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President's Corner Its official!

It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the council, extend an 'Iroquois Trail Council' **welcome to James McMullen, our new Scout Executive** who will be joining us effective November 15, 2006.

Jim comes to us from the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, where he is at present serving as the Director of Finance Services. I would like to thank everyone who served on the Search Committee for their time, commitment and dedication to our council also.

At our Executive Board meeting on October 11th, a **plan to redistrict our council from four (4) districts to three (3) districts** was presented and unanimously adopted by the Executive Board. This change was brought about for the following reasons:

The realignment was an initiative in our new Strategic Plan.

- To comply with National's recommended benchmark's which are:
- a.) to have (50) units per District Executive.
 - b.) to have 8,000 Total Available Youth (TAY) per district.

To increase the efficiency and productivity of our current District Executives by eliminating duplicative district meetings and more evenly distribute current work loads.

Currently, the districts Total Available Youth (TAY) is
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Five Minute Film Festival



You and your friends can be in the movies! Are you the future Steven Spielberg, Harrison Ford, Tom Cruise, or Matt Damon? If so, then you need to get working, filming, whatever! Iroquois Trail Council is holding a "Five Minute Film Festival" in February 2007. All entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2007. There are four categories: Instructional (Demonstrating a Skill), Promotional (Advertising Scouting or your Unit), Comedy, and Drama. Three competitive divisions: 1.) Cubs, 2.) Boy Scouts, 3.) Crews and Posts You can do it as an individual, small group (Den or Patrol), or large group (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post). The film has to be five minutes in length (4:45 – 5:15). Judging will be by an independent panel. The Festival (viewing) will be held during Scout week. A \$10 entry fee enters your film in the contest. And gets you a copy of all of the films at the end of the festival. Get creative and let's see what you can do!!

Boy Scouts, Please Note....

This project satisfies several of the Cinematography Merit Badge Requirements!

Unit Number: Pack _____ Troop _____ Crew _____ Post _____

Is the project done by a Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, Crew, Post, Group of Friends, or Individual (circle one)

Categories (circle one): Instructional, Promotional, Comedy, and Drama

Contact Name _____ Address _____

Movie Title: _____

Mail Movie to: Five Minute Film Festival 45 Liberty Street Batavia, New York 14020

Any Questions? Call William Louvain (585) 343-0307 or (585) 245-3776
List Additional Names On Back Of This Entry Form.

Niagara District Bugle Nov. Dec., 2006

District Chairman – Kevin Robison 716-870-1880 krrobison@aol.com
District Commissioner – Jeff Roszman 716-434-7979
District Executive – Robert Drury 716-434-2851 rdrury@bsamail.org



Membership:

Please turn in completed applications to the office for all new Scouts that signed up on school night! Scouts can't advance and they are not covered by BSA insurance unless the application is turned in and entered into Scoutnet.

Popcorn - All Units:

Note: - The Unit Popcorn pick up location will be at M&M in Lockport... the same place as last year. 11/11/06 from 8:00 – 10:00 am If you have any other questions you can contact Kathleen Dietz our District Kernel kdietz@gdtna.com

Activities:

Skateland Holiday Party - December 16, 2006 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Cost will be \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. Use this as a recruitment tool. Bring prospective new Scouts. If they fill out an application and pay registration fee that night they get in to skate free.

Boy Scout Events:

Council Camporee – October 14. The Council Camporee was conducted in part in spite of the weather. About 60 people participated in the program which was limited to Saturday morning and afternoon. The program included a canal cruise, tour of the Lockport Caves and a visit to the Discovery Center. Most of the other Scouts that had planned on attending were helping with the storm damage in their communities.

District Events:

District Dinner March 24 (tentative) It is not too soon to start thinking of candidates for the District Award of Merit and Unit Leader Awards...

District Meetings

November 2, and December 7 - 7:00 at the Lockport Trading Post
Roundtables – Jeff Roszman, Melinda Whitford
November 9 - 7:00 at the Elks Lodge 41 (Youth Protection Training will be at the Lockport Office)
December 14 – RT @ Elks
Niagara Training Dates District Training Chair – Dale Lawson 716-434-7529 dwlawson@a-znet.com
New Leaders Essentials: 3/5/07 (N) , 3/17/07 (N&O) @ Blitz
Cub Scout Specifics: 3/17/07 (N&O) @ Blitz
Scoutmaster Indoor: 3/17/07 (N&O) @ Blitz
Scoutmaster Outdoors: 5/4-6/07 (Council)
B.A.L.O.O.: 5/5/07 (Council)
O.W.L.: 5/5/07 (Council)
Adult Youth Protection: 11/9/06 (N) , 5/10/07 (N)
Charter Organization Representative: 1/20/07 (Council) Just prior to the Council Annual Meeting
Adult Venture Leader: 3/17/07 (N&O) @ Blitz
Venture Lock-In: Youth & Adult: 3/24-25/07 (N&O)
Den Chief Training – 11/18, 2006 @ Wrights Corners Fire Hall. We need to be promoting the use of Den Chiefs in Cub Scouting; Boy Scouts who will be Den Chiefs should have this training. 8:30 – 4:00
JLT Workshop: (To Include a Scoutmaster JLT Workshop!) 1/13/07 (N&O)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Our friends from the American Legion have asked that we pass this information along to our Scouting family as it relates to our flag ceremonies and teaching our Scouts the proper way of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance:



"The addition of the words "under God" created a different way of reciting the pledge. Few people recite it correctly, although it is a minor problem. Note that "one nation under God" is a complete phrase, with no comma after "nation," It reads as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands (pause) one nation under God (pause) indivisible (pause) with liberty and justice for all."

BOY SCOUTS CAN INVITE FRIENDS USING WEB SITE E-MAIL.

The e-card, a new feature available to Scouts and leaders on the www.thescoutzone.org Web site, helps a Scout complete the new First Class requirement to invite a friend to a troop meeting or activity.

To use the e-card, a Scout goes to www.thescoutzone.org, clicks on "Tell a Friend", enters his name and his friend's name and e-mail address in the designated boxes. He selects the action images he thinks his friend would be interested in doing, then chooses music and a message. After previewing the e-card, he sends it to his friend.

POPCORN

Popcorn Sales are a great way to support your unit and your District. There are SPECIAL PRIZES given by Council this year. Every Scout that fills an entire order sheet will be entered into a Council wide drawing with a chance to win (there are 2 of each item) one of the following: An Electric Scooter, Telescope, Walkie Talkies, Binoculars, Multi-Purpose Knife, or a Wrist Watch. Submit your completed form to the Batavia Office by Thanksgiving.

<u>Delivery Locations</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Units by County</u>
M&M Space	8-9 AM	Niagara Co Units
Empire Coatings -Albion	8-9 AM	Orleans Co Units
Chapin Mfg. Rt. 63 Batavia,	11-12 Noon	Genishaua All Units
Sweetener's Plus -Lakeville	8-9 AM	Livingston Co Units
American Classic Outfitters (ACO)	11-12 Noon	Letchworth- Wyoming + Allegany Co. Units

Council Coordinated Meetings

Niagara District is currently in need of representation on the Properties, Advancement, and the Marketing committee. If you are interested in helping out on these committees (or would like to volunteer someone) please contact Kevin Robison

Genishaua Drumbeat

a 2005 Quality District



District Chairman	Bill Fava	585-343-2272	wfava@durstus.com
District Commissioner	Gerry Vukman	585-948-5389	geraldvukman@gmail.com
District Executive	William Louvain	585-343-0307	wlouvain@bsamail.org

SPOOK-0-REE

The Genishaua Spook-o-ree was a huge success!! There were 243 people experiencing a Creepy Haunted Hayride (provided by Troops 9, 69, and 650), Donut Making, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Orienteering, Goblin Golf, Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate, and Ghost Making. A cold but good time was had by all!!

The Barrett Derby

**Newly Registered Cubs (Fall '06)
Saturday November 18th**

Scouts can bring in their "RACE TO SCOUTING" Driver's License To Barrett Chevrolet Main Street Batavia & receive a free Pinewood Derby Kit prior to race day!

Times for the Derby:

Registration: 9:00AM – 9:30AM

Races: 9:45AM –

11:30AM

Championship: 11:45AM – NOON

District Merger Meeting

All Eastern Orleans and Genesee Counties' Commissioners and District committee people are invited to a joint session to meet and greet each other on November 2, 2006 at the Council Service Center at 7:00 P.M. Together we can assure a smooth transition for our new District.

Genishaua District Dinner

will be held

*Thursday, December 7, 2006
Corfu First Presbyterian Church.*

Tickets are \$10 per person

Reserve your spot today

RSVP to Judy or Debbie @ 343-0307

Genishaua District Calendar At A Glance

November 2006

2 District / Commissioner Meeting
4 Woodbadge Dinner
9 Roundtable
11 Commissioner's College
11 Popcorn Pickup
15 OA Lodge Meeting
16 Coordinated Meeting
23/24 Service Center Closed
27 Cubmaster Specific Training
27 Popcorn Payment Due

December 2006

1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
7 District Dinner
11 Family FOS Trailblazing Training
14 Roundtable
20 OA Lodge Meeting
21 Coordinated Meeting
25 Service Center Closed

The Order of the Arrow Ashokwahta Lodge

Did You Know.....

The national Order of the Arrow committee, a subcommittee of the National Boy Scout committee, sets policy and directs the program of the Order. The Order has more than 183,000 members nationally, organized into more than 310 lodges grouped into sections of the four regions. The Order is exclusive to Boy Scouts of America only. Every two years (with the exception of the next session –it will be 3), the Order holds a national OA conference on the campus of a major university. This event is called NOAC, or the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Twelve Arrowmen from our lodge attended this year. I'm sure they'd love to tell you about it and how you can go in 2009.

The four geographical regions that serve the OA include Central, Northern, Southern and Western. Each region has a Chief (under 21 years of age), a volunteer adult leader called the Advisor, and a Scouting professional called the Staff Adviser. These are the Key three of the region. This Key Three leadership is also common to National, Sectional and our local Lodge. Each region is made up of sections.

The section provides an inter-lodge forum for lodge and chapter leaders, bringing them together for fellowship and mutual improvement through the exchange of ideas. Our section meets 4 times a year in Falconer, NY in a session called the Council of Chiefs (COC). Our own staff adviser, Harold Teller, is the section Staff adviser, and our own, Dan Jones, is section Vice Chief. We have eight lodges in our section and every year they host a Arrowmen only camping event called a Conclave. We hosted our conclave in 2004 at Camp Sam Wood, and will host another in 2012. Conclaves have Native American Dance competition, Lodge Leadership Development sessions (LLDs) and all kinds of fellowship and fun. That is where the section chiefs are elected.

The Lodge is the most local level of the Order. Each BSA Council has a Lodge. Our Council is the Iroquois Trail Council, and our Lodge is called Ashokwahta. Our totem or symbol is the peace pipe. The Ashokwahta lodge formed over twelve years ago when two smaller councils merged and two former lodges, Amochk and Tuighaunock combined efforts to form what we are today. Our current Key three leaders include Cory Hall, Lodge Chief, Paul Crawford, Lodge Advisor, and Harold Teller, staff adviser. We'd be happy to talk to you about any aspect of the lodge. Get involved- you'll be glad you did!
Yours in Service,
Paul

Fun Weekend November 3, 4, 5th Camp Sam Wood

CORE November 17-18th Camp Cutler

Winter Banquet & Lodge Elections

January 6th Batavia Party House, Stafford



ORLEANS DISTRICT

District Chairman	Frank R. Berger	585-798-3632	
District Commissioner	Patricia Payne	585-798-1167	ppayne@eznet.net
District Executive	William Louvain	585-343-0307	wlouvain@bsamail.org
	Robert Drury	716-434-2851	rdrury@bsamail.org

The Daniel's Derby Rt. 98 Albion

Newly Registered Cubs (Fall '06) Saturday November 4th
Scouts can bring in their "RACE TO SCOUTING" Driver's License
To Daniel's Chevrolet Route 98 Albion & receive a free Pinewood
Derby Kit prior to race day!

Times for the Derby:

Registration:	9:00AM – 9:30AM
Races:	9:45AM – 11:30AM
Championship:	11:45AM - NOON

Please copy this and distribute to any and all past and present
ORLEANS SCOUTERS

Orleans District Dinner

will be held Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the West Barre United Methodist Church.

Gathering at 6:00 Dinner served at 6:30 Tickets are \$12 per person

Tickets may be purchased at the November Roundtable or contact Lee Preston - 589-2631

Our program will be a photo show of Orleans Units and events through the years.

Please send photos to Nancy Snyder at nsnyder@medinacsd.org

or mail them to her at 498 East Oak Orchard St., Medina, NY 14103.

Nancy will need the photos by November 15.

*We hope to have scouters and photos from not only every current Orleans Unit,
but also scouters and photos from our retired units.*

*We want to recognize and celebrate the strong scouting history of Orleans District.
We will also be presenting our annual Leader, Scouter and Commissioner Awards as well as
the Orleans District Award of Merit.*

This event is for adults, please.

District Calendar At A Glance

November 2006

1 Roundtable
4 Woodbadge Dinner
5 New Leader Essentials
11 Commissioner's College
11 Popcorn Pickup
15 OA Lodge Meeting
16 Coordinated Meeting
18 Den Chief Training
21 District / Commissioner Meeting
23/24 Service Center Closed
27 Popcorn Payment Due

December 2006

1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
2 District Dinner
6 Roundtable
11 Family FOS Trailblazing Training
16 Skate Party (Orleans & Niagara @ Skateland)
19 District / Commissioner Meeting
20 OA Lodge Meeting
21 Coordinated Meeting
25 Service Center Closed



Camp Will Change in 2007

In the 2007 camping season we will be making some **significant changes** to our camping schedule. We do this in order to better utilize our camping resources, personnel, and available funds.

Our current schedule runs both Camp Dittmer and Camp Sam Wood concurrently, competing for council resources in personnel, site fixtures such as tents, and program supplies like archery targets, bows, and arrows. Reversing our Day Camp and our Cub Resident Camp schedules would allow us to run our resident camps consecutively. This will free up resources that are currently in direct competition. Each resident camp would then not have to fight over the available resources but could actually share them.

We could hire one camp staff to serve in both resident camps giving them a longer employment. Giving them more funds over the summer, which should attract personnel unavailable up to us in our current operation.

This along with a better staff training schedule should **drastically improve** our camps programs. Please work with us through this change, your help and understanding is necessary for us to provide the best possible program to our youth.

Revised calendars are available. Please direct any questions or concerns to Harold Teller @ the Council Service Center 585-343-0307.

TIGER CUB DEN LEADERS

Effective June 1st, a Tiger Cub must earn the Cub Scouting Bobcat badge as his first badge of rank after joining a pack. Earning the Bobcat badge is then followed by earning the Tiger Cub badge.



The Iroquois Trail Council welcomes new Scout

Executive James C. McMullen, who joins us on November 16.

Jim is currently Director of Finance Services, Greater Niagara Frontier Council. He had previously served as Finance Director and, prior to that, District Director of the Silver Lakes District in Buffalo. Jim began his professional career as District Executive of the Genishaua District, where he served from 1988-1993.

A Western New York native, Jim and his wife Carrie reside in the oldest house in Corfu with their children Nicholas and Catherine. Their son Nicholas is a member of Troop 6067.

LETCHEWORTH Smoke Signals



District Chairman— Sean Ledwith 585-243-9523 sledwith@peoplepc.com
District Commissioner - Pete Leblond 585-237-6733
Senior District Executive - Harold Teller 585-343-0307 hteller@bsaemail.org

Tiger Prowl

Calling all Tigers and their Tiger Partners! Come have loads of fun at the annual Tiger Prowl. The event will be held from 6:30pm on November 17th to 11:30am on November 18th at the United Methodist Church in Geneseo. The cost is \$20 for Tiger Cubs and Adult Partners. This includes Friday night snack, Saturday breakfast, crafts, games, songs, stories, and adventure. For more details, please contact your Cubmaster or Jean Rosier at 243-1344.

Fireside Chat with the Council Key 3

The Council Key 3 will be meeting with Scouters in the Letchworth District on November 30th at 7pm at Geneseo United Methodist Church. This is your chance to meet our new Council Executive, Jim McMullen, our Council President, Glenn Miller, and our Council Commissioner, Dan Murray. Our Council Key 3 will provide information on the current state of the council and then open the floor to any questions or concerns from the attendees. Please let Robin Louvain (243-3069 or louvain@eznet.net) know if you plan on attending.

Upcoming Roundtables

Roundtables are a great way to network with other Scouters, hear about upcoming events, attend training, and learn about new tools and techniques to apply to your individual roles. Roundtables are held at 7:00pm on the second Thursday at the Geneseo United Methodist Church on Route 63. Upcoming topics for Cub Scout Leaders are as follows:

Thursday, November 9th Roundtable Themes:

- Cub Scouts – Stars
- Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist

Thursday, December 14th Roundtable Themes:

- Cub Scouts – Poles Apart
- Webelos – Fitness/Scientist

Upcoming Training at Roundtables

November 9th – Tiger Leader Training. Registration is at 6:45pm. Cost is \$5.
January 11th – Webelos Leader Training. Registration is at 6:15pm. Cost is TBD.

Nominations Needed for the Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is given to honor noteworthy individuals of exceptional character for their service not only to the Boy Scouts of America but to all youth through their involvement in community activities such as civic, business, professional, religious, fraternal, veteran, etc. Nomination forms can be found on the council web site and nominations are due to Judy Anderson at the council office by December 1st.



Scout Shop Hours

Lockport

Sunday	Closed
Monday	2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday	2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday	2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Thursday	2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM to 12:00PM
Saturday	Closed

Phone: Lockport 716-434-2851

Batavia

Closed
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed

Batavia 585-343-0307



Congratulations Eagles

Date Rec'd	Scout	Troop #
6/22/06	Sean Whitehurst	4086
7/27/06	Austin Meritt	4086
8/16/06	Jeremy Button	0072
8/24/06	Christopher Lantinen	0026
8/30/06	Dustin Snyder	0022
9/13/06	Avery Kappel	0047
9/27/06	Robert Lawson	0082
9/28/06	Philip Barone	4033
9/28/06	Cameron Shearing	4053
10/18/06	Charles Hinton	0026



Working toward Eagle?

Scoutmasters and Advancement Chair's, if you have a Scout working toward the Eagle Rank, you can call the Batavia Service Center, 585-343-0307 and request a Unit Advancement Report. This report will show you all of the advancements earned and reported for all of your Scouts. You can compare our computer records to your troops records. If any of the information does not match then the proper advancement reports can be filed with the office. This may speed up the process of approving your Eagle Application.

Memorials

In Memory of Jay Roszman:
 Lester & Sheila Robinson
 Bruce Bender
 Dave & Bonnie Seaman
 M J Peterson Real Estate
 Frank & Nancy Bertkowiak
 Steven & Christine Kolbert
 M. Arlene Weeks
 Edmund Marawski
 Sheila LaPort
 Howard Hunter

In Memory of Weldon Hilchey
 Richard & Marie Call
 Mr. & Mrs. Roger E Rich

In Memory of L. Malcolm Young
 Norman & Marcia Steblein

In Memory of Kathryn Shearer
 Dave Borchard

CONTEST / CONTEST / CONTEST / CONTEST / CONTEST / CONTEST

Name That District

Genesee and Eastern Orleans Counties are forming a new District and we need your creative thoughts and ideas in coming up with a new District name. The two requirements for the new name are: 1) It should have some relevance to our area's Iroquois heritage, and 2) the name should be easy to pronounce! Please e-mail your suggestions to District Executive Bill Louvain at wlouvain@bsamail.org by December 1, 2006. A committee of Scouters from both counties will choose the winning name and announce it before the beginning of the year.

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Local Tour Permits:

are required if your unit is taking a day trip or a longer trip outside of our Iroquois Trail Council area. The form is available at itcbsa.org. The item number on the current Local Tour Permit 34426E. Allow two weeks in advance of the scheduled activity for processing.

If your unit is traveling into Canada or 500 miles or more one way outside of our Council area a National Tour Permit is required. The National Tour Permit is submitted to the Batavia Service Center for approval at **least one month before the tour. The application is forwarded to the Regional Service Center for final approval.** The item number on the current National Tour Permit is 4419C/32520.

Displays Needed:

Do you have a special Scouting collection that you would like to share with your fellow Scouters? In the conference room at the Batavia Service Center, there are three display cases, the locked cabinets are in need of some new displays. If you have some memorabilia to share and display for a month or two, contact Judy by email janders@bsamail.org or call at 585-343-0307.

A Scout is Reverent:

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth: **P.R.A.Y.** is a program available to Scouts. God in Country is a Bible based curriculum where the Scout works direct with an adult mentor and a Pastor. The Scout reads scriptures and answers questions about the Bible. God and Country helps the Scouts family to interact together and to share their faith with each other. Scouts are challenged to design a service project which are targeted toward the family, church, and community. The final approval for completion of the program comes from the pastor not the Scout Leader.

Each curriculum for the P.R.A.Y. program is based on the Scouts age and religion. The programs that are available for Scouts begin with grades 1-3 continuing thru high school. There are even programs available for adult leaders and mentors. The God and Country Awards has been approved for wear on official uniforms of the Boy Scouts of America. For more information on the P.R.A.Y. contact your Council Service Center.

SUBJECT: New Cub Scout Method — "Character Connections"

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I again appeal to everyone in the Iroquois Trail Council; please support your council by seeing that the scouts you impact directly and that will be attending camp next year are registering for a camping experience in one of the Iroquois Trail Councils camps.

As our overhead at the camps is fixed for the most part, only by increasing our registration numbers, or, by outright donations (greatly appreciated), can we ever expect to change our circumstances and provide the camping experience we are truly seeking to provide. **Your help in this endeavor is critical!**

Thank you all for your continued support of our council.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding our council, feel free to e-mail me at milcon6404@aol.com.

God Bless,
Glen Miller, President

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS DUE ...

All council Scouters are invited and encouraged to submit Silver Beaver nominations for worthy Scouters from all levels of the program. Award nomination forms are available from the either of the Scout Service Centers or online. Nominations must be returned no later than Friday, December 1st. If you think a fellow Scouter should be so recognized, submit the nomination today. Don't wait for someone else to do it!



Commissioners Corner:

Too Many Kids

Sometimes we refer to a "numbers game." Do we have a "numbers game?" Yes, we have a numbers game! We have **TO MANY KIDS** out there!

TOO MANY KIDS - On Drugs and alcohol at every age level we serve.

TOO MANY KIDS - With no real friends they can count on.

TOO MANY KIDS - Committing suicide because of a sense of failure, lack of direction, lack of friends, sense of despair and a lack of people who care.

TOO MANY KIDS - Lack values consistent with society.

TOO MANY KIDS - Who don't know God or anyone who does.

We have a numbers game all right..... but when it is put in this perspective, it may well be the most important game in town.

It is our job as Scout Leaders to keep the numbers game alive and well. As long as the doors of our units stay open we have a fighting chance to keep up with....."**TOO MANY KIDS**"

I can not take credit for writing this and I am not sure who did but it something that I do believe. If we as Scouters can make a difference in just one kid's life ,we have made this world a better place.

Dan Murray



Cub Scouting has consistently used specific methods to achieve Scouting's aims of helping boys to build character, learn the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness. These methods are incorporated into all aspects of the Cub Scouting. By using these methods, leaders positively affect the lives of boys and their families.

In May 2006, the national Cub Scout Committee approved adding "Character Connections" to the current Cub Scout methods. "Character Connections," a method to "connect" activities with values, is integrated throughout the entire Cub Scouting program. Leaders learn to identify and incorporate character lessons into activities so that boys can develop character by learning to know, commit, and practice the 12 core values of Cub Scouting. (Cub Scout Character Development #13-097)

This eighth method, which emphasizes character and value development, is consistent with the aims of Scouting and the objectives of the parent initiative and the National Strategic Plan.

The eight methods of Cub Scouting are:

1. The Ideals
2. The Den
3. Advancement
4. Family Involvement
5. Activities
6. Home and Neighborhood Centered
7. The Uniform
8. Character Connections

Council

November 2006

- 1 Staff Meeting
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 11 Popcorn Pick-up
- 11 Scouting For Food Bag Drop
- 14 Fiscal Management Committee
- 15 OA Lodge Meeting
- 16 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 18 Scouting For Food Pick-up
- 23 & 24 Council Service Center Closed Thanksgiving
- 27 Popcorn Money Due

December 2006

- 1 Silver Beaver Applications Due
- 3 Race To Cub Scouting Council Wide Pinewood Derby
- 6 Staff Meeting
- 8 Risk Management Committee Meeting
- 11 Family FOS Trailblazer Training
- 12 Fiscal Management Committee
- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 15 Family Friends of Scouting Unit Sign up Due Date
- 15 January Unit Re-charters Due
- 20 OA Lodge Meeting
- 21 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 25 Council Service Center Closed Christmas