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We rely on our Scouters and friends to share the great news about the Iroquois Trail Council. Please pass along items that you read to fellow Scouters, parents, friends neighbors, community leaders, and professional colleagues. If you have any questions, comment, suggestions or would like more information, please contact us: 716-434-2851 or lgroves@bsmail.org

Iroquois Trail Council



Long House News



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Scout Executive's Corner

Go fly a kite, go fishing, go camping, go on a field trip, go see it, GO, GO, GO! The cold temperatures and snows of these past few months have kept us inside and looking forward to the days and weekends when we can be outside enjoying ourselves without layers of clothing and a parka or two. Certainly spring is just around the corner and with the break in the weather will come the opportunity to get out and have some FUN!

While each of us is waiting for the change in the weather, are you using your time to prepare for an active and safe spring and summer? An active and safe program is what all Scouts and families are looking forward to and every leader should be making plans to provide the same.

Cub Scout Packs should be putting their summer program together so that earning the Summertime Pack Award is just a natural part of the program. Leaders should be recruited for Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Sam Wood and Cub Scout Day Camp. Every month of the summer should have at least two activities planned so that family vacation plans won't keep a Cub Scout and his family from participating in at least one activity a month.

Boy Scout Troops should be putting together a full summer of outings and

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Council Key 3 has completed the Fire Side Chats in all districts now. I would like to thank all those that participated in that process. There were many great topics that were discussed and many district/council specific issues that were noted. One of the outcomes was to initiate better communication between the units-districts and council. We plan to revisit the districts in approximately 6 months from our first visit and to continue our dialog.

We had to cancel our January Consolidated Meeting due to weather. We made the announcement on WBTA and need to clarify how we do it in the future to make sure we are reaching everyone and that no one has to travel in bad weather.

Our Strategic Planning process is moving right along and most of the work is being done by assigned topic committees now. It will be exciting to have everyone come back together in the large group to see what has transpired. But, we still have a lot of work ahead of us to complete our Strategic Plan. The individual committees must meet to generate dialog on topics. That dialog determines not only our goals for the future, but how we intend to attain them. How will we design our organization to execute that strategy --whatever the strategy is-- and successfully adapt when circumstances around us change?

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Cub Resident Camp Leaders Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for May 4th Please keep this date open. We are looking at doing this meeting at the United Methodist Church in Batavia again. This informational meeting is available to answer your questions.



Window Display Contest

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Council wide Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Displays, plus a committee's choice award. Awards will be presented at your April roundtables.



Scouting For Food

The Scout slogan is to "do a good turn daily" and that's what our Scouts did on November 1st and November 8th 2003. through their participation in our annual Scouting For Food good turn project.

Through their participation in this program Scouts and Scouters in Iroquois Trail Council collected 38,361 containers of food for the needy in their communities. Great job Scouts!



The Annual Bowl a Thon is here

There is no better way to have some fun while raising some much needed funds for summer camp than our annual Bowl a Thon. Unit leaders, it's not too late to get in on this exciting fundraiser. Bowling dates and times vary by district; please check with your local district executive for more information

NOT Too Late to Sign up for Camp!!

It isn't too late to sign up for Camp Dittmer. So if you are looking for a fantastic summer camping experience for your Troop: give Camp Dittmer a try. The leaders and program guide are available on the Council Website as well as paper copies at the Scout Service Center. Individuals may enroll in one of our provisional units. For more information contact Camp Director Dan Human at the Lockport Service Center.



Council Klondike Derby 2004

The title for this year's event was operation White Out and boy were they ever right. But despite those cold and windy conditions, over 350 Scouts and Scouters braved the elements for a day of fun and excitement. The event was highlighted by the participation of eight of our local fire companies who spent the day teaching our Scouts the proper techniques and skills of Ice Water Rescue and what exactly to do in case of a cold weather emergency?

Special thank yous go out to the Council activities committee, event chair Bob Spiers, Troop 6650 and all of those volunteers who went out of there way to make this a fun and exciting event for our youth.

ORLEANS DISTRICT

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District Commissioner Larry Snider 585-638-6034
District Executive Dan Human 716-434-2851 danhuman@juno.com

Orleans District Calendar

March:

- 1- Advancement mtg.
- 3- Roundtable
- 6- shooting sports event at Medina Conservation Club
- 16 – Commissioners and District meeting
- 24 – Training Meeting
- 27 – Training: New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Specifics, Boy Scout sessions 1 and 2, Venturing 1
- 29 – Training: Boy Scout specifics part 3; Venturing part two

April:

- 5 – Advancement mtg.
- 7 – 7:00 Roundtable – with youth protection
- 17 – Cub Scout Carnival
- 20 – Commissioners and District Meeting
- 30 and May 1 and 2: Scoutmaster outdoor training

Trainer Development Conference a Success

In order to better serve the leaders of the Orleans District, a trainer development conference was held Feb 7th. This course trained those dedicated volunteers who conduct leader training at the district and council level. Orleans training chairman Howard Mills saw this as an opportunity to improve the quality of training that the District offers by certifying the trainers themselves. It looks as if the high quality training of the Orleans District will only be getting better in the year to come.

Orleans – Niagara Spring Rendezvous

Mark your calendars now for the Orleans and Niagara Districts' Spring Rendezvous. This awesome event will celebrate the bravery and extraordinary feats of those explorers like Lewis and Clark that helped shape American history. So get your canoes, kayaks, bikes, or hiking boots ready as you should plan on an expedition of at least 10 miles along the Erie Canal to the rendezvous point. This camporee will be held May 21-23 of this year. Please contact Joe Baschnagle (basch1@juno.com) for more information.

Orleans Youth Protection Training

Just a reminder: all adult leaders must be properly trained in Youth Protection. This training must be re-certified every three years. The Orleans District will be providing this training at the April 7th roundtable. The roundtable will be held at the Gaines Carlton Community Church on Route 104. Those individuals taking this important training should arrive no later than 7:00 PM.

Memorial Contributions

Vito Gautieri in memory of **Barber B. Conable**

Jefferson Kirkpatrick in memory of his wife, **Adelle**

Arthur W & Donna D Murczek in memory of
Harold T. Schroederl

New Eagles



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|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| Ryan P. Lanihan | S0022 | Robert A. Skidmore | S6150 |
| Eric S. Koepke | S0022 | Philip P. Fava | S6006 |
| Nicholas C. Iacuzza | S0062 | Marcus J. Phillips | S0017 |
| Ryan M. Jarvis | S0026 | Allen J. Jeter | S0059 |
| Matthew J. Roberts | S6650 | Chad M. Baker | S0028 |
| Tyler D. Swanger | Crew 0294 | Kyle A. Piccirilli | S0164 |
| Matthew C. Swanger | Crew 0294 | Timothy E. Kudla | S0047 |
| Jacob J. Vanderveer | Crew 0294 | | |

There is to be **no mail** sent to 56 Harvester.
This slows the process of anything contained therewith
and confuses vendors, etc.

Council Calendar

March

9th Fiscal Management Committee
10th Executive Board Meeting
17th OA Lodge Meeting
18th Council Coordinated Meeting
22nd Candy orders Due

April

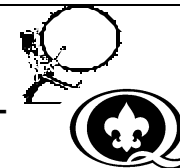
1st April Fools Day
3rd Candy Sale Pick-up
9th Council Service Centers Closed—Good Friday
12th Executive Committee Meeting
13th Fiscal Management Committee
21st OA Lodge Meeting
22nd Council Coordinated Meeting
23rd Bowl-a-thon And Candy Money Due
30th-2nd Outdoor Leader Training

May

4th Camp Leaders Meeting

Genishaua Drumbeat

A NATIONAL QUALITY DISTRICT



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|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
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| Senior District Executive | Philip Bush | 585-343-0307 | pbush@bsamail.org |
| District Commissioner | Jerry Vukman | 585-948-5389 | |

Genishaua District a 2004 Quality District

I am proud to announce that Genishaua District is a 2003 Quality District. Quality District is awarded to a given District that meets certain requirements; among them are growths in new units, membership, money, and manpower. Congratulations and nice job on your achievement. Special thank yous go out to our district committee members and our commissioner's staff for all of your hard work.

District Executive's Minute

The start of a new year is upon us and the year is already flying by!! But in the short time that this year has been here our Scouts have had the opportunity to see some new and exciting things. The last week in January I had the opportunity to experience our council wide Klondike derby. For a lot of our Scouts, especially our Webelos, this was their first major Scouting event, an event that they will not soon forget. They will remember the friendships that they made, the events that they participated in and all the fun that they had on that cold winter day. But what these Scouts won't remember is that someone gave them the opportunity to participate in this event, whether it be their parents for signing them up for Scouting or their leaders for braving the cold to take them out or, perhaps, a combination of both.

The bottom line is these brave parents, dedicated volunteers and trusty Scouters saw the special gifts that Scouting has to offer, many of them having been young Scouts at events like these themselves. What a better way to bond with your kids than being half frozen and sharing a cup of hot chocolate.

Genishaua District Merit Badge College

Once again this year the Genishaua District we will be hosting a Merit badge College at Genesee Community College in Batavia. The event will be held on March 6 with classes beginning as early as 8:00am. Experts from 14 different career fields will be on hand to conduct these classes: we are offering courses on everything from art to traffic safety.

If your Scouts are going to participate they will need to complete certain prerequisites on each merit badge that they choose. Course schedules and merit badge books are available at the Batavia Service Center. If you have any questions on the college please contact Laurie Mastin at 584-3457



The Order of the Arrow *Ashokwahta Lodge*

Ordeal Weekend May 14-16th @ Camp Sam Wood
Area Conclave June 4-6th @ Camp Sam Wood
Cub Parent Weekend August 27-29th Camp Sam Wood
Fall Weekend Sept 17th-19th @ Camp Dittmer
OA Elections— All unit elections are to be done by April 1st.

Hello Fellow Scouters, with spring on the horizon, the Order Of The Arrow will shift into top gear. Unit elections must be done and submitted to the office by April 1st. If your troop needs to have an election done please contact your district's representative. For Niagara, Wes Hall, Orleans, Jonathan Doherty, Letchworth, James Francelmont, Genishaua, David Porter. The spring fellowship weekend will be held May 14-16 at Camp Sam Wood. Then our BIG event. the Section NE3A Conclave June 4-6. We are looking forward to hosting close to 300 brothers from the 8 lodges in our section. This conclave will be the first for Ashokwahta Lodge and the 8th conclave to be held at Camp Sam Wood. The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held in Ames Iowa this year and we have a small contingent attending. I'm sad to say only 3 brothers will be attending. I do hope we can get a better showing in 2 years when the next one rolls around. August 27-29 will bring our Family Camping weekend for Cub Scouts. You may contact the council office for more information. Attendance will be limited so please plan accordingly and book your reservations early. If any one has any questions about the Order, unit elections, conclave or any thing at all please contact me at bscholla@rochester.rr.com Brian Schollard - 585-599-3821

OUR COUNCIL Web Site
itcbsa.org CHECK IT OUT!!

The 2005 National Jamboree

We have filled two contingent troops, for the Iroquois Trail Council, to the 2005 National Jamboree. We are still looking for alternates and will make every effort to get every youth who still would like to attend a seat at the best show in 2005.

Each troop will be made up of four patrols of eight Scouts with a senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, quartermaster and scribe working with a Scoutmaster and three assistant Scoutmasters. Over the next year our jamboree troops will learn teamwork in preparation for this once in a lifetime scouting experience.

The first major activity is already planned for April 24 and 25. A **bike-a-thon** is planned from Brockport to Lockport along the Erie Canal, camping on Saturday night at the Conservation Club in Medina. This will be the first opportunity for the jamboree troops to get together as units and will also be structured to provide an opportunity for you to raise funds toward the jamboree fee.

NIAGARA BUGLE

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District Commissioner Jeff Roszman
Sr. District Executive Keith Schneider 716-434-2851 kschneider1@juno.com

March

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| 4 | District Committee/Commissioner Mtg | 7:30 pm | Council Service Center - Lockport |
| 11 | Roundtable Mtg | 7:30 pm | Elk's Lodge - Lockport |
| 8 | Essentials Training | 6:30 am | Emmanuel Methodist Church - Lkpt |
| 9 | Cub Specific Training | 6:30 pm | Emmanuel Methodist Church - Lkpt |
| 13 | District Recognition Dinner | 6:00 pm | Elk's Lodge - Lockport |
| 15,22 | Boy Scout Specific | 6:30 pm | Emmanuel Methodist Church - Lkpt |
| 27 | Bowl-a-thon | 12:00 -4:00 | Alley Brandt's - Lkpt |
| 27 | District Pinewood Derby | 10:00 am | Charles Upton Elementary - Lkpt |

April

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|----|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | District Committee / Commissioner Mtg | 7:30 pm | Council Service Center - Lockport |
| 3 | Candy sale Pick-up | | 10:00 am TBA |
| 22 | Roundtable Mtg - Youth Protection Trng | 7:30 pm | Elk's Lodge - Lockport |
| 23 | Bowl-a-thon & Candy Money Due | | |
| 26 | Training Committee Mtg | 7:30 pm | Council Service Center - Lockport |
| 30 | Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training | 6:00 pm | TBA |

Niagara District Recognition Dinner

The District Recognition Dinner is to recognize leaders and volunteers for their dedication and hard work this last year for the Scouting programs in our communities. Leaders recognized this year are:

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| Den Leader of the Year | Tracy Carmer, Pack 26 |
| Webelos Den Leader of the Year | Martha Buchanan, Pack 8 |
| Cubmaster of the Year | Wayne Kelkenberg, Pack 18 |
| Scout Leader of the Year | Dale Lawson, Troop 82 |
| Scouter of the Year | Cathy Tocco, Troop 4 |
| Commissioner of the Year | Bonnie Fedchak |
| Chartered Organization of the Year | Sunrise Optimist Club |
| Exemplary Charter Representative | Greg Belliveau |
| Good Turn Award | Wolcottsville Fire Company |
| District Award of Merit | James Robarr, Troop 8 Ann Hinton, Pack 26 |

These awards are selected from letters submitted by the Scouts for their leaders. The District Award of Merit is also presented at this dinner. This award is the highest award given to Scouters in the district for their service to the Scouting program.

Plan on attending this year on March 13th at 6 pm. The dinner will be hosted at Elk's Lodge where we also have our monthly Roundtable meetings. Tickets are still available at the Council Service Center.

Mark your Calendars - Elvis is in the House!

On Saturday, May 1st, for only **ONE NIGHT**, that **BIG HUNK O' LOVE**, Terry Buchwald brings his high octane Elvis tribute show to the Palace Theater in Lockport for two action packed shows. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Niagara District of the Iroquois Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Shows are at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm, tickets will be available at a discount to all Niagara District Scout families for \$10.00. Tickets at the door will be \$12.50. We are asking all units to help us sell tickets for the concert. For every ticket sold by a Pack, Troop, or Crew, the unit will keep \$2.00 per ticket. 1000 tickets per show are available. Contact Event chairman Brian Yaiser or the Council Service Center for more information.

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Many times the best designed plans just get shelved. Our planning process is going to include how we intend to execute our plan and be able to measure what we accomplish and what we do not accomplish and why. Our organization is comprised of volunteers. Each volunteer has many ideas of how to improve the council and make it better. Our Strategic Planning process is the forum for these ideas to be shared by volunteers. The planning process defines the ideas and actions of volunteers in a manner that aligns them with one another with the overall strategic interests and values of our Scouting Council and the youth we are responsible for. This is why your input is so valuable to the process!! If we don't have a Strategic Plan or planning process what happens? We still have volunteers with ideas, but they will typically act in their own self interest to protect their turf rather than providing the best scouting programs for all youth. It would be a shame if we missed one youth and could not offer them an exciting scouting program because we failed to plan. Our performance is measured by the sum total of the tens of thousands of actions and decisions made by our volunteers and professionals at every level, every day, concerning scouting. In turn, individual behaviors determine an organization's success or failure over time. The Strategic Planning process allows us to map our direction for everyone to assure our success and correct our mistakes.

Again, to all of our volunteers: THANKS for your efforts that allow our youth to have the best scouting programs possible!!!
Gary Clark - Council President

Camp Dittmer Good Turn Weekend

The annual Camp Dittmer Good Turn Weekend will be held at Camp Dittmer June 11-13. Not only will Troops get to work on the sites that they will be staying at this summer, they get to have fun too! This is the perfect opportunity to combine a good weekend of Camp fun with some great service projects for our Boy Scout and Venturing camp. So save the date, and watch the *Longhouse News* for more information.

Iroquois Trail Council Scout Shops

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Monday – Friday 9-5
716-434-2851 / 1-800-592-0242
Fax 1-716-434-2899

56 Harvester Ave. Batavia
Thursday & Friday
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call For Additional
Hours Of Operation



LETCHWORTH Smoke Signals

District Chairmen - Vacant
 District Commissioner - Pete Lablond 585-237-6733
 District Executive - Harold Teller 585-343-0307 hteller@bsamail.org

Pinewood Derby

Livonia Pack 74 will be hosting our District Pinewood derby this year. It will be held on March 27th at the Livonia Central School. There will be a \$3.00 entrance fee to cover trophies. Details were distributed at the February's Roundtable. Registration and weigh in will be on Friday night 6-8 pm or 8-9 am on Saturday. No late registrations
 Fee \$3/car



Training

New Leader Essentials, required for all new Leaders, will be made available on March 10th at GCC in Batavia from 7:00 till 9:00. Cub Specifics will be in the same location on March 17th. April 17th at GCC we will be offering Boy Scout Leader Training. Please look for Flyers that will be available at roundtables.

March

- 1st Eagle Board
- 4th District Meeting
- 4th Commissioners Meeting
- 10th New Leader Essentials
- 11th Roundtable
- 12-13th Merit Badge College
- 17th Cub Leader Specifics
- 17th OA Lodge Meeting
- 18th Council Coordinated Meeting
- 22nd Candy orders Due
- 27th District Pinewood Derby

April

- 1st District Meeting
- 1st Commissioners Meeting
- 2-4th Bowla-thon
- 3rd Candy Sale Pick-up
- 5th Eagle Board
- 9th Council Service Centers Closed—Good Friday
- 15th Roundtable
- 17th Boy Scout Leader Specifics
- 17th Venture Leader Training
- 21st OA Lodge Meeting
- 22nd Council Coordinated Meeting
- 23rd Bowla-thon And Candy Money Due
- 30th-2nd Outdoor Leader Training

Spring Camp-o-ree

Plans are being made for our Spring Camp-o-ree at Dittmer with a conservation theme. It will take place on May 21st-23rd. Please support our district with your whole troops presents.

Merit Badge College - MARCH 12 & 13, 2004

Merit Badge classes will be offered on Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon at the Geneseo United Methodist Church on Rt. 63. Sessions will last 55 minutes. Some merit badges may only last one session whereas others will require several sessions. These classes are limited to a certain number of participants. The college will operate, as last year, on a first reserved basis. All Scouts are required to have a merit badge book and to have read it completely. They should BE PREPARED to complete all of the requirements at the college. Most merit badges have prerequisites. These must be completed prior to attending the college. Please remind your scouts to arrive 20 minutes before their first class in uniform for registration, paperwork, etc. (those not in uniform will not be allowed to participate). Also make sure the scouts bring a scoutmaster signed merit badge (BLUE) card. Bill Louvain—Chair 243-3069

Cub Day Camp

The theme for this year's Cub day camp is Cowboys and Indians. There are all kinds of fun and exciting events planned for this summer. Your son will have the chance to shoot arrows, participate in games, make and build some really neat stuff and have a really good time with boys his age. Parents don't miss out on this fun and exciting experience for your son. Our Cub Day Camps are held in 4 separate locations through out the Council and there are even fund raisers available to help get your boy to camp!!!

IT WAS A SUPER SATURDAY!

January 24th turned out to be a super Saturday for the Scouters of the Iroquois Trail Council. Beginning with Chartered Organization Representative Training, followed by the Executive Board and Council Annual Business Meeting, then the Scouter Recognition Dinner, it was an afternoon and evening of back to back opportunities for education and fellowship.

Our thanks are extended to Pastor Dave Wickens UMC Fillmore, for his efforts in conducting the Chartered Organization Representative Training. The session provided the "nuts and bolts" for these individuals who play such a vital role in the operation of our council.

The Executive Board and Council Annual Meeting followed. In addition to receiving the reports of the council's President, Commissioner, and Vice-Presidents, the election of officers and board members was held. Officers elected to serve through January 2005 were: Gary L. Clark, President; James C. DeMarco, Commissioner; Glen C. Miller, Vice President / Administration; Hugh H. Ten Hagen, Vice President / District Operations; Lee J. Bordeleau, Vice President / Program; and Michael W. Johnston, Treasurer. Elected as Executive Board Members were: Frank R. Berger, Thomas H. Brandt, Richard C. Call, Sara Capen, Gerald R. DeFlippo, Dr. Bruce T. Fraser, Robert H. French, Vito J. Gautieri, Mark W. Glynn, David R. Hawley, Dr. Thomas J. Madejski, Randal L. Mastin, Msgr. Leo McCarthy, Robert Muffler, Shirley Bright Neeper, James Niland, Steve J. Olsen, Jerome F. Pawlak, Kevin R. Robison, Randy D. Roeseler, Scott B. Schickling, Karen L. Trabert, and Roger W. Triftshauser DDS

After the meeting, the good times continued with a reception in honor of the council's newest Silver Beaver Award recipients and a fine sit-down dinner. The room was packed as Scouters from all over the council gathered to share in the many recognitions of their peers. The Silver Beaver is the highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer, and was presented to David R. Brown (Batavia), Robert L. Nelson (Bergen) and Kevin R. Robison (Lockport).

The speaker for the evening was Mark Mosier, the first Scout Executive of the Iroquois Trail Council.

Indeed it was a Super Saturday! Thank you to all who participated, and congratulations to our newest Silver Beavers. We look forward to January 2005 as our Activities committee organizes another great afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship!

Dittmer 2004 Summer Camp Sign up 02/17/04

| | Delaware | Seneca | Rotary | Eagle A | Eagle B | Tuscarora | Wild A | Wild B | Onandaga | Mohawk | |
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| Week 1 | 30 | 32 | 24 | 34 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 24 | 26 | July 4 - July 10 |
| Unit # | 62 | 1922 | | 5119 | 2030 | | | | | | Venture Week |
| Week 2 | | | | | | | | | | | July 11 - July 17 |
| Unit # | | 60 | 171 | 4 | 28 | 4077 | | | | | July 18 - July 24 |
| Week 3 | | | | | | | | | | 6060 | |
| Unit # | 94 | | | 82 | 1 | | | | | provo | July 25 - July 31 |
| Week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unit # | 6 | | 4052 | 164 | 4076 | | 23 | | | 4055 | |
| Week 5 | | | | 25 | 6069 | | | | | provo | Aug 1 - Aug 7 |

Venturing and Exploring Conservation Weekend

Attention all Venturers and Explorers – SAVE THIS DATE: May 14-16! Well save that date if you want to have fun, because that is the date of the Venturing and Exploring Conservation Weekend at Camp Dittmer. This weekend will concentrate on various conservation techniques, including demonstrations by conservation professionals. This is a great opportunity to work on your Outdoor Bronze and Ranger Award. Plus we will have some of the camp facilities like our canoes, kayaks, and shooting ranges available for some afternoon program. Crews and Posts are encouraged to bring their own tents and cooking gear, though limited cabin camping is available on a first reserved basis. The cost for this weekend will be \$5.00 per participant. Please register at the Lockport Council Service Center by May 1st. Please contact Dan Human for more information.

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active weekly outdoor meetings. The summer is a time when Scouts are out of school and have more time for the outing of Scouting – not vacationing from weekly contacts with his friends in the troop! Plans should also be in high gear for a week of resident camp at Camp Dittmer. This summer's theme of "Lewis and Clark" will provide a whole host of new opportunities for adventure for our Scouts, in addition to the advancement opportunities available.

Venture Crews should also be planning several super activities that will keep the crew and its youth members and officers busy during the summer. Trips, outings, and overnights should be just a few of the adventures that our Venturers should be anticipating.

The summer ahead will take some planning, the recruiting of some additional adults, and for certain – the need to have everyone participate in the training offered for every position in Scouting this spring. Take advantage of the many upcoming opportunities for essential and specifics training. Get as many of your parents to participate in Youth Protection training. Check out the many stand-alone training programs on videotape that are available through the Scout Service Center.

Planning-Recruiting-Training it is going to be a great summer for our Scouts!

Jamie Shearer - Scout Executive

Kodiak First Year Camper Program at Camp Dittmer

You asked us how we could improve the first year camping experience at Camp Dittmer, and we are answering with the Kodiak program. The Kodiak program revitalizes the former Brown Sea program with a new direction and new possibilities. Now Scouts can work on the requirements they need without sitting through classes that cover the requirements they already have. This leaves more time to work on merit badges, go for a hike, and have more fun. Don't forget all the fun stuff in the Kodiak program too including: outpost camping, the zip line, tomahawk throwing, and the Camp Dittmer expedition. Contact Daniel Human for more information.

Camp Sam Wood Cub Resident Camp Sign-up for 2004

| | PIONEER | TONA-WANDA | NUN-DAWAGA | CRAZNOV | SWANA-SOTE | GENESEE | OUTPOST | WISCOY |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | 22 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 28 | 32 | 32 Lean2's 22 | 26 |
| Capacity | | | | | | | | |
| Session #1 | | | | | | | | 6650 G |
| July 2-5, 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| Session #2 | | 3175 O | | | 4029 L | 6064 G | 4074 L | |
| July 5-8, 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| Session #3 | | 4032 L | 4026 L | | 6069 G | | 3028 O | 6017 G |
| July 9-12, 2004 | | | | | | 3025 O | | 6112 G |
| Session #4 | | 6023 G | | 6067 G | | 6016 G | | 6066 G |
| July 12-15, 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| Session #5 | 4747 L | 3164 O | 3071 N | | | 3004 N | 3047 N | 3094 O |
| July 16-19, 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| Session #6 | 4074 L | 3035 O | | | | | 6031 G | |
| Webelos | | | | | | | | |
| July 19-22, 2004 | | | | | | | | |

All Sessions have participant capacity limits. Sign up now to get your first choice.

A Scout is Helpful

The third point of the Scout Law is an important part of the values that we instill in the Scouting program. The Iroquois Trail Council Properties Committee and our two Council Camps are in need of some helpful service to prepare our camps for the upcoming camping programs that both our camps will see this spring and summer.

There are many opportunities for Packs, Troops and Crews leadership to volunteer and assist in preparing the camps for the season. The Properties Committee has many projects that units can accomplish in a day or over a weekend. The Camp Rangers, Ted Anderson of Camp Sam Wood and Steve Croll of Camp Dittmer, are the point of contacts for specific projects to be completed.

Also, Ashokwahta Lodge is hosting the Section 3A Order of the Arrow Conclave in early June. This will require that Camp Sam Wood be ready to host over 300 Scouts and Scouters for this area Conclave.

The Council Properties Committee will appreciate whatever helpful service your unit's leadership can provide to our Council Camps. You may contact the Lockport Council Service Center, as soon as the snow melts from the roadways at the camp's units can help the camps.

Candy Sale 2004 Featuring Oliver's and Niagara candy

The 2004 candy sale is off and running. This year our Candy Sale has a few changes. In order to better serve your units, we have two Candy companies. If you are in Niagara and Orleans District, Niagara Candies is your product and in Letchworth and Genishaua we will be selling Oliver's Candies.

The candy sale is a great way to help fund your unit's 2004 camping experience. Up to 50% of whatever each boy earns can be used towards summer camp. This includes Cub Day camp and resident camp as well as Camp Dittmer programs.

All of the information is available now. It's not too late to make your summer camping season a SWEET experience for all of your scouts. Oliver's Candies sale packets are available at the Batavia Service center or by contacting your local District executive. Niagara Candy information is available at the Lockport service center or by calling your local District executive.

Reminder Dates

March 19th Orders Due

April 3rd: Product Pick up

April 23: Money is Due

2003 Unit Incentive Award Winners

Congratulations go out to all those units who reached or exceeded the membership goals for the year 2003.

1st Incentive Award Winners: The following units will be receiving patches for their recruiting efforts. Goals were set at 5% increase over the previous 5 year average fall recruitment.

Orleans District:

Pack 59, Troop 35, Crew 62, Crew 674

Letchworth District:

Packs 29, 4054, 4055, 4056

Niagara District:

Packs 3008,3072, 3410, 6

Genishaua District

Troop 6064, Packs 6009, 6013, 6019, 6023, 6035, 6066

2nd Incentive Award Winners: The following units will also receive a \$5.00 per boy discount towards summer camp for recruiting 5 boys over level 1.

Niagara District:

Packs 3410 and Pack 6

Genishaua District

Pack 6013

3rd Incentive Award Winners: The following unit leaders will receive a Briefcase for their efforts in recruiting 10 boys over the base level.

Niagara District:

Pack 3410 Greg Bellivue and Pack 6 Herb Collins

Genishaua District;

Pack 6013 Dean Bates

Once again congratulations to all of those units who earned a recruiting incentive this year

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM --2004

Scoutmasters ----- Have you given thoughts of the Junior Leader Course that is being held this coming summer? Under the leadership of Joe Showers, SPL and many other youth trainers, Wood Badge adults; the JLT Program is looking for your troop's youth leaders. Our Senior Patrol Leader states " Since I first came to JLT as a participant four years ago, I have gone through some changes because of the program. First thing, I became a more confident leader and leading my troop felt easier than before because of the new skills I had been taught. Second, coming back on staff makes me feel proud for passing on the leadership skills to other people. Training to put on a week long program has made everyone involved with the program better thinkers and leaders. JLT is an experience which can make people perform at their best as long as they have the will to succeed. "

From, Joe Showers SPL Troop 376

