

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# BUCKS COUNTY BUGLER

A monthly e-newsletter filled with news and information for our Scouts, Scouters and the Scouting community

# **July 2012**

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I love the summer!

Summer brings back fond memories of my troop going to summer camp and the many adventures that are associated with camp. We are indeed fortunate to have a facility like Ockanickon Scout Reservation. It is truly one of the premier Scout camps in the eastern US.

I recently acknowledged my first anniversary in this Council. Coming here has been a wonderful opportunity! We have had the opportunity to get out into the community and meet many great people; both Scouters and people from outside the Scouting community. Everyone seems excited about the direction the Bucks County Council is moving. This directional shift has been the direct result of the involvement of active and engaged volunteers on the unit, district and council levels. Scouting is alive and well in the Bucks County Council because of the passion of our volunteers.

One of the biggest needs in our council is the need to increase the level of communications to all of our leaders, parents and chartered partners. This enewsletter is part of our plan to reach out to more people. You can assist our efforts by submitting articles and photographs for publication.

In the fall, each of our districts is going to be hosting a Fireside Chat. This gathering will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet with the key leaders of the Bucks County Council and discuss your concerns. Look for more information on the Fireside Chats in future issues of the Bucks County Bugler. See you down the trail.

Yours in Scouting,

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Magne Gundersen Scout Executive/CEO

#### Around the Council

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#### **BUCKS COUNTY BUGLER E-NEWSLETTER**

This is the first issue of the Bucks County Council's latest communications tool. The *Bucks County Bugler* is a monthly e-newsletter designed to share the latest information with our Scouting community.

To request a copy of the monthly newsletter be sent to you, send an email to <a href="mailto:alayton@bsamail.org">alayton@bsamail.org</a> and request to be added to the Bugler Distribution List. Volunteers are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication.



# EVERY CUB SCOUT IS A FUTURE SUPERHERO!

#### **CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP**

#### WHAT IS CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP?

FUN! EXCITEMENT!

Cub Scout Day Camp is truly the best week of a Cub Scout's Summer! Day Camp is a week long day time camp adventure where cubs and parents experience a bigger part of scouting. So don't let your son miss out on all the fun and excitement that Day Camp has to offer.

Join your local Cub Scout Day Camp staff for outdoor adventure and Cub Scout FUN at the 2012 Superheroes Day Camp! It's a week of outdoor fun and programs not regularly found in den or pack activities, including: archery, hiking and outdoor skills, as well as crafts, games, and advancement.

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For additional information and to register, go to the council website at: http://www.buckscountybsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=24764&orgkey=884

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#### **CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

#### What is Cub Scout Family Camp?

Since 1940 Ockanickon Scout Reservation has been serving the scouts of Bucks County Council with a quality outdoor program. Family Camp Weekends are a unique opportunity for you to spend some quality time with you Cub Scout son and explore the camp together!

#### What can I expect at Camp?

Ockanickon supplies all the food, the tents, the cots and the program. Our facility it top notch and we are proud to show it off. Our program staff is dedicated to making this camping experience a great one for you and your whole family!

#### What do we have to bring?

It's an overnighter so sleeping bags and a change of clothes are recommended. You may wish to bring a tent but we do supply you with tents on a wooden platform and cots. The pool is open so a bathing suit and towel is recommended and rain gear is occasionally necessary as events run rain or shine.

Join us July 28-29 for a weekend of family fun and camping.

For additional information and to register, go to the council website at: http://www.ockanickon.org/summer-camping/weekend-family-camp/

#### PLANNING FOR YOUR FALL RECRUITMENT

WHAT IS "BADGE OF HONOR"?

The BADGE OF HONOR fall recruitment campaign is a concerted recruiting



Yard signs available

effort by the council and district Membership committees, taking place in September and October in all school systems – private, public, and parochial. One evening is designated for all parents to gather at a *BADGE OF HONOR* location to align themselves and their son(s) with the Boy Scouts of America through an existing or new pack or troop.

#### WHY "BADGE OF HONOR"?

BADGE OF HONOR means membership, and for all Scouting leaders, membership is registration in the Boy Scouts of America – giving young people an opportunity to participate in a program that has been tried and proved. It is reaching out to families who have eligible boys and inviting them to join. It's

organizing new groups, dens, and/or patrols and recruiting qualified leadership. <u>GOOD</u> membership is a sign of a healthy pack or troop and a quality pack or troop program.

Remember, adding boys means a better Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and/or Boy Scout program for all, more families involved, more exciting things to do, and more friendships made. Adding families means more people involved in your chartered organization, and more leaders. Adding leaders means more hands to help and more personal satisfaction.



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#### **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ELECTED**

During the recent Council Annual meeting, the following individuals were elected as Members-At-Large of the Bucks County Council:

Robert Ansel John Benson Kevin Cornwall Paul Cottone Victor Elgort Neil Fosbenner Christopher Fosmire Michael Frisbie Richard Gaver Jeff Gilmore Robert Gilmore David Gondak Michael Goodwin Richard "Jamie" Haddon Robert Harman Scott Harp **David Harris** Harrison David Heckler Chris Hermann Gail Hill John Jordon Elizabeth Lerch Pete Liptrot James P. Lutz

William Norcross Ralph Oswald James Otto Daniel Paci Michael Paradiso Doug Pedersen William Pfundt Stephen Prusienski Vincent Quinn Lawrence Robinson Michael Rose Blair Rush Frederick Schea John Shaffer Michael Shavel Rob Sigety Robert Snyder Herbert Sudfeld Frank Sullivan Jeff Tushar **Todd Warner** Richard Yatchyshyn Mark Zaba Matt Zrada

Michael Masko

Sydney Martin

During the recent Council Annual meeting, the following individuals were elected as officers of the Bucks County Council:

Welcome to the 2012 – 2013 Bucks County Council Officers

Council President	Fred Schea
Council Commissioner	Gail Hill
Executive Vice President/President Elect	William Pfundt
Treasurer	Steve Prusienski
VP Program	Mike Shavel
VP Development	Blair Rush
VP Membership	William Pfundt
VP District Operations	Mike Goodwin
VP Endowment	Bob Harman
VP Administration	John Shaffer
VP Properties	Robert Gilmore
VP Special Projects	Michael Frisbie
VP Strategic Plan	Victor Elgort
VP Strategic Plan	David Heckler

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#### **GOLD CARD UNITS RECOGNIZED**

The following units have participated in the family Friends of Scouting campaign and have been recognized for their contribution levels as having achieved the GOLD CARD status:

# A big THANK YOU! to our Gold Card Units

<b>5% DISCOUNT</b>	<b>10% DISCOUNT</b>	FREE RANK BADGES
Pack 34	Troop 27	Pack 46
Troop 6	Troop 34	Troop 1
Troop 48	Troop 36	Troop 10
Troop 137	Troop 41	Troop 19
Troop 139	Troop 187	Troop 29
Troop 168		Troop 30
Troop 172		Troop 46
Troop 400		Troop 59
		Troop 71
		Troop 175
		Troop 280
		Troop 380
		Crew 52
(Listing as of June 8, 2012)		

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#### THE SCOOP ON THE NEW TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLANS

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion on the newly introduced approval process for the new Tour and Activity Plans. This new process replaces the Local Tour Permit and Tour Plan requirements and became effective on May 24, 2012.

#### Why should I complete a tour and activity plan?

The tour and activity plan is a planning tool for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the plan may not address all possible challenges, but it can help ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure.

In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to

and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants. Please complete and submit this plan at least 21 days in advance (check with your local council) to ensure your council has enough time to review the plan and assist as necessary.

#### When do I need to complete a tour and activity plan?

Times when a tour and activity plan must be submitted for council review include the following:

- Trips of 500 miles or more; or
- Trips outside of council borders (exception: not to your council-owned property); or
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Summit Bechtel Reserve, or a regionally sponsored event; or
- When conducting any of the following activities outside of council or district events:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.); or
- At a council's request (Contact your local council for additional guidelines or regulations concerning tour and activity plans; many have set guidelines for events or activities within council boundaries such as for Cub Scout overnight camping.)

#### What, if any, transition period is available?

If you previously completed a tour plan, it is still valid. You should start using the updated tour and activity plan immediately; all other paper versions are obsolete.

Other frequently asked questions and answers about the new process are located at

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/DemoTourPlanFAQ.aspx

Scouters needing ONLINE assistance can call:

National Volunteer Helpdesk at 972-580-2267

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#### POPCORN PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED

Selling popcorn this fall?

Curious about what the popcorn sale can do for your unit?

Come out the Council Popcorn Planning meeting on Wednesday, June 20 at the Council Service Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to share specifics about the upcoming sale and let you begin the planning process to allow you to be as successful with the upcoming sale as possible.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Send an email to alayton@bsamail.org.



#### Coming Events

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#### **COUNCIL CALENDAR**

#### <u>July</u>

- 1 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 3
- 4 Independence Day Scout Store and Council Service Center closed
- 5 Cub Scout Resident Camp Camp Kirby Week 4 CANCELED
- 8 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 4
- 12 Cub Scout Resident Camp Camp Kirby Week 5 CLOSED TO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS
- 12 Jamboree Shakedown begins Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 15 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 5
- 17 Jamboree Shakedown ends Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 20 Ramadan begins
- 22 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 6
- 23 Cub Scout Day Camp Bux-Mont Christian Church Week 1
- 24 Commissioner Cabinet meeting
- 28 OA meeting Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 28 Pennsbury District Committee meeting (Informal) Christ United Methodist Church Fairless Hills
- 28 Family Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 29 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 7
- 30 National Order Of the Arrow Conference begins

#### Camping News

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#### GO BIG. GET WILD!

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A JAMBO LIKE THIS. EVER.

- High adventure like you've never seen. Whitewater, climbing, zip lines, mountain biking, and much, much more. (Not to mention all of the things you've grown to love about the jamboree: patch trading, SCUBA, stadium shows, Technology Quest ... who could ask for more?)
- History created by you. This will be the first jamboree at its new



permanent home - The Summit, in beautiful West Virginia - and you'll be there for the grand opening.

July 15 - July 24, 2013. It's going to be big. It's going to be wild.

We are still accepting applications for both Troop Crew contingents.

For additional information and to register, go to the council website at: http://www.buckscountybsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=44599&orgkey=884

#### Pennsbury District

District Chairman **District Commissioner** Senior District Executive Joel Perkins

Rich Yatchyshyn Cheryl Hallowell

Richard.Yatchyshyn@us.hamburgsud.com Challowell4@comcast.net Joel.Perkins@scouting.org

#### 2012 LOWER BUCKS GOOD SCOUT AWARDEE ANNOUNCED

Thomas McCarthy, owner of TJM Electronics in Bristol and alumnus of BSA Troop 12 of Bensalem has been awarded the 2012 Lower Bucks Good Scout Award. He received the award at the annual Lower Bucks Scout Breakfast on May 24th in the community room of Lower Bucks Hospital. He is very passionate about community service and programs that serve youth; we are pleased to have him as this year's honoree. The event raised over \$13,000, all of which will go to Scouting right here in Bucks County.



Above, Event Chairman Bruce Iacobucci is seen giving the award to this year's recipient, Thomas McCarthy.

### PENNSBURY DISTRICT ANNOUNCES KEY 3 LEADERSHIP FOR THE **2012-2013 SCOUTING YEAR**

Rich Yatchyshyn and Cheryl Hallowell will return as Pennsbury's District

Chairperson and District Commissioner, respectively. A new Senior District Executive, Joel Perkins, has been brought on for the upcoming Scouting Year. He comes to us with three years of experience as a District Executive at National Capital Area Council based in Bethesda, MD. The aforementioned can be reached at the following email addresses:

Richard.Yatchyshyn@us.hamburgsud.com
Challowell4@comcast.net
Joel.Perkins@scouting.org

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#### Playwicki District

District Chairman Bob Ansel <u>r.ansel@verizon.net</u>
District Commissioner Don Waiter
District Executive Rob Scafidi <u>rscafidi@bsamail.org</u>



#### PLAYWICKI DISTRICT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00PM
- Crossing Community Church, Newtown
- Distribution of fall recruitment materials
- Come learn how to run a successful fall membership campaign for your units
- Training on open house nights and proper recruitment strategies for youth and adults
- Also, overview of Cub Roundtable topics for the coming year
- Open to all Cub leaders, units are encouraged to send their membership chairman or committee chairman

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#### PLAYWICKI DISTRICT POPCORN KICK-OFF

- Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
- Crossing Community Church, Newtown
- Information, materials and training for
- Fall Popcorn Sale
  - o Dates
  - Strategies
  - Management
  - Sales Materials
- RSVP: Rob Scafidi, rscafidi@bsamail.org

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## PLAYWICKI DISTRICT WEBELOS WEEKEND

- Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Tamanend Park
- This Year's Theme: Mad Scientist Weekend
  - o Focus: Scientist Pin

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#### **DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

Welcome new District Committee Members and Unit Commissioners on May 3<sup>rd</sup> we elected new people to serve on the Lenape District. Doug Pedersen was elected District Chairman with Marc Altman District Vice Chairman, Tom Rowland Vice Chairman, Bill Palardy Vice Chairman, and Tom Thibault as District Commissioner. Also elected as new District Members-at-Large: Barry Sokolowski, Scott Hotham, Mark Gianforcaro, Steve Noble, Dan Laurich, Gary Hayes, Judi Butalla, Jim Connor, Chris Muller, Carl Budson, Pat Murphy, Jerry Lomas, Mike Maloney, Kim Johnson, and Tom Scarborough. We also had new Unit Commissioners come on board; they are Craig Busick and Chuck McGurk.

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#### **KANGAROO ROAST**

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, we honored some great District and Unit leaders for the hard work that they have done for scouting in the Lenape District. The award winners are Bill Cope and John Ponzuric District Award of Merit, Michael Goodwin Kangaroo Award, Colleen Fiocca Committee Chair of the Year, Doug Pedersen District Scouter of the Year, Kathe Everitt Commissioner of the Year, Steve Pierce Scouter of the Year, Bob Trucksess Cub Scouter of the Year. The following people were honored with Fair Dinkum Cobber Award Jason Tumelty, Dan Laurich, Barry Skolowksi, Chuck McGurk, Jim Pignatelli, Alex Dreyzen, and Mike Austin.

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#### **KEY LENAPE DISTRICT DATES:**

June 20 Popcorn Meeting 7:00PM at the Council Service Center
 June 23-27 Cub Scout Day Camp at Bux-Mont Christian Church
 August 1 Deadling for getting your flyer information into the Council Service Center

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 August 3 Membership Kick Off and District Committee, 6:30 PM at the Council Service Center

- August 6-10 Cub Scout Day Camp at Tamanend Park

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# SUMMER HOMEWORK ASSIGNEMENTS: FOR ALL CUB SCOUT PACKS, BOY SCOUT TROOPS AND VENTURE CREWS

Let your Unit Commissioner, the Council Office, and or your District Executive know when you are planning to do your fall recruiting meetings. We are looking for 3 dates in September, 2 in October for Cub Scout Packs. We are only looking for 2 date in September and October for Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews.

	WHAT IS A UNIT COMMISSIONER?		
	A Unit Commissioner is an experienced Scouter who serves as liaison to the Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venture Crew that they serve and the District or Council that are a part of. They are the first line of customer service for a unit; they are a friend, a sounding board, and a counselor. They are person to serve as resource for the unit.		
	WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?		
	Cub Scout Packs, tell us your plans what great events do you have planned? Boy Scout Troops, where are you going to summer camp what other trips are planned? Venture Crews, what awesome trips do you have planned? Please let your Unit Commissioner and District Executive know what you are doing, so they can let interested families know what you are doing and how they can join in on the fun.		
Tohpendel District	District Chairman Vacant District Commissioner Tony Vega District Executive Vacant  District Executive Vacant		
	DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING TAKES PLACE		
	In May, the Tohpendel District held its District Annual Meeting. It is at this meeting that the Members-At-Large and officers of the district are elected.		
	Those elected as district Members-At-Large were:		
	Those elected as district officers were:  Matthew Zrada - District Vice-Chairman		

# **A BIG THANK YOU!**

The volunteers of the Tohpendel District want to thank William O'Shea and Gary Price for their leadership and commitment to the district over the last few years. William O'Shea served as District Chairman, while Gary Price served as District Commissioner. Both gentlemen are great volunteers and leaders, as they lead by the example they set.