

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

August 2012

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Scouters,

We are off to a GREAT start!

As I write this article, we are already fast approaching the mid-way point of our summer camping program. Both Ockanickon Scout Reservation and Camp Kirby were visited by representatives of the Northeast Region and after a review of the camp standards, both camp's received an "ACCREDITED" rating. This is the highest evaluation a camping program can earn. It is truly a testament to the quality of our camp leadership and staff that they earn this rating consistently year after year.

As I mentioned earlier, we are almost to the mid-point of our summer program. Surprising to many, we have already begun preparations for our fall recruitment efforts. This fall, every Cub Scout Pack in the Council is asked to organize and run at least one recruitment sign-up night and preferably two (one in September and one in October). Packs have already begun to respond to the sign-up night information requests that have been distributed. By providing the information requested our Council will be able to provide packs with fall recruitment fliers in a timely manner. We are also going to be able to provide posters and yard signs promoting recruitment as well.

The key to success for Scouting is to plan and act early. Now is the time for you to think about what you need to do to prepare your pack, troop, or crew for the upcoming program year. To help you prepare, ensure you can answer the following questions:

Has the unit leadership had a program planning session for your unit? Did you develop and publish a unit calendar for the next 12 to 16 months? Are all the unit's leadership positions filled for the upcoming program year? Is every leader trained for their position?

What can you do to provide a better experience for your Scouts?

Remember, if you need help, ASK! Our district's leadership and the Council's leadership and staff are here for YOU and our Scouts. If you need assistance, there are people who are willing to help you. All it takes is to let us know you need help.

If so, please let me know.

See you down the trail.

Yours in Scouting,

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Scout Executive/CEO

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Around the Council

BUCKS COUNTY BUGLER E-NEWSLETTER

This is the second 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 alayton@bsamail.org and request to be added to the Bugler Distribution List.

Volunteers are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication.

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COUNCIL ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PLAN FEE INCREASE

The Bucks County Council does participate in the National Council's recommendation to purchase accident and sickness insurance for every unit in the Council. In prior years, at re-charter time, an additional \$0.70 was collected for every youth and adult in your unit.

For the upcoming 2013 re-charter year, the accident and sickness insurance fee will increase to \$1.00 for every youth and adult in our units.

The Bucks County Council Executive Board wants to make sure all members are covered for every Scouting function. The past disaster at Little Sioux Scout Reservation highlights the need to "Be Prepared" by ensuring every youth is covered. At only \$1.00 per year per person, it is a bargain and worth it for the peace of mind to our Scouting families.

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FALL RECRUITMENT – STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PACK RECRUITMENT

Utilize <u>www.BeAScout.org</u> effectively.

Have a presence at school Parent's Night (display).

Have a presence at school PTA meeting (display / color guard).

Work with the local media and provide action photographs with captions.

Post yard signs outside local schools / near busy intersections / in high traffic areas.

Posters in August to barbers / shoe stores.

Utilize community billboards.

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Beascout PIN MANAGEMENT FOR UNIT LEADERS

Attention Unit Leaders...The BSA is putting Scouting on the map! The BSA has its own joining Web page with information on Scouting, plus an actual Google map application that will help potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their communities.

This program was launched in 2010, and will help all units be more visible as families move into their areas and look for a new Pack, Troop, or Crew. Information for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Committee Chairs and COR's may be found here. These are the unit leaders who will have the role of updating the Pin and managing leads from interested families.

Where can you find BeAScout? Log into www.myscouting.org (you should

Is your unit pin up to date?

already have a username and password). On the left toolbar, click BeAScout. This will open your Dashboard for your unit. Instructions will be found there as well, but simply put, you will need to do the following simple updates to insure that your unit 'pin' is accurate.

Unit Leader Tasks:

- 1. Update the Pin. All registered units will appear as pins on the Google map. Unit leaders will want to make sure that their unit information is correct on the pins. To do that, if you have the role mentioned above, log into MyScouting, select BeAScout, then Unit Pin Management. Change the "Fields Displayed on Google Pin" from Council Information to Contact Person. Then add primary and alternate unit contacts and any other unit information you want. If you don't update your pin, then only Council information will show on the Google bubble.
- 2.Manage the Leads. Once you've completed Step 1, your primary and alternate contacts will be notified when a lead is interested in your unit. They must follow up with these leads. To do this, from MyScouting > BeAScout, go to Unit Lead Management. Select your unit to view the leads for that unit.

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:

5% DISCOUNT	10% DISCOUNT	FREE RANK BADGES
Pack 5	Troop 41	Pack 46
Pack 30	Troop 53	Troop 1
Pack 34	Troop 139	Troop 6
Troop 137	Troop 172	Troop 10
Troop 168		Troop 19
Troop 400		Troop 27
		Troop 29
		Troop 30
		Troop 34
		Troop 36
		Troop 46
		Troop 48
		Troop 59
		Troop 71
		Troop 175
		Troop 187
		Troop 280
		Troop 380
		Crew 52
(Listing as of July 12, 2012)		

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GOLD

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Congratulations!

to our

Gold Card Units



EVERY CUB SCOUT IS A FUTURE SUPERHERO

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is still open and you can register now. The fee for one week of Cub Scout Day Camp has been lowered this year to \$125.

Join us August 6 through 10 for a week of fun, excitement and the outdoors at



Tamanend Park, 1255 Second Street Pike in Upper Southampton Township. For additional information and to register, go to the council website at:

http://www.buckscountybsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=24764&orgkey=884

TZOFIM FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN TO VISIT THE AREA

Each Friendship Caravan consists of 5 male and 5 female Tzofim (Israel Scouts) who are entering their senior year of high school. The Caravans travel thoughout North America each summer as emissaries, sharing their lives in Israel through song, dance and story. Participants are chosen after undergoing an extensive auditioning and interviewing process, ensuring that above all, they are true representatives of Israeli culture and spirit. The Tzofim Friendship Caravan typically reaches over 35 states, including 250 camps, community centers, churches, senior homes and schools, performing for an audience totaling nearly 100,000 people.

The Tzofim Friendship Caravan will be performing at the Ohev Shalom Of Bucks County Synagogue, 944 Second Street Pike in Richboro on August 17, from 7:00 to 8:00PM. For more information, visit the following website:

http://www.israelscouts.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=24&Itemid=34

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2012 Bucks County Council Annual Recognition Dinner Honoring

Scouting's Greatest Resources ... Our Volunteers!



Earlier this year, the Bucks County Council, BSA, honored seven outstanding Scouters with the Silver Beaver Award. This is a very distinguished and restricted national award that is presented annually by the Council for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth.

This year's Silver Beaver honorees are:

Marc Goldstein
Russ Kantner
John Kenderdine
Larry Regosch
Jim Sullivan
Mark Weiss
Rich Yatchyshyn

Having problems with your personal MyBSA account?

Contact:

National Volunteer Helpdesk

972-580-2267

Congratulations to all our honorees.

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JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE SERVICE HOURS

You can now enter your service hours at

http://scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence. Scroll down the page to see the link on the right hand side. Users of www.goodturnforamerica.com will be redirected to the Journey to Excellence page.

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TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN

Under the direction of the National Council, effective May 15, 2012, the Tour Permit form you have been using will be replaced by the Activity and Tour Plan. The new Tour Plan is designed to help your unit in the planning of your activities to be sure that they have the correct leadership and leader ability to help the unit have a safe and more successful trip. Please destroy any old Tour Permits, as they will no longer be accepted after May 14, 2012.

Please visit the attachments below for a complete copy of the Unit Leaders Letter and for an additional two pages of frequently asked questions regarding the Tour and Activity Plan.

Use the link below for a fillable .pdf version of the new Tour And Activity Plan application:

http://www.bccbsa.org/sites/default/files/Tour%20and%20Activity%20Plan.pdf

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BCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bucks County Council has organized a new committee to promote innovative strategies to increase membership throughout Bucks County.

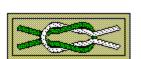
The current members of the committee include:

Pennsbury District Membership Co- Chair	John Blewitt	
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Pennsbury District Membership Co- Chair	Fred Jordan	
	scrappleman301@comcast.net	
Playwicki District Membership Chair	Vacant	
Lenape District Membership Co-Chair	Jerry Lomas	
	j.lomas149@comcast.net	
Lenape District Membership Co-Chair	Mike Maloney	
	mike.maloney1@verizon.net	
Tohpendel District Membership Chair	Vacant	
Council Assistant Commissioner -	Pat Wax	
Membership	patcommish@verizon.net	
Council Vice President - Membership	William Pfundt	
	wpfundt@gmptools.com	

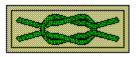
Adult Training Awards

In the past, our Council has done well at the job of retaining and recruiting youth. We want to continue on this positive road to success by instituting a year round recruitment program.

The committee's goals are broad and the committee will seek support from all



Scouter's Key



Scouter's Training Award

Den Leader's Training
Award

units and their members. We will look forward to working with all units to assist in getting the positive message out to all youth and their parents throughout the county.

If you are interested in being part of the Council's membership committee, please be sure to notify your District Chairman.

UPDATE ON TRAINING AWARDS FOR ADULT UNIT LEADERS

In 2011, the National Council's Awards Committee conducted a review of the hundreds of awards presented to Scouts and adults in the BSA. Many recommendations were made to update procedures and the awards themselves.

Among the recommendations was the update of the unit leader training awards requirements and a review of the Cub Scout leader recognition awards. These recommendations have been reviewed by the national volunteer training committee and a task force of unit-level leaders. Some awards have been eliminated and all of the requirements for the remaining awards have been updated.

The forms and requirements have been simplified. The committees do not believe that means easier. They are along the same lines and "degree of difficulty" as the previous requirements, but will be less complicated and consistent across the awards and the phases of the Scouting program. The training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for tenure, basic and continuing training, and successful performance in their leadership role.

The changes and other considerations:

The Cubmaster Award has been discontinued. Cubmasters may now earn the Scouter's Key Award and may wear the Scouter's Key knot with a Cub Scouting device.

The Cub Scouter and Pack Trainer Awards have been discontinued. Cub Scout pack leaders may earn the Scouter's Training Award and may wear the Scouter's Training Award knot with a Cub Scouting device.

The Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader's Awards have been discontinued. All den leaders may earn a new Den Leader's Training Award medal that is being created, and may wear the Den Leader's Training Award knot (identical to the previous Cub Scout Den Leader Award knot) with the appropriate device. A Tiger Cub den leader device is also being developed.

Scouters who have earned the old awards will still be able to wear the old awards and knots.

Scouters who have begun to work on the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Awards will still be able to earn them as long as they are completed by the following dates:

Tiger Cub Den Leader Award – December 31, 2012 Webelos Den Leader Award – December 31, 2012 Cubmaster Award – December 31, 2013 Pack Trainer Award – December 31, 2013 Cub Scouter Award – December 31, 2013

Cub Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only earn the new awards and must use the new requirements.

Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing awards, knots, and devices

have not been changed. Only the requirements have been updated. Leaders who have started to earn these awards may use either set of requirements, but Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only use the new requirements.

Progress record forms with the new requirements for these awards can be found at www.Scouting.org/training

Coming Events

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- 20 Ramadan begins
- 21 Scout Store closed

COUNCIL CALENDAR

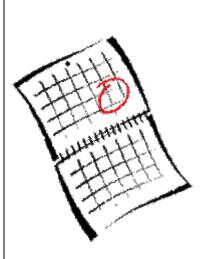
- 22 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 6
- 23 Cub Scout Day Camp Bux-Mont Christian Church Week 1
- 24 Commissioner Cabinet meeting
- 26 OA meeting Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 26 Pennsbury District Committee meeting (Informal) Christ United Methodist Church Fairless Hills
- 28 Family Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 28 Scout Store closed
- 29 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 7
- 30 National Order of the Arrow Conference begins

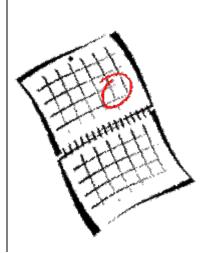
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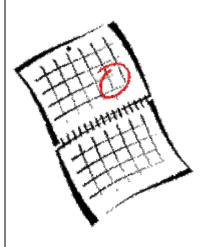
- 2 Lenape District Membership Kickoff
- 2 Lenape District Committee meeting
- 2 Risk Management Committee meeting
- 4 National Order of the Arrow Conference participants return
- 4 Scout Store closed
- 5 Boy Scout Resident Camp Ockanickon Scout Reservation Week 8
- 6 Cub Scout Day Camp begins Tamanend Park Week 2
- 9 Executive Board visit to Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 11 Scout Store closed
- 14 Commissioner Cabinet meeting
- 16 Quarterly Program Summit Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 17 OA weekend begins at Ockanickon Scout Reservation
- 18 Scout Store closed
- 20 to 24 Council Service Center and Scout Store closed
- 25 Scout Store closed
- 29 Coordinated Key 3 meeting
- 30 Council Training Committee meeting

September

- 1 Scout Store closed
- 3 Labor Day Scout Store and Council Service Center closed
- 4 Tohpendel District Committee meeting
- 4 Playwicki Popcorn Kickoff
- 5 Lenape Popcorn Kickoff
- 5 Tohpendel Popcorn Kickoff
- 6 Pennsbury District Committee meeting
- 6 Lenape District Committee meeting
- 6 Lenape District Commissioner meeting
- 8 EDGE Training
- 11 Tohpendel Roundtable
- 11 Tohpendel OA Chapter meeting
- 11 Tohpendel Commissioner meeting







12 – Playwicki Roundtable

12 - Playwicki OA Chapter meeting

13 – Pennsbury Roundtable

13 - Pennsbury OA Chapter meeting

13 – Pennsbury Commissioner meeting

15 - Pennsbury Scout Expo

16 to 18 – Rosh Hashanah

18 - Commissioner Cabinet meeting

19 - Executive Board meeting

21 to 23 - Powder Horn Training Weekend #1

22 – Popcorn Distribution

25 to 26 – Yom Kippur

27 - OA Executive Board meeting

27 - Council Training Committee meeting

28 to 29 - Council Outdoor Leader Training

29 - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training

29 – Wawa Popcorn Sale day

30 - Wawa Popcorn Sale day

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Camping News

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join us August 6 through 10 for a week of fun, excitement and the outdoors at Tamanend Park, 1255 Second Street Pike in Upper Southampton Township.

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PROVISIONAL CAMP AT OCKANICKON

Week 8 at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, August 5th - August 11th. If you have already been to summer camp or you are still looking for one to attend, Ockanickon Scout Reservation has a deal for you! All of our regular activities are still being offered by our friendly and courteous staff but lines are shorter for the harder to get into programs such as the Science Center, Rock Climbing and COPE, Horseback Riding, Sailing and Golf. Come provisionally and join our Staff lead provisional troop (week 8 only!) or come as a troop. For more information please visit www.Ockanickon.org today!

Special discounts offered to provisional scouts and troops returning for a second time to Ockanickon this summer during week 8.

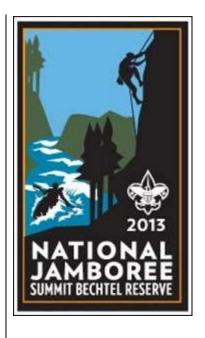
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Jamboree Information

NATONAL JAMBOREE - LOCAL INFORMATION

The Bucks County Council will be sending a contingent of 72 Boy Scouts and 8 Leaders (2 Troops) to the Jamboree as well as a patrol of 8 Venturers and 2 Leaders. The Council cost for the Jamboree has not been finalized yet, but will be around \$1300-1500. This will include the Jamboree, transportation costs, and pre-Jamboree training weekends and other incidentals. Fundraising opportunities will be offered to help defray some of the cost. If you start planning for it now, it works out to about \$75 a month to set aside.

HOW TO SIGN UP...



The National Council has set up a great web site that has lots of information about the Summit and the Jamboree. It is at http://www.bsajamboree.org/. The initial application process begins there also. All youth and adult applicants should complete the online application and when completed, print it off and get your Scoutmaster/Advisor's signature on it. You will then send it to our Council Service Center with your deposit to hold your spot. Your deposit will count towards the final Jamboree cost, but will be non-refundable if you decide not to participate. Please be prepared with your BSA registration number and a picture of yourself that can be uploaded. The 72 / 8 youth slots will be filled on a "first come, first registered" basis. The slot will be held with the \$100 deposit. All youth registrants after number 72 / 8 will be placed on the waiting list.

JAMBOREE QUALIFICATIONS...

Boy Scout youth participants must be at least 12 years old but not older than 18 during the time of the Jamboree. Venturing youth must be at least 14 but not older than 21 during the time of the Jamboree.

BEING A JAMBOREE ADULT LEADER...

The adults applying to participate must meet the qualifications for the position they are applying for. They are listed on the same web site.

Our Boy Scout contingent will have 2 Scoutmasters and 4 Assistant Scoutmasters who must all be 21 or older by the time of the Jamboree. Additionally, two more Assistant Scoutmasters will be selected who are within the ages of 18 and 20 at the time of the Jamboree.

The 2 Venturing Adult Leaders must be 21 or older. One will likely have to be female and one male, depending on the composition of the Venturing youth.

All leaders applying for these 8 / 2 positions will go through an interview process to be selected. Adult leaders will be selected in 2012. If an adult applicant is not selected, the deposit will be refunded.

Any adults interested in serving in a Jamboree contingent leadership role with our Council must make application and submit a deposit AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Questions can be directed to Leanne Vasold at 215-348-7205 ext 102 or lvasold@bsamail.org

We look forward to seeing you at the Summit!

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Pennsbury District News

District Chairman Rich Yatchyshyn

District Commissioner Cheryl Hallowell

Senior District Executive Joel Perkins

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Challowell4@comcast.net

Joel.Perkins@scouting.org

July 26 - Pennsbury District Planning Meeting for 2012/2013 7:00 PM, Emilie United Methodist Church

August 9 - Pennsbury District Ice Cream Social 7:00 PM, Christ United Methodist Church

September 6 - Pennsbury District Committee Meeting 7:00 PM, Christ United Methodist Church

September 13 - Pennsbury District Roundtable 7:00 PM, Christ United Methodist Church

September 20 - Fireside Chat with Scout Executive Magne Gundersen, Time

& Location TBA
October 26 to 28 - Pennsbury Fall Camporee Location TBA
January 18 to 20 - Pennsbury District Klondike Ockanickon Scout Reservation

District Chairman Bob Ansel <u>r.ansel@verizon.net</u>

Playwicki District News

District Commissioner Don Wiater
District Executive Rob Scafidi
Playwicki Ice Cream Social

August 1, 2012, 7:00PM

Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Join us for our kick-off event for the Fall 2012 membership campaign. Marketing materials will be available on site, along with training and best practices for running a successful membership campaign. Learn how to get more boys in Scouting and more parents volunteering in your unit.

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Playwicki Popcorn Launch September 4, 2012, 7:00PM

Crossing Community Church, Newtown

Sales materials, training, and information for the annual Fall Popcorn Sale.

Presented by Trails End Popcorn.

Commissioner's Report - Don Wiater, District Commissioner

We are ready for the fall! The Playwicki District has two new Roundtable Commissioners that are ready and waiting to go in September. In addition, every unit in the district has been assigned a Unit Commissioner, and the District's Commissioner staff continues to grow and develop. Your Commissioner is a key resource for information on Council and District events, activities, procedures, or general program questions and advice. In case you don't know who your Commissioner is, a list of each unit is provided below – we have made some changes that will go into effect this fall, so be sure you double check who will be serving your unit.



Pack and Troop 3 – Don Wiater Crew 99 - Cheryl Hamm Crew 3 – Cheryl Hamm Pack 142 – Dennis Curran, Jr. Pack 5 – Dennis Curran, Jr. Pack 145 – Elaine Smith Troop 5 – Terry Robinson Troop 145 – Andy Malaney Pack 147 – Dennis Curran, Jr. Pack 10 – Russ Kantner Troop 10 – Ed Marcus Troop 147 – Don Rearick Pack and Troop 19 – Dawn Macomber Crew 147 – Cheryl Hamm Pack 20 – Andy Malaney Pack 153 – Dennis Curran, Jr. Troop 21 – Don Rearick Troop 153 – Don Rearick

Troop 29 – Elaine Smith Troop 210 – Mel Cassady
Pack 30 – Bill Pitts Pack and Troop 230 – John Rosse

Troop 30 – Russ Kantner Crew 230 – Cheryl Hamm
Crew 30 – Cheryl Hamm Troop 240 – Bill Pitts
Pack 46 – Russ Kantner Pack and Troop 280 – Mel

Troop 46 – Dave Gaunt Cassady

Pack and Troop 74 – Elaine Smith
Pack and Troop 82 – Don Wiater

Crew 280 – Cheryl Hamm
Pack 380 – Andy Malaney

		Pack 95 – Russ Kantner Pack and Troop 99 – Dave Gaunt		Troop 380 – Terry Robinson Pack and Troop 607 – Jeff Niceler Alternate – Larry Regosch
Lenape District	News	District Commissioner	Doug Pedersen Tom Thibault Sam Griga	thepedersens01@comcast.net thibat00@verizon.net sgriga@bsamail.org
		Well, summer is almost over and we hope that everyone is having, a great summer camping season. Whether Camp Ockanickon, Camp Kirby, one of our Cub Scout Day Camps. Family Camp, or any other council's camp. Summer		

Cub Scout Day Camps, Family Camp, or any other council's camp. Summer camp is the highlight of any scout's year and every effort should be made for every boy to participate.

WHO SHOULD BE INVITED?

Who should I invite to my son's Eagle Court of Honor, the Troop Court of Honor, the Pack Blue and Gold?

Gail Hill, Council Commissioner John Kenderdine, Assistant Council Commissioner Pat Wax, Assistant Council Commissioner Doug Pedersen, Lenape District Chairman Tom Thibault, Lenape District Commissioner Tom Rowland, Assistant District Chairman Bill Palardy, Assistant District Chairman Marc Altman, Assistant District Chairman John Ponzuric. Assistance District Commissioner Your Unit Commissioner Magne Gundersen, Scout Executive Sam Griga, District Director

YOU MAY GET A CALL FROM A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Representatives of the District are calling selected people and might be calling you. Here is what they will be calling you about...

Mike Maloney - is a member of the Lenape District Membership Committee. He will be asking all Cub Scout Packs for 3 recruiting dates in September and 2 in October. These meetings don't have to be separate from what you already have planned, they could be held at least 30 minutes before your scheduled event and offer interested persons the opportunity to stay and see the Scouting program in action.

Barry Sokolowksi - Lenape District Popcorn Kernel will be calling all units to see if they will be participating in the Council Popcorn Sale. He will be asking who your Unit Kernel will be.

NATIONAL SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD

We all know Cub Scouts is a year round program. Can your pack prove it? Did you know that a pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award by planning and conducting three pack activities - one each in June, July, and August (oh...and Camp Kirby counts as an activity for the month)?

NATIONAL SUMMERTIME **PACK** AWARDS







Bear



Webelos

This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. More importantly, it keeps your current Scouts involved with the program and helps keep new scouts interested throughout the summer months.

And there are awards for the Pack and participant scouts!

Individual Scouts that participate in all three pack events can receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin (which is worn on the right pocket flap of his uniform.)

There is a different color pin for each Cub Scout rank so earning the pin each year has more incentive.

Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon.

So get to Camp Kirby, have a summer pack picnic, participate in a bike rodeo, hold a swim party, do a raingutter regatta or a space derby, maybe go on a summer camping trip, and get your scouts involved in Cub Scouts during the summer.

Worried that you won't get enough Cub Scouts in your pack to hold a summer event? Try inviting a neighboring pack! This is a great way to get the scouts to meet different people and learn new things, while having fun!

And remember to let your Unit Commissioner and District Executive know what you are doing, so they can let interested families know what you are up to and how they can join in on the fun.

You can download and apply for the award at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf

LENAPE UPCOMING EVENTS

August

2 - 6:30PM District Fall Membership Kick Off at the Council Service Center

This is open to all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews, District Committee Members, Unit Commissioners, and Roundtable Commissioners

2 - 7:30PM Lenape District Committee Meeting at the Scout Service Center

This is open again to all units of the Lenape District, your input is essential to the betterment of the District Events. District Committee and Commissioners are invited and expected to attend.

16 - 7:30PM Council Quarterly Program Summit at Ockanickon

This meeting is open all members of the Lenape District Advancement, Activities, Training, and Camping Committees. If you are interested in serving in any of these committees, this is a good meeting to get a sense of what these committees do.

18-25 The Council Service Center and Scout Store will be closed.

September

5 – 7:00PM District Popcorn Kick Off at the Council Service Center This meeting is for all unit leadership who wish to participate in the Popcorn Sale.

6 – 6:00PM Lenape District Commissioners Meeting at the Council Service Center

6 - 7:30PM Lenape District Committee Meeting at the Council Service Center

13 - 7:30PM Lenape District Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable at St. Paul's UMC in Warrington

This meeting is for all Boy Scout and Cub Scout Unit leadership to come together and share ideas for the betterment of scouting in the Lenape District

13 - 7:30PM Lenape OA Chapter Meeting at St. Paul's UMC in Warrington

This meeting is for all boys who are involved in the Order of the Arrow

October

5-7 Lenape District Webelos Weekend at Camp Ockanickon

This event is open to all Webelos in the Lenape District, the cost is \$8 for Webelos and \$5 for adults. We always need Boy Scout Troops to help and the participating Boy Scouts will stay at Camp Ockanickon for free for the duration of the event.



COMMISSIONER RECRUITING

We are always interested in adding new Unit Commissioners to our staff. This is a great position for someone who has experience as a Unit Level Scouter and wants to take on a challenging new position where he/she can help other units succeed. The hours are very flexible, and you can set your own schedule.

We are also looking for people to assist on the Roundtable Staff. The addition of Roundtable Staff members will make our roundtables more successful than they already are. Your ideas on how to improve roundtable will be appreciated.

If interested in either service opportunities, please contact Tom Thibault at 215-942-4340 thibat00@verizon.net or John Ponzuric 267-880-0324 johnponz@comcast.net

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District Chairman Vacant

District Commissioner Tony Vega barrya@epix.net

District Executive A.J. Esposito a.j.esposito@scouting.org



TOHPENDEL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE NAMED

It is with pleasure that we announce the hiring of Albert J. "A.J." Esposito as the District Executive for the Tohpendel District. A.J. begins his employment with the Bucks County Council on July 16, 2012.

A.J. is a recent graduate of the University of Scranton with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology. He is a resident of Perkasie.

As a youth, A.J. was an active member of Troop 187 of Sellersville where he served in many troop leadership positions, including as the Senior Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also active on the Pennridge High School Ice Hockey team as the Assistant Captain.

Please join me in welcoming A.J. to the professional staff of the Council.



A.J. Esposito
Tohpendel District Executive