right off the foot, 75 Webelos Scouts plus their leaders attended the Fall 2007 Webelos-ree on 26-28 Oct. In marked contrast to Friday night's steady rain, our intrepid Scouts braved warm sunshine and blue skies to earn activity pins in Outdoorsman, Naturalist, Geologist and a soccer belt loop. They also visited with Boy Scout Troops, enjoyed meals and a campfire, and made plans for crossing-over in the Spring of 2008. Some dedicated campers even spent one or two evenings pleasantly situated on the lawn of the camp ranger.

A most generous and hearty thank you goes out to the dedicated staff: Steve Richardson, Seth Distler, Carol Gorgas Brown, Jim Hedrick, Bill Wilson and Mike O'Neill, for making this all possible.

Be sure to put the Webelos-ree on your Pack's calendar for next year and let your current Bear and Webelos 1 Scouts what a fabulous time was had by all.

See photos of Webelos in action at the Webelos-ree on page 8.

## OA UPDATE

**Arrowmen Needed for Scouting-For-Food at ECHO (10 November)** - With the gathering of Scouting-For-Food bags on Saturday, November 10th, Old Dominion Chapter members have a great opportunity to provide much needed community service at the ECHO Building collection center, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA. Arrowmen (led by our Chapter Chief Tim Wing) will be receiving, sorting and consolidating the many tons of food brought to ECHO by Scouting units throughout the day. We will be teaming with Troop 119 and Troop 859 in this effort which starts at 9:00 AM and wraps-up sometime in the early afternoon. Participating Arrowmen will be in Scout Uniform with OA Sash. A free pizza and soda lunch will be provided. Service hours contribute to earning the OA Leadership in Service Award (see article below). For more information, please contact Bill Rooney (Old Dominion Chapter Adviser) at 703-451-9884 or rooney859@cox.net.



**Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity at Alexandria Coast Guard Base (17 November)** - All eligible Ordeal Members wanting to seal their OA membership can complete their Brotherhood induction at Alexandria Coast Guard Base (on Telegraph Road near Hayfield High School). Interested Arrowmen should check out and complete the attached Brotherhood Application and bring it to the event conducted on Saturday, 17 Nov 07. Candidates will gather near the Picnic Grounds parking area at 4:30 PM. Follow the OA signs from the Front Gate. You will be thoughtfully guided through the entire induction process. The Brotherhood Walk and Ceremony will be completed not later than 6:00 PM. The entire event will be conducted outdoors, so dress appropriately for the weather. Scout uniform is not required. There is no cost to all participants, who will receive their Brotherhood Sash for free. Please notify Chapter Adviser Bill Rooney at 703-451-9884 or rooney859@cox.net in advance if you intend to participate so that your name can be on access roster presented to Gate Guard. Carpooling is recommended.

**OA Leadership in Service Award (2005-2007)** - In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.

Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:  
 Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (lodge induction weekends do count). Service may be split over two or more events.  
 Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter.

The timeline for the Leadership in Service Award is a graduated system that encourages Arrowmen to continue their service from year to year. Requirements for the award can be met during the calendar years of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Service from a previous year cannot be carried over to meet the next year's requirements. Arrowmen of all ages may earn the First Year award in 2005, 2006 or 2007, the Second Year in 2006 or 2007, and the Third Year Award in 2007 only. First Award dangle ribbon, Second Award silver feather pin and Third Award gold feather pin are all free.

Arrowmen should complete the Leadership in Service Award Application form for 2007 and submit to Old Dominion Chapter Adviser (Bill Rooney, 7612 Southern Oak Drive, Springfield, VA 22153-3579) not later than 1 December 2007

### Key Upcoming Events:

- November 10: Scouting-For-Food (Collection, Sorting and Storage) at ECHO (Springfield, VA)
- November 17: Brotherhood Conversion (US Coast Guard Base, Alexandria, VA)



Old Dominion Chapter Chief Tim Wing (far Left) takes a well-earned break with fellow Arrowmen by newly erected Lodge Totem during Service Day (20 Oct) getting OA Ceremony Sites prepared for upcoming Ordeal Weekend at Camp Snyder (26-28 October).

# KLONDIKE DERBY

## 25-27 JANUARY 2008

A competition of patrol skills, individual knowledge, teamwork, and ingenuity kicks off the 2008 gold rush. Along the way, the Scouts will be able to earn extra gold for their Scout Spirit but might also fall victim to claim jumpers. The object is simple: Earn Gold and have Fun in the Winter Cold. Participation is open to all BOY SCOUT TROOPS, VENTURING CREWS and VARSITY PATROLS.

### This year's mines and value include:

1. **WHERE'S OUR CLAIM:** Orienteering, 70 Nuggets
2. **YETI OR NOT:** First aid, 60 Nuggets
3. **SNOW CREATIONS:** Sculpturing in the snow, 25 Nuggets
4. **HITCH A RIDE TO WHITEHORSE:** Tautline, Clove, etc., 40 Nuggets
5. **TRIVIAL PURSUIT** (Scout Edition): Everything from the Scout Handbook, 30 Nuggets
6. **HUSKIES!** The Life of a Dog, 65 Nuggets
7. **JACK LONDON:** To Build A Fire, 50-100 Nuggets
8. **PROSPECTOR GADGETS:** Lashing out! 60 Nuggets
9. **SNOWBALLS:** Catapulting, 30 Nuggets
10. **AVALANCHE II** - Patrol Team Building, 40 Nuggets
11. **MILLIONAIRE PROSPECTOR?** – Survival & Scout Skills, 100 Nuggets
12. **SALOON SHOWS:** 30 Nuggets
13. **YUKON MEMORIES:** Leadership Challenge, 30 Nuggets
14. **THE PERFECT CAMPSITE:** Camping skills, 30 Nuggets
15. **LACIER BRIDGE:** Building a bridge,.50 Nuggets
16. **AXE ME LATER:** Knife Skills, 20 Nuggets
17. **SURVIVOR:** Wilderness Survival Skills
18. **The BANKER** – Be Thrifty, he's a Sharper!



Join us for another great year, testing your patrol skills and spirit against the likes of the Yeti, the Banker, the Madame, the Claim Jumpers, and the Station Miners. Some are out to get you; some are there to help you! The end result is a fun, competitive chance to walk away as this year's most successful STAMPEDERS.

This year, the **lunch competition** has a few new wrinkles... The 50 points awarded for presentation will only be awarded if you do your presentation in less than a minute!! And if you prepare your entire meal at the Klondike, you'll earn an extra 40 pieces of gold! The ladies look forward to some new creations and new entertainment.

There will be a **Friday Night Icebreaker:** Meet people from Alaska. Learn a little trivia. Meet Scouts from other troops -- all while earning gold! It's a wonderful way to start off the Klondike while also munching on snacks, watching some winter movies, and playing some games. The Order of The Arrow will be there to help with their Trading Post. Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, and Bug Juice are free. But candy and sodas will be sold as well.

**Registration** for those opting to stay in the lodge is \$65. A deposit of \$50 is due by 15 December to reserve the rooms. The \$65 registration includes:

1. Beds in the warm, cozy, comfortable lodge (typically 6-man bunkrooms)\*
2. Shower facilities
3. Heated full bathrooms
4. Full Breakfast Buffet on Saturday
5. Pizza Dinner on Saturday
6. Continental Breakfast on Sunday
7. Warm meeting rooms
8. Klondike Derby Patches
9. Socials Friday night and Saturday Night.

\* Where possible, patrols / crews will be bunked as a unit, but may be split to ensure maximum accommodations with priority given to those units which sign up earliest. Female Venturers will also be accommodated in separate rooms with separate restrooms. Male adult leaders and female adult leaders will be accommodated separately, but may be combined with other units.

For those that would rather camp, the registration is \$36 (\$25 due by 15 December). Registration includes items 3 – 9 above.

**Refunds:** Any decreases to your headcount must be received by 10 January in order to obtain a refund. Please let Jim Templeton and Susan Woody know by that date. After this date, the District is committed to pay for rooms and meals unless the 4-H Center cancels the event due to unsafe conditions.

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## KLONDIKE (cont.)



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One Scoutmaster shared that “During all my Scoutmaster Conferences, the Klondike is either number one, two or three event for most Scouts.” Our aim has always been to deliver a quality program – our motto is “if we build it, they will come.” The Klondike Derby is a choice and one that has seen troops return annually because it delivers the Scouting Program. After the first year, we have rented out each of the rooms and have had many troops camping. The end result is always the same: A great event mixing challenges for the Scouts with good clean activities.

The **Klondike Information Package** will be posted on the ODD Website, just click on the District Forms link at: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/olddominion/>

**Volunteers are always welcome** – please contact our Program Director Dean Stinson at [redacted].

**For information** about the lodges and camping – please contact our Lodge Madame Susan Woody at 703-644-1088 or [sixpacknsam@yahoo.com](mailto:sixpacknsam@yahoo.com).

If you have any **questions**, please don’t hesitate to contact Fred Woody at 202-685-5750 or at: [fred.woody@navy.mil](mailto:fred.woody@navy.mil).

**THINK SNOW!!**

## HIGH ADVENTURE

**2008 PHILMONT PROVISIONAL CREWS:** Spaces have been reserved for three crews (30 youth) on NCAC provisional crews—a crew made up by scouts/venturers from various units. If there are scouts or venturers in your unit interested in attending Philmont in 2008 - P701 (6/29-7/13), P708 (7/6-7/20), or P715 (7/13-7/27). All provisional crews will travel under arrangements made by NCAC. The estimated total cost is \$1525 per person. The Philmont provisional youth application can be found at: [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/4191\\_philmontprovo2008.pdf](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/4191_philmontprovo2008.pdf). For more information, contact Robert Kirk, at [redacted].



**2008 NCAC FLORIDA SEA BASE OPPORTUNITIES:** Applications by individual youth are now being accepted for NCAC Sea Exploring Contingent S813 leaving Washington on 7 July 2008 and returning on 14 July 2008. Up to 20 Scouts/Venturers will sail aboard an 83-foot, gaff-rigged topsail schooner through the Florida Keys. The estimated cost is \$1405 per person. To download the Sea Base provisional youth application form go to [www.boyscouts-cac.org/download/4192\\_seabaseprovo2008.pdf](http://www.boyscouts-cac.org/download/4192_seabaseprovo2008.pdf).

Contact Bob Benson, at [redacted] for more information.

**2008 PROVISIONAL ADVISORS:** All provisional crew advisors for 2008 must complete an application form. The form is being developed and should be posted shortly. For more information, contact [redacted].

**SUMMER 2008 HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITY:** Varsity Troop 832 in Prince Frederick, Maryland is planning a 16-day backpacking and horseback trek in northern California 1-16 Aug 2008. The total cost including airfare is estimated at \$900. A total of 12 youth and adults from any unit may participate. For additional details and contact information go to [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/4008\\_vt\\_832\\_2008.pdf](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/4008_vt_832_2008.pdf).

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## 2007 POPCORN SALE UPDATE



I hope everyone is having a great sale! We have been selling for about a month, and it is almost time for our final Popcorn order Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

Council is not accepting units or individual Scout names at this time. You will be notified when they have completed coordination with the military and are ready for your input.

Units who sold \$10K or more and picked it up rather than having it delivered will have the cost adjustment made to their final invoice.

Thank you for all your hard work! Good luck in your final efforts to reach your sales goals.

Have questions? Contact Karin Linehan, ODD Popcorn Kernel, at [redacted]

You can order by case or individual container this time. Delivery will be Dec 1.

All Prize Orders are also due Nov 16! Don't forget to include photocopied take-order forms with the Special Prize, and Trail's End Scholarship Program Forms you mail to Council.

The "Support Our Troops" campaign has generated questions regarding tax receipts and delivery to hospitals. Though we do not give tax advice, a note with your unit number, date and amount of the contribution should suffice for customer's requesting tax receipts. Distribution of the popcorn to the hospitals will involve Scouts, however

### Important Sale Dates

- November 16 – Popcorn Order # 2 Due  
Prize Order and Special Prize /Scholarship Forms Due
- December 1 – Popcorn Pickup # 2 – (Location TBA)
- December 20 – Final Popcorn Payment Due

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