

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@bsamail.org

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# Iroquois Trail Council



## Long House News



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## Let's Make this a Great New Year!!



### FROM THE DESK OF THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE:

With the year-end fresh in our minds and the start of a new year upon us it time to think briefly about the past, more importantly look to the year ahead and all of the great things that are in store for our council's Scouts and Scouters.

As a way to celebrate this past year, we will be holding the council's Annual Meeting and Scouter Recognition dinner this month on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Annual Meeting is for all council Executive Board Members, officers, and especially our Charter Organization Representatives. The dinner is for everyone - Scouters, spouses, friends and neighbors and this year's dinner is indeed a celebration! There is more on the dinner in this month's Longhouse.

2005 is going to be quite a year! There are so many exciting items on the agenda – the National Jamboree for 72 of our Scouts and 8 Scouters; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wood Badge course (the first council-hosted course since 1994) for Scouters at all levels (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, district and council level Scouters) to be held over two weekends in August and September; the inaugural National Youth Leadership Training course for our troops Junior Leaders to be held in August; plus many other new and exciting opportunities for our Scouts and Scouters alike. This year also marks the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and of special significance – the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cub Scout Program.

Some of you may remember when the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1985. It was a yearlong celebration with many media opportunities and the opportunity for Scouts, Scouters and units to earn a series of special patches. The Cub Scout celebration is no different. Check out the special anniversary materials and get your Scouts busy earning the series of patches now. I know the full set of BSA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches were a real prize for those who earned them!

This is going to be a year that everyone should get busy and be fully involved. Friends of Scouting in the early months, recruiting in the spring and fall (we don't want to keep this great program to our selves) resident and day camp during the summer months, and just plain FUN throughout the entire year are all things we can look forward to.

Happy New Year – what a great 2005 it is going to be!  
Jamie Shearer

### Bristol Mountain Ski Night

The Iroquois Trail Council will be hosting its Second Annual Ski Night at Bristol Mountain Winter Resort on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4PM to 10PM. This event is for all Scouts, Scouters, and their families ages 8 and above. The fee for this event is \$25 for a ski package; it includes rental, lift fees, and lesson. A Snowboard package is available for \$30. Payment and registration for this event is due to the Ski Resort by Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. **Do not** send payments or registration into the Scout Service Centers; all correspondence is to be done with the resort. For a registration form or to ask a question, contact Dan Human at the Lockport Service Center. 716-434-2851

### Insurance Fees for all Scouts, Scouters and Tiger Partners. Are now \$3.00 per person.

#### Now Accepting 2005 Camp Staff Positions

What are you doing this summer? Are you a motivated individual who is looking for summer employment and the experience of a lifetime? If so, perhaps you would like to apply for a position at one of our council camps. Iroquois Trail Council operates two wonderful camps: Camp Sam Wood for Cub Scouts and Camp Dittmer for Boy Scouts and Venturers. Positions as Counselors in Training start at 15 years old; paid staff positions start at 16 years old. There are neither upper age limits nor gender restrictions. For more information about Camp Sam Wood contact Letchworth District Executive Harold Teller at (585) 343-0307. For information regarding Camp Dittmer please contact Orleans District Executive Daniel Human at (716) 434-2851. For a camp staff application, please contact the Lockport or Batavia Service Center, or download from the web-site.

Just a reminder to everyone to spread the word about designating your **United Way** contribution to Iroquois Trail Council! Every little bit helps.



**STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA REGARDING SOLICITATIONS:** Scouters and others have been receiving letters from various nonprofit organizations claiming to support the Boy Scouts of America and seeking contributions. Some of these groups refer to Scouting in their name: "Save Our Scouts", or "Scouting Legal Defense Fund", and some do not. All of them claim to be supporting Scouting's legal activities in some fashion, but none of them are authorized by BSA to be seeking funds. Most importantly, no contributions to these groups go directly to Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America does not solicit funds in this manner and you may be assured that no names or addresses are ever sold or given to anyone outside the organization. These groups generally use mailing lists purchased from commercial organizations which compile such lists from magazine subscriptions and other sources.

We regret the confusion and misdirection of contributions that these solicitations cause and we are taking appropriate legal measures to deal with these parties. Under our federal Constitution these groups have the right to solicit funds and to express their support, but they do not have any right to mislead or confuse people.

Some of these organizations have provided support to BSA through "friend-of-the-court-briefs" or published articles, but we would prefer that they did not seek to profit by these activities through soliciting funds in the name of Scouting. Their activities have resulted in confusion and frustration for many of the recipients of these solicitations. Anyone who wishes to support the Boy Scouts of America should make their contributions directly to local Scout Councils.

*We have received copies of letters that have been sent to Scouters and the public within our Iroquois Trail Council territory. Please share the above information with those who may approach you regarding the receipt of such solicitations. If there are those who in the community who wish to keep their local Scouting program strong, encourage them to make their contribution directly to the Iroquois Trail Council for the benefit of all of our local Scouts.*

## ORLEANS DISTRICT

District Chairman	Frank R. Berger	585-798-3632	
District Commissioner	Larry Snider	585-638-6034	
District Executive	Dan Human	716-434-2851	danhuman@juno.com

### Orleans District Awards Dinner

On December 4<sup>th</sup> the Orleans District gathered for a fellowship dinner and to honor all Scout Leaders at the Annual Awards Dinner. Linda Wohlers served as the dinner chairman this year at the Clarendon Fireman's Recreation Hall and everyone agreed that the food was fantastic. Linda also received the District Award of Merit for her service as a Unit Commissioner, Tiger Leader, Den Leader, and for her help with countless District events. Chris Rice was honored as Cubmaster of the Year for all of his hard work with Pack 164. Chris Kaiser of Troop 28 was credited with being the committee chairperson of the year. Troops 164, 59, and 28 were recognized for being "Super Troops" at Camp Dittmer and for achieving the distinction of having one or more "Honor Patrols." Training awards and Commissioner recognitions were also awarded on this night.

Everyone enjoyed listening to program speaker Charles Owen speak about his experiences as a Prisoner of War in World War II. Both Scouts and Scouters were amazed with his incredible ability to recall and retell the voyage he took 60 years ago.

Thank you for a great night and congratulations to all award winners.

### Venturing Lock-in and VLSC

The Orleans District will be hosting a Venturing Lock-in with the Venturing Leadership Skills Course on March 18-19. Please reserve the date for your Crew. A mailing with more information will be sent out to all Iroquois Trail Council Crews in January. Contact Dan Human for more information.

### Orleans District Calendar Jan-Feb

Jan 5 – Roundtable / Eagle Board  
Jan 8 – Winteree postponed  
Jan 8 – OA banquet  
Jan 18 – Commissioner and District Committee meeting  
Jan 20 – Council Coordinated meeting  
Jan 22 – Council recognition dinner  
Jan 28-30 Klondike Derby  
Feb 2 – Roundtable / Eagle Board  
Feb 6 – Scout Sunday  
Feb 15 – Commissioner and District Committee meeting  
Feb 17 – Council coordinated meeting  
Feb 19-21 Okpik at Camp Dittmer

### Orleans Scouts and Scouters: Get you Compasses ready!

Attention all Orleans District Scouts and Scouters, are you ready to test your orienteering skills, brave harsh winter environments, practice your Scouting skills, and have fun? If so, come on down to the Orleans District Orienteering Klondike, January 28-30. The best thing about this Klondike is that you have the opportunity to work on your orienteering merit badge. This is just in addition to all the crazy competitions that Klondikes have. This is the perfect campout for new Scouts, experienced Scouts, and Scouters. Watch for more information in your 2005 Klondike leader's manual. Staff positions are available – contact Dan for more information.

**Memorials:**

Gary & Jan Nichols in memory of Dennis Bowler  
 Vito Gautieri in memory of A. Edward Caito  
 Vito Gautieri in memory of Darwood H. Treat  
 Shirley Bright-Neeper in memory of Sonny Yencer



The Iroquois Trail Council has been approved to conduct a **21st Century Wood Badge** course in 2005! Save the dates - August 19-21st and September 16-18th for course number NE-III-173. Details to follow!

**New Eagles**

- Francis D.J. Morabito - S0008
- John E. Roeseler - S0040
- Drew M. Colkitt - S4056
- Joseph P. Showers - S4076
- Curtis A. McCoy - S6016
- Peter J. Roach - S6016
- David J. Yacono - S0004
- Christopher R. Lonnen - S0164
- Benjamin D. Carnahan - S4055
- Steven M. Klock - S0072
- Michael R. Pyra, II - S0022
- Kevin O. Muffler - S0082
- Scott D. Walker - S0026
- Calvin E. Zimmerman - S0094

- Kevin P. Kearney - S0047
- Matthew D. Brooks - S4748
- Matthew A. Hess - S4033
- Jamison R. Crawford - S0098



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

January

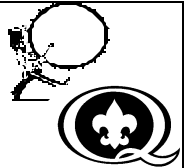
- 1 Service Centers Closed
- 8th Jamboree Troop Meeting
- 8th OA Winter Banquet & Patch Auction
- 10th Executive Committee Meeting
- 11th Financial Committee Meeting
- 17 Candy Sale Starts
- 17 Service Centers Closed
- 19th OA Lodge Meeting
- 20th Council Coordinated Committee Mtg.
- 22nd Council Annual Meeting
- 22nd Council Recognition Dinner
- 29 Cub Winter Fun Day

**Council Calendar**

February

- 5 Jamboree Troop Meeting
- 6 Scout Sunday
- 6-12 Scout Week
- 8th Financial Committee Meeting
- 14 Candy Orders Due
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 OA Lodge Meeting
- 17 Council Co-coordinated Meeting
- 21 Service Centers Closed
- 21 Bristol Mt. Ski Day
- 23-25 Area Planning Conference

**Genishaua Drumbeat**  
 A NATIONAL QUALITY DISTRICT



District Chairman Randy Mastin 585-584-3457 Randy.Mastin@searbrown.com  
 Senior District Executive Philip Bush 585-343-0307 phbush@bsamail.org  
 District Commissioner Jerry Vukman 585-948-5389

**Genishaua District a 2004 Quality District**

**Marble Fest 2005**

Genishaua District cordially invites all scouts and the public to come spend an afternoon together playing a large variety of marble games, marble themed activities and crafts April 16th, 12 noon to 5pm at Batavia's St. Joseph's church, 303 E. Main Street. Come see our special Marbles In Motion exhibits created by our very own Genishaua Boy Scouts and Crew members. Every child will go home with marbles, a marble bag and marble mat while supplies last. Entrance fee of a canned good goes to benefit Genesee County's Community Action food pantry. Hope you and your friends will join the fun and take pride in being part of this community "Good Turn". Questions? Call Cheryl Carlson at 768-2998 or Bob Spiers at 591-3384.

**Genishaua District Klondike Derby**

Be apart of the Gold Rush in old time mining towns, enjoy winter camping and games and test your Scouting skills throughout the day.

Our event is schedule for the weekend of February 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sam Wood; your Troop is welcome to stay over night on both Friday and Saturday nights. Webelos come out and join us on Saturday.

For more information please contact Joe Mech at 494-2159 or Kevin Holenbeck at 494-2301

**Genishaua District Friends of Scouting**



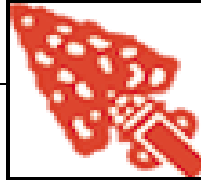
In our efforts to deliver a quality Scouting program in the Genishaua District, we are requesting that you set up your friends of Scouting family presentations with us now.

**Who does FOS:** Last year 24 Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Units in the Genishaua District participated in our FOS campaign. Every Pack, Troop and Crew is strongly encouraged to do so because we are all apart of Scouting in Western New York.

**What is FOS:** Our Friends of Scouting campaign is our annual fund drive. Your assistance helps provide the programs, activities, camping, training, and support provided for over 1100 youth in our District. Without generous donors, grants and other sources of income our Scouting program would not be possible.

Please schedule your presentation today! To schedule please contact Phil Bush with your information at 343-0307.

## The Order of the Arrow Ashokwahta Lodge



### 2004 Winter Banquet and Patch Auction January 8, 2005 @ 6:00 pm

Once again the time for our Lodge Winter Banquet has arrived. As always it will be held at The Batavia Party House Rt. 5 in Stafford. The cost will be \$12 and is payable at the door or you may send a check to the Lockport Service Center. **NO Reservations can be accepted AFTER THURSDAY DEC. 30. Please call the Lockport office at 716-432-2851 or log on to the website to register. Parents, spouses or your guest are welcome.**

#### DID YOU KNOW....

- OA members are elected by both non-OA and OA members from within their unit (Troop or Crew)
- You must be a Registered Boy Scout, First Class Rank and have 15 nights of tent camping in the past 2 years to qualify for an OA election
- You can be between the ages of 11 and 21 to be elected, One adult can be chosen by your committee per year if at least one boy is elected
- If your Troop uses Troopmaster software and the information is current, it will automatically generate an OA eligibility report
- The OA is an organization that serves both Camp Dittmer and Sam Wood, and one of it's main function is camp promotion. It's also fun!
- The Order of the Arrow is known as Scouting's National Honor Society, it is an honor to be voted in
- Although many people pass the Ordeal Weekend, joining the ranks of Brotherhood seals your membership
- The OA is a Scout run organization. The adults main function is to transport and facilitate
- Unit elections (Troop or Crew) should be held in Jan or Early Feb, but can be held at Camp Dittmer as well (only one per year though)
- Arrowmen can become OA Troop Representative (that counts for advancement), and take part in conducting the unit elections
- Unit election information can be obtained by contacting either Scout Office Lockport 716.434.2851 or Batavia 585.343.0307 Paul

#### DATES TO REMEMBER --- MARK YOUR CLAENDAR



Winter Banquet -----	January 8, 05
January Lodge Meeting (Batavia—7:00 PM)	January 19, 05
February Lodge Meeting (Batavia -7:00 PM)	February 16,05
March Lodge Meeting (Batavia -7:00 PM)	March 16, 05
OA Spring Induction Weekend CSW	May 20-22, 05
OA Section Conclave—Camp Babcock-Hovey	June 3 – 5, 05
“ Fun Weekend ” -----	T B A
OA Fall Induction Weekend Camp Dittmer	September 9-11,05

## Niagara District Bugle January - February, 2005

District Executive – Keith Schneider 716-434-2851  
 District Chairman – Kevin Robison 716-870-1880 krrobison@aol.com  
 District Commissioner – Jeff Roszman 716-434-7979



**Food Drive** – We should all be proud of the good deed that we participated in. Thanks to our Packs' and Troops' efforts, many food pantry shelves are stocked up in time for the holiday season. Please remember to turn in a report of number of Scouts participating and approximate number of items collected.

**Popcorn**– Jack Kuntz, our District Kernel, expresses his appreciation to all those who participated in this most important fundraiser.

#### Advancement –

- Congratulations to the Newest Niagara District Eagle Scouts –
  - o Kevin Muffler – 82
  - o Scott Walker – 26
  - o Michael Pyra II – 22
  - o Steve Klock – 72
  - o Dave Yacono – 4
  - o John Roeseler – 40
  - o Francis Morabito – 8
  - o Charles Adams – 98
  - o Daniel Orleman - 6

#### Activities:

- District Pinewood Derby @ P 18 – April 23rd
- Council Camporee – Claim Jumper Theme – May 13<sup>th</sup> –15<sup>th</sup> Guaranteed to be an awesome time. Contact Lynn Durkee if you would like to get involved in the planning process.
- Bowlathon – Feb19<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
- Camping – Sign your Scouts up for Day Camp, Cubs & Webelos @ Camp Sam Wood and Summer Camp @ Dittmer

#### Training:

- JLT Workshop Jan15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 3:30 - Faith Lutheran Church Transit Road Newfane call the office to sign up
- New Leader Essentials – Mar 7<sup>th</sup>
- Cub Leader Specifics – Mar 8<sup>th</sup>
- BS Leader Specifics 1&2 – Mar 14<sup>th</sup>
- BS Leader Specifics 3 – Mar 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Recognition:

- Council Recognition Dinner – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 Bohn's Rest. in Batavia
- District Recognition Dinner – Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 at the Elks - Colleen Fryer is the Chair of the event.

#### Roundtables – It is important to have one or two from each Unit attend these meetings!

- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the Elks

### YOUTH PROTECTION UPDATE:

The Youth Protection training video and facilitator's guide, first rolled out in 1994 and used at district and roundtable training courses, has been updated. Changes include some of the scenarios and contemporized graphic backgrounds. Additions to the tape include the new policies on tour permits and background checks. The basic content of the course remains the same and these revisions will not require anyone to retake the course that has taken it within the last three years.

Youth Protection training remains a critical part of the council and district training program and is a requirement for all contact leaders, camp leaders, and those conducting trips and completing a tour permit.

A schedule of Youth Protection training is part of every district's training calendar and is also available 24/7 through the Iroquois Trail Council website: [www.itcbsa.org](http://www.itcbsa.org).

### WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Many national organizations recognize the value of Wood Badge training for members of their organization, so much so that they offer scholarships to their membership. The scholarship grant normally covers the entire registration fee for the course. Two scholarship opportunities are currently available: Veterans of Foreign Wars (application deadline March 31, 2005) and AFL-CIO (application deadline January 15, 2005).

If you are a member of either of these organizations and are considering applying to participate in the Iroquois Trail Council's Wood Badge course (NE III 173) later this year, contact the Scout Service Center in Lockport or the Batavia Field Office for an application.

**OUR COUNCIL Web Site**  
**itcbsa.org**  
**CHECK IT OUT!! It's Expanding!**

### Iroquois Trail Council Scout Shops

7121 Rochester Rd. Lockport

Monday – Friday 9-5

716-434-2851 / 1-800-592-0242

Fax 1-716-434-2899

56 Harvester Ave. Batavia

Monday & Thursday 10-6

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday 9-5

585-343-0307



## LETCHWORTH Smoke Signals

District Chairman - Harold Long 585-658-9818  
District Commissioner - Pete Leblond 585-237-6733  
District Executive - Harold Teller 585-343-0307 hteller@bsamail.org

### 2005 Candy Sale Key Dates

- **December 15<sup>th</sup> sign up deadline**
- **January 17<sup>th</sup> sale begins**
- **February 14<sup>th</sup> orders are due**
- **March 12<sup>th</sup> product pick up**
- **April 8<sup>th</sup> Payment is due**

### Cub Winter Fun Day

On the 29th of January we will be holding, our Annual Cub Winter Fun Day at Letchworth State Park. This one day event has been nationally recognized as one of the best winter Cub events of the region. Please make plans to bring all your Cubs to have a great day. If you have never been, you have no idea the fun your Cubs will have.

### Scout Week Window Displays

Most of what we do as an organization is not very visible to the public. If we want the best program for our youth, we need to publicize our works and adventures better. The public needs to know more about us. Anniversary week is our time to brag about our youth and our program!

### January

1 Service Centers Closed  
6 District Mtg.  
8 Jamboree Troop Meeting  
8 OA Winter Banquet & Patch Auction  
13 Roundtable  
13 Webelos Leader Training  
15 Winter camping Skills Training  
17 Candy Sale Starts  
17 Service Centers Closed  
19 OA Lodge Meeting  
20 Council Co-coordinated Meeting  
22 COR Training  
22 Council Annual Mtg.  
22 Council Recognition Dinner

24 Cubmaster Training  
29 Cub Winter Fun Day

### February

3 District Meeting  
5 Jamboree Troop Meeting  
6 Scout Sunday  
6-12 Scout Week  
10 Roundtable  
10 Den Leader Training  
14 Candy Orders Due  
16 OA Lodge Meeting  
17 Council Co-coordinated Meeting  
21 Service Centers Closed  
21 Bristol Mt. Ski Day  
26 Scoutmaster Indoor training

### 2005 Friends of Scouting

Its that time of the year to think about the 2005 family campaign. Scott Gage is this years District Friends of Scouting Chairman. All unit committees are asked to recruit their unit Friends of Scouting chairperson by the first week of January. Scott will be in contact with each unit to set up presentation dates and media. He will be working closely with your FOS Chairperson.

**Annual Meeting of the  
Iroquois Trail Council, Inc.,  
Boy Scouts of America**

The Annual Meeting of the Iroquois Trail Council, Inc., Boy Scout of America, will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005, 4:00 PM, at Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia New York. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the annual reports from the Council officers and committee chairs, as well as to elect the Executive Board Members, Members At Large, Advisory and Honorary Board members and National Council Representative for 2005.

Following the Annual Meeting will be a reception and social gathering time, followed by the Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner. The reception, sponsored by the Silver Beaver Booster Club, will start at 5:30 PM. All Chartered Organization Representatives, Executive Board Members and Members At Large are invited and strongly encouraged to attend both the Annual Meeting and Scouter Recognition Dinner. Please confirm all reservations by January 17th, 2005.



**Council Wide Recognition Dinner January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005 Bohns' Restaurant Batavia NY Event # 902**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner with Reception @ \$18 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Reception Only: \$5.00

Position in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner With reception @ \$34 per Couple \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the: **Iroquois Trail Council** 7121 Rochester Road Lockport, NY 14094

Event #: 902

**Iroquois Trail Council  
2005 Summer Camp Candy Sale  
"Niagara Candies"**



We are very excited this year to be offering a program in cooperation with Niagara Candies. The goal of this program is to get our boys to our summer camps. Last year we had more boys than ever able to go to camp because of their terrific success with the Summer Camp Candy Sale. Summer Camps are fast approaching and most parents aren't thinking about how to pay for

camp, yet. We are, and this program is designed to help any Scout who wants to go to camp earn his way. This program is designed specifically for the Scouting family.

**Benefits of the Summer Camp Candy Sale**

- 50% profit on every item sold will go directly to Scouts camping within the Iroquois Trail Council Summer Camping program.
- 35% profit on every item sold for Scouts camping outside the Iroquois Trail Council Summer Camping Program.
- 50% profit for Venture Crews and Explorer Posts going to Camp Dittmer
- **ALL** Iroquois Trail Council Summer Camp programs are eligible: Camp Dittmer for Boy Scouts, Camp Sam Wood for Cub Scout and Webelos Scout resident camping, and any of our four Day Camp experiences.
- Scouts will earn their money to attend Summer Camp by Easter.
- Easy comprehensive sales program with all forms provided.
- **NO** up-front money required.
- **NO** unsold product.
- **NO** risk: pay only AFTER deliveries and collections
- All orders prepackaged by individual orders by unit

**How the Sale Works**

Here are some examples as to how the sale works. We wanted to clearly state the results and simplicity of earning your way to summer camp. This is only an example.

Summer Program	Camp Fee	Scout Sells	Approx. # Products
<u>Sold</u>	<u>Out of Pocket Cost</u>		
Day Camp	\$70.00	\$140.00	10
	\$0		
Camp Sam Wood	\$118.00	\$240.00	17
	\$0		
Camp Dittmer	\$185.00	\$370.00	27
	\$0		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – Sign up Deadline  
January 17<sup>th</sup> – Sale Begins  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Orders Due  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Product Pick up**

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Payments Due

# Camp Dittmer Boy Scout Camping



### Tons of fun

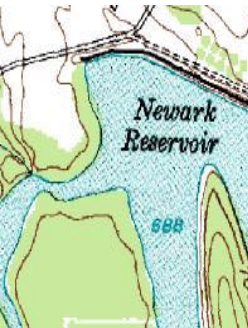
That is right, just 1-hour away from Batavia tons of fun lies for Scouts of all ages. From shooting a shotgun to kayaking to flying down our zip line, Camp Dittmer is the place for a fun time. The advancement opportunities are excellent but come for the fun. Where else can you throw tomahawks, go on a nature hike, learn about computers, and shoot a round of skeet before lunch?

### A Scout is Thrifty

Yes, a Scout is thrifty and so are his parents. The truth is, unless you are camping at Camp Dittmer: you are paying too much for camp. Many other camps charge well over \$200 per week, whereas Camp Dittmer's base fee is only \$190 for the first week. With discounts for early payments and new Scouts it is possible for a Scout to attend for just \$160. A Scout can stay for a second week for just \$125. Also, camp scholarships (camperships) are available for Scouts in financial need. As Camp Dittmer your Council camp, we can pass on the savings to you.



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## OKPIK: Cold-Weather Camping

February 19-21



Join experienced winter campers Feb 19-21 at Camp Dittmer for Okpik cold weather survival and camping course. Okpik is the Inuit term for snow owl. Topics covered will include: shelters, snowshoeing, clothing, ideas for winter programs, first aid, and much more.

This course is for Scouters, Venturing leaders, and Scouts and Venturers over 15. Scouts must be at least Star Scout and Venturers must have earned the outdoor bronze award.

All participants will receive the Okpik handbook lodging, food, and a special Okpik pocket flap for wear on the uniform. The cost per participant is \$55 for the 3-day event.

The space for this course is limited, so make your reservations early.

Contact Dan Human at the Scout office to make a reservation this course.

### **National Youth Leadership Training For ITC in '05**

Formerly known as Junior Leadership Training, NYLT makes its debut in the Iroquois Trail Council starting Jan 05. Jack Vosburg, Dave Hawley and myself attended the NYLT training conference at Camp Alpine in NJ in October, and were greeted by many enthusiastic NYLT test pilot troops.

Major changes in the program include female youth participation is now possible, GPS training is to replace map and compass, and the program has been condensed to six days from the previous seven. The previous eleven competencies have been changed and are now part of the "toolbox of skills". The age requirement is now 14 years old, but the rank requirement remains the same, at a minimum of First Class. As it has been, scouts attending the conference are expected to know their scout skills (including map and compass), and should be your current or future Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Crew Presidents & Vice Presidents. The principle function is to help adult advisors instill their top youth leaders with the skills of leadership. In the words of Robert Baden -Powell, we want to "Train Scouts to do a job, then let them do it".

Scouts and Scouters, this is an excellent opportunity to learn skills that will improve your Troops and Crews today, and instill leadership skills that will last a lifetime for tomorrow. For the people that take it to heart, I've seen good Scouts go in and honed leaders come out.

The dates of the conference are August 13- 20, at Camp Dittmer in Phelps NY. For an Informational brochure, please feel free to call me at (716) 625-9487. There are a limited amount of positions open and they will be available to qualified Scouts on a first come first serve basis.

I'm looking forward to the best ITC leadership year ever.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Crawford NYLT Scoutmaster 2005



### **75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting**



2005 will mark the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting. The official celebration begins at the start of the program year in September 2004 and it will continue through December 2005

There are all of kinds of activities and ways to get your units involved in this exciting celebration. The 2004-2005 Program Helps include many celebration ideas for each monthly theme and there are other resources available to help make this even more special, they include special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards for individual Cub Scouts, leaders, Packs and families (forms and applications available at Roundtables and at your service centers)

### **2005 Window Display Contest**

The 2005 Window Display Contest will take place the week of February 6 – 12. To participate your unit must do the following:

- Organize your Unit Committee and Scouts and make arrangements with local merchants, in your community to use there store front window.
- The theme for this year's event is Scoutings anniversaries., 2005 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cub Scouting and the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boy Scouting.
- Design a window display depicting your Units program and, the theme for this year's event.
- All units who participate will receive a flag streamer for there efforts. Prizes will be awarded to the top unit in each district and the best overall



### **The Iroquois Trail Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, will hold its Annual Meeting On Saturday, January 22, 2005 At Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia.**

All Executive Board members, Council Members At Large, and Chartered Organization Representatives are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to pre register please call your local Council Service Center

At the Annual Meeting, the Council President, Council Commissioner and Vice Presidents will present their annual reports. The council Nominating Committee will also present the new slate of Council Officers and Executive Board Members.

Individuals wishing to submit nominations for the council Executive Board must submit their nomination in writing to the chair of the nominating committee by December 15, 2004.