The Council Pinewood Derby Championship will be held in May where top pinewood derby cars from each district will be raced to be crowned the “King of the Council”!

Each district can send the top 8 cars from each rank (Lions, Tiger, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light) to the council championship.

Top Racers will be invited to attend the championship by the conclusion of their district race. Should an individual in the top 8 not be able to attend, the invitation will be extended to others in order of place.

Registration for all racers must be completed online. There will be no registration forms.

Please make sure that Pack pinewood derby races follow the 2019 Seneca Waterways Council Pinewood Derby rules so that youth are not surprised by adjustments requested during check-in at the district or council pinewood derby. Any car that does not meet the council standards, will not be allowed to race.

The Camp Card initiative is designed to help scouts earn their way to summer camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, Babcock Scout Reservation, Massawompau Scout Camps, day camp, high adventure opportunities or other unit programs. Units participating in this program will earn between 40-55% commission for each $5 Camp Card sold, and the remainder will go to the Council in order to help cover the costs of Camperships and to make improvements to our camps. The sale will begin February 1st and units will have until June 1st to sell cards and close out their accounts. The program is RISK, FREE, simply return any unsold cards to the SWC Scout Service Center on or before June 1st.

Need more incentive:

SWC is prepared to give you more incentive to sell those cards. 6 Scout will be eligible to go to a Seneca Waterways Council Camp for free!! Here’s How:

1) There will be 3 drawings for a free week of camp for the top selling Scouts in the council. Need – Name, Unit # (District), & how many cards Sold!

2) There will be another 3 drawings for Every unit that sold at least 50 cards. Each Unit selected will be able to give that free card to any Scout in their Unit. Ex 100 cards = 2 entries per unit.

BUT WAIT THERE’S MORE!

A 7th and Final Drawing will be held at the June Coordinated Meeting. All Units from previous drawings will be eligible for the entries. But there will be 1 entry per unit for this prize.

For more details visit http://senecawaterways.org/campcards

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019**

March 16, 2019 – Scouts will leave donation information or bags at their neighborhood homes

March 23, 2019 – Scouts pick up food donations. Place any filled donation bags outside the front door before 9:00 am. Scouts will also be at Tops Friendly Markets collecting food donations.

For the past 30 years, Scouts have been helping provide for the basic food needs of families! Scouting was founded on the premise of doing a good turn daily. Community service is very important in the character-building process and our Scouts have made the commitment to give back to their community through service projects that make a difference in the lives of others.

One of the ways they are making a significant difference is through the annual Scouting for Food Drive held every spring in March. Scouts collect between 40 and 50 tons of food annually to help keep families fed.

Non-perishable items, except glass containers, fill the need at area food pantries.

- Pasta & Rice
- Canned items
- Peanut Butter
- Soups, Juices & Cereal
- Paper Products & Toiletries
- No glass containers

Don’t forget to collect and enter your Scout Service hours for your Journey to Excellence (JTE) Score. The more scouts participating in Scouting for Food, will increase your JTE points! Also, Scouts are eligible for a Scouting for Food patch when the drive is over. So be sure to order them once you have completed the food drive before they are all gone.

You can help feed the need by participating in the annual Scouting for Food Drive.

For more details visit http://senecawaterways.org/campcards

**THE CAMP CARD SALE**

**COUNCIL PINewood DERBY**

**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

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University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders with a few leadership courses aimed toward youth leaders in Troops and/or Crews. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities for the different Boy Scouts of America program areas. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, this Extravaganza provides interesting courses in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, Leadership Training for Adults & Youth, and General Studies courses applicable across all the Scouting programs.

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Rochester Institute of Technology
Registration Opens December 16, 2018
The cost to attend is $25 per person by 9:00 am on February 1, 2019. After that date/time, the registration fee increases to $30 per person. For Walk Ins, courses/ trainings offerings are based on pre-registrations.

Schedule of Events:
- 7:30 A.M. - Registration Begins
- 8:00 A.M. - Trainings Begin
- 9:00 A.M. - Courses Begin
- 12:00 P.M. - Lunch Hour
- 4:00 P.M. – University Ends

**University of Scouting Colleges**

(Areas of Concentration): College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.

College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.

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Calendar of Events

For a more detailed list of all events, including districts, please visit our online calendar at www.senecawaterways.org.

January 2019
1  New Year’s Day (Service Center Closed)
7  Whiteout & Exploring Cub Scout Bowl
8  Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner
12  Bear Electives Day: Beat of the Drum & Forensics
18-21  Massawepie Outdoor Challenges - Artsy Challenge
18-21  Massawepie Outdoor Challenges - Winter Challenges
21  Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Service Center Closed)
25-27  OKPK
26, 29  Trainer’s EDGE
27  Council Camporee Kickoff Reception

February 2019
1  Silver Beaver Applications Due
1  Open Registration for girls in Scouts BSA
2  Webelos AOL Elective Event
2  IOLS
3  Scout Sunday
3-9  Scouting Anniversary Week
8  Scouting Anniversary Day
8  Amerks Scout Night
9  Globetrotters Scout Night
9  Wolf Elective Day: Code of the Wolf & Digging in the Past
9  Scout Sabbath
13  Boy Scout Resident Camp Attendance Estimate Due
16  Bear Electives Day: Roaring Laughters & Super Science
18  President’s Day (Service Center Closed)
19-21  Bristol Mountain Scout Days

March 2019
1  Campership Applications Due
2  University of Scouting
16  Scouting for Food Drop Off
18  Cub Scout Summer Camp Early Bird Deadline
20  Boy Scout Early Bird Deadline
23  Merit Badge Days
27  Scouting for Food Pickup

April 2019
5-7  Wood Badge Weekend 1
6  Scamps Chess Challenge
6  Spring Racon Day
13  BALOO
13-14  Pinewood Derby
13  Top Shot Challenge
13  Spring Engineers Day at Caner
19  Good Friday (Service Center Closed)
20  Spring Racon Day at Babcock Hay
23  City Spring Day Camp (Tentative)
24  Boy Scout Summer Camp Regular Registration Rate Ends
25-26  NYLT Training
27  Council Fishing Derby
27  Merit Badge Days
27  Popcorn Blast Off Day

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials & Tributes are financial gifts made to the Council in honor of an individual.
For more information on making a memorial gift to the Council, contact Kimberly Gunkel at 585-241-8555.

IN MEMORY OF

PATRICK E. DUGGAN
Helen Lopuchowycz
Park Central
EMILY FERRARI-ADASIAK
C. H. H. & W. L. H.
Perry Jacobstein
JOSEPH F. GILFOY
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Turning Point - Alex Mastromarchi
Exploring Executives
East - Brad Rickman
West - John Sheible

Stay connected with us on Social Media.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS OF THE MONTH

June 2018

Noah Gufey
Troop 58 - Honeoye, NY

Noah’s project was the repair and refinishing of the perimeter metal fence around the Purcell/Curtiss cemetery located on Route 20A and Purcell Road. The fence was badly damaged by the growth of trees and brush requiring the realignment of the fence and major repair of the fence and gates. The project included tree trimming, headstone repair and the addition of cemetery signage. The project included the efforts of about two dozen volunteers and over five hundred sixty hours of volunteer time.

July 2018

Kenneth Call
Troop 134 - Henrietta, NY

Kenneth’s project was the fabrication and installation of an informational kiosk for Breese Park in Henrietta. The kiosk was erected adjacent to the entrance of the park. The project included the efforts of about two dozen volunteers and about one hundred seventy five hours of volunteer time.

August 2018

Deven Ebertz
Troop 195 - Greece, NY

Deven’s project was the design and installation of a commemorative common area surrounding the Greece Arcadia High School flag pole. The pavers included the installation of benches and custom pavers honoring the five branches of our military. The project included the efforts of about three dozen volunteers and about two hundred seventy five hours of volunteer time.

September 2018

Everett Davison
Troop 40 - Wayland, NY

Everett’s project was the collection of a musical instrument and their repair for the Wayland Cohocton School Music Department. The project also included the design and fabrication of a percussion cart. The unique funding for the project was the design, fabrication and sale of original wooden holiday ornaments that supported the project. The project included the efforts of about thirty volunteers and over seven hundred hours of volunteer time.

October 2018

Joshua Beha
Troop 113 - Walworth, NY

Joshua’s project was a trail improvement for the Friends of Webster Trails. The project included the interconnection of two existing trails through a wetland area, requiring the fabrication of a 16 foot long bridge and about 30 feet of boardwalk. The connection of the trails also required the hauling of four tons of stone for trail installation. The project included the efforts of over thirty volunteers and over three hundred hours of volunteer time.

SCOUTS BSA

Officially, Scouts BSA troops for girls will begin on February 1st, but there are several programs being organized throughout the council currently. These troops can be organized as stand-alone troops or they can form as a “linked troop.” Linked troops are sponsored by a charter organization that also sponsors a boy troop. They can share a committee and program resources, but must have their own program leadership (Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters.)

If you or someone you know is interested in being involved in one of these units, contact the Seneca Waterways Council at 585-244-4210.

LOUIS & SALLY LANGLEY EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline May 1, 2019 - Apply Early

Application forms are available online in the Forms Area of the Council’s website at www.senecawaterways.org and are due by May 1st, 2019.

Mail applications to: Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

For more information, contact the council office at 585-244-4210.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

On Monday May 6th, the Council will hold its annual volunteer recognition and business meeting. At the dinner we will recognize the Silver Beaver Honorees as well as Veteran Scouters and Scout units with 40 or more years of service. Cannon Award and Venturing awards along with Council training awards will also be recognized. The Business meeting side of the night will elect the new board officers. More information to follow in upcoming newsletters.

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Duez February 1, 2019

The Silver Beaver Award is the Council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, selfsacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is the highest recognition that the Council can bestow upon an Adult leader.

Presentation of the awards will be made at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting in May.

If you would like to nominate a candidate for the Silver Beaver Award, please complete the form which can be downloaded from the Council website at: www.senecawaterways.org in the Forms section under Awards. Submit all nominations by February 1st to Christine Crittenden at chris.crittenden@scouting.org. Any questions, contact Christine at 585-241-8580.

NORTH STAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Due February 1, 2019

The North Star Award is a high-level award presented by councils on the behalf of the National Court of Honor for nonregistered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting; on same level as the Silver Beaver Award, which is for registered volunteers.

Who Can Earn This Award?

Presented to nonregistered Scouting supporters, may be presented at the council, area, region, and national levels.

Deadline for submission to the Council is February 1, 2019. The Council then submits the nomination to the National BSA for consideration. The award will be presented at the Council’s Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 6, 2019.

Nomination Form can be found in the Forms sections of the Council website at www.senecawaterways.org/forms.
**EAGLE MENTOR DINNER**

The Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner is focused on recognizing the current class, but this year we have a unique opportunity to present a local individual with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. This award recognizes individuals who have exhibited the values of an Eagle Scout for over 25 years and have reached the highest levels of their career field. We are exceptionally pleased to be able to present the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award to Dr. David Mumson, President of RIT.

**MATCHING GIFTS & Dollars for Doers**

Your voice could translate into dollars if your employer has a ‘Dollars for Doers’ or similar volunteer incentive program. Some employers in our area offer an employee grant to the agency of their choice if they can demonstrate they have volunteered a certain number of hours. That “hour a week” you spend at troop meetings and campouts can equal real monetary impact for Scouting.

Some other local and national businesses may match your gift to Friends of Scouting. Be sure to contact your human resources department for more information. Or call a member of the Seneca Waterways Council Development Team at (585) 241-8556.

**POP CORN UPDATE**

Top Selling Units

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Here is a list of our top selling units (as of November 12th):

**Free Summer Camp Winners**

Scouts and camping go together like peanut butter and jelly, like campfires and c’mones. This was evident as there were over 320 entries from more than 220 Scouts for the $600 Popcorn Club, which earned them a chance to win a free week of summer camp. Congratulations to all the Scouts who reached this milestone!

The $600 Club prize draws were conducted during our live Facebook weekly “Kernel Journal.” Check out the videos here: https://www.facebook.com/SenecaWaterwaysCouncilRIT.

Week #1: Justin M. — Lighthouse District  
Week #2: Nicholas M. — Towpath District  
Week #3: Michael B. — Mohawk District  
Week #4: Joseph C. — Black Creek District  
Week #5: Cole H. — Seneca District  
Week #6: Ryan M. — Towpath District

**SAVE THE DATE TO BLAST OFF!**

Scouts who completely filled at least one popcorn order form will celebrate their achievement at our Popcorn Blast Day! These industrious Scouts will launch hundreds of rockets on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation. Congratulations to all!

**CREW 444 IN AT&T TEEN TECH CHALLENGE**

Turning Point District is happy to welcome Crew 444! This Crew is Chartered to the YMCA of Greater Rochester, at their Carlton Metro Center Teen Group. The Crew is taking place in the AT&T Teen Tech Challenge which is a new multi-month STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education program developed in partnership with the Finger Lakes STEM Hub, Greater Rochester After School Alliance (GRASA). Our Crew is working with the Boys & Girls Clubs, and Girl Scouts, the project is designed to engage high school youth with a variety of STEM topics of their own choosing. Each team will announce a STEM-related project to challenge not only themselves, but the other two teams. During October, November and December the teams will research, design and prototype a solution for each of the three technology projects proposed — one recommended by each team. On December 11, the teams will share their innovative solutions to the challenges during a public presentation.

While each agency is including components of its own programming in the curriculum and covering a wide range of youth interest, all topics are focused on components of STEM. The three sites collectively will include learning on Simple Machines, Robotics, Electricity and Circuits, and will all include LEDs in their challenges.

AT&T’s contribution to fund the AT&T Teen Tech Challenge is part of the company’s legacy of supporting educational programs focused on STEM and computer coding disciplines in New York state through AT&T Aspire, the company’s corporate contribution of $400 million philanthropic initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue including funding, technology, employee volunteerism and mentoring. Aspire is one of the nation’s largest corporate commitments focused on school success and workforce readiness by creating new learning environments and educational delivery systems to help students succeed and prepare them to take on 21st century careers. AT&T has given more than $103 million to support STEM initiatives since 1987. Projects supported by AT&T contributions range from after-school programs and camps for students at risk of dropping out to hands-on technology labs and elite robotics competitions and mobile app challenges.

Thank you AT&T for your support and welcome Crew 444 our Turning Point After-School STEM Crew!

**VENTURING OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION**

Venturers and Advisors throughout the VOA’s area of operation.

VOAs provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership for their officers, just as the leaders and members of the VOA provide programming of interest to their constituents. A strong VOA has a positive correlation with strong crews. Program and training events offered by the VOA give Venturers the chance to meet other Venturers, build friendships and networks, learn from their experiences, and have fun!

The purpose of VOAs is not to hold meetings, but to provide fun and informative program opportunities for Venturers. In many ways, the VOA serves as a forum for planning and carrying out great program. The VOA officers and advisors know they have done their job well when they see their members succeeding and prepared for their respective career fields. Venturers’ Associations (VOA) provide opportunities for adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service (A-L-P-S). By doing so, they serve to model best practices in programming for local crews and to provide a program resource for new initiatives since 1987. Projects supported by AT&T contributions range from after-school programs and camps for students at risk of dropping out to hands-on technology labs and elite robotics competitions and mobile app challenges.

**NEW UNITS**

Welcome to our newest units.

August 2018 through November 2018

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If you know of any organizations interested in sponsoring a Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post, contact the District Executive in your area or the Council office at 585-244-4210.
CUB SCOUT ELECTIVE DAYS

Cub Scout Elective Days are opportunities for Cub Scouts and Cub Scout leaders interested in attending electives or adventures to arrive before, during, or separate from a camp. Cub Scout Elective Days are scheduled throughout the year at the Scout Service Center in Rochester.

01/12/19 Bear Electives – Be the Drum & Forensics
01/19/19 Bear Electives – Make It Move & Citter Care
02/02/19 Webelos/AOL Elective – Game Design/ Cyber Chip & Movie Making/ Looking forward Looking back
02/09/19 Wolf Elective – Code of the Wolf & Digging in the Past
02/16/19 Bear Elective – Roaring Laughter & Super Science

To register please visit: https://www.senecawaterways.org/cub-elective-swco

CAMPING KICK-OFF

With three amazing camps, numerous year round and summer camping opportunities and outstanding volunteers, there is a lot to cover at the Council Camping Kick-Off. Find out about year-round camping opportunities, details on our summer camps, work weekends, high adventure opportunities and more. There is a big year ahead for outdoor camping and we’d love to tell you about it. Plus you will have a chance to meet with our program leaders, Program Directors, key summer camp staff as well as other camp leadership.

BALOO

April 13, 2019

Balloo, Baloo, the bear...the Baloo Baloo...Baloo Baloo...Baloo Baloo...The Council Baloo Baloo is a fun, educational and useful training for adult leaders. It’s a “Classroom Style” training experience designed to make you, the adult leader, aware of the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping, as well as the great variety of winter camping equipment that’s available.

COUNCIL LEGACY UNIT AWARDS

Units that attend a Seneca Waterways Council camp, with at least three Scouts and leadership, will qualify for a Legacy Unit rebate on the summer of the third, fifth and seventh year of attendance. Tracking for the program began during the summer of 2017. A unit that attended a Seneca Waterways Council camp in 2017, 2018 and 2019 will receive a three year attendance rebate upon conclusion of the summer of 2019.

• Attend three years 3% rebate
• Attend five years 7% rebate
• Attend seven years 10% rebate

Units should pay the registration fees as normal. During the Baloo Baloo training, the camp leadership team will issue a rebate request for the total registration fees paid for Scouts and adult attending camp. NO badge supplies are not included in the rebate calculation but activity fees like ATV and Mountain Fox are included.

20TH CHALLENGE TROPHY CAMPREE

Journey of Faith

Urban 5 Mile Hike

The 2018 CTC saw Scouts from two countries and over 110 scouting units attend this great event. There were Crews, Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Troops and Cub Packs that all descended on Babcock-Hovey to participate in the 750 events that were offered. Over 24 events to choose from. And of course the patch trading. Who could forget the patches?

OKPIK

January 25 – 27 Massawepie Scout Camps

OKPIK, the Inuit word for snowy owl, is a “Classroom Style” training experience designed to make you, the adult leader, aware of the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping, as well as the great variety of winter camping equipment that’s available.

This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and ensure a safe and fun experience for all. You’ll learn from the area’s experts! You’ll have a great time finding out how to travel easily in the snow. You’ll see how to build a winter shelter. You’ll learn the proper techniques for winter camping. You’ll also learn about cold weather health concerns, proper food, clothing, how to make your own clothing and gear, and a lot more. You’ll have a great time, eat lots of great food, and get the chance to try your hand at a variety of outdoor winter activities.

OKPIK Provides:
• Limited amounts of snowshoes,
• Winter shelter (for overnight experience),
• supplemental Clothing,
• sleeping gear for added winterizing (preferably bring your own)
• An Advisor kit with handouts of suggested equipment lists and tips on preparing for your winter experiences

Great food
Expert instruction
Hands-on experience
The coveted OKPIK pocket patch!

SIGN UP NOW!

This is a Regional training course, so Scouts from all across the Northeast Region will be clotaming to attend. The cost is only $95, and includes lodging and food for the entire weekend. Attend OKPIK and experience a whole new world of outdoor fun for you and your Scouts! OKPIK is taught primarily in an indoor classroom environment. Although there is a three-hour Round Robin outdoor session on Saturday afternoon, the course will be an intensive, fact-filled weekend, covering the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping.

For more information, please visit: https://www.senecawaterways.org.okpik Or you can email okpik@senecawaterways.org

2019 Provo Trek Schedule

• Adirondack Camporee (Session #1) - Visit the various Outpost on Massawepie's 4000 acres. This is both a Canoeing & backpacking trip.
• Ebenezzer Emblems (Session #2) - Backpacking Trip over mountains that lead to Mt. Emmons, a remote peak in the Seward Range!
• Paul Smith Trek (Session #3) - Canoe trek through the St.Regis lakes region with amazing shoreide campsites and includes canoeing, backpacking, hiking, bushwhacking, and high peaks climbing all through the historic St.Regis area.
• Cranberry 50 (Session #5) - Hiking and canoeing through Cranberry Lake forest region. Come discover why so many return here every year.
• Oswegatchie River Trek (Session #6) - Beaver Dams, Waterfalls, and rapids can all be found along the Oswegatchie River. If you enjoy canoeing, then you should enjoy this trek.

For more information see www.senecawaterways.org/treks or contact treks@senecawaterways.org

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This is a Regional training course, so Scouts from all across the Northeast Region will be clotaming to attend. The cost is only $95, and includes lodging and food for the entire weekend. Attend OKPIK and experience a whole new world of outdoor fun for you and your Scouts! OKPIK is taught primarily in an indoor classroom environment. Although there is a three-hour Round Robin outdoor session on Saturday afternoon, the course will be an intensive, fact-filled weekend, covering the physiological and psychological aspects of winter camping.

For more information, please visit: https://www.senecawaterways.org.okpik Or you can email okpik@senecawaterways.org

Adirondack Treks

• Adirondack Camporee (Session #1) - Visit the various Outpost on Massawepie's 4000 acres. This is both a Canoeing & backpacking trip.
• Ebenezzer Emblems (Session #2) - Backpacking Trip over mountains that lead to Mt. Emmons, a remote peak in the Seward Range!
• Paul Smith Trek (Session #3) - Canoe trek through the St.Regis lakes region with amazing shoreide campsites and includes canoeing, backpacking, hiking, bushwhacking, and high peaks climbing all through the historic St.Regis area.
• Cranberry 50 (Session #5) - Hiking and canoeing through Cranberry Lake forest region. Come discover why so many return here every year.
• Oswegatchie River Trek (Session #6) - Beaver Dams, Waterfalls, and rapids can all be found along the Oswegatchie River. If you enjoy canoeing, then you should enjoy this trek.

For more information see www.senecawaterways.org/treks or contact treks@senecawaterways.org
Recreational Cub Scouting and Leaders

Recreational Cub Scouts and Leaders is vital to growing your pack. Not just in numbers but also in the quality and diversity of your programs. Increased recruiting is more challenging than ever before, and families have so many worthwhile activity options available to them in addition to Scouting. Learn useful recruiting ideas and techniques, and learn how to set up and execute successful recruiting events and discuss how to find potential leadership talent within your pack, and how best to approach potential volunteers.

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

What will your Cub Scouts be doing at Camp and Webelos Resident Camps? What do they need to participate? How to get more boys involved. Resident Camp is a great way to very quickly launch your summer program, and part of the Journey to Excellence. This course will give you the ins and outs of getting your Scouts involved.

Webelos to Boy Scout Transition

Find ways to expand the Cub Scout experience by introducing outdoor activities into your pack events. Get your Pack families out and about for some fun. Finding more Fun for all. Get ideas of things to do and places to go with your Cub Scouts.

Pack Planning

For cubmasters new and "seasoned"; use proven methods for efficient planning. Pack planning for fun. Finding more Fun for all.

Cub Scouts - A Roaring Success!

The National Capital Area Council is participating in an exciting national pilot program for kindergarten-ages boys - Lion Scouts! Come learn about the Lion program; the experiences packs have had this year in starting up Lion dens; how Lion dens help prepare boys in grades 6 through 12 for the adventure of Boy Scout troops; and how and why your pack should join the Lion pilot!

Den Meetings With Ease

Working with children doesn't always come naturally, especially when those children are excited, energetic boys that have spent all day in school sitting still. Come learn ideas for managing difficult behaviors within your den and capturing each Scout's attention to create fun, active learning. Learn tips, techniques, and about Fun Games for your Pack.

The Den Chief Role Model

The very best role model for Cub Scouts is a Den Chief. Learn why and how the Den Chief is a vital resource to the Den Leader. We will discuss Den Chief roles and responsibilities; the role of the Den Leader as a mentor to the Den Chief, the responsibility of the troop to work as a partner with the pack in selecting Scouts for Den Chief service, communication mistakes about Den Chief service, and the importance of communication and training to provide the best possible experience for the Den Chief and for the den and troop in general. This session will be taught by instructors from the Cub Scout College and Boy Scout College. This course covers what a Boy Scout College or Cub College credit toward University of Scouting degrees.

Blue and Gold Banquet

The Blue and Gold Banquet is one of the highlights of the year. Learn the steps to ensure that your banquet is successful, and get some ideas for themes, decorations, and venues.

You're a Cubmaster

You have accepted the job and completed the training. Now what? Learn some ideas on how to lead your Pack.

Cub Scout recruitment

Your Pack has only one chance to make a good first impression. Learn the steps required to have a successful School Night to Join Scouting. This is an IDEAL class for your unit's M&M Chairman.

The Webelos-to-Boy Scout Transition

The Cub Scout program is an adult-led, family—community—centered program for boys in grades 1 through 5. The Boy Scout program is a Scout—led, outdoor-centered program for boys in grades 6 through 12. The transition between these two programs is rarely seamless, as Arrow of Light Scouts graduating into Boy Scout troops often face difficulty adjusting to the outdoor camping experience, the expectation of boy leadership, and the self—discipline necessary to achieve advancement. This course will examine both the adult—led Webelos/Age of Light program and the boy—led Boy Scout program to provide ideas and recommendations to best prepare the graduating Scout and his parents, for the upcoming adventure of Boy Scouting.

Derbies, Regattas & Races

Learn how to run 'em up and how to score 'em! Space Derby, Pinewood Derby, Rain gutter Regattas are memorable events for all Cub Scouts. By land, by sea, or through space...Got Derbies?

The Pack Committees - Roles and Responsibilities

Many packs do not have or may not understand the importance of an active Pack committee to fully support the unit's Cub Scout program. We will delve into the duties of the committee and the roles committee members play in supporting the Cub Scout program.

Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts

From the very beginning, the Boy Scouts of America has pledged conservation and respect for the environment as an essential component of good citizenship. This course will cover outdoor ethics for Cub Scouts centered on the Outdoor Code; and their relationship to Scouting's goals. Front-line guidelines will be detailed for the conservation evangelist, outdoor manners, and minimizing campsite waste and trash.

Discover the Adventures in Cub Scouts

You'll learn about adventures like Tigers "On the Prowl", Wolves "Running with the Pack", Bears "Bear Necessities", and Webelos being "Bearin the Bush", and "Building a Better World" and more! Discover this dynamic new trail as traditional Scouting values combine with the spirit of new Webelos activities. Let's map the new Cub Scout adventure. If you are involved in Cub Scouting at a unit, district, or council level, join us to cover the changes and obtain information about the new adventure based Cub Scout program.

Meaningful Cubscout Ceremonies

Great ceremonies can create memories that will last for years and inspire Cub Scouts to pursue new challenges and achievements. We will address the importance of ceremonies in meeting Cub Scout goals. We will explore the elements of a great ceremony, the types of Cub Scout ceremonies that are available, and how to incorporate BSA virtues into dynamic ceremonies, those that become powerful incentives to Cub Scouts to continue the Scouting journey.

Addressing Scout Behavior in Den and Pack

Our goal in Cub Scouting is for our Scouts to grow in character, citizenship, and personal fitness. BSA's exciting new STEM awards, the NOVA and Supernova Awards, will also be covered.

Teaching Communication to Cubs and Scouts

The foundation of good behavior is good communication skills - this course will cover how you can teach them different techniques to enhance your TEACH and ENCOURAGE good communication skills in your Scouts.

Totally Awesome Campfire Program

Want to create that totally awesome campfire that your Cub Scouts will remember for the rest of their lives? Learn how to plan how to plan and execute a memorable campfire program that will thrill and entertain, and send them off to bed as the embers fade. For all Cub leaders.

Using Games for Skills Instruction and Teamwork

Indoor, outdoor, fast, slow, physical and mental...let the games begin! Learn team-building games and put them in practice. Introduce your Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop to fun games designed to teach, too!

It's Knot Just for Boy Scouts

Don't know your bowline from a sheet bend? Well "show you the ropes" so you can teach your Scouts how to tie the square knot, double bowline, taut line hitch, clove hitch, bend and sheet bend. Also learn how to whip a rope without getting hurt!

Our Fabulous Flag

Learn the essentials for organizing flag ceremonies and how to practice and teach these with your Scouts. This course covers indoor and outdoor flag ceremonies, flag retirement, etiquette, and appropriate ways to display, handle, and fold the flag — and MORE!

Scouting with Special Needs Cub Scouts

Serving scouts with special needs can be a challenge, but, the rewards far outweigh the struggles. Discussion of BSA policy and procedures regarding Scouts with special needs and how to properly adapt badges & advancement. Discover resources available to leaders, and the roles of key people within the district.

BSA Archery Range Safety Officer Certification

Course is required to be a qualified/trained BSA archery range safety officer or Cub Scout Leader. Open to Cub Scout Leaders (18 yrs. and over) by 3/8/15. Participants must pass part in this archery supervisor training program conducted by Seneca Waterways Council to satisfy safety officer requirements for "a live" trained Certified Archery Trainer by USA Archery and the National Field Archery Association. Participants must renew every two years and be issued a Training Course Pocket Certificate, No. 31767. Instructors will use the training syllabus in the new Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual for Archery.

Dutch Oven and Other Cooking Methods

For cub scouts and boy scout leaders and youth. This is the class for YOU! Come learn the basics of Dutch Oven cooking, along with other cooking methods. See first hand how it's done, and get a taste of that yummy goodness! You'll be hooked.

Showmanship and Pizzazz

Cub Scout leaders soon realize that holding Cub Scouts' attention long enough to excite them about the adventure of Cub Scouting requires more than simply offering them something in which to take part. The program — be it a song or skit, award presentation, or activity — must be creative, exciting and engaging to win them over, and must become showman. This course will cover the nature of adult leader showmanship and why showmanship is important in delivering a program that will make a difference to our Scouts, enticing them to further participation, instilling Scouting virtues, and creating lifelong legacies.

This is Catholic Scouting

Come and learn about the different awards and activities available to Catholic youth, Catholic adults, and Catholic units. Bring your questions and your interest!

Duty to God: A Challenge for Your Unit

Need help bringing Duty to God to your units? This course looks at the principle of Duty to God, the place of Christian Scouting in a child's faith development, and about, having Fun, Fun, and more Fun. Get ideas of things to do outdoor activities into your pack events. Get your Pack families out and about for some fun. Finding more Fun for all.
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What the Great Leaders Don't Learn in Training:

Be more than a leader who only takes training and goes through the motions! Training is essential for every Scout Leader, but there is much more to being a great leader than simply completing training. Experience really is the best teacher. This course will cover what experience beyond training tells us are the vital considerations to being a great Scout Leader, from organization and planning, to working with parents and other leaders, to understanding and connecting with the Scouts in your charge, to embracing the program and investing your whole heart in it.

GENERAL: TECH

Using Technology in Unit Communication and messaging

Effective communication among all unit leaders, parents, scouts and the community is vital to the realization of a fun and exciting scouting program. This class explores technologies and social media that can help: what is available and how can we use it?

Keep Those Leaders Motivated

A unit (Pack and Troop) is only as strong as its leaders. Discover effective strategies for motivating your leaders through an in-depth discussion of the factors which engage, inspire, and positively challenge them. Learn about recognition awards for acknowledging their contributions to the unit.

GENERAL: TECH

The In's and Out's of Tentaroo

This class looks at the BSA's Scoutbook as a technology tool for managing your unit.

Overview of the Guide to Safe Scouting

Learn about this important booklet, and learn to keep your Scouts safe. What is allowed, and what is not allowed, by the BSA? If you've never heard of the Guide before, you should know all about it!

Cooking ABC's

Learn the basics of cooking. Do you know how to boil water? What's the difference between sauce and stew and meat? Why should I use the knife with the teeth to cut tomatoes and bread? Come get all of your basic cooking knowledge in one easy hour. For Scouts and Leaders alike.

Ingredients: Popcorn: Popping Around Best Practices

Popcorn has been the premier council-sponsored fundraiser offered to units for decades. Over this time, many simple and effective concepts for an successful sale have been developed by countless units. This course will share these best practices and explain the support network offered to units during the sale. This course will be taught by District/Council-Level Popcorn Kernels and open to all, especially unit Popcorn Kernel Committees, Committee Chairs, and Unit Leaders.

Your Unit's Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

Friends of Scouting is the annual direct giving effort to support Scouting at the council level, paying to subsidize camp, produce recruiting materials, offer free training, and technological supports for all units and volunteers in Seneca Waterways. This course will teach your unit how to run an effective Friends of Scouting campaign (lasting no more than a month) so that your unit can best fund Seneca Waterway’s efforts to support you! This course will be taught by District/Council-Level Friends of Scouting Chairs and Scouting professionals and open to all, especially unit Friends of Scouting workers, District Friends of Scouting presenters/workers, Committee Chairs, and Unit Leaders.

Putting the FUN in Fundraising! Unit Finance Procedures and Budgeting

This course will teach your unit how to best manage finances through effective budgeting and fundraising so that your unit can afford the best possible program for your youth. This course will be taught by unit volunteers and Scouting professionals and open to all, especially unit treasurers, committee chairs, and fundraising chairs.

BSA's American Sign Language Adventures

Learn BSA's American Sign Language version for the Scout Oath and Scout Law not found on the internet; yet are in Cub Scout Adventure handbooks! Perfect for Pack adults & Troop and Crew adults or youth.

BOY SCOUTS

Successful Troop Program Planning

The Annual Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is the most important planning session your unit has! Learn how to encourage your youth to incorporate Fun, Safety, Outdoor Adventure, Advancement in your Annual Unit Plan.

Chemical Fuel

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Meaningful Scoutmaster Conferences

What is involved in SM Conferences and how to make them meaningful to you and your scouts. Learn about the importance of the SM conference in providing a great program to your boys, and how it relates to advancement.

Den Chief Training

This course provides training for Den Chiefs. The youth will learn the skills required to assist the Den Leader in running a Cub Scout Den. It is a BSA national training course, required for all Youth Leaders who aspire to be Den Chiefs!

Conducting the Unit Board of Review

Participants will learn about the purpose of the Unit Board of Review, how it is used to further the Boy Scout program, and be given useful tips and ideas for making their boards a meaningful experience.

Completing the Life-to-Eagle Trail

They've made it to Life by overcoming many challenges. The trail to Eagle's final steps can intimidate Scouts, parents and leaders. Attend this session to get your arms around the requirements, the process, and the resources available to make this important step a success!

Help your scouts plan a successful Court of Honor

A "how to" on the importance of the Court of Honor and recognizing each Scout's accomplishments. Make them memorable & meaningful. Learn about planning, program, and delegating responsibilities

The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling

Learn how Merit Badges fit into the advancement program, steps and information about becoming a Merit Badge Counselor. BSA procedures to follow, and the nuts & bolts of working with Scouts to complete requirements for merit badges in a safe, smart way.

Living the Patrol Method

"The Patrol Method isn't just a way to run a Scout Troop. It's the ONLY way!!!" Explore how the Patrol Method is supposed to work, and how Youth Leaders are the key to a successful Troop. Experience the patrol method through the eyes of a 13 year old. This course examines how youth visualize the patrol method and the adult's role in its success.

Winter Camping Basics

Awesome from bike trips to the high peaks, this class will discuss some great ideas for outings and treks in our area that you can suggest to your scouts.

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**Commissioner’s Corner**

What is a Commissioner you ask? A Commissioner is a mentor to a unit that can help guide unit leadership into making the Boy Scouts of America among the best youth serving organizations worldwide. Commissioners help units plan programming, implement strategies, and utilize resources available to them in hopes of strengthening the unit. Above all else, a commissioner is a friend who helps units in good times and in bad.

In Bay Waters District, we have over 15 Commissioners delivering service to over fifty units in the communities of Irondequoit, Webster, and Penfield. Currently, we are looking to invite adults to join the group of commissioners. To be a commissioner, one must have a desire to help advance the mission of Scouting and have good communication skills. A long-time membership in Scouting is not necessary! Commissioners come from all backgrounds from moms or dads of Eagle Scouts to instrumental community members.

Bay Waters District will be hosting an open house for all interested adults to join the commissioners group on January 3rd 2019 at Webster Thomas High School at 6:30 PM. If you, or someone you know, fits the description or is wanting to learn more about being a commissioner, please invite them to attend. For more information, please contact Bob Monigle at ronigle17@yahoo.com.

**Klondike 2019!**

The weekend of January 25th and 26th 2019 will be the annual Klondike Derby. It will be happening once again at Mendon Ponds Park in Mendon, NY. This is a great opportunity for all of our Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Cub Pack Scouts to come together and take part in skill building activities and various event stations around the park! The activities can be completed in any order and will focus on a wide range of Scout skills from First Aid to Tomahawks.

Registration for the event is now open! The Klondike Derby will feature an optional overnight camping opportunity for Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews, however all activity events will take place on Saturday to 26th. The cost for the event is only $10 per Scout and will go towards offsetting the cost of program materials, patches, and facility rentals. Youth can participate either as a whole troop, patrol, or individually. If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Nicholas Newsom at Nicholas.newsom@scouting.org.

**Klondike 2019!**

The Bay Waters District is currently preparing across the district and adding new programs for youth of all ages. We currently have several openings on the District Committee. Please come and meet existing Girl units known as Scout BSA Units. In these units, Girls can advance along the Scouting trail to Eagle and learn leadership and outdoors skills along the way. More information about all of the opportunities to join the Scouting Program can be found at Beascout.org.

**District Klondike Derby**

Our District Klondike Derby will be the weekend of January 18-20th. This event will be at Mendon Ponds. The events will include some golden oldies, as well as some new events. There will be a Snow Snake event. What’s a Snow Snake you ask, it is a very old game played by the local Native Americans. Google it, and see what you can come up with. See you there.

**Spring Camporee**

I know it’s a bit early, but we wanted all the units to save the first weekend in May for the District Spring Camporee. This year’s Spring Camporee will be hosted by Troop 178. More details will be out soon.

**Klondike 2019!**

The Bay Waters District Klondike Derby is a prestigious race featuring the fastest Pinewood Derby cars from across the area. This year, the event will be hosted by Pack 203 in Irondequoit. This race will take place in April and will determine the District Champion. To race in this race, a Pinewood Derby car must meet all specifications of height, width, and weight. The cost to race in this event is $8 and will offset the cost of materials, trophies, and awards. For more information regarding the Pinewood Derby, please contact Nicholas Newsom at Nicholas.newsom@scouting.org.

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**District Executives Moment**

Another year has come and gone. Black Creek is again the best District in the Council. Without all the hard work from our volunteers it wouldn’t be possible. 2019 is headed to be another banner for the District. I would ask everyone to stay the course and continue to be the best District in the Council. Thank you for all your hard work.

**District Support**

Black Creek District wants you! We are continually looking for volunteers at the district level. We can always use a couple of helping hands. We are currently looking for several Unit Commissioners, to help us keep our units healthy. We also have several openings on the District Committee. If you’d like to be a part of the driving force that makes our district so great, contact either Kathy Elliott or Mike Knittel for more information.

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**Pinewood Derby**

Our District Pinewood Derby will again be in April this year. This annual event is always a great time. The District Derby serves as the precursor to the Council Pinewood Derby, planned for May. Date and time TBD. Did you know there’s a separate class in these events for Boy Scouts?

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**Strong Scout Shop Presents**

**The Pinewood Derby Chomp Camp**

January 12, 2019, 10am – 2pm

Come get your Pinewood Derby car ready for the big race! Race it down a test track, weigh it to make sure it is under 5 oz., and ask all the questions you would like! We will have a volunteer available to explain best practices of cutting a car and how to use our tools (car cutting and shaping will not be available at the event, but lots of advice will be!) and a practice track to see how well your car does! We will also have all of your PWD Accessories like decals and paints, plus plates, napkins and decorations for the event! Lots of new accessories for all!
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Serving the towns of Brockport, Greece, Canandaigua, Honeoye and Naples.

Hello Genesee Crossroads Leaders!

Welcome to the fall! By now, we're Packs and Troops are welcoming new families to Scouting! Thank you to the many District Volunteers and Unit Leaders who have helped recruit. We're working to start a couple new units in the Genesee Crossroads District to serve more families, and some specialized programs.

2019 – FOS

We will be working to collect 2019 FOS dates, please let us know if the Scouting Story to your families in the first part of the year! Units that qualify for the platinum unit incentive will benefit from having your FOS presentation early in the year!

Klondike Derby

The 2019 Klondike Derby is being planned, and will be January 25-27th. More info to come!

Don’t forget to join us at Roundtable, first Thursday of each month! Our Next Roundtable is January 3, 2019!

As always if you have any questions, please reach out to Stuart Schnettler at 585-241-8560. Thanks!

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Happy Holidays!

I wish everyone happy and safe holidays! Thank you for all your hard work and what you do to provide an amazing Scouting program to the youth in our District.

Spring Recruitment

What is your Spring Recruitment plan?

If you do not have one, make sure and put one together over the holiday break. This is the best time to take a few moments and plan a strong Spring Recruitment. Spring Recruitment is the best time to get a jumpstart on your dens for the Fall.

Klondike and Cub Fall Fest

Just because there is snow on the ground does not mean you need to be inside all day! There is much fun to be had at the Mohawk District Klondike (Troops/Crews) and Polar Panic (Packs) on Saturday, January 26th at Keuka State Park! Stay tuned for program updates and changes!

Volunteer Recognition

2018 is not over yet but we already know of some very special volunteers that deserve recognition! Start thinking of those who have made a huge difference in the Scouting program for your children. The specific awards and criteria will be going out to the key leadership of each unit but it does not hurt to nominate someone! Nomination forms will also be on the event page on the website towards the end of December. We are also in need of a volunteer or two that enjoys planning events to help organize the District Volunteer Recognition event. If you are interested, please contact Ben Burke.

District Pinewood Derby

Saturday, March 23 is the expected date of the 2019 Mohawk District Pinewood Derby. The top winners in each den compete against other Cubs in the area and can earn a trophy for placing top 3! Top winners from this event also qualify for the Seneca Waterways Council Derby. More details to come!

Volunteers Needed

The Mohawk District is always looking for those who are willing to help Scouting at a more big picture level. If you enjoy planning, helping others, activities, or fundraising, consider joining the District Committee or Commissioner group! The more the merrier so we will welcome any dedicated individuals with open arms! If interested, contact Ben Burke for more information.

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Thank you, Noel, for all of your leadership, guidance and support! We will miss you!

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**2019 Towpath Merit Badge University**

The Towpath District Merit Badge University will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Rochester Institute of Technology sponsored by the RIT Xi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Scouts are invited to sign up for Merit Badge Classes for the day and learn from experts in their fields.

Please check the website for dates as to when registration begins. The fee for our 2019 MBU is $13 per scout. This includes the cost for the merit badge session(s), lunch, and a commemorative patch. Some merit badges may have an additional fee for materials. If so, the fee will be listed with the merit badge.

Registration for Towpath MBU will be run through www.meritbadgeinfo.com. Registration for MBU is on a troop basis only – NOT on an individual basis. Please contact your scoutmaster or your troop’s advancement person to sign up your scout. Individual Scouts wishing to attend, please contact us at TowpathMBU@gmail.com.

For a full list of merit badges and prerequisites visit our website at www.TowpathMBU.Scoutlander.com. You never know which merit badge will spark a lifelong hobby or career!

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**New Post Partners**

Exploring West will have welcomed new posts into the mix this fall. In order to provide aviation experiences to the community, Post 1200-Airport Operation at the Rochester International Airport had a great turnout to start the post. In addition, the Society of Women Engineers-Post 793 is back after taking a year off providing young women career experiences in engineering careers. Lastly, there are plans in place for other great possibilities so please check our website at www.swcexploring.org for updates. If you have a connection or an idea for a potential post for students age 14-20 or older for volunteers to help with continued growth, please don’t hesitate to volunteer!

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**PIESON GAMES**

The 4th Annual Daryl Pierson Memorial Police Explorer Games were held on Saturday, October 13 at the Public Safety Training Facility. Congratulations to the Brockport PD Explorers who won for the first time. It was a great event where Law Enforcement Exploring Posts came together and competed in various events to earn bragging rights for the year and a beautiful trophy to display at their respective headquarters.

The games were held in honor of former Explorer and Rochester Police Officer Daryl Pierson who tragically lost his life in the line of duty. It was a wonderful day of celebration filled with competition and camaraderie.

Special thanks to Post Advisors for assisting to make the event a success. An even greater thanks to parent volunteer Colleen Donlin-Smith whose leadership and tireless effort made these games a success.

Next year we look forward to the 5th Annual Games as we move the games to the spring and end the school year in true celebratory fashion.

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**Are you online?**

Social media is becoming the best way to spread the word about all the great things going on in our district, and more importantly, your pack, troop or crew. I encourage every unit to get the word out about all the great things they are doing. We will be promoting our district events, training and other important items on our Towpath Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Towpath.District.BSA.SWC/ as well as our district page on the Council website.

**Towpath Roundtable**

What are you doing the first Thursday of each month? C’mon out and join us at Roundtable. Roundtables are a monthly gathering of pack, troop, crew, and district leaders. You get the latest information on district and council events, training opportunities, BSA policies and learn about great available resources. Roundtable is an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship with other Scout Leaders. Because of the roundtable experience, you will be inspired, motivated, and able to provide a stronger program for your Scouts.

Any leader who hold any position within their units is invited to attend each month. Come and share your knowledge, skills and resources for the benefit of all your leaders and youth in the Towpath District.

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**SCOUTING NEWS**

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**January 2019**

3 District Roundtable
31 Commissioner’s Meeting
31 District Committee

**February 2019**

7 District Roundtable
9 Towpath Merit Badge University
28 District Commissioners Mtg
28 District Committee

**Roundtable meetings – Patron Presbyterian Church, 6311 Pittsford Palmyra Rd. in Fairport. District Committee meetings – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 45 Permi St, in Fairport.**

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**For updated information on all Exploring events, visit www.swcexploring.org and click on Events.**

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**Cluster Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for cluster volunteers to help communicate within the District.

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**New Units**

Exploring East has been in growth mode this year and hopes to keep it that way. New post that were started were Bach To Rock and Rochester Regional Health. Both Post offer new programming that were well attended, and we look forward to continuing with them.

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**First Responder Camp**

**July 28-Aug 2, 2019**

First Responder Camp is set for July 28 - August 2 at Camp Babcock Hovey. Registration opens January 1st. We are also looking for volunteers to help at First Responder Camp in a “Scout Master” way for in-site operations.
It takes a village, and some dollars too to make a strong and vibrant Scouting program possible for families in the Seneca Waterways Council. Over the next few months, thousands of people will be reaching out to our families and the broader community to make investments in our programs through Friends of Scouting (FOS).

Our annual fund, aka FOS, accounts for nearly 13% of the direct support we need to raise to keep the Council running. It is thanks to generous gifts to Friends of Scouting that we are able to keep summer camp fees affordable, provide additional scholarships and assistance for families who cannot afford Scouting, support and train nearly 4,000 adult volunteers, and expand our age-appropriate development initiatives including social and practical life skills and STEM-based learning.

The Seneca Waterways Council invests over $196 per Scout in programs and services to our nearly 13,000 members. No one is left out on the generosity of the community -- largely through Friends of Scouting -- to fund our mission of instilling values and building character in young people. A Scout is thrifty, and our contributors feel good knowing that over 82 cents of every dollar raised are returned in the form of programs and services.

When a volunteer visits your unit and asks for your pledge, please give until it feels good, knowing that every dollar you contribute is 100% tax deductible, invested locally and is very much appreciated by all the families we are able to serve through Scouting.

Join us as a FOS member, or consider a recurring monthly pledge on your credit card rather than paying all at once, and we will make these gifts as members of our Summit Circle.

For more information on the impact of your support or to make a secure, online gift, visit www.senecawaterways.org/give.

For additional ways that you or the company you work for can support Scouting, call 585-244-4210.

Working as patrol leaders, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain their First-aid training committee chairs. Please contact council representative Jeff Kesler at jkesler@weathervsb.com.

This training does not have an expiration date; participants are encouraged to practice with their patrols and leaders as they complete the training. This is recommended for all registered Boy Scout leaders, second-year Webelos leaders, and troop and committee members, as well as program and training committee chairs. Please remember that this course is required for all leaders in order to register for either Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. The next IOLS-B course is February 2nd at the Scout Service Center in Rochester. Register at www.senecawaterways.org/IOLS/.

The purpose of the Trainer’s EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. Only practice can polish these skills, but this course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. Only practice makes for a more knowledgeable presenter. A good trainer imparts knowledge and skills together in a team-based approach.

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Trainer’s EDGE is for adult Scouts who are interested in being part of our Council and District training teams.

Council Training Teams’ Courses include: University of Scouting, IOLS, and BALOO. District Training Teams’ Days of training will cover any Unit Position specific training, Scountmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Committee positions, and Charter Organizational representative. If you are on NVTI or Woodbadge staff, you are required to take this training. However, any adult leader (Cub Scouts, Scouts-

Scouting University (continued from front page)

See pages 6 and 7 for a full description of all the courses offered.

Most BSA basic leader training courses will be offered throughout the day for those curious souls wanting to learn about individual BSA programs or develop confidence in their leadership skills and/or begin the journey of joining the adult leadership ranks to help in their units and/or Scouting.

Online Registration Concerns: If you can't find your solution in the 'Registration Help' in the side bar above, please feel free to email us at Scoutingevent.com; phone: (585) 261-9020). Craig Kaplan (email: ckaplan0951@gmail. com; phone: (585) 261-9020).

For more information and to register, please visit: https://scoutingevent.com/397-uofs

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: SAVE THE DATE! 23rd Annual Scout Sleepover at Frontier Field

For additional information, contact Kevin Lile (585) 454-1001 ext. 3046 or email KLute@RedWingsBaseball.com

Saturday - June 15, 2019 - 7:05pm

Rochester Red Wings vs. Charlotte Knights (White Sox)

More details to follow!

Seneca Waterways Council (Seneca Waterways Council is a proud member of the United Ways of Greater Rochester, Wayne County, Ontario County, Seneca County, Northern Yates County, and the Dundee Area United Fund. www.senecawaterways.org

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