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46 PEAKS CHALLENGE



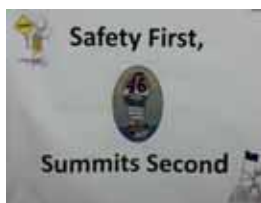
Photo: Troop 31 on the summit of Marcy

The 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks became the challenge of the year for Scouts and leaders from the Seneca Waterways Council and surrounding councils. Over Columbus Day weekend over 420 hikers ready for adventure made their way to the Adirondacks. The challenge, to put a Scouting representative at the summit of each of the 46 High Peaks over one weekend.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Scouts made over 85 peak ascents and hiked more than 3,000 miles. At the end of the weekend 44 of the 46 peaks was the end result. The motto of the event

was safety first, summit second. The last two peaks were deemed unsafe and the ascents were canceled.

Even though the challenge was not accomplished, the goal was. Scouts and Scouters out on the trails enjoying beautiful fall weather.



Camp Mountaineer at Massawepie Scout Camps was the base of operations for the event. Camp Mountaineer had not been used by Scouting groups for over
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ANNUAL UNIT RECHARTERING

The Boy Scouts of America requires each Scouting unit, whether Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship of Post, to renew its charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization still is using Scouting's programs to serve youth, is actively supporting its unit, and assures that the unit roster is up to date. We refer to this annual renewal as "Rechartering."



Rechartering

Our unit's current charters expire on the last day of December. Charters must be renewed by your District's Recharter Day (see the list of dates and locations below). In the event that you cannot turn in your unit's recharter at your District Rechartering Day, please make arrangements to get it to your District Executive or District Commissioner ahead of time (Recharters must be received prior to December 10th to be considered as an "On-time" Unit).

Please remember that submitting an on-time Recharter is a component of BSA's Journey to Excellence and the Council's yearly Unit Incentive Program. Please
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contact your District Commissioner or District Executive if you have questions concerning your unit's Recharter, Journey to Excellence or the yearly Incentive Program.



<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bay Waters	11/21/15	Webster Thomas High School
Black Creek	11/21/15	St. Pius Church
Genesee Crossroads	12/7/15	Council Service Center
Lighthouse	12/5/15	St Charles Barromeo
Mohawk	12/2/15	Waterloo High School
Seneca	12/2/15	Red Jacket Elementary School
Towpath	12/5/15	LDS Church, Kreag Rd.
Exploring East	12/5/15	Macedon Center Methodist Church
Exploring West	12/5/15	Gates Ambulance Station #2

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the performance measurement and recognition program for units to measure their performance against the Boy Scouts of America's basic standards. JTE benchmarks units against standards of excellence in categories measuring: advancement, recruitment and retention, quality program delivery, camp participation, unit planning and

budgeting, and rechartering. Every unit is then ranked according to their level of achievement as: gold, silver or bronze. Units can also purchase patches or pins for the JTE level achieved to recognize their members.

Units must complete the JTE requirements and submit the required from by their District Rechartering Day to qualify in 2015. Please contact your District Commissioner or District Executive if you have questions about JTE or need assistance in completing the requirements.

46 PEAKS CHALLENGE

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15 years but came to life with the sounds and life of a Scout camp as 420 people filled the dining hall on Sunday evening for the closing victory celebration. As part of the victory celebration filmmaker and Eagle Scout Blake Cortwright presented his film, 46ers for the Scouts. The film is currently in theaters across the country but the Scouts were part of a private showing in the dining hall. (continued on page



Photo: Troop 134 hitting the trail head

Thanks to Mark Pulvino the 46 Peaks Chairman and the entire committee for organizing an amazing weekend in the Adirondacks. Stay tuned for future events hosted by the Massawepie Adirondack trek center over Martin Luther King weekend and next Columbus Day weekend.

EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE

Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship

Eagle Scout Duncan McKechney of Troop 273, Fairport has been named the winner of the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Scholarship contest for all of New York State.



Over 3,000 eagle Scouts were eligible to compete in the state contest this year. McKechney, earlier this year was named the winner of the Rochester area SAR contest. The contest entries were judged on Leadership in scouting, merit badges, Community, school and religious activities and a 500 word essay on the American Revolution.

As the first prizewinner of the state, Eagle Scout McKechney was awarded a bronze eagle trophy and a cash prize. *For more scholarships, see page 7.*

DID YOU SEE OUR AD THIS FALL?



The 2015 Fall Marketing Campaign—Every day Hereoes start here—focused on driving people to learn more about Scouting during our Joining Week—Sept 21-25. There were print ads, billboards, television commercials on 13WHAM, FOX, CW16 and MeTV, as well as Facebook ads, and digital mobile advertisements. While we are still collecting overall membership results. The impact of the campaign was significant in spreading more awareness about Scouting with more than 2 million media impressions.

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EAGLE MENTOR DINNER

On January 12, 2016 the Seneca Waterways Council will be hosting the 65th Annual Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner. The event's goal is to pair an Eagle Scout from the Class of 2015 with a business mentor who can encourage them as they pursue higher education and career aspirations.



The evening opens at 5:30 with a college fair and reception. Over 18 Colleges will be represented allowing Scouts a wonderful networking experience. Following the reception Scouts will enjoy dinner and a Program with their Mentor. This year the presentation will include the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award as well as the 2015 Eagle Scout Project of the Month and year.

Mentors are needed in all career fields and will be connected with an Eagle Scout, allowing the Mentor and Scout the option of meeting prior to the event.

Scoutmasters, Families, and Friends of Eagle Scouts are encouraged to attend and celebrate this important milestone.



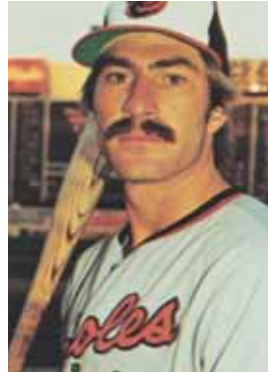
If you are interested in becoming a Mentor or if you are an Eagle Scout and interested in attending this event please contact

Laurie Bauer at 585-241-8526 or email laurie.bauer@scouting.org

2016 Friends of Scouting Kick-Off Event VIP RECEPTION

The council is excited to be bringing in Bobby Grich, former Major League All Star and Rochester Red Wing, to be the keynote speaker at our annual Friends of Scouting fundraising dinner. The event which kicks off our 2016 campaign will be held at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta on December 2, 2015 at 6:00pm. The Friends of Scouting campaign is the Council's annual appeal to support the delivery of Scouting's character development and values-based program through year-round and summer camp programs to nearly 12,000 youth across five counties.

Prior to the dinner portion of the evening, Bobby Grich will meet with Scouting supporters at a private Meet & Greet Reception beginning at 5:00 p.m for which tickets are \$250 per couple.



Reservations are required for the reception and dinner. Please call the Council office at 585-241-8544 for more information and to RSVP.

Before his stellar career in the major leagues, Grich was a Boy Scout in Southern California. In his keynote address Grich will not only share highlights of his baseball career but he will also reflect on his Scouting experiences - camping trips in the San Bernardino Mountains with his fellow Scouts, summer camp at Idyllwild Camp, and regional jamborees at Veterans Memorial Stadium in his hometown. He will also talk about the Boy Scouts of America as an American tradition and teacher of our country's core values.

Grich will also touch on his time with the Rochester Red Wings and the Orioles.



Mark your calendar & be prepared to ROC the Day for Scouts!

12.1.15

Choose. Give. Matter.

On ROC The Day, the community rallies together in a 24-hour period to make a real difference by supporting a personal cause and helping make a significant impact on families in our community.

**Will you ROCit for Scouts on 12.1.15?
"Bring a Buddy" — Invite your friends to ROC too!**

Learn more at www.ROCtheday.org

** ROC The Day contributions are not part of the FOS campaign.*

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The local Scouting program depends on the generous financial support of its member families in order to continue the many services the Council offers. Friends of Scouting (FOS) is an annual fundraising appeal that directly supports the programs and services of the Council. It makes up over 7.5% of our annual operation budget and is critical to our continued success. A significant part of this support comes in the form of Family Friends of Scouting presentations in each of our local units.

Districts are currently in the process of scheduling presentations for the 2016 Friends of Scouting campaign. All



Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts are asked to schedule a time between December 2015 and April 2016 for one of our volunteer presenters to come and speak with the families of your Scouts. Please contact your district's Family Friends of Scouting Campaign Chair or District Executive to schedule your presentation.

A common misperception is that the \$24 BSA membership fee you pay each year goes to the Council, when in reality this money is transmitted directly to the National BSA. Every dollar in our \$4.3 million operating budget is raised locally and used for the direct benefit of our local youth members.

FOS PRESENTERS TRAINING

Friends of Scouting is a major campaign to inform Scouting families and community leaders all that the Council does to support their children and to provide a quality program. A team of volunteers and staff is needed each year to develop and implement this crucial campaign. If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact your district's Family Friends of Scouting Campaign Chair or District Executive.

FOS Campaign and Presenters Training for the 2015 campaign will be held on **Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30pm at the Council Service Center** (2320 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road). It is very important for all new and returning Family and Community FOS Presenters to attend this training. Please **RSVP to Chris Crittenden at christine.crittenden@scouting.org or by calling (585) 241-4210 by November 30th.**

SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL'S CAMP WORK WEEKENDS 2016

Take a break from your career and help prepare our Camps for the summer program. At each of our Camps, ten weekends are designated for volunteers to help in setting up and general maintenance activities. Our Boy Scout Camps are Babcock Hovey located in Ovid, NY and Massawepie, located near Tupper Lake, NY. Our Cub Scout resident Camp is Camp J. Warren Cutler, located near Naples, NY. At each camp projects include setting up tents, building structures and picnic tables, painting, and setting up program areas. An endless list of maintenance projects needs to be completed before the kids arrive. Below is a list of dates and an explanation of what each event entails. All food is provided and lodging is available. This year it is possible that a group of volunteers can make arrangements to take on a project at a different time other than our scheduled times.

MASSAWEPIE

Pre Spring Skills May 13-15, 2016

Spring Skills May 20-22, 2016

At Spring Skills Weekend we prepare Camp for summer occupancy by turning on water and electrical systems. The main objective of this weekend is to prepare for Beaver Weekend.

Beaver Weekend June 3-5, 2016

On Beaver Weekend the Camp is prepared in anticipation of the Scouts arrival. Tents are set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed.

Fall Skills September 30- October 2, 2016

At Fall Skills Weekend we prepare the Camp for winter by shutting down water systems, doing inventory and inspecting the property to formulate our future needs.

CAMP CUTLER

Spring Engineers April 9, 2016

The main objective of Spring Engineers is to prepare the Camp for Red Deer Weekend. Projects and materials are placed in sites and building projects are started.

Red Deer Weekend May 6-8, 2016

On Red Deer Day, Cutler is prepared for the Cub Scouts' arrival. Tents are put up, program areas set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed.

Red Deer Family Day May 8, 2016

This is the day that the scouts and their families come to Camp and help to prepare Camp for the summer. We will have projects for all ages; fun and fellowship will be had by all.

Fall Engineers Oct. 15, 2016

At Fall Engineers the post camp inspection will be done along with shutting down systems for winter. Efforts will be made to evaluate the current list and prioritize.

BABCOCK HOVEY

Spring Raccoon April 16, 2016

Raccoon Weekend June 17-19, 2016

On Raccoon days the Camp is prepared in anticipation of the Scouts arrival. Tents are set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed. Units are encouraged to camp for the weekend and help with Camp projects.

Fall Raccoon November 12, 2016

Sign up today and help ensure that all scouts have an enjoyable and safe summer. For more information or to register, call (585) 261-0835 or e-mail don.declerck@scouting.org.

COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND MEET OLD ONES.

Council Scout Camps

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2016 CAMP DIRECTORS

As the colors of the leaves change and the sounds of summer adventure fade from our camps it is time to begin planning for summer camp in 2016. We are pleased to announce that all three of our camp and reservation directors will be returning for another season.

Jay Laitenberger will again serve as the Camp Director at Camp Babcock-Hovey, David Cheney continues serve as Reservation Director for Massawepie Scout Camps and Camp Director at Camp Pioneer and Chris Guarniere continues to serve as Reservation Director for J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation and Camp Director for Cub Scout Adventure Camp.

Questions about the upcoming camp season can be directed to the camp directors through the e-mail address of camping@senecawaterways.org.

SITE DEPOSITS NOW DUE FOR CAMP

All camps are accepting site deposits for the 2016 camping season. This year units are able to reserve the campsite in the week they are attending. Units that attended this summer were able to reserve their campsite before they left camp. Now, any unreserved campsite is up for grabs. Now is the time to reserve the campsite that your troop wants, needs and must have. A few conditions apply, these can be found on the site reservation form. In addition to reserving your campsite for this summer, site reservations must be made before December 18 in order to secure early bird pricing for the Scouts and adults attending camp. If you don't have a site deposit in by December 18 the regular camp fee will apply for your unit at camp.

To reserve your campsite, locate the 2016 Campsite Reservation form in the forms sections of the council website, fill it out completely and send to the Scout Service Center with your \$100 site deposit.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – THE BEST WAY TO CAMP

It's important to plan early for camp and be prepared for the early bird deadlines. In order to qualify for early bird rates for Boy Scout Camp the unit must register for a campsite by December 18, 2015, deposits must be paid for each Scout and Adult by the camp deposit deadline and full early bird payment must be made for each Scout and Adult by the early bird deadline. If any of the payment deadlines are missed the early bird price will not apply for that Scout or adult attending camp. Why does early bird matter? The planning process for camps can be like looking into a crystal ball at times. It is helpful for the camp administration to know how many youth and adults are attending early in the season so that we can secure best rates for supplies because we are able to plan ahead.

As we get closer to camp the expenses increase. If you help us out by registering early we want to help you out with the best price for camp. So please, plan ahead, register early and save money! Please note that registration deadlines have changed from 2015. Please reference the campsite reservation form with 2016 pricing and the council calendar to determine deadlines.

IMPORTANT SUMMER CAMP PLANNING TIPS:

Adult Discounts for Boy Scout Resident Camps: New in 2016.... Bring five Scouts to camp and one adult camps free. Bring ten Scouts to camp and two adults camp free. You take the time out of work to make camp happen for your Scouts and we thank you!

Bring a Troop Bonus: If a troop that has not camped at Massawepie Scout Camps or Camp Babcock Hovey in the 2014 or 2015 camping seasons attends camp in 2016 with at least ten Scouts, and identifies you or your troop as a reference, your unit will receive \$200 in your unit account at the Scout Service Center. Excludes new units started after January 2015. Camp is more fun with friends, bring them to camp with you!

Scouts can attend a second week of camp at a STEEP Discount:

What's more fun than a week at camp? More than one week of camp! Scouts can attend a second week of camp as a provisional Scout for a very steep discount. Depending on when a Scout registers and pays for their second week of camp the fee could be about 40% less than their first week of camp. All Scouts are encouraged to attend camp for a second week and finish merit badges and keep the adventure going. The discounted second week only applies to Seneca Waterways Council Scouts attending a second week of a Seneca Waterways Council camp. Spend a week at Camp Babcock-Hovey and then spend a week at Massawepie Scout Camps or spend two or three or four weeks at one of the camps. This is a deal too good to be true. Only 200 spots are available at both camps at this discounted price so make your reservations for your two or more weeks at camp today!

Second week of camp at Massawepie Scout Camps:

- Early Bird (paid by 4/27) = \$190
- Regular Registration = \$255

Second week of camp at Camp Babcock-Hovey:

- Early Bird (paid by 4/28) = \$190
- Regular Registration = \$235

Campership Application Available

The Executive Board of the Seneca Waterways Council is committed to ensuring that all Scouts that want to

attend a summer camp experience are able to do so. The cost of camp that a Scout pays is about half of the true cost of camp. The Council operating budget keeps the cost of camp low so that all Scouting families can attend a camp experience. Think about the cost of a camp hosted by another organization. A local non-profit organization that hosts a week of resident summer camp does so at the cost of \$900 for one week. Without our council operating budget subsidizing our camping programs, our cost of camp would be close to that cost. In addition to keeping the cost low for every Scout attending camp, the council allocated additional dollars to support Scouts that need additional assistance.

A new campership application is being used for 2016. Forms from previous years will not be accepted. The current campership form can be downloaded from the council website under the forms section. Questions about camperships can be directed to camping@senecawaterways.org.

APPLY NOW FOR CAMP STAFF!

Working at summer camp is more than a job, it's an adventure, it's freedom, it's giving back to the Scouting program. If you relate to this, then there's the perfect place waiting for you: summer camp. Each of our three camps are currently accepting applications for seasonal camp staff.

Imagine a job where almost anything is possible:

- Live, play, and work in the great outdoors.
- Go on active adventures.
- Make new friends from all over
- Bank more money than you think — with few expenses.
- Become a child's hero.
- Learn leadership skills.

Camp jobs offer invaluable skill-building, leadership, training, and enrichment opportunities that can't be found anywhere else! Camp experiences allow you to learn and develop skills that will enhance your job marketability. The benefits go far beyond a paycheck, too. Business executives often note that experience as a camp counselor translates into excellent management

and personnel skills. College credit can sometimes be obtained from working at camp. Check with your college advisor to see if you qualify.

For the camp staff application find it on the council website under the forms section. Camp staff interviews will take place November through January. Don't miss out on the opportunity.

INCIDENT REPORTS

An incident report should be filed if an injury or a near injury occurs at a Scouting event. To file an incident report please locate the Incident Report form at www.senecawaterways.org under the Forms Section. Print out the incident report and complete the requested fields. Incident reports should be e-mailed to coi@senecawaterways.org.

Once the incident report is received the insurance support team will record the incident and send you a letter with information about secondary accident and sickness insurance and a claim form. The initial accident claim should be sent by the injured party to the insurance company within 30 days of the incident. After filing the claim with the insurance company, all further communication about the incident, such as new medical bills, is with the insurance company. Do

not delay in sending your incident report or submitting documents to the accident insurance company as delays could result in rejection of the claim.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Certificates of liability insurance are available when an organization has requested proof of insurance or has requested that they be added as an additional insured on our general liability policy. In order to write a certificate of insurance we need to know for what the organization is looking. Please locate the certificate of insurance request form at www.senecawaterways.org under the Forms Section. Please complete the information and include a copy of any agreement with the organization requesting the certificate. The request form and support information should be sent to coi@senecawaterways.org. It may take up to fourteen days for a certificate to be processed.

Proof of Accident and Sickness insurance is often requested by other Boy Scout Councils when using their property. A proof of accident and sickness insurance can be e-mailed to you if you send a request to coi@senecawaterways.org.

Important Summer Camp Planning Dates

2015

December 18 – Boy Scout Resident Camps Site Deposit Deadline for Early Bird Pricing

2016

January 8 – Camp Staff Application Deadline – first round interviews
 January 28 – Council Camping Kick-Off
 March 11 – Camp Babcock-Hovey Boy Scout Camp Attendance Deposits Due
 March 14 – Cub Scout Adventure Camp Early Bird Deposit Deadline
 March 14 – Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Babcock-Hovey Early Bird Deposit Deadline
 March 16 – Massawepie Scout Camps Attendance Deposits Due
 March 20 – Camping Here's How Meeting
 March 25 – Cub Scout Adventure Camp – Early Bird Deadline
 March 25 – Cub Scout Resident Camp – Early Bird Deadline
 March 27 – Massawepie Scout Camps Early Bird Deadline
 March 28 – Camp Babcock-Hovey Boy Scout Camp early Bird Deadline
 April 16 – Cub Scout Adventure Camp Registration Deadline
 April 16 – Cub Scout Resident Camp Registration Deadline
 April 18 – Boy Scout Resident Camps (Massawepie & Hovey) Registration Deadline
 April 27 – Twilight Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Dozens of organization in our Community and nationally concur in the value of your achievement and offer you further tangible recognition with scholarship awards. Most of these awards are available only to Eagle Scouts. I hope you will be taking advantage of these opportunities. Here are some of them:

Louis and Sally Langie Scholarship:

This program is available only to Eagles in Seneca Waterways Council. It is worth \$12,500 per year, and renewable for a total of 4 years. You apply during your senior year in high school, and must (1) be registered as a Scout or Explorer – so stay active in Scouting, (2) have an SAT score of 1090 or an ACT score of 26, (3) have demonstrated leadership as a Scout and participation in extracurricular activities, (4) have a financial need, and (4) be endorsed by a volunteer or professional Scout Leader who knows you personally. The application must be in by April 1 of your senior year.

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Awards:

All entrants receive a patch and strongly worded letter of congratulations, which can be incorporated into your college entrance or financial aid application. Winners in Rochester receive a \$200 award and medal; another \$350 award and bronze Eagle trophy is added when you win at the State level and an \$8,000 scholarship, trip to their national convention, and Crystal Eagle at the National level and \$4,000 and \$2,000 scholarships to the national runners-community service; 35% for a two page essay and four generation ancestor chart.

You may enter each and every year until you are a senior or college freshman for this one: enter early, and enter every year! For details, you should check their website at www.sar.org, then click on “Youth Programs” then on “Eagle Contest”. Application forms can be downloaded from there.

American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year:

www.legion.org

The Legion awards an \$8,000 scholarship and three second place \$2,000 scholarships. Criteria that are considered include high school grades and extra curriculars; community service and participation; religious awards; your Scouting records, OA, Jamboree and other activities; your Eagle Service Project; and four letters of recommendation.

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships:

www.nesa.org

NESA and the Boy Scout National Office administer 20 scholarships of \$8,000 each and one \$40,000, scholarship. Competition is open to high school seniors still active as Eagle Scouts. Check with our service center for applications, or at the BSA National website identified below; the deadline is February 28.

Prudential Community Service Awards:

www.prudential.com

Each year, Prudential selects 100 young men and women for a trip to Washington with their parents, and a \$5,000 cash award. Many past winners have used their Eagle Service

Project as part of their nominating application. The program is open to anyone with any part of whose project was completed prior to September. Check with your school guidance counselor on how to apply.

J. C. Penney Golden Rule Awards:

Each year, J. C. Penney awards \$7,500 locally to community volunteers. Again, your service project is appropriate to a nominating application. Depending on your project, you would be eligible to compete in the “Youth” division, or possibly the “Education” or “Group” division, depending on what your service project was. The winner gets \$1,000 donated to his organization, two second place winners each receive \$500 donations. Check with your school guidance counselor for details. Here’s a chance for you to get some new camping gear for your Troop.

High School Service Credits:

Many school districts now grant credit for community service projects. Your Eagle service project may already qualify you for such credits. Other Districts do not grant credits, but do tally the hours, incorporate them into your transcript, and use them in their letters of recommendation in your college application. Make sure to see your guidance counselor in regards to the school’s policy. For example, the Pittsford School grant one-fourth credit for 75 hours of service, and up to a total of one credit over four years. In addition, Webster, Irondequoit, West Irondequoit, Churchville-Chili, and Wheatland-Chili have similar programs started or underway. All Catholic high schools *mandate* community service. So make sure your Eagle Service Project and other Scouting service time is incorporated into those records. Remember, more and financial aid decisions.

St. John Fisher College Community Service Scholarships:

St. John Fisher offers 35 scholarships, each of which underwrites one-third of the total cost of a four year education. Applications are available from their Admissions Office. You must be nominated, and your application for this program is completed by the adult leader of the organization that sponsored your project, such as your school principal, priest, park ranger, etc.

ROTC Scholarships and Service Academy Appointments:

The Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC Programs grant additional points for your Eagle rank when you are being considered for an award. There are many variations on them, but most are now “full freight” four-year deals. This could be worth over \$120,000 at many private schools, such as Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Brockport, Cornell, Columbia or Dartmouth. You incur an eight-year active and reserve duty obligation. Check with your school guidance counselor or, for the Army, call 1-800-USA ROTC. Also, don’t forget the Service Academies.

All Service Academy appointments are “full freight”, i.e., tuition, room, board and spending one in eight (versus less than one in one hundred of all young men nationally) of the Cadets at all the Academies (West Point, Annapolis, and Colorado Springs, as well as the Coast Guard at Groton, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Long Island) are fellow Eagles.

Your Eagle Scout rank is one of the items scored and credited by each of these school’s Admissions Officers. The services estimate that the cost of a four-year program at West Point, Annapolis, Colorado Springs, Gorton or Kings Point is over \$250,000 but to you, it’s free!

Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship:

Offers a one-time \$5,000 award to a Law Enforcement Explorer based on academics, extracurriculars and a short essay. The application must be received by March 1 at the Exploring Division, Boy Scouts of America, and 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079.

Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting:

Located in Freeport, New York offers a \$500 and \$1,000 scholarship on acceptance to a four-year accredited college or university. You must be an Eagle Scout, active in a Scouting Unit, a member of the Eastern Orthodox Church, have received their religious medal, and “demonstrated practical citizenship”. You apply in your senior year to George N. Boulukos, 862 Guy Lombardo Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520.

Uerner Goodman Scholarship of the Order of the Arrow:

Scholarship consists of five \$4,000 scholarships to Eagle Scouts planning professional careers in Scouting. Applications are available from the Order of the Arrow Office, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2019.

Frank D. Visceglia Memorial Scholarship:

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to Eagle Scouts whose Eagle Scout Projects focused either on the environment or the economy. Deadline is September 30. Applications are available from Frank D. Visceglia Memorial Scholarship Programs, Attention: Dennis Kohl, 12 Mount Pleasant Turnpike, Denville, New Jersey 07834.

Frank L. Weil Memorial Eagle Scout Scholarship:

A \$1,000 scholarship with two second place \$500 awards is available to Eagle Scouts of the Jewish faith who have earned

their Ner Tamid medal. Applications are due by January 1 of each year. Contact is the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, S226, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2029.

Law Enforcement Assistance Award:

An award of \$1,000 and an engraved plaque is available to Eagle Explorers who assist law enforcement agencies in a meaningful and exceptional way. Successful candidates must have performed an act which “assisted in the prevention or solution of a serious crime or an act which assisted in leading to the apprehension of a wanted felony suspect.” The award is payable to accredited colleges for tuition only. Applications must be mailed by March 1 to the Exploring Division, S210, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079.

Choate Rosemary Hall School:

Located in Wallingford, Connecticut is one of the most highly regarded prep schools, which tracks its graduates into some of the most selective colleges in America. It offers a full tuition (\$21, 920) scholarship to entering Eagles in high school, or for a “fifth year” prior to college. The contact is Choate Rosemary Hall Admissions, P.O. Box 788, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship:

A \$1,000, one-time scholarship for law enforcement Eagle Explorers in their senior year of high school. Criteria include your academic record, leadership, extra-curriculars and a personal statement on why you want a law enforcement career. Applications are due March 1. The contact is Exploring Division, S210, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Special Agents’ Scholarships and the U.S. Customs Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarships:

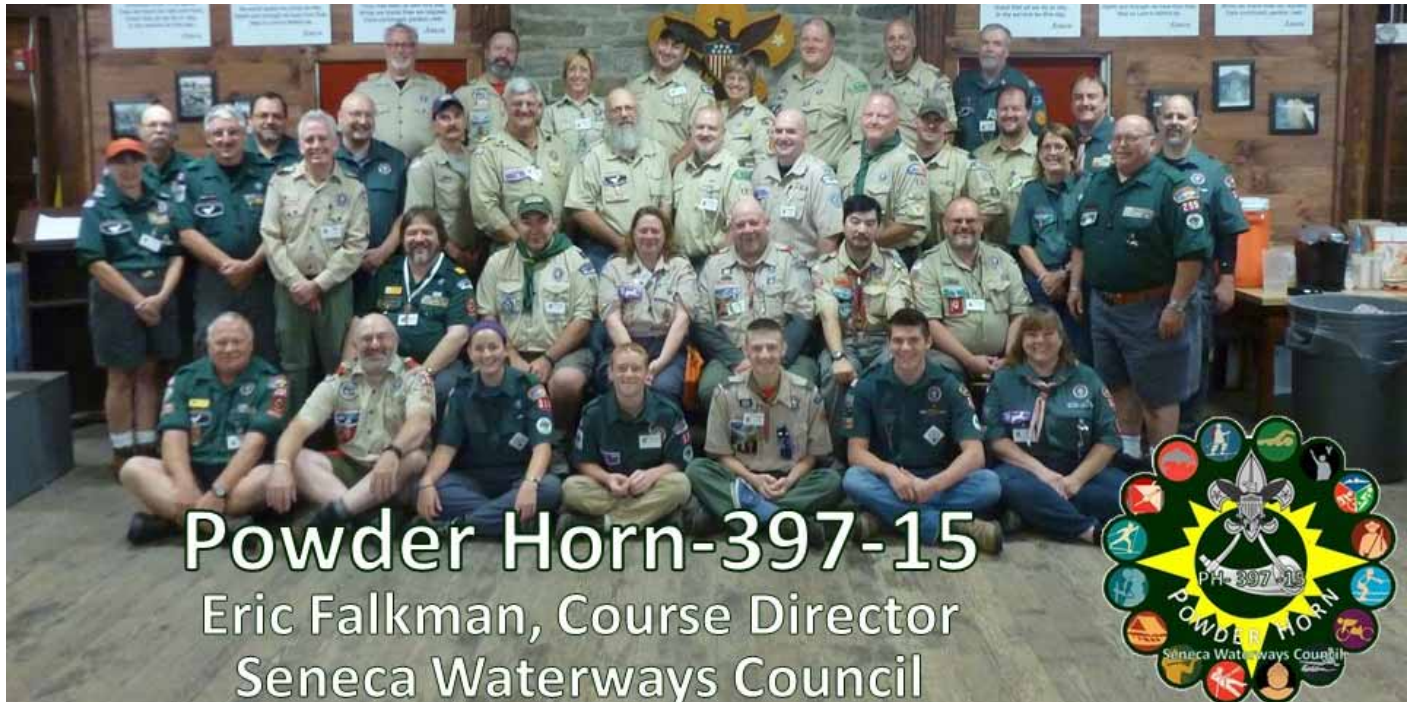
A \$1,000 scholarship, from each Bureau, is awarded every other year to Eagle Law Enforcement Explorers. Applications are available from our Servicenter and should be certified locally by March 15, and sent in by April 1.

A number of individual colleges and universities offer scholarships for Eagle Scouts. All awards are administered by the financial aid or admissions office of each college. (Many of these scholarships have been endowed by Eagle Scout alumni of these colleges who, to fulfill their Eagle charge, have been given back more than they got from Scouting.) Contact the college or university of your choice about their scholarships

Programs and Training

POWDER HORN 2015 IN REVIEW

Katie is a sophomore in high school, and is treasurer of Crew 313 in Macedon NY. This her experience and reflections on Seneca Waterways Council's Powder horn course held September 10-14th 2015.



For me, Powder Horn was a great experience. I got to try a bunch of new things and activities, even things I was unsure of, and never heard of before. I learned a bunch of useful things to bring back to my High Adventure Crew.

While we were there we learned about how to take care of some emergencies (wilderness First Aid & civil air patrol), but we also got to do a lot of fun activities. For example there was tomahawk throwing, shooting all sorts of guns from pistols to black powder rifles. With the guns, I am pretty sure there was any gun possible (revolvers, semi-auto pistols, lever action rifles, M1 Garand, M1 carbine, AR-15, a Pennsylvania long rifle, and a Brown Bess musket), which was awesome. Personally I had never shot a gun, but to see the variety that was out there and learn about each type was really cool.

Then you got to do a bunch of different Aquatic activities in the water with the waterfront activities there was anything you could think of. There was kayaks, sail boats, paddle boats and paddle

boards, which I was pretty good at. Several of us did paddle board yoga. Along with that you could go out on a motor boat to just ride or you could have gone tubing. Both were fun. There was a trampoline on water, even though it could have been more bouncy it was just awesome to jump off of.

With this Powder Horn course it just wasn't kids doing it. There were also a bunch of adults just having fun with everything thing there, it was like they were kids again too. And even if you weren't big into to guns or water there were other activities you could do. Different people came in with remote control helicopters and some people did civil war reenactment.

Saturday night there was a session were you learned how to cook different things. From foil dinners to deep fried Oreos... and we got to taste all of it. After we finished learning how to cook we had an iron chef competition where each group got a bunch of random ingredients and you have to make your

dinner and dessert from what you had. That was really fun because the ideas different people had were amazing. There was everything from a Sheppard's pie to Mac n Cheese, and everything tasted delicious.

With that I had fun making what is now call the Powder Horn Walk Away Sundae aka. PHWAS. This was where you have a cone and you put marsh mellow in the base. Then on top is bananas and over that you can put peanut butter, chocolate chips practically anything you want on top. You then wrap it in tin foil, stick it in some coals and let it cook. In my opinion they were delicious, but that's probably because I made them.

In the end, the whole event was awesome. I benefited & learned a lot even though I wasn't even there the whole time (dang school thing). I missed a bunch of cool activities, but I will bring everything I learned and experienced back to my venture crew. It will make my crew more awesome.



OKPIK 2016 WHAT IS OKPIK?

OKPIK is a “Classroom Style” training experience designed to make the learner aware of the physiology and psychological aspects of winter camping, as well as the great variety of winter camping equipment that’s available. This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and ensure a safe and fun experience for all.

Let’s face it, most of us cram our outdoor Scouting activities into a very few months when it’s warm out and the Scouts are not on summer vacation. We do this because it’s COLD outside in the winter. Brrrr... makes you shiver just thinking about it!



What if you found out all the tricks of the trade to stay as comfortable in the winter as you do any other time of year? What if you discovered how to THRIVE in the winter outdoors, how to really enjoy all that cold weather camping can provide? Things like no bugs, no crowded campsites, lots of fun.

OKPIK is the key. OKPIK, the Inuit word for snowy owl, is a “Classroom Style” training experience designed to make you, the adult leader, aware of the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping, as well as the great variety of winter camping equipment that’s available. This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and ensure a safe and fun experience for all.

You’ll learn from the area’s experts! You’ll have a great time finding out how to travel easily in the snow. You’ll see



how to build a winter shelter. You’ll learn the proper techniques for winter camping. You’ll also learn about cold weather health concerns, proper food, clothing, how to make your own clothing and gear, and a lot more. You’ll have a great time, eat lots of great food, and get the chance to try your hand at a variety of outdoor winter activities.

SIGN UP NOW! This is a Regional training course, so Scouters from all across the Northeast Region will be clamoring to attend.

January 8 – 10, 2016
Gannett Lodge at
Massawepie Scout Camps
Fee is \$95 and due by Dec. 18, 2015
(no refunds after this date)
Participants must be at least 18
Class limited to 35 participants

The cost includes lodging and food for the entire weekend. THIS COURSE WILL FILL UP FAST, DON’T DELAY. Lodging will be indoors and previous experience is not necessary. **Plan to arrive no later than 7:30pm on Friday** and we’ll depart after lunch on Sunday. Lodging, meals and snacks are included.

Registration forms are available on the Council website, at the Scout Shop, and at Roundtables and on page 1 of this newsletter.

Attend OKPIK 2016 and experience a whole new world of outdoor fun for you and your Scouts!

MERIT BADGE CORNER

*Submitted by George D. VanArsdale,
Dean of Merit Badge Counselors*

BSA has released the **Animation Merit Badge**. Seneca Waterways Council seeks Merit Badge Counselors to offer this exciting Merit Badge to our Scouts.



Animation is the technique of displaying a series of images in rapid succession to create the illusion of movement. The images can be hand-drawn artwork, computer-generated imagery, or three-dimensional objects. Discover the art and craft of traditional as well as modern animation. Boys will engage in hands-on requirements that bring the topic to life.

Animation is a “career introduction” Badge. Counselors should have knowledge of animation techniques and how they are used professionally.

OKPIK Winter Adventure – Camp Massawepie – January 8-10, 2016

Check-In is from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Friday January 8 – Activities begin at 7:30 pm on Friday the 8th

Reservations should be made as early as possible. This course sells out EARLY, so the time is **NOW** to get your registration in. Contact **Chris Guarniere** at (585) 241-8570 or chris.guarniere@scouting.org if you have any questions.

Deadline for reservations: December 18, 2015 – No refunds after this date!

Fee: \$95 / person

Class Size: Limited to 35

Minimum age: 18

OKPIK is taught primarily in an indoor classroom environment. Although there is a three-hour Round Robin outdoor session on Saturday afternoon, the course will be an intensive, fact-filled weekend, covering the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping.

Accredited by the Cold Weather Camping Development Center – Boy Scouts of America

OKPIK Provides:

- Limited amounts of snowshoes, winter shelter (for overnight experience), supplemental clothing and sleeping gear for added winterizing (preferably bring your own)
- Participants will receive numerous handouts with useful information like suggested equipment lists and tips on preparing for your winter experiences
- Great food!
- **Expert instruction**
- **Hands-on experience**



You Provide:

- Long underwear, gloves, mittens, warm socks and other warm personal clothing
- Any personal items you normally use (towel, soap, etc)
- Sleeping Bag and pillow
- (See complete list on Page 1)
- **Enthusiasm**



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OKPIK 2016 Reservation Form – Camp Massawepie – January 8-10, 2016

Please reserve a space for:

1) Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
2) Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Council: _____
Home Phone: _____
Office Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Home Phone: _____
Office Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Cost: \$95/person (non-refundable after 12/18/15)
Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Check payable to: "Boy Scouts of America"
Seneca Waterways, Inc
OKPIK

Please write Account # 1-6801-940-20 on check

2320 Brighton-Henrietta TL Rd
Rochester, NY 14623

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

Date	Host District	Training Course	Location	Start Time	End Time	Contact Person	Contact Email
11/1/2015	Bay Waters	Den Chief Training	Cottreall-Warner American Legion Post #942	9am	11am	Amy Schell	kniffins@yahoo.com
11/4/2015	Lighthouse	Youth Protection	Hilton High School, Room 2506	7:15pm	8:30pm	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
11/7/2015	Seneca	Tiger / Wolf / Bear / Webelos Den Leader Specific	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
11/9/2015	Lighthouse	Tiger / Wolf / Bear / Webelos Den Leader Specific	Council Servicerter	6pm	9pm	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
11/10/2015	Lighthouse	Cubmaster and Pack Committee Position Specific	Council Servicerter	6pm	9pm	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
11/10/2015	Bay Waters	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part I	LDS Church, Whipple Lane, Irondequoit	6pm	9:15pm	Betsy Foss	bafoss@aol.com
11/12/2015	Bay Waters	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part II	LDS Church, Whipple Lane, Irondequoit	6pm	9:15pm	Betsy Foss	bafoss@aol.com
11/16/2015	Lighthouse	Boy Scout Leader Specific (First Half)	Council Servicerter	6pm	8pm	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
11/17/2015	Lighthouse	Boy Scout Leader Specific (Second Half)	Council Servicerter	6pm	8pm	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	Boy Scout Leader Specific	Midlakes School in Phelps	9:30am	3:30pm	Steve and Martha Wheeler	bafamz1@linkny.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	Troop Committee Challenge	Midlakes School in Phelps	9:30am	11:30am	Steve and Martha Wheeler	bafamz1@linkny.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	Venturing Advisor Specific	Midlakes School in Phelps	9:30am	11:30am	Steve and Martha Wheeler	bafamz1@linkny.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	Chemical Fuels Training	Midlakes School in Phelps	1:30pm	3:30pm	Steve and Martha Wheeler	bafamz1@linkny.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	IOLS Part I	Midlakes School in Phelps	9am	12 Noon	Dave Finger	david.finger@pictometry.com
11/21/2015	Mohawk	IOLS Part II	Midlakes School in Phelps	1pm	4pm	Dave Finger	david.finger@pictometry.com
12/5/2015	Lighthouse	Youth Protection	St. Charles Borromeo Church	TBD	TBD	Dave Azzario	daarel55@aol.com
2/3/2016	Seneca	Cub Scout Leader Fast Starts (Parts 1 and 2)	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
2/3/2016	Seneca	Cubmaster Position-Specific	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
2/3/2016	Seneca	Troop Committee Challenge	TBD	8:30am	Noon	Frank Fessner	ffessner@rochester.rr.com
2/3/2016	Seneca	Youth Protection	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Frank Fessner	ffessner@rochester.rr.com
3/2/2016	Seneca	Pack Committee Position Specific	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
5/4/2016	Seneca	Tiger / Wolf / Bear / Webelos Den Leader Specific	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
6/11/2016	Seneca	Boy Scout Leader Specific	TBD	8:30am	2:30pm	Frank Fessner	ffessner@rochester.rr.com
6/11/2016	Seneca	Venturing Advisor Specific	TBD	8:30am	2:30pm	Frank Fessner	ffessner@rochester.rr.com
9/7/2016	Seneca	Pack Committee Position Specific	Red Jacket Middle School	7pm	8:30pm	Trisch Axsmith-Tavolette	trisch14564@gmail.com
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Bay Waters District

Chair: Doug Strong

Commissioner: Carl Harder (585) 671-9107, charder@rochester.rr.com

Executive: Bret Miller (585) 241-8530, bret.miller@scouting.org

KUDOS! Let's keep it up!

Fall recruiting has gone very well so far! We have whittled down our recruiting goal from 385 at the very beginning of 2015 to just over 100 left to go. With several units still working to promote and recruit, we are in a great position to hit our recruiting goal this year in Bay Waters District!

A special shout out goes to the following pack for TREMENDOUS recruiting to date this year.

- Pack 9 (Penfield) 25 new scouts this year! +13 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 80 (Penfield) 20 new scouts this year! +9 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 107 (Webster) 17 new scouts this year! +10 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 113 (Webster) 13 new scouts this year! +7 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 233 (Irondequoit) 13 new scouts this year! +9 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 250 (Webster) 19 new scouts this year! +12 scouts over Dec. '14
- Pack 420 (Irondequoit) 23 new scouts the year! +12 scouts over Dec. '14

In many cases, these packs are still following up with more interested families! The District and Council knows how hard everyone is working to

make their packs successful, and it is greatly appreciated. Let's continue to make sure that every boy who wants to Scout has the opportunity to do so. It is entirely up to each pack to take ownership and continue to make your packs successful! Great job so far!!!

Re-Charter 2015!!!! Yes...it's here!

Re-charter Day is November 21st from 9:00 – noon...and it is not just for turning in paperwork (though that is VERY important)! The re-charter extravaganza is truly an event and ALL units should not only attend to turn in their completed charter, but also attend to be informed and get excited about everything the District is doing to help make each unit's Scouting experience as good as it can be. Volunteers who are experts in District and Council events, training, JTE, FOS, PWD, camp, (plus many other acronyms and abbreviations), will be on hand to share and discuss these and other topics of interest. In addition, knowledgeable volunteers and Council staff will be on hand to help with your unit's charter in an effort to help all units get it in and done on time.

Cub Fun Day 2015

North Ponds Park was full of activity this past September 29th for CUB FUN DAY! Over 200 kids came out to enjoy

November 2015

- 5 Roundtable/Commissioners
- Mtg/Youth Protection Trg
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 21 Re-charter Extravaganza!

December 2015

- 3 Roundtable/Commissioners Mtg
- 9 District Committee Meeting

January 2016

- 7 Roundtable
- 9 Day of Planning
- 16 Day of Training (All Leader Specific Training / Commissioner Basic Training)
- 23 Cub Scout Klondike
- 29-31 Boy Scout Klondike Derby (Mendon Ponds Park)

the beautiful fall morning! Kids who came enjoyed a rope bridge, paper rockets, fast pitch, fishing, making twig pencils, high powered water rockets, ga-ga ball and more! Special thanks goes to Carl Harder, Phil Rosini, Ken Rosini, Pack 420 (Irondequoit), Harry Sauerhafer, Pack 206 (Webster) and Pack 262 (Webster) for making the day fun for all of the scouts and their families.

Make sure the Cub Klondike (January 2016) is on your pack's calendar! You won't want to miss it!

Black Creek District

Chair: Ethan Crist, (484) 490-2462, ethan.crist@mac.com

Commissioner: Kathy Elliott, (585) 831-1358, katthy.elliott@wegmans.com

Executive: Kirsten Tornatore, (585) 241-8534, Kirsten.tornatore@scouting.org

For information on what's happening in Black Creek District, visit the Black Creek page online at <http://www.senecawaterways.org/districts/black-creek/> or contact Kirsten Tornatore, (585) 241-8534, Kirsten.tornatore@scouting.org.

Exploring East

Chair: Jay Dutcher

Commissioner: Matt Hoose

Executive: Eric Israel, (585) 241-8542, eric.israel@scouting.org www.swcexploring.org

Online Career Interest Surveys

The career interest survey has gone digital. The survey we've used to determine what students are interested in which careers is now also being offered in a digital format on our website. This allows students to complete the survey even if their school doesn't participate, or if they decide they've changed their mind about which career they're interested in. Students can also complete multiple surveys to let us know they are interested in a larger number of careers. Check out the online version of the survey at: www.swcexploring.org. While you're there, check out the other updates to the

site. We've added links to the upcoming information nights for our posts, and a calendar of upcoming events that allow parents, students and school counselors to find out the latest info on your program. If you like to have an event added to the site, contact me at eric.israel@scouting.org and I'll make sure it gets added.

New Posts

Post 2002 – NY Wine & Culinary Center

Post 202 – Finger Lakes Ambulance

Welcome Back

Post 815 – St. John Fisher School of Pharmacy

Do you have an idea for a new post, or a contact that might be interested? If so, please let me know so we can offer students even more great opportunities to explore. Volunteers who help start a new unit are now eligible for special recognition from BSA, so get out there and see what we can generate. The only thing limiting the number and variety of posts is ourselves.

Exploring West

Chair: John Merklinger

Commissioner: Joel Kather

Executive: Keith Gomez, (585) 241-8558, keith.gomez@scouting.org www.swcexploring.org

What's a MCFEA?

Monroe County Fire and EMS Exploring Association. That's where the acronym comes from. These meetings are open to any and all fire and EMS Post in the council. The name happens to be older than the council so let's put it in print and you are free to quote "All Seneca Waterways Fire and EMS Posts are welcome to attend."

These meetings are a chance for units to meet with each other, share accomplishments, plan upcoming events and socialize over snack. Each meeting also includes an instructional lesson organized by the hosting post with an accompanying competition.

So this is your chance! Bring your Post out or host the MCFEA meeting yourself. Show the rest of the Fire and EMS Explorers what your Post has got and make some more friends at the same time.

November 2015

12 MCFEA
7pm at North Greece Fire
Dept., 645 North Greece Road

January 2016

14 MCFEA
7pm at Scottsville Fire Dept,
385 Scottsville Mumford Rd.

Genesee Crossroads District

Chair: Richard Rasmussen, (585) 419-0576 rasmussen@uaa.rochester.edu

Commissioner: Keith Lane, Sr., (585) 465-6643 pklane220@yahoo.com

Executive: Felix Ortiz, (585) 241-8541 felix.ortiz@scouting.org

RECRUITMENT

We had a successful sign-up night in the city of Rochester. Seventy-five new families were introduced to our Scouting Program and are now that much closer to enrolling their boys into the BEST youth program in the world. I personally spoke to parents who indicated that they were unaware that scouting still existed in the City of Rochester.

Thanks to ALL of you, we are all making our community a better place by preparing our young people to make ethical and moral choices that will last a lifetime. I ask that you reach out to neighbors, your local school's PTA, clergy, and family members and tell them about our Scouting Program. No one can advocate for our program and youths better than those who are making

November 2015

3 Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
6 Show and Sell Payments Due
13 Take Order Distribution

December 2015

3 Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
District Rechartering Event
11 Take Order Payments Due
17 District Committee Meeting

the biggest impact in the lives of so many young people in our community. LET US CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE GOOD WORD ABOUT SCOUTING TO OTHERS!!!

Additionally, I still have marketing supplies such as stickers, bookmarks, pens, Boys' Life Magazines available at our council office, so if you need anything, please feel free to contact Genesee Crossroads District Executive, Felix Ortiz at 585-241-8541 or email him at felix.ortiz@scouting.org.

Popcorn

Leaders, anyone in need of additional popcorn supplies, please contact Christine Crittenden at 585-Show and

Sell payments are due on 11/6, and Take Order distribution is scheduled for 11/13. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. NOTE: 11/13 is the Take Order Distribution date. Please plan accordingly so we serve you in a timely and efficient manner.

Training

Genesee Crossroads District is planning Cub Scout and Boy Scout Specific trainings in the upcoming months. More importantly, ALL LEADERS must be current with all trainings by the end of the year!!! For more information on training dates or if you have questions about specific training topics, please

contact our District Training Chair, Ursula Seefeld at scouter.ursula@gmail.com. Lastly, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you need anything at 585-241-8541 or email me felix.ortiz@scouting.org.

Facebook Page

GREAT NEWS!!!! Genesee Crossroads now has a new and exciting resource for the District. We now have a Genesee Crossroads District Facebook Page. Please visit our page and LIKE and SHARE with your friends and family members. This is a GREAT way to get the word out about the great things YOU are all doing to impact the lives of so many children in our District.

Lighthouse District

Commissioner: Kevin Coughlin, (585) 227-9938 kmcoughlin@aol.com

Executive: Jon Seiler, (585) 241-8547 jonathan.seiler@scouting.org

Recruitment—Get Applications In

We have had several unit recruitment nights and the units have not turned in their applications for the youth. If there are applications that are filled out, please get them into the service center within 24-48 hours of receiving the applications. Not doing so is disservice to those individuals who fill them out and want their youth signed up right away. Unregistered scouts are not covered by scout insurance when they attend a scouting event. If the applications cannot get to the service center within that time frame, contact your unit commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner or District Executive.

Each unit should be starting to think about a Spring Membership Plan, before you know it the spring will be here and we will be focusing on spring recruitment.

Leader Training—Phase II

We are currently in Phase II of the adapted new policy for Training, which is to be completed by December 31, 2015 (Re-chartering Deadline), the following Leaders registered in these positions must complete the required training. There are several trainings coming up in the near future, please be wise and plan ahead for the requirements needed for re-chartering.

For Cub Packs:

- **Cubmaster** - Youth Protection and Cub Scout Leader Specific for Cubmasters.
- **Den Leaders** (including Webelos and Tiger Leaders) – Youth Protection and Cub Scout Leader Specific for Den Leaders.
- **Pack Committee Chair**

For Boy Scout Troops:

- **Scoutmaster** – Youth Protection, Boy Scout Leader Specific, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).
- **Assistant Scoutmasters** – Youth Protection, Boy Scout Leader Specific, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).
- **Troop Committee Chair** – Youth Protection and Troop Committee Challenge.

For Venture Crews:

- **Venturing Crew Advisor** – Youth Protection and BSA-defined Venturing as Leader Specific Training.

New for 2015-16 Roundtable

This year we are excited to announce that during the Roundtables (first Wednesday of the month at Hilton High School cafeteria) throughout the year,

November 2015	
4	Roundtable/Commissioners Meeting/FOS Presenter Names Due
6-8	BS Fall Camporee
18	District Committee Meeting
December 2015	
2	Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
5	Extravaganza: MBU/Recharter/FOS Dates Due/FOS Training
12	EBOR Greece Baptist Church
16	District Committee Meeting
16	Calendar Planning
18	BS Resident Camp Site Deposit due - Early Bird price
January 2015	
6	Roundtable/Commissioners Mtg.
12	Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner
23	Cub Scout Winter Day
29-31	Klondike Derby

each Unit is able to collect Scout Bucks. At the end of the year at our Lighthouse District Dinner in June, there will be various prizes that will be auctioned off with the Scout Bucks. There are several ways to collect Scout Bucks, one of which is just showing up at Roundtable, and many other ways throughout the year, through activities, events, special occasions, etc.

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

As we prepare for the Fall, we are asking each Unit to prepare to look at Family Friends of Scouting dates between January and March. The type of events for Family Friends of Scouting presenting opportunities would include a Blue and Gold or a Court of Awards where family and friends can celebrate the achievements of the youth.

Start planning a date for the Friends of Scouting presentation. When planning and preparing for the Friends of Scouting campaign, please let the families know that there will be a speaker there to do a presentation to support Seneca Waterways Council Scouting Program. When you pay the registration fee, those

funds go directly to nationals and the council does not receive any funds from that fee. In order to sustain our council and camps, we ask for donations from our family, friends, communities along with many events throughout the year to offset the cost of running the council. As we move through the months, please think of someone from your Unit who will become the FOS presenter.

NAMES of each Unit Presenters and DATES are due by November 4th Roundtable.

Extravaganza

Save the Date, **Saturday, December 5, 2015!** Here is an opportunity for the youth to participate in a Merit Badge

University, while adults get trained, and units recharter! Spots are filling up really fast, do not wait! Some of the merit badges are currently filled. Space is limited! The event will be at the St. Charles School in Greece. On October 15th, we welcome other districts to sign up for the Extravaganza, Merit Badge University.

In addition to the Merit Badge University, we are also having re-charters done that day. Please make sure that your unit has completed the 2015 Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms with their commissioner and be able to submit with their charter along with FOS Dates.

Mohawk District

Chair: Ira Goldman, (203) 434-3680, igoldman@localnet.com

Commissioner: Mel Stickles, (315) 651-8379, mel_stickles@yahoo.com

Executive: Nicholas Newsom, (585) 241-8529, Nicholas.newsom@scouting.org

Membership Campaign 2015

Units across Mohawk District have been taking an active role in recruiting more youth into the fun and exciting programs scouting has to offer. September and October saw joining nights in conjunction with local police departments, fire departments, and military detachments. The Mohawk district would like to thank these organizations for their continued support of Scouting. Please, help continue the September and October successes into November and December. It is never too late for a child to join the scouting program! Every month is packed full of exciting events, don't let a child miss out!

Commissioners

Are you a lifelong scouter who is looking for ways to stay involved in the program beyond the unit level? Mohawk district is looking for unit commissioners to serve units around the district. What does a unit commissioner do? A unit commissioner is an adult leader who helps units with ideas on planning unit events such as court of honors, pack meetings, and Blue and Gold banquets. A unit commissioner

also helps units with the rechartering process and serves as a knowledgeable individual who can help answer questions related to delivering a great program to the youth. If interested in becoming a unit commissioner please contact Mel Stickles or Nicholas Newsom for more information.

Rechartering

Unit recharter packets have been delivered to the unit. Please be in contact with your unit commissioner with regards to completing the process. The Mohawk District Rechartering event is scheduled for December 2nd at Waterloo High School. If you have any questions regarding the rechartering process, please do not hesitate to contact your unit commissioner, Mel Stickles, or Nicholas Newsom at nicholas.newsom@scouting.org.

Scout Training

In order to better serve the units in the district, the Mohawk District Training Committee has established dates to fulfill training requirements such as IOLS and Troop/Pack Committee training. These dates are going to be held throughout the month of November and December at

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December 2015
Rechartering

**Roundtables are the
1st Wednesday of the Month**

various locations. Please see the website, www.senecawaterways.org, for an updated list of training dates, times, and locations. For more information, please contact Steve or Martha Wheeler at bafamz1@linkny.com or Nicholas Newsom at nicholas.newsom@scouting.org.

Roundtable Ruckus

Please note that any adult leader is invited to join us the first Wednesday of the month at Waterloo High School at 7:00 P.M. for our roundtable session. Roundtables are designed to deliver pertinent information to units, as well as allow time for units to share or address concerns regarding district operations. For more information regarding roundtable please contact Nicholas Newsom at nicholas.newsom@scouting.org.

Friends of Scouting Campaign '16

Units have already begun signing up for presentation dates for the 2016 Friends of Scouting Campaign. These dates run

from November of 2015 to April of 2016. Remember, the Friends of Scouting Campaign helps fund council activities, camps, and activities. If your unit has not signed up for a date, they are

urged to do so as soon as possible. For information about Friends of Scouting, or to sign up for a date, please contact Ira Goldman or Nicholas Newsom.

Seneca District

Chair: Bill Lawrence

Commissioner: Les Gales

Executive: Chris DiGiacomandrea, 585-241-8535, Christopher.digiacomandrea@scouting.org

Visit <https://us10.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=45225> to access the Seneca District's weekly news update. Sign up to receive the weekly update at <http://eepurl.com/bm86W5>.

Towpath District

Chair: Alexander McClean alex_mcclean1@yahoo.com

Commissioner: Julie Lowry ezlyacres@hotmail.com

Executive: Michael Catalano (585) 241-8531 Michael.catalano@scouting.org

Bring-A-Buddy in November and December

Many potential Scouts would love the opportunity to join your Pack, Troop, or Crew. Unfortunately, many of them believe if they didn't join at the beginning of the school year, it is too late. NOT SO! All Units are asked to hold a Bring A Buddy recruitment event to share with potential Scouts and their families the fun and exciting things your Pack has to offer. Your pack can allow potential Scouts to join through a Bring-A-Buddy event (where Cub Scouts, both "veterans" and recent additions, invite their friends to a Den Meeting, Pack Meeting, Mock Pinewood Derby, Camping Display, etc).

Pin University – Nov. 21

Dress up your Webelos Scout in his finest graduation robe and send him off to the Towpath District Pin University! The event will feature the First Responder Pin and the Fix It Pin, which will be earned by all Webelos who attend. The event will be held on November 21, 2015 from 12:30-4:30PM at St. John of Rochester School Building

(10 Wickford Way in Fairport). The cost is \$5.00 per Webelos Scout – snack and Program Materials Included! Overall Event Limited to the first 50 Webelos Scouts that Register with Fees. Classes assigned on a FIRST TO REGISTER BASIS. Get your registration in early.

Any Questions, please call – Greg Wolber Troop 325 @ 585-746-2235 or Tom Shannon, @ 585-820-5763

Towpath Friends of Scouting Kickoff!!!

The 2016 Towpath District Family Friends of Scouting campaign will be kicking off in November as Packs, Troops, and Crews are asked for their presentations between November 2015 and June 2016. The Friends of Scouting campaign helps fund our Council's programs, camps, and activities. A presenter will come to your unit and ask if you would like to voluntarily pledge a donation to fund the next generation of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. When they do, please consider making your meaningful gift to Scouting.

November 2015

- 5 District Roundtable/District Commissioner Meeting
- 12 District Committee Meeting
- 21 Pin University

December 2015

- 3 District Roundtable/District Commissioner Meeting
- 5 Recharter DEADLINE!
- 10 District Committee Meeting

January 2016

- 7 District Roundtable/District Commissioner Meeting
- 14 District Committee Meeting
- 30 Cub Scout Winteree

Roundtable Reminder

All adult leaders in Towpath District are invited to attend the monthly District Roundtable at the Kreag Road LDS Church (460 Kreag Road, Pittsford). Roundtables are the first Thursday of every month, starting at 700PM. For more information on our Roundtable year, please contact the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Charles Profitt, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Kip Webster, and District Commissioner Julie Lowry

Turning Point District

Commissioner: Patrick Fox (585) 544-8974 foxmouse@aol.com

Field Director: Nicole O'Connell, (585) 241-XXXX, Nicole.oconnell@scouting.org

What's Happening in Turning Point

October has been a great month for Turning Point! This year we have expanded into 22 sites and we're still growing! Please join me in welcoming Clara Barton School 2, John William School 5, Virgil I. Grissom School 7, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School 9, Henry Lomb School 20 and Henry

Hudson School 28 into the Seneca Waterways Council! For a complete list of schools and their times, check out our new Turning Point Facebook page.

Turning Point is always looking for volunteers to help us bring the scouting experience to the students in the Rochester City School District. If you have been considering becoming part of the Turning Point Team, I would love to talk to you about the opportunities we have!

November 2015
District Committee Meeting

Like Us on Facebook

Keep informed on what's happening in Turning Point by "Liking" our facebook page at www.facebook.com/TurningPointDistrict

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Camping Gear Sale Ends November 8th.

From October 26th through November 8th, 2015, spend \$150.00 on camping gear, take \$25.00 off your purchase.

This is a good opportunity for folks to get their scouts "geared" up for camping in any conditions. Exclusions would of course be uniforms, insignia, program materials and gift cards.

Be Prepared for the Holidays!

It may only be October but the Scout Elves have been busy and we are starting to see new Christmas 2015 items come in with our shipments.

- New this year are a **Mouse with Hiking Boot hanging ornament** for \$8.99 and a **coordinating throw** (50" X 60") for \$59.99.
- The ever **popular nutcrackers** are in stock!! The Scoutmaster is \$29.99 and stands 18" tall, and new this year, we have the **OA 100th Anniversary Nutcracker** for \$19.99
- A set of 4 **Holiday Nutcracker mugs** at a wallet friendly \$24.99!

Now that we are back to advancement for packs and troops, don't forget we can get your orders together.

Email us at:

Rochesterscoutstore@scouting.org

Or fax your request to: 585-241-8578.

Please give us at least 24 hours' notice if possible, and we'll have them ready and waiting for you.

As always, stop in and see us for all your scouting needs. Call ahead at 585-241-8551 to see if the items you are looking for are in stock. **Our hours are Monday – Friday, 9am to 6pm and Saturdays, 10am to 2pm**

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE REGISTRATION OPEN

Where can you get the best of Scouting in one place? At the 2017 National Jamboree, set for July 19 to 28, 2017. Jamborees are a place to make new friends, to experience adrenaline-raising activities, to attend high-energy stadium shows, to trade patches with Scouts from across the country, to explore the stunning high-adventure playground called the Summit Bechtel Reserve and to unite with tens of thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters.

With that in mind, this news is worth sharing: 2017 National Jamboree registration is now open. Get ready, because 2017 will be here before you can say "Live Scouting's Adventure."

Who is eligible to attend?

Most Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders are eligible to experience the unforgettable excitement of the 2017 National Jamboree. For Scouts, you must be a First Class Scout and at least 12 years old by the first day of the Jamboree (July 19, 2017) or an 11-year-old who has graduated the sixth grade. A boy born on or before July 19, 2005, will be 12 by jamboree time. There's an upper limit, too. To be a Boy Scout participant, you can't have reached your 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree (July 28, 2017). If your Scout will be too old, he could consider serving on staff. Go to <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/> for more information and to register.



VENTURING NEWS

The Council VOA is hard at work and meeting to provide a great program over the course of this Scouting year! Several Crews are taking the lead on upcoming events that can serve all Council Crews as supplemental parts of their annual program. Every unit sending representation to VOA meetings is an integral part of the Venturing program and can offer even more opportunity for youth to participate in leadership roles within their units as well as at the Council level. Please put the Council VOA meetings on your calendars and assign a unit member to attend these meetings.

Cosmic Bowling / Venturing Lock-in '15
Crew 313 has planned a great bowling / lock-in event for the first weekend of November. Starting at the Henrietta Bowl-a-Roll lanes, Venturers and friends can bowl from 10:30 – 12:30. From there, those who wish will caravan to the Council Service Center for a lock-in where we will have movies and video-games running through the wee hours of the morning. You MUST pre-register for this event! Information for registration can be found on the flyer attached to the newsletter. We hope to see all Council Venturers there...and BRING-A-FRIEND!

Event Dates

November 6

Cosmic Bowling and
Venturing Lock-In

November 19

Venturing Officers
Association Meeting
Venturing Roundtable

December 17

Venturing Officers
Association Meeting

January 15-16

Venturing Winter
Rendezvous

January 21

Venturing Officers
Association Meeting
Venturing Roundtable

Venturing's Fall

Cosmic Bowling™

**Friday
November 6th
10:30pm - 12:30am**

2 hours of bowling, pizza & soda,

**Bowl-A-Roll Lanes
Henrietta
1560 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623**

**\$15 Early bird (before 10/30)
\$17 Regular or walk ins**

**On-line Registration at:
<http://bit.ly/CrewBowling>**

**Questions?
Bowling@crew313.org**

**Mailing
Crew 313 Treasurer
1462 Wayneport Rd
Macedon NY 14502**

Bonus Lock-In
\$2 & a bag of chip or 2L of soda

Movies & Games at the
Council Service Center
12-6am

You Must Pre Register

Seneca Waterways Council, BSA
Serving the youth of Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties

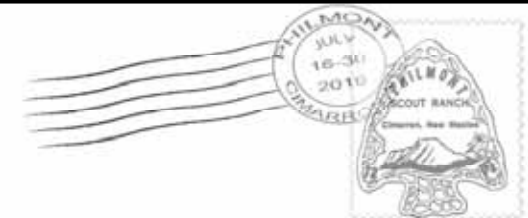
Philmont

Dear Parents,

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Scout Camp—located in northern New Mexico. It covers over 137,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness, has 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps. We have hiked and camped at elevations between 6,500 to 12,441 feet. We have challenged ourselves to climb high mountains with rough terrain and done multitudes of different activities from black powder rifle to rock climbing to blacksmithing to horseback riding. There are so many things to experience and you can choose from 32 unique outdoor treks. This adventure with my fellow scouts has created such lasting memories and lifetime values that it has changed my life forever!

As part of the SWC Contingent, all of our travel plans, transportation and activities have been included. Our Scout leaders and guests have been so relaxed and are really enjoying the adventure. Some of the coolest things were the pre-Philmont activities! We saw the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, then we rode mountain bikes down 14,000ft down Pikes Peak Mtn., and finished off white water rafting on class 4 & 5 rapids.

One of the greatest things about the Contingent is that individual scouts or groups of scouts can join the Contingent. All crews within the contingent are based on groups of 12, 8-10 Scouts and 2-4 adult advisors. Miss you all



Mail to:

SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL

PHILMONT 2016 CONTINGENT

July 16th-30th, 2016

*Come join the adventure!
Crews forming now for Contingent 2016
Contact: Dave Cheney
david.cheney@scouting.org*