MAY THE 'FORCE' BE WITH YOU AS YOU FUND YOUR ADVENTURE

The annual Popcorn – and now Nuts – sale has officially begun and we’re off to an incredible start. By the time you’re reading this, over $575,000 of popcorn and nuts have been distributed and into the hands of our Scouts to make a great start to our annual fall product sale. Scouts are stationing themselves outside store fronts and walking through their neighbors inviting the community to invest in our programs with the purchase of tasty products.

We teach our Scouts the value of earning their own way in the program and participating in the fall product sale is a great way to do that. Scouts also have the chance to advance in rank with more than 35 different requirements they can complete. But let’s face it, many of our Scouts are also in it for the prizes and based on your feedback, we have made some fun, key changes for 2019.

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- Addition of an incredible White Cheddar popcorn to CAMP MASTERS (trust us, it’s that good)
- Free shipping for all online orders at Whitey's
- Changing Top Sellers recognition from district to rank

In addition to this exclusive incentive, there are dozens of prizes available for Scouts to win, including deluxe camping packages, free week of summer camp, virtual reality experiences, and more.

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The new campaign this year will focus on the theme “Scouting Inspires...” with a focus on all the things Scouting inspires in young people; Creativity, Pride, Adventure, Trust, and much more.

Campaign materials feature consistent messaging and imagery developed around the “Scouting Inspires” concept. It will be targeted to parents of Cub Scout-aged youth and show boys and girls doing a variety of activities their son or daughter would likely enjoy. While the campaign will drive them to www.senecawaterways.org/welcome to locate joining events in their neighborhood, its primary focus is generating awareness about Scouting to increase the effectiveness of each pack’s recruitment campaign. Your pack can get the greatest lift by personally inviting new families to join through the following methods:

- School Boy Talk (where available)
- Bring a buddy cards (shown at left)
- Personal letter (or email) of invitation
- Direct invitations through social media
- Parent Advocate Cards

All of these resources are available through the district and council. Contact your District Executive for more information.

2019 Fall Recruitment Campaign

Our T-shirt recruitment incentive was very popular last year, so for 2019, Every NEW CUB SCOUT who registers in the month of September will receive a special Seneca Waterways Cub Scout T-shirt. Our supply of sizes will be limited, so planning ahead for your recruitment nights will be important. Because of the limited supply, the shirts must only be given to youth who turn-in applications and registration fees. If shirts are left over at the end of the campaign, they will be made available for purchase through the council.
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For a more detailed list of all events, including districts, please visit our online calendar at www.senecawaterways.org/ calendar for current information and event details. For more information or to participate in any of these events, contact your (1) Scout Leader, (2) Unit Commissioner, (3) District Committee Member, or (4) District Executives.

September 2019
20-21 Fall Camporee 20-21
21 Canandaigua Charity Shoot 21
21 Cub Scout Electives Day @ Camp Cutler 21
27-29 Fall OA Induction Weekend 27-29

October 2019
5-6 Webelosoree 5-6
5-6 Wilderness First Aid 5-6
5-6 Baloo 5-6
11-13 Adopt-a-Park Fellowship Weekend 11-13
11-13 Haunted Cubs in Camp 11-13
11-14 Massawepie Outdoor Challenge: Peak Weekend 11-14
12 Wilderness First Aid 12
14 Columbus Day - Scout Service Center Closed 14
18-19 Falls Skills Work Weekend @ Massawepie 18-19
18 IOLS Part B 18
19-28 Cub Fall Fest 19-28
21 Show & Sell Product Sale Returns DUE 21
25-27 Challenge Trophy Camporee 25-27
25-29 Fall Engineers Work Weekend @ Camp Cutler 25-29
29 Take Orders DUE. Prize Orders DUE 29

November 2019
2 Fall Raccoon Day @ Camp Babcock-Hovey 2
2-3 Baloo 2-3
6 Show & Sell Product Sale Payments DUE 6
21 Cub Scout Electives Day @ Camp Cutler 21
24-26 OKPIK 24-26
29 Thanksgiving Day - Scout Service Center Closed 29

December 2019
1 New Year's Day - Scout Service Center Closed 1
4 Friends of Scouting 2020 Kickoff 4
6 Take Order Product Sale Payments DUE 6
7 District Recharter Day 7
12 Holiday Sale Distribution. Final Product Sale Payments DUE 12
24 Christmas Eve - Scout Service Center Closed 24
25 Christmas Day - Scout Service Center Closed 25

January 2020
1 New Year's Day - Scout Service Center Closed 1
14 Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner 14
17-20 Massawepie Arctic Challenge 17-20
20 Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Service Center Closed 20
26 Camp Kickoff 26

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.

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Stay connected with us on Social Media.
EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS OF THE MONTH

April 2019
Zachary Farnam
Troop 105 - Mendon

Zachary’s project was the design and fabrication of a “Little Free Library” in the Hamlet of Mendon for the Mendon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. The structure is encircled with pavers forming a patio area.

The project included the efforts of about two dozen volunteers and over 300 hours of volunteer time.

May 2019
Noah Carlson
Troop 10 - Honeoye Falls

Noah’s project included the renovation and improvements on Mendon Ponds Devil’s Bathtub trail. The existing platform was repaired and benches added; two sections of boardwalk, a bench and replacement of a stairs section on the trail. Some materials used in the repairs were re-purposed from a damaged play set.

The project included the efforts of about 20 volunteers and over 500 hours of volunteer time.

June 2019
Nicholas Hamby
Troop 262 - Webster

Nicholas’s project was the trail improvement within Four Mile Creek Preserve for the Friends of Webster Trails. The improvements included two portions of new boardwalks totaling 130’, a bench and table as well as cleaning up and widening the associated trails.

The project included the efforts of about 40 volunteers and over 300 hours of volunteer time.

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) scholarships application DEADLINE IS OCT. 31, 2019. NESA will award nearly $700,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scouts based on their academic performance, Scouting background, college plans and financial need. Scholarship notifications will be mailed by July 15, 2019, and money will be disbursed to those deserving Eagle Scouts in fall 2019.

All NESA scholarship applications must be submitted online. Paper copies from previous years are out of date and will not be accepted. These scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies, because the United States government pays all expenses covered by NESA scholarships are already paid by the United States government.

NESA scholarships are available to NESA members only. All applicants must be members of NESA or apply for a NESA membership by October 31, 2019 to be eligible for an award. You may access the NESA scholarship applications here: https://nesa.academicworks.com/

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES: academic scholarships, merit scholarships, and NESA world explorer.

Academic Scholarship Requirements

NESA academic scholarships are based on school and Scouting participation, academic performance, and financial need. Academic scholarships include a range of scholarships, up to four $25,000 scholarships (payable at $6,250 per year for four years) one $48,000 scholarship (payable at up to $12,000 per year for four years) and a $50,000 STEM scholarship for an Eagle Scout planning to major in a science, technology, engineering, or math field.

All academic scholarship applicants must have a minimum 1290 SAT or 28 ACT score to apply. Must apply during senior year of high school. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review were held after October 31 of their senior year may apply during the next scholarship cycle in the following year - even though they may be in college by this time. Winners may receive an academic scholarship one time only.

Cooke scholarships ($2,500 - $48,000)

Awarded based on school and Scouting participation, academic performance, and financial need. Applicants must meet the minimum SAT or ACT score to apply.

NESA STEM scholarship ($50,000)

Awarded to one applicant annually who has chosen to pursue a career in a STEM-related field. Applicants for the STEM scholarship who are not selected will automatically be considered for a Cooke scholarship.

Merit Scholarship Requirements

Applicants may apply multiple times (except for the Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year) beginning as a graduating high school senior through junior year of college or with one year remaining at a vocational school.

Winners may receive a merit scholarship one time only.

Merit scholars weigh academic performance, school and Scouting participation, and community service. Recipients are notified by email by July 15th.

• Hall McElwain scholarships ($5,000)
• Robert and Rebecca Palmer scholarships ($2,500)
• Bailey merit scholarships (up to $3,000)
• Michael S. Malone/Windrush Publishing Journalism scholarship ($2,500)

Many more scholarships exist through religious organizations, civic/military groups, and ones that are institution specific. For more information on the broad range of scholarships available for Eagle Scouts visit http://www.nesa.org to find Scholarships in the “For Eagle Scouting” section.

NESA World Explorer

The National Eagle Scout Association’s World Explorers Program pairs stellar Eagle Scouts with world-class researchers at sites around the globe (Amazon, Galapagos, Mammoth Cave, NASA, and more) for a long-term community involvement, and passion for respective field study experience.

The awards vary by opportunity, but cover majority of costs such as travel, lodging, and registration for select NESA World Explorer field research trips which are conducted around the globe over the course of 1 – 2 weeks.

Winners may receive a field study scholarship one time only. Applicants may apply multiple times for multiple opportunities from 18 years old to 35 years of age in each scholarship window.

NESA World Explorer scholarship recipients are announced to all applicants by email by March 15th.

LOUIS & SALLY LANGIE EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

The Louis and Sally Langie Eagle Scout Scholarship is awarded annually by the Council level to an Eagle Scout planning to attend a four-year college or university. The scholarship provides financial aid to help cover the costs of higher education and enable an Eagle Scout to achieve his career aspirations. This is a scholarship grant of $20,000.00 over four years.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any Eagle Scout who earned his Award in the preceding 12 months, and meets the qualifications noted below. Applicants may have earned their Award at any time prior to their request. It is not limited to Scouts earning the Award in their senior year, but you must be a graduating senior to apply.

Application forms are available online under Resources and then in the Forms section of the Council’s website at www.senecawaterways.org. Applications must be submitted by the May 1, 2020.

Mail the application to: Seneca Waterways Council, 1220 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, NY 14623. The application becomes the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The selection committee will notify applicants of their decision between July and August.

For more information, contact the council office at 585-244-4210.
LEAVE SCOUTING IN YOUR WILL

You believe in Scouting and you’ve seen the benefit that Scouting has had on your family and friends. In Scouting we teach our youth the importance of leaving the campsite better than they found it, and a planned gift to the Seneca Waterways Council is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends or Seneca Waterways Council as part of your estate plan. With a few simple sentences, you can make a lasting impact for generations of Scouts.

HONOR COURTNEY

Thousands of feet, including hundreds of new Scous this fall, will cross our Honor Courtyard on their way into the Strong Scout Shop to buy their uniforms and Scout gear this fall. Our Honor Courtyard recognizes loved ones, honors recent or past Eagle Scouts, is a great way to memorialize a deceased Scout, celebrate an anniversary or simply and permanently show support for Scouting by engraving their names on a brick.

Join us on Saturday September 21st for the 12th annual Scouting Clays Charity Shoot, an exciting clays competition and fundraiser to support scouting education programs at our Council camps. The Canandaigua Sportsmen’s Club will once again host this special event, which is open to all skill levels and anyone over 12 years of age.

The day will feature a delicious BBQ lunch, clays presentation on a 15-station range, auction, raffle prizes and more. The event is affordably priced at $60 per individual, or $250 for a 4-person team. Gather up parents, friends and/or coworkers to form a team, and enjoy a beautiful morning to start the fall season, while supporting Scouting in your local community.

Register online, as a team or individual shooter, at www.senecawaterways.org/sportingdayse before September 16th. For more information, or to pre-register, contact Tony Vogl at anthony.vogl@scouting.org or 585-241-8556.

21 STORIES FOR SCOUTS

Rochester’s most unique and thrilling event returns to the façade of Kodak Tower on Friday, May 29, 2020! Join over 100 other brave volunteers in making the descent from the 19th floor balcony and $1,000 each for Scouting as part of our annual 21 Stories for Scouts event. In its 11th year, this event aims to blow all records out of the water with the return of our friend and champion “Little Joe Aiello” who has personally set a goal of raising $100,000.

Fundamentally, the event works like a walk-a-thon where volunteers set up a page on our site and email friends, family and workers for donations. Once they meet or exceed the $1,000 fundraising goal they can pick their time to rappel. We also have special packages available for parents and kids, Scoutmaster/Scout. The 2020 website www.21storiesforscouts.org goes live on October 1. Additional corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Tony Vogl at 241-8556 or tony.vogl@scouting.org for more information on how you can participate.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING KICKOFF

You did it! Thanks to the generosity of our entire Seneca Waterways community, our Friends of Scouting campaign has raised over $365,000 through 6/30th. This total, which is 13% ahead of last year at this time, is even more impressive given our slight decline in traditional membership. To all our individual donors, who on average gave more this year than we extended our sincere appreciation for your continuing support. You are helping ensure the gift of Scouting continues for generations to come and you’re investing back into the local community.

Platinum Units

A record total of 55 units earned Platinum Unit recognition, for achieving a successful 2019 Friends of Scouting campaign in support of the programs and services of the Seneca Waterways Council. Platinum Unit status is achieved when units raise a proportionate amount of gifts from their registered families, leadership and alumni.

Each of these units are entitled to FREE cloth rank advancement and FRED: t-shirt/knee to camping through 12/31/2019.

For more information about how your unit can qualify for Friends of Scouting Platinum Unit recognition in 2020, please contact Tony Vogl at 241-8556 or to register.

Scouting has a vital mission in preparing young people in Rochester and the Finger Lakes to make ethical choices over their lifetimes and to be leaders in their communities, and it takes significant funding from our members and the local community to make that vision possible. The Friends of Scouting campaign, which annually raises over $400,000 in charitable gifts for Scouting, is a key enabler of our success.

We are formally kicking off our Friends of Scouting campaign on Wednesday, December 4 at the Irondequoit County Club with our annual FOS Leadership Dinner featuring keynote remarks by Sharon Napier of Partners + Napier. As we continue to welcome young leaders into all levels of Scouting, Sharon will share her personal experience and perspective for the need of leadership and values in young people.

This dinner brings together leadership from our Board, the business community and our districts to make or renew their leadership pledges for Friends of Scouting and learns our mission for the coming year. All guests at the dinner are encouraged to make a multyear commitment of $250 or more to Scouting.

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On Wednesday December 4th at 6 pm we will recognize the hard work of our local leaders at the Friends of Scouting Kickoff event. This event is open to all individuals, adults, and groups that are interested in learning more about our programs or making a gift.

BE A MENTOR TO AN EAGLE

Anyone wishing to share their vocation with an Eagle Scout as a mentor should contact Laurie Baur. Mentors contribute $150 which covers their meal and sponsorship for Scout to attend, and are invited to continue the dialog with the Eagle Scout after the dinner concludes.
The 2019/2020 Scouting year is drawing near! Your Scout will go for a hike, learn to tie knots, camp out a night or two, learn the Scout Oath and Law and go on many new adventures!!

Per the BSA, “at a minimum, each Scout will need a uniform and handbook. Additional supplies and equipment may be needed for certain activities such as camping or field days.” The Strong Scout Shop is your one-stop shop to get everything necessary for your Scout to be prepared and have the best Scouting experience possible!

Uniforms help create a sense of belonging, symbolizing character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. Additionally, the Uniform brings a sense of personal equity, helps identify the Scout as part of the Boy Scouts of America, allows the Scout to show his/her achievements and activities, and is a reminder of the personal commitment to the ideals and purpose of the Scouting movement, as agreed to with the Scout Oath.

The Cub Scout uniform is comprised of the navy uniform shirt, navy bottoms (switchbacks, shorts, capris, or skort), navy belt with metal buckle, socks, cap, neckerchief and slide, and required insignia. The Scouts BSA uniform is similar with tan and green bottoms (switchbacks, shorts, capris, or skort), navy belt with metal buckle, socks, cap, neckerchief and slide, and required insignia. This field uniform will be worn to all Scouting activities, including meetings, unit outings, and any activities done with members of the unit.

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The Strong Scout Shop has all of your uniform needs! We are excited to share that for the first time ever, we are offering 25% off ALL field uniform shirts (navy Cub Scout, tan Scout BSA, and leader) with the purchase of any field uniform bottoms (some restrictions apply!!) Our trained staff will assist you in finding the correct size and will share the features, advantages and benefits of our uniform. We also offer a sewing service to ensure the required insignia is properly placed and secure!

When you come to our store, you will find many other items to help you in your scouting journey! From activity tee-shirts and bal cap, craft kits, Pinewood derby essentials, to our newly expanded camping gear, we will help you BE PREPARED for the upcoming year!!

We need you to help us serve more kids Scouting today!! What does this mean? It means we need your help to share these experiences with youth in your child’s class. By personally inviting your child's friends to join Scouting with them, we can share the features, advantages and benefits of Scouting with new youth and help them see what Scouting can do for them. You are in an amazing position to help expand Scouting to others in our community.

In addition to encouraging your child to get their friends to join Scouting with them, we need your help to share these experiences and opportunities with even more youth. We need you to become an Advocate for Scouting today!! What does this mean? We need you to help us serve more kids by personally inviting your child’s friends and the children of your friends to getting involved in Scouting.

Primary role of Parent Advocates:
• Sign your child up for Scouts (you are the primary role)
• Serve as your Unit’s representative for scouting activities in your child’s class.
• Encourage your child to invite their friends to join Scouting.
• Actively encourage other families to join your unit or another Scouting program in their area.

Could your unit benefit from recruiting new leaders? The answer is always “YES”. Many Packs, Troops, and Crews are concerned about recruiting more youth because they are afraid they won’t have enough leaders to provide a consistency of program to a larger group of youth. The reality is that recruiting new youth is your best possible source for new leaders. If you’ve had trouble with recruiting leaders in the past, it might have something to do with the approach. Sending out an email asking your people to step forward sometimes works, but there are much better ways to do it.

Setting an expectation that each family has a parent engaged in some capacity is really important to creating a culture of volunteerism in your unit. Telling new families that you need their support and giving them a list of opportunities to engage (some big and some small) will help to create an environment where many hands make light work. Your commissioner and District Executive can help with this. We exist to help support your program. If you are struggling with not having enough leaders, the solution is actually focusing on having a bigger youth recruitment and convince new parents to help run the program. If the expectation is that everyone does something, nobody has to do everything!
BE PREPARED... FOR A SMOOTH RECHARTER

Many people think the most important membership process the BSA goes through each year is fall recruitment for Cub Scouts. While that is the biggest means of engaging new families, it doesn’t come close to the impact of our annual charter renewal process. Every youth and adult registered with the BSA must renew their registration annually. It can be a big job. Especially if we are unprepared. Here are a few key things to get your unit ready for the process:

• Choose your charter renewal processor early and make sure they have the resources needed to be successful.

• Start with a list of any leaders who have been added to the roster since the last charter cycle, leaders who have or will change positions, and any leaders who used a training waiver the previous year. The process will tell you who needs to verify position training before you even begin the process.

• With the youth protection training requirements from last year, everyone who is on your roster should be current with YPT. That said, if a leader does not have their member i.e. number linked with their my.scouting account, or worse, if they have created multiple my.scouting accounts (more common than you might imagine) there are plenty of ways this can need clean-up. Either way, in this charter cycle, it should be much smoother because the vast majority should have no problem.

• Collect fees early so you don’t have to chase money during the holidays.

• Use your unit commissioner as a resource. They are here to help you with the process. Their contact information will be in the charter packet. They stand ready to assist and are a phone call or email away.

• Make sure your unit attends the district charter turn-in event and has all paperwork complete to finalize your charter that evening.

A list of the charter turn-in events is provided below – Locations will be announced soon:

- Rechartering
  - Mohawk – December 7th
  - Towpath – December 7th
  - Lighthouse – December 7th
  - Black Creek – December 7th
  - Bay Water – December 7th
  - Seneca – November 6th
  - Genese Indian Village – December 7th
  - Exploring East – December 7th
  - Exploring West – December 7th

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN BY BEING A SCOUTING LEADER?

• The opportunity to make a difference in the life of your child and other youth.

• The opportunity to spend time with your child having fun.

• The privilege of helping to strengthen Scouting programs.

• The opportunity to be a positive role model to youth and adults.

• The satisfaction of being part of a worldwide movement.

• The fun and fellowship Scouting provides

WHAT ARE THE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THAT I’M NEEDED FOR AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR – Helps new families feel at home and a part of the Pack. Having a new member coordinator can also help to recruit other leaders from the parents of your youth. Packs that have a NMC have reported increased leadership recruitment.

DEN LEADER – Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly leaders’ meeting.

CUBMASTER – Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the leaders’ meeting.

SCOUTMASTER – Serves as an advisor to the Senior Patrol Leader to help carry out the troop program with support from the other youth leaders and unit committee.

CREW ADVISOR – Serves as an advisor to the Crew President to help carry out the Crew program with support from the other youth leaders and unit committee.

COMMITTEE CHAIR – Presides at all unit committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders.

As you know, Scouting is a volunteer organization. Scouting operates through people like you who are concerned about providing for your children and other youth with a quality Scouting experience. As a leader, you will not only have the opportunity to serve Scouting, but you have a chance to have some amazing experiences with your child and their friends. We need you to volunteer to be a Scouting Leader today!

PARENT ADVOCATE – The Unit’s representative and advocate with the parents of all youth in their child’s class. Encourages parents to help get their kids involved in the Scouting program. (At least one parent advocate per grade level).

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR – Maintains advancement records for the unit. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia.

UNIT TRAINER – Ensures that all leaders of the unit are trained.

SECRETARY/TREASURER – Keeps all records for the unit, including the unit bank account, financial records, etc.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP! Interested in being a Scouting Leader but don’t know what to do or how to start?

Our professional and support staff at the Council Service Center can assist you and get you in touch with other resources. In addition, each community is served by a full-time District Executive that is responsible for working with units and leaders to ensure they have the training and resources to run high quality Scouting programs. You can reach her at:

Phone 5 - (585) 244-4210
Website - www.senecawaterways.org

You have a district as volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs for your Scouts to participate in. Your district has another volunteer team called the Cubmaster Staff that provides unit service on an on-going basis. They check on the health of your unit and are available for communications with your unit and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.

We have award winning training programs to teach Scouts and adults about child abuse prevention and avoiding potentially dangerous situations. We also have training programs to teach volunteers how to run high quality, fun-filled programs with ease. Roundtable is a monthly leaders’ meeting for all adult leaders in your district. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It’s also a great place to ask questions and share ideas. (Contact the Council Office at 585-244-4210 for a list of locations and times).

Most units have been in existence for many years and have existing leadership which will provide direct assistance and support to your den program. Many units even have a library of resource books to aid leaders in putting on quality programs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER NOW BY TALKING TO YOUR UNIT LEADER OR CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE AT 585-244-4210.

COUNCIL TOP SELLERS: For 2019 – top sellers will be recognized by rank (rather than district). (continued on page 12)
MASSAWEPIE
OUTDOOR
CHALLENGE

Massawepie's Camp Pioneer will serve as base camp. Troops will be able to tent camp in one of the Pioneer campsites or one of the 15 wilderness outposts on the Massawepie property. Troops are responsible for their own meals during the weekend, but there will be a cookout Saturday night. Your troop or crew will have the opportunity to plan hikes throughout the weekend.

Columbus Day Weekend can be very busy, and the High Peaks will be mobbed. So its best to plan early for the best parking and to beat the rush. A list of suggested mountains will be available closer to the event. The weekend fee is $35.00/person (youth and adult), which includes registration, tent site, prizes for biggest fish, and 2 meals: Saturday night cookout and Sunday morning breakfast. Register at https://scoutingevent.com/397-MOCPEAK. Units that sign up by September 19th will save $10 on every youth and adult that are attending. Interested troops should contact the camping department by emailing camping@senecawaterways.org.

RESERVE YOUR 2020 CAMPSITE

The opportunities for year-round fun and adventure at our camps are just a click or two away. We want to make sure that you are aware of all the programs available to you and your Scouts. Planning now for your Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer camping experiences help to ensure that your Scouts have a great year in Scouting and stay involved and engaged with your Troop. First, and foremost, we encourage all Scouts to attend a week of camp at Massawepie Scout Camps or Camp Babcock-Hovey. We know that attending a traditional Scout camp is crucial to Scouts working toward Eagle and Scouts that attend camp stay in Scouting longer. Youth leadership is important to the success of a troop and attending camp as a youth leader helps a troop grow and thrive. Massawepie Scout Camps and Camp Babcock-Hovey are among the top summer camping destinations in the Northeast. Our camps provide programs for Scouts of all ages, from first year camper programs to BMX, COPE, climbing, ATV safety, drones, and Airsoft. No other camps come close to the program offerings found at our resident camp programs, don’t miss out on the adventure.

See which campsites are available and book your reservation today at:
- https://scoutingevent.com/397-massawepie-2020
- https://scoutingevent.com/397-campbch2020

LEGACY UNITS

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. Any unit that attends a Seneca Waterways Council camp for three consecutive summers will receive a three-year attendance rebate upon conclusion of the summer. The first of these rebates were issued to Scout units this September.

Here is the breakdown:
- Attend 3 consecutive years = 3% rebate
- Attend 5 consecutive years = 7% rebate
- Attend 7 consecutive years = 10% rebate

The first of the five-year rebates will not be issued until 2021, and seven-year rebates will be 2023. All units should pay the registration fees as normal. During the unit billing conference, the camp leadership team will issue a rebate request for the total registration fees paid for Scouts and adults attending camp. Merit badge supplies are not included in the rebate calculation but activity fees like ATV and Mountain Fox are included.

If you think your troop or crew qualifies for the legacy rebates be sure to contact the Camping Department at the Seneca Waterways Scout Service Center at camping@senecawaterway.org.

CUB SCOUT BLUE & GOLD PLACEMATS

The Seneca Waterways Council is offering free placemats for all Cub Scout Packs to use at their upcoming Blue and Gold celebrations. These colorful placemats will have information for 2020 Cub Scout Resident Camping and other camping opportunities.

To reserve placemats for your pack visit https://senecawaterways.org hover over Outdoors in the main navigation then under Camp Resources click on 2020 Pack Blue & Gold Placemat Order Form (far right column).
RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

Why should I encourage my child to earn the religious emblem of their faith?

As I dwelled upon this question, I remember a presentation by a 13 year old boy at a Roundtable meeting. The question that he was answering was, “What did he get from earning three of the four religious emblems of his faith. What I took from this presentation was this…..

In our Scout Oath, we take promise to “do our best to do our duty, to…” in the following order.

1. God
2. Country
3. others
4. myself

This is nothing new. We all know this. The lesson of this boy’s presentation that was so insightful was, he learned that deepening his faith would lead him to become a better youth. The lessons learned in his religious emblems paralleled lessons he developed in Scouting regarding character. Only after developing himself in God was he capable of giving to his country and others.

A majority of faiths have developed an emblem (or appropriate series of emblems) specific to their faith. Once a child or parent chooses to pursue the appropriate requirements path, the biggest question is usually, “How do I get started?”

First, ask your Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman) if there is a Religious Emblems Coordinator in your unit. If not, do they know who the Religious Emblems coordinator is in their District is and follow up with them.

Additionally, there are numerous resources available. The Seneca Waterways Council has developed an informative web page that helps to sort some of this out. Google will bring you right there searching “Seneca Waterways Religious Emblems” or you can type directly www.senecawaterways.org/rege. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email us at the link on this page or typing religiousembles@senecawaterways.org.

When should we get started?

Now is an outstanding time. It is possible that you child can complete the requirements in the last half of this year. This allows him to be awarded the emblem during a Scout Sunday Celebration at your faith community or charter organization. There will be more on organizing a Scout Sunday Celebration in a later issue.

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“The then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” 18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word but, the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Applying this in a non-faith based lesson, our youth are the, “good soil.” We are planting seeds for life within them through Scouts. Let’s include the seeds of their faith. Because, only by developing themselves in their faith and character, can they be prepared to give back to others.

BASS PRO & CABELA’S SCOUTS BSA MONTH

September is the start of an exciting Scouting year! And it’s Scouts BSA Month at more than 150 Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s across the United States.

Throughout September, they have been conducting merit badge programs. Each store has associates with merit badge instructors who are available to teach both the Fishing, Rife Shooting or Fish and Wildlife Management merit badges.

There is still time to earn a few merit badges this month.

Wednesday September 18
Thursday September 19
Tuesday September 24
Wednesday September 25
Thursday September 26

Rifle Shooting
Fish and Wildlife Management
Fishing
Rifle Shooting
Fish and Wildlife Management

Do you know a standout Scout who would love to become the voice of Scouting in his faith? He or she should be considered for an opportunity voice their opinions and share their unique perspective? Want to give your Scouts a chance to live out the tenets of the Scout Law? The BSA’s Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) is calling all helpful Scouts! Read on to learn more.

YAP will kick off this fall and give Scouts an opportunity voice their opinions and share how Scouting can best represent them. This is a resume-making, insider opportunity: YAP will place Scout voices at the center of BSA’s strategic direction.

Scouts ages 11-20 are encouraged to apply! The panel will launch with a series of digital meetings to discuss topics that are important to kids and teens.

There will be a time and leadership commitment, so any Scouts who apply should run it by their parents first (Scouts younger than age 14 need a parent’s permission to apply).

How to Apply for YAP

The application can be found here and will be accepted through Sept. 30. The first digital discussion is scheduled for November.

Know a Scout who would be a great representative and could communicate fellow unit members’ ideas and concerns up the line? Encourage them to apply and help the BSA empower youth!

Together, we can ensure Scouts are heard and our programs continue to represent the youth of today. Remember: A Scout is Helpful. Encourage Scouts to apply!

21ST CHALLENGE TROPHY CAMPOREE

It is not too late to register for the Challenge Trophy Camporee. October 25th to 27th, 2,000 scouts from across the north east and Canada will descend on Babcock Hovey. During the day on Saturday they will enjoy over 700 activities and cap it off with the famous race under the lights.

Challenge Trophy Camporee offers your Scouts the best chance to trade patches and earn the full collectors set. CTC patches this year. Troops come down for the weekend and invite an Arrow of Light Den to join you. Packs come down for the day and see all that the Challenge Trophy Camporee has to offer.

For more details visit CTC website at www.challengetrophycamporee.org.
Stay updated on the events and activities happening in your area by visiting your district's page on our website - www.senecawaterways.org.

Council-wide events are listed in the Event Calendar on Page 2.

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### WELCOME NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Brendan Flaherty has joined the Council staff as the new District Executive for Bay Waters. Brendan has been in Scouting since joining as a Tiger Cub in Pack 248 in Greece. He crossed over into Troop 195 in Greece, and earned his Life Scout. He served for seven years as a camp staff member at Massawepie Scout Camps, the last two as Program Director, and has worked at Massawepie for year-round events the last three years.

After graduating this past May from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry with a degree in Forest Ecosystem Science and another camp season, Brendan joined the staff at the end of August. He looks forward to serving and helping to bring Scouting to more youth and adults in the communities and units of the Bay Waters District and helping to bring Scouting to more youth and adults in Irondequoit, Penfield, and Webster.

### New Units

Black Creek District would like to welcome our newest 2 units. They are Troop 2020 and Troop 135. Both are female units. Troop 2020 serves the home school community and Troop 135 serves the Rush/ Henrietta area. 135 meets Monday nights at Rush United Methodist Church. Welcome ladies, we are excited to have you on a board.

### Fall Recruitment

2018-2019 was the best year for Black Creek District in recruitment in many years. We were the only traditional district to have membership growth. Let’s see if we continue that in 2019-2020. We are asking every unit to set a membership goal and work to make it. We will need to recruit a few more youth then we did last year.

With your help we can have our third straight year of membership growth. As a team we can do this. Steve Colahulo is our new membership chair. Feel free to contact him for more information and recruiting materials.

### Spring Camporee

Thank you to Troop 178 for hosting this year's spring camporee. A great time was had by all. We are looking for a Troop to step up and host our 2020 Spring Camporee. If you are interested, please contact your local DE.

### Welcome New District Executive

Greetings Scouts and Leaders of Genesee Crossroads District! Couple of upcoming events for you to be aware of:

**District Committee**

We are looking for help on the Genesee Crossroads District Committee, if you are or know of a Scout leader who has aged out of Scouting and you want to give back and help mentor or support a unit in the District. We would welcome a chance to meet you and help find you a role to serve on the Committee to impact Scouting in the City of Rochester!

**Membership**

Genesee Crossroads District is continuing to grow membership! We are holding a Faith Based event to engage more faith organizations in either sponsoring a Scout unit, or helping us promote nearby programs to their faith centers. Our focus group with dedicated volunteers is working on the best ways to recruit Scouts in the District. We are looking at new ways to recruit this fall and using the Geofencing tool will be a major help! All are welcome to join the focus group, those interested contact Stuart.Schnettler@scouting.org for more information.

### Summer Camp 2019

We hope that everyone had a great summer, if your Troop qualifies for the Two Howards Fund, please get your forms turned in ASAP!

### Re-Charter & Unit Assessments

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District Social
On June 2nd at St. John’s the Evangelist School in Spencerport, Lighthouse District hosted their annual District Social.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the District Award of Merit to Larry Masseth and the Unit Leader of the Year Awards. Sixteen people from fourteen units were recognized by their peers as people who go the extra mile with their scouting jobs.

The Superintendent of Hilton Central School District, Casey Kosiorek, was our guest. He accepted the Community Supporter of the Year Award on behalf of Hilton High School for allowing our monthly roundtables, c o m m i s s i o n e r meetings, and Eagle Board of Reviews at no expense to our district. Casey is an Eagle Scout and a longtime supporter of Scouting.

Thank you to Nancy Azzarto, Ellen Ferguson, Judy Green, and Doris Jenkins for their hard work in seeing this to completion.

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He brings nearly 18 years of Scouting experience and passion. Will is ready to take on this new position and help deliver an amazing program to his new district!

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Welcome to our New DE

We wanted to also welcome our new Sr. District Executive to the team, Oliris Ramos. She is a graduate of Lehman College in New York City, and has worked for the Greater New York Council, Theodore Roosevelt Council, and Northern New Jersey Council. Oliris brings extensive scout-reach experience to our Council. She joins the Turning Point District on October 1st.

Summer Camp 2019 – it’s in the books, we had several youth attend Cub Adventure camp, and a handful of Scouts attend Massareepic Scout Camps in the ADK this summer! Great job to all the campers this summer!

Welcome District Chair

We wanted to take a moment to welcome our new District Chair Luis Zarate. Luis is a site coordinator for the Center for Youth at RCSD School 845. Luis was a Scout in the former Troop 147, and is eager to help grow Turning Point! Welcome Luis!

Fall Recruitment

We are kicking off the 2019 program year, and will be actively recruiting in our schools for the various programs, watch your school for the Turning Point sign up night!

Program Staff

We are looking to hire additional program staff this fall, if interested in working part-time seasonal for the Turning Point District, please contact Field Director, Stuart Schnettler at Stuart.Schnettler@scouting.org

Commissioners Wanted

Turning Point District is looking for anyone retired or looking to give back to City Scouting, by helping as a Unit Commissioner to stop in and do a program visit. Interested parties, contact District Commissioner Ryan McDonald at: ryanjmcdonaldesq@gmail.com

EXPLORING SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships also exist for youth in the Exploring Program in a variety of career areas.

For information, submission deadlines and application details about each of these scholarship (and more) visit http://www.exploring.org/scholarships/

• National Aviation Explorer Scholarship - $5,000-$10,000 annually
• Drug Enforcement Agency Leadership Award & Scholarship - $1,000
• Motorola Solutions Foundation Public Safety Explorer Scholarship - $2,000 (Five individual $2,000 scholarships awarded to Explorers in the fields of Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Aviation, and/or Law and Government)
• Billy Yout Excellence in Leadership Award - $2,500
• Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship - $1,000
• Noble Scholarships (3 awarded) - ranging from $1,200-$2,500 annually
• HAPCOA Award for Law Enforcement Explorers - $1,000
• Capt. James J. Regan Scholarships - $2,500
• IAFCF Scholarship - $500

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

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For updated information on all Exploring events, visit www.swceexploring.org and click on Events.
Order forms for CAMP MASTERS popcorn and Whitley’s nut products were mailed to participating units in mid-August, and units have been busy planning their sale and setting their unit (and Scout) sales goals. In addition to the financial benefits associated with the product sale, Scouts learn the importance of setting goals, managing finances, communication and selling skills, all of which have a lasting impact for the rest of their lives. Plus, there are over 35 different Cub Scout advancement and Merit Badge requirement opportunities associated with the Product Sale.

Based on feedback from unit kernels and volunteers, we’ve assembled numerous resources to support your fundraiser. Visit www.senecawaterways.org/popcorn-nuts to learn more about the sale.

**MAY THE CORN AND NUTS BE WITH YOU!**

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**PRIZE LEVELS**

**PRODUCT SALE**

There will be eleven winners identified (i.e. Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear …), and each top seller will win a Virtual Reality experience courtesy of Veracity VRcade.

**SCOUT REWARDS PROGRAM**

Scouts win prizes of their choosing, based on sales as low as $75, all the way up to sales over $4,500.

**WHITLEY’S NUT PRODUCTS**

**CAMP MASTER’S POPCORN PRODUCTS**

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**CAMP MASTERS 2019 High Achiever Prizes**

**$3,000 & Up Club**

NEW Camping Package (2-person tent, 6-in-1 Grilling tool, Hammock, Aluminum Tactical Flashlight, Set of Wildlife Tikka, Biker Army Knife w/Bottle Opener, T-shirt, $10 Gift Card)

Express Gift Package for $1,000

Example: $1000 - $315 Gift Card

Gift ideas include:

- Personalized Engraved trophy
- Personalized Hunting Knife
- Personalized Watch

**NEW COUNCIL PRIZE**

Scouts selling $1,000+ will automatically receive a Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker movie poster or Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker movie tickets.

**FREE WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP**

An invitation to a week of Summer Camp (6 days) for a top seller of a $300+ merit badge set. Multiple winners will be chosen.

**Sculpture**

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