



The Valley Scouter

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Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs

Sunday, May 31st
9:00 AM-12:00 PM



May 1st is the day to bring your cat or dog to the Council Service Center for their rabies vaccination. **The cost is \$15, cash only.**

The profits from this event will go towards supporting our Scouting program in the Housatonic Valley. Invite your friends, invite your family, invite your neighbors! The more people who bring a pet to

be vaccinated, the more happy pets we will have. The clinic is conducted by Dr. Marc Reynolds from **Oxford Veterinary Hospital**.

Have questions? Call: Senior District Executive, Tina Paolillo at (203) 734-3329 ext. 303 or email at cpaolill@bsamail.org.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Father's Day, **Sunday, June 21, 2009**. The Housatonic Council will flip the best pancakes in the state of Connecticut from 8 a.m. to 12 noon!! Location TBD so be on the lookout for more information!



Profits from the Pancake Breakfast will go towards supporting all of the Housatonic Council camping programs.

Tickets are \$8.50 for Adults and \$5.50 for Children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at the door. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please contact our Senior District Executive, Tina Paolillo.

We are looking for volunteers to help the day of the breakfast and for people to bake muffins. If you are interested, please call Tina at 734-3329 ext. 303 or email her at cpaolill@bsamail.org.

Beaver Weekend

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 5, 6, and 7. That is when we will be headed to **Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation** in Goshen, CT. We have work projects for the "skilled and talented" all the way down to the "can usually pick out a hammer from a box of tools in only three tries".



Join us for the fun of Beaver Weekend and help camp at the same time!

2009-2010 Calendar Rollout & Program Launch

Next years program calendar and important program planning materials will be distributed at our Calendar Rollout & Program Launch, Monday, June 8th at Osborndale State Park in Derby at 6:45PM. Since this will be a "picnic", there will be a small fee of \$4, which will include a hot dog AND a cheeseburger, chips and a soda or water. *Please RSVP to our Senior District Executive, Tina Paolillo, by Friday, May 29th.*



Online Scout Store

You can shop for "Scout Stuff" from home on your computer. Just go to the Housatonic Web Site <http://www.housatonicbsa.org> and look for the link to the Scout Shop, then Shop On-Line. All on-line purchases support the Housatonic Council! Next time you come to the Council Office, you can even Shop On-Line from one of our computers!!

Family Friends of Scouting Special Council Shoulder Strip

The Housatonic Council has issued the ninth in a limited edition series "Family Friends of Scouting" Council Shoulder Strip for 2009. For every donation of \$150.00 you will receive this Shoulder Strip.



Our Reputation and Our Challenge

One of the challenging things about being a Scouting leader as we approach our 100th anniversary is that our reputation precedes us. People who've never been involved with Scouting, it seems, know what we're all about. That's a wonderful thing, because Scouting has a well-earned reputation for being the best character-development program and leadership-development program available for youth. So . . . how do we live up to our reputation for adventure and character development? It's easy . . . we just do it. We camp, we hike, we help others, we learn new things, we do it. Thank you for all that you do to deliver the promises of Scouting to the youth and adults whom we serve.

Camp – Where the Action Is!

Recent BSA studies have proven something that experienced leaders have known for years: boys who attend summer camp are the boys who advance farther in Scouting and remain as members longer. Our Council offers fabulous opportunities for boys to enjoy summer Scouting adventures – Cub Day Camp at Three Saints Park, Webelos Camp at Camp Strang in Goshen, Boy Scout camp at Camp Strang, and all of the high-adventure programs that the camp staff is preparing to challenge the older youth. Dozens and dozens of dedicated camp staff members and volunteer leaders work diligently to deliver the promise of summertime adventure to youth. The Council is truly indebted to these leaders, whose commitment makes it possible for the youth we serve to enjoy summer Scouting programs that are second to none.

Be Prepared for Fall!

It may seem strange, but now is the time to prepare for next fall. Even with summer camp just ahead of us, there are two essential tasks that every Scouting unit must undertake between now and August 15th:

Leadership Status – Who will provide leadership for your unit next fall. For Cub Scout Packs, who will serve as Den Leaders next fall? Cubmaster? How about Pack committee members? The most successful packs identify their next leaders early enough to see that they are trained to ensure the smoothest possible transition. Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews don't have to address the turnover of Den Leaders, but they still need to identify the adult and youth who will serve as leaders in the fall.

Program Planning – Units will receive their program-planning packets at the June roundtables. It's essential that unit leaders review the materials and plan their unit programs for the following year. Many Cub Scout packs plan their programs at a mid-summer cookout for the adult leaders. Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews need to involve the youth leaders in the program planning. Some troops and crews bring their program-planning materials to summer camp or other summertime adventure and plan their programs for the upcoming year while they're having fun.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

APRIL

- 1 ACC & Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 4 SM/ASM Leader Specific Training
- 4 OA LLD Training
- 6 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Activities Meeting
- 7 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 13 Roundtable & VOA
- 15 Early Bird Deadline for Boy Scout and Webelos Resident Camp
- 16 Property Committee
- 17 OA Fellowship & Fishing Weekend (Ends on 19th)
- 18 Cub Scout Rocket Derby
- 18 Pre-Camp Inspection
- 19 OA Exec Meeting
- 20 Council Officers Meeting
- 27 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 28 Camping Committee Meeting

MAY

- 3 Scout Sunday at St. Joseph Cathedral, Hartford
- 4 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Activities Meeting
- 5 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 6 ACC & Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 11 Roundtable & VOA
- 12 Pre-Camp Meeting
- 13 Early Bird Deadline for Cub Day Camp
- 15-17 Spring Camporee
- 16 OA Exec Meeting
- 18 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 19 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Property Committee Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day (Office and Scout Shop CLOSED)
- 26 Camping Committee Meeting
- 29 Venturing Crew Cup (Ends on 31st)
- 29 Deadline for Eagle Scholarship
- 29 Minuteman Outdoor Leader Skills Training (Ends on 31st)
- 31 Rabies Clinic @ Council Office 9AM-12Noon

June

- 1 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Activities Meeting
- 2 Endowment Committee
- 3 ACC & Commissioner Staff
- 5 Beaver Work Weekend (Ends on 7th)
- 5 Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend (Ends on 6th)
- 8 Roundtable & Calendar Rollout
- 11 Popcorn Training
- 13 Correction Work Day at Strang
- 16 Council Officers Meeting
- 18 Property Committee Meeting
- 18 Risk Management Meeting
- 21 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
- 22 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 23 Camping Committee Meeting
- 28 Strang Staff Training Week Begins

ALL ABOVE DATES ARE ALSO IN OUR COUNCIL CALENDAR
Online at www.housatonicbsa.org



Council-wide Blood Drive

“Scouting for Health”

We need your help!

Housatonic Council and Good Turn for America Committee are coordinating a Council-wide Blood Drive to be held **Thursday, May 7th, 2009** at Oxford High School from 1:00pm to 6:45pm.

In order for Council to be given full approval by the Red Cross, *we need to supply them with a list of 60 names and telephone numbers of willing donors.*

Here’s how you and your unit can help. We need assistance from *every* unit in our Council. You can even have your Scouts ask their friends and family. Anyone 17 years old and older can donate blood. Please email or fax your registration form, with the name and telephone number of the willing donors, to Tina Paolillo at the Council Office by April 20th, 2009. The Red Cross will contact the donors to schedule their blood donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Murphy, Housatonic Council – Good Turn for America Chair at scoutermurf@comcast.net or Tina Paolillo, Senior District Executive, at cpaolill@bsamail.org or fax 203-734-0222.

Yours in Scouting,
Tracy Murphy
Good Turn for America Chair
Housatonic Council, BSA

Donor Name: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____

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4. _____

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Feel free to make additional copies of this form if you run out of space. Unit/# : _____



**NRA Pistol & Revolver
and Instructor
Development Course
May 8, 9 & 10**

**NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle and
Instructor Development Course
May 22, 23 & 24**

At Camp Strang

Form to register on our Council website



**Special Olympics
Connecticut**

Housatonic Council's Good Turn for America committee will be coordinating a Council-contingent of Boy Scout, Venturing, and Scout Leader volunteers to work at the Connecticut Special Olympic area games to be held at Danbury High School on Saturday, May 9th. Complete timeframe and transportation details to follow.

There are many spots to fill in order to aid this very worthwhile event. There are several areas that the Boy Scouts can be of assistance. Scouts can help in the cafeteria serving food, helping athletes with lunch trays, serving drinks, and cleaning tables. There may also be a need for assistance at Olympic Town (Helping athletes do crafts). Some of the older Scouts and Scout Leaders can be athlete escorts. (Bring athletes to each of their events to compete)

If you are interested in being part of this amazing community service event you should contact either Tracy Murphy, Good Turn for America council chairman at scoutermurf@comcast.net or Tina Paolillo, Senior District Executive at Cpaolill@bsaemail.org or 734-3329 ext .303.



Housatonic Council Eagle Scout Association

The Housatonic Council has started its own chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association.



At its essence, the National Eagle Scout Association is concerned with the perpetuation of the Boy Scout movement by bringing the power of adult Eagle Scout leadership in full support of Scouting in local councils.

Great ideas, ethics, and sound principles of life do not continue from generation to generation simply because they are right. Ideals, ethics, and values are transmitted from generation to generation only when they are stamped in the hearts and minds of our youth as they mature.

The fact that a young man is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting, but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The goals of Scouting – citizenship, training, character development, and personal fitness – remain important for all Eagle Scouts.

Eagle Scouts represent the finest that is inherent to Scouting. Eagle Scouts are talented, experienced men, each of whom has knowledge of our program, and has had a rich experience in Scouting as a youth.

It is Scouting's current leadership, largely at the council level, who will decide the future of our movement. Through full utilization of Eagle Scouts, we can do much to chart the future of Scouting and perpetuate our movement.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NESA COMMITTEE

Our Council President, Richard Marano has appointed a NESA Committee Chairman, Todd Hollis. Todd is an adult Eagle Scout who is an active member in church and in the community.

Between 1912, when the first Eagle Scout ranks were awarded, and December 31, 2006, 1,887,138 men have received the Eagle Award. It is estimated that over 90% of these Eagles are still living.

It is also known that many Eagle Scouts over the age of 21 are not currently active in Scouting. Most of these are between 22 and 55 years of age.

If you know an Eagle Scout that is not currently active in the Scouting program, send us his name and contact information so that we can invite him back into the program.

Adventure to Eagle Meeting

A2E week at Camp Strang is July 26-Aug. 1

The A2E staff will meet all potential troop members, parents and Scoutmasters on Thursday, April 16, at the Council Office, beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting coincides with the following Wednesday's Early Bird camp registration deadline (April 15) and the beginning of the 90-day window allowing completion of several A2E Merit Badge pre-requisites (Family Life, Personal Fitness and Personal Management) and other pre-requisites to other Eagle required merit badges will be discussed.

We'll go over group expectations (Both what we expect of you and what you can expect of us!), merit badges being offered and any prerequisites, and an overview of the workshops planned.

We'll also be talking about "A2E-only" activities and gauging interest in several opportunities.

Looking forward to seeing you there -- whether you've committed to A2E or are simply interested!

CAMP STRANG NEEDS...

There are some very important "things" that we need for Camp Strang this year. Please go to our Council website www.housatonicbsa.org and look under Camp Strang for the 2009 Wish List! If you are able to help by donating any of the items on the list or by telling us who we can call to get them, please contact our Camp Director, Tom Tran-sue, at eusnart@comcast.net.

All forms to apply for a CIT or Camp Staff position for Camp Strang or a Den Guide or Den Chief position for Cub Scout Day Camp can also be found on our website under Camping Programs.

We also need Campership money. If you would like to help send a youth to Camp, please contact our Scout Executive, Kevin Bishop, at the Council Office at 734-3329 ext. 304.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

THIS ONE'S BURNT OUT!!

**2009 Scout Camp Season
Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation**

	BOY SCOUTS JULY 5-11	BOY SCOUTS JULY 12-18	BOY SCOUTS JULY 19-25	BOY SCOUTS JULY 26-AUG 1	WEBELOS RESIDENT AUGUST 3-7
CAMPSITE					
ALGONQUIN (20)		Crew 2727 Shelton (pd)	Troop 5 Stamford (pd)	Troop 101 Shelton (pd)	
CHESAPEAKE (30)	Troop 28 Shelton (pd)	Troop 28 Shelton (pd)	Troop 65 Sey/Oxf(pd)	A2E	
MOHAWK (50)	Troop 3 Derby (pd)	Troop 3 Derby (pd)	Troop 11 Seymour (pd)	Troop 19 Shelton (pd)	
PAUGUSSETT (24)	Troop 55 Shelton (pd)	Troop 146 West Htfd. (pd)	Troop 1 Oxford (pd)	Troop 1 Oxford (pd)	
SCHAGTICOKE (24)	Troop 170 Unionville (pd)	Troop 27 Shelton (pd)			
LEAN-TOS (24)					
WEPAWAUG (13)	Troop 25 Shelton (pd)	Troop 177 Stratford (pd)		Troop 35 Goshen (pd)	
RIFLE RANGE SITE POOTATUCK (24)		Troop 170 Unionville (pd)		Troop 330 Waterbury (pd)	


Nodine's Smokehouse

 Torrington, Connecticut 06790
 1-800-222-2059

**Support
Strang Scout Reservation staff
and get a taste of Goshen from
the comfort of your home PC.**

Place your order online at...
[http://www.nodinesmokehouse.com/
testimonials.asp](http://www.nodinesmokehouse.com/testimonials.asp)

**Enter fundraiser code 1032
upon checkout!**

**SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL BY DONATING
YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES TO US!**

2009 Commissioner List

Council Commissioner – Jeff Anderson

Assistant Council Commissioners – Lori Davies, Elwin Jimmo, Dot Pendagast and Sandy Barber

Lori Davies, ACC - 881-1934

T65,C65 (Jeff Anderson)* - 888-4861

T105 Steve Talbot - 735-9745

T1,C1 Art Aldred - 888-6313

Pk11,T11,C11 Chuck Hemstreet - 888-6417

T19,C22 Bill Prutting - 929-7358

Elwin Jimmo, ACC - 888-4920

T28,T101 Wes Nelson Jr. - 888-7773

T55 (Elwin)* - 732-8891

C555,E108,C1762 Karen Lord - 729-3034

Dot Pendagast, ACC - 268-0717

Pk24,Pk20 T25 Joe Kundrat - 926-0399

Pk27,T27,C2727 Dave Pendagast - 929-6887

Pk28 Dot Pendagast - 2608-0717

Pk3,T3,C33 Fran Saresky - 924-1974

Sandy Barber, ACC - 888-4328

Pk16,Pk25,E127 Eric Jansen - 924-0922

Pk19 JoEllen Lisi - 203-500-4684

Pk14,Pk60,Pk65 Lori Davies 881-1934

Pk5 Wes Nelson Jr. - 888-7773

* These Units are being temporarily covered by these Commissioners.

Roundtable Commissioners

Cub Scouts - JoEllen Lisi 203-394-3343

Eric Jansen, Asst. 924-0922

Boy Scouts - Lorenzo Recine 888-5878

Venturing - Rich Contois 203-364-0247



Pictured is Oxford, Pack 14 Cubmaster Frank Coniglio along with his son Frankie Coniglio and Richie Kovacs. They are showing off the ribbons they won for competing in the Bridgeport Soundtigers Pinewood Derby.

The Commissioners Corner

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They are there to serve you as your friend, representative, doctor, teacher and counselor. They also oversee the unit charter renewal plan so that each unit reregisters on time with an optimum number of youth and adult members.

Troop 27 Scouts go to State Capital

Troop 27 Scout, Kyle Barber, emailed Jason Perrillo and arranged for some of the boys from his Troop (27) and other Scout friends to meet him and Senator Dan Debicello at the CT State Capital.

The Scouts enjoyed a private meeting and talked with Representative Perrillo and Senator Debicello in the Legislative Office Building in one of the conference rooms before taking a tour guided by a representative of the League of Women Voters.



The boys who attended are: from left to right: Jon Lemanski (Troop 55), Jake Johnson, Kyle Barber, Chris Patrick (Troop 101), Andrew Miller, Ryan Caruso, Mark Alterio and Mike Yevich.



Scouts from Troop 1 Do a Good Turn



On February 18, 2009 the members of Troop 1's Eagle patrol organized, shopped and prepared lunch for the residents of Spooner House in Shelton. The money for the food was generously donated by the Bic Corporation.

The boys made tacos and corn casserole. They served juice, coffee and made ice cream sundaes for dessert.

The honorable thing about this is that none of these boys needed the community service hours for rank advancement. They decided to do this service project because they knew the Spooner House residents needed their help. Nice Good Turn for America boys!

The boys in the picture are: Back Row: Brian Murphy, Richard Katrenya, Daniel Knepple, Samuel Magic, John Banores. Front Row: Kevin Murphy, who will be crossing over from Pack 60 into the Eagle Patrol

Minuteman Outdoor Leader Skills Training



Every Scout deserves a trained leader! With that in mind The Training Committee is offering Minuteman Outdoor Leader Skills Training this Spring.

Parents (yes, both men and women), if your Webelos Cub Scout is crossing over to Boy Scouts or you are new to the Boy Scout program, now is the time to learn more about this excellent program. When you attend training you will be provided with resources, skills and understanding.

The remainder of Minuteman consists of completing the following:

- Scoutmaster & Assistant SM Specifics - Saturday, April 4th at 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM @ 1st United Methodist Church of Shelton.

- Youth Protection and Troop Committee Training - Must be taken online at www.housatonicbsa.org. Please print a copy of the completion certificates and turn them into the Council Office.
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills - Friday night, May 29th until noon on Sunday, May 31st at Camp Strang in Goshen, CT.

Remember, if you already have taken New Leader Essentials, Troop Committee Training and Youth Protection Training (within the last two years), you do not need to repeat these courses.

For more information call Jane Bailey @ 922-1779.

Pre-registration is required. Please sign-up at the Council Service Center.

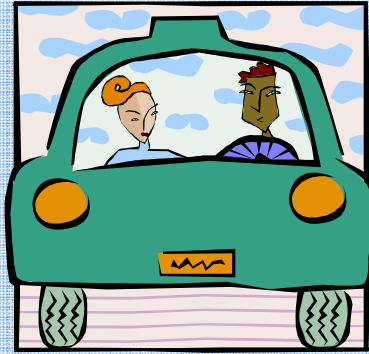


Troop 3 Cross Country Ski at Camp Strang

Members of Housatonic Council Boy Scout Troop 3, Derby, took advantage of the snow by cross country skiing at the 186 acre Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen during a recent troop cabin camping weekend.

Pictured from left are: Justin Patten, Marcel Aguirre, Larry Cafaro, Noah Cirisoli, Ryan Cafaro and Neeraj Madavala, back row: Edgar Aguirre, Matthew Moran and Nicholas Laskos.

**Rep.
Themis
Klarides**



**Derby Youth
Services
Bureau**

present:

**Teens, Alcohol and the
New Driving Laws**

Monday, April 20 ◆ 7:00 PM

Derby High School

8 Nutmeg Ave, Derby

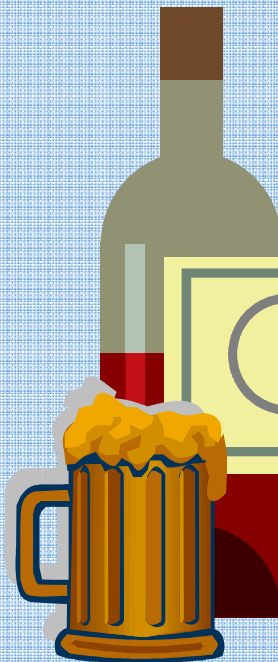
Parents and students encouraged to attend

Speakers:

- ◆ **Representative Themis Klarides**
- ◆ **John Saccu**
Director of Youth Services
- ◆ **Lauren Iannucci**
Youth Program Coordinator
Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- ◆ **Lorrie Driscoll**
Valley Substance Abuse Action Council (VSAAC)
- ◆ **Fran Thompson**
Derby High School Principal
- ◆ **Chief Gene L. Mascolo**
Derby Police Department
- ◆ **Trooper Peter Marcucio**
Safe Driving Specialist
CT State Police
- ◆ **Vincent Delaney**
Morris Foundation
- ◆ **Thomas Hyman**
Government Affairs-Northeast

Topics:

- ◆ New teen driving laws
- ◆ Prevention programs
- ◆ Parent responsibility and liability
- ◆ Legal and emotional consequences
- ◆ Insurance



**For additional
information please call
860-883-7476**

Make Cub Scouting Grow

You can cause Cub Scouting membership to grow in three ways:

1. Retain boys and leaders who are now registered for a longer period of time.
2. Recruit new boys and adults into existing packs.
3. Organize new packs and reorganize dropped packs.

The Cub Scout round-up provides opportunities for growth in all three: youth retention, recruiting, and new-unit organization.

This growth in Cub Scouting requires year-round support so that new members will have a successful Cub Scouting experience.

This May the Council Membership Committee is planning a Spring School Night for Cub Scouts. Your Pack should plan on participating. This is a great way to recruit boys into our program before this summers Cub Scout Day Camp.



SPRING CAMPOREE

Date: May 15-17
Location: Camp Strang
Theme: Leave No Trace

A weekend of leaving no trace behind will be the theme for the upcoming camporee at Camp Strang. Stations will include Plan Ahead, Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste, Leave What you Find, Minimize campfires, Respect Wildlife, Consideration of Visitors, Frisbee Golf, Slingshot Paintballs and Rifle..

SUBWAY Supports our Learning for Life Program

We are pleased to announce that we received a check for \$1,000 from the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation in support of our Learning for Life Program. This is in response to the Council's grant proposal to DeLuca.

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation is administered by the SUBWAY restaurant chain.



2009 Scouter Advertisement

Each year the Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America services over 1600 families in the Valley and provides them with a quarterly newsletter listing the Council's Scouting News and Events for the upcoming months.

By purchasing an advertisement in an issue of our newsletter,, you not only benefit by putting the name of your business in front of the eyes of 1600 families in the Valley, you show them that you and your business support their Boy Scout Council. You also show that you help us to provide their children with a quality program year-round.

The cost for a Full Page Advertisement
(10 inches high X 8 inches wide) is \$200.

The cost for a ½ Page Advertisement
(5 inches high X 8 inches wide) is \$100.

The cost for a ¼ Page Advertisement
(5 inches high X 4 inches wide) is \$50.

The cost for a Business Card Size Advertisement
(1/8 page) is \$25.



To reserve your ad, just send in the form (on our website www.housatonicbsa.org under Forms) with your message and/or camera-ready artwork. If you wish to give a coupon with your ad, please include it on the copy. Please return this form with your ad and check to the Scout Service Center. Make checks payable to Housatonic Council, BSA.

The deadline for placing an advertisement is 15 days before the first month of an issue. If you have any questions, please call Tina Paolillo, Senior District Executive, at the Scout Service Center, (203) 734-3329 ext. 303 or cpaolill@bsaemail.org.

CUB DAY CAMP THEME**WILD WILD WEST!**

Explore the Wild West on your covered wagon or through the pony express. Visit with our early settlers, as well as, cowboys and Indians.

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17**Gold Rush & Early Settlers!!**

The Wild West theme will emphasize the Gold Rush and our Early Settlers during the first week of day camp!!!

Monday, July 20- Friday, July 24**Wild West Cowboys and Indians of the Past!!**

On Wednesday during the second week of the Wild West theme, Scouts and Staff will be given an opportunity to dress up as Cowboys and Indians!

Family Day Picnic

Fridays are Family Day and we encourage a parent to attend camp starting at 3:00 P.M. Parents will have a chance to see camp, meet staff, and participate in songs and skits by their son. Hot dogs, chips, and soda are available to end the day.

**Cub Scout Activities Committee**

We are looking forward to the **2009 Spring Camporee** which is scheduled for **May 15-17th** at Camp Strang. We are going to need a lot of help running the stations for the Webelos, so please send a member of your Pack to the Cub Activities Meeting the next couple months. There will be more details to follow, so be on the look out!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Council events and you are willing to help run it, please come to the Cub Activities Meeting. Come on down and share your two cents with us!



The 5th Annual **Cub Scout Rocket Derby** is set for Sunday, April 18, 2009. Cub Scouts and their families will descend on Strang Scout Reservation to launch model rockets. Last year over 60 Cub Scouts plus their families had the opportunity to build their own rockets and then launch them at camp in a day of fun and fellowship!

Every Cub Scout Pack should send a representative to the **Cub Scout Program Committee** meetings held the first Monday of each month (unless noted otherwise on the Council Calendar) at Trinity Episcopal Church in Seymour at 7:30 PM.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!
HERE IS A GREAT INCENTIVE
FOR YOU TO VOLUNTEER AT
OUR CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP.**

DEN GUIDES provide adult supervision while Camp Staff provide the program.

If you volunteer as a DEN GUIDE at Cub Day Camp for 1 or 2 days, you will receive a fifteen dollar (\$15) per day **gift certificate** to our Scout Shop. If you volunteer as a Den Guide for 3 or 4 days, you will

receive a fifteen dollar (\$15) per day **rebate** on your son's camp fees. If you volunteer as a Den Guide for 5 days, you will receive an eighty dollar (\$80) **rebate** on your son's camp fees.

For more information, please contact the Council Senior District Executive at (203) 734-3329 ext.303 or at cpaolill@bsaemail.org.

The FULL camp fee must be paid in advance.



A Message from our new VOA President

Hi, my name is Charlie Moran and I am the VOA (Venturing Officer's Association) President. I'm thrilled to bring great news about the Venturing portion of the Housatonic Council including some upcoming events, a couple rejuvenated crews, crew activity, and even forward progress online.

On March 21st, the 2nd annual Crew Olympics will be held at Oxford High School. At the Olympics, crews will be playing games like basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, and track/field against other crews in the council competitively.

On the weekend of May 29th, the council will host the 3rd annual Crew Cup. The event will consist of three parts: Hiking, Biking, and Canoeing with a trip to the rifle range afterwards. Crews will be divided up into teams of 4 people and a few out-of-council crews are being invited to attend. The Crew Cup itself is currently held by last year's champions from Crew 1 Oxford.

On February 27, we are reserving the lodge at Otis Ridge Ski Mountain in Massachusetts for the weekend. The trip will consist of 2 days of skiing and 2 nights at the lodge and should be tons of fun.

In the individual crews, events are also being planned. Crew 555 is currently working with the OA on camp promotion. Crew 1 will be taking a backpacking trip to Canyon Lands Utah, preceded by several overnight preparation hikes in nearby areas. Crew 1 is also about to become co-ed once again. Crew 65 is shipping up to Boston in March, and then going to Yellowstone in August. Crew 1762 will be going to Plymouth Rock.

Outside of upcoming events, crews 1762 and 22 are both about ready to rejoin us in the council. Crew 1762 is interested in the Lower Naugatuck Valley's history, and supporting the Derby Historical Society and its programs. Crew 22 is focused on a safe and fun environment for using firearms competitively. Members will be working on the NRA small bore marksmanship program starting at Pro Marksman and working their way up to Distinguished Expert. After a short period of inactivity, both crews are re-organizing and will hopefully be sending a representative to the VOA roundtables regularly in the near future.

The Venturing portion of the council website is in the process of being revamped. The new pages include all the crews, a calendar of events, and VOA roundtable minutes. A Facebook group has also been created, which should help organize the members and advertize the group. Facebook, the popular and safe social networking system, is not associated with the BSA but is a handy online tool for contacting everyone.

I'm proud and glad I've had the opportunity to show everyone how well our Venturing program is doing. I look forward to continuing my role as VOA President in the council.

Yours In Scouting,
Charlie Moran

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



One of our 100th Anniversary Celebration events will be to show our Scouting spirit, to the community at large, by council wide participation in the Derby-Shelton Memorial Day parade scheduled for Monday May 25th, 2009.

CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE
CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

This year's parade route will start near the Derby Green and end near Riverview Park in Shelton. Each Pack, Crew and Troop within the Housatonic Council is asked to attend the parade. BSA has recently released a 100th Anniversary flag (52" x 68", Stock # 11004 from www.scoutstuff.org) which all Packs, Crews and Troops are encouraged to purchase and show in the parade. Also, all Cub Packs are invited to build a float following the theme "Least We Forget".

Please contact Mark Scinto (mscinto@msn.com) if you have any questions or plan to register for the parade.





2010 National Scout Jamboree Youth Application



It's not too early to mark your calendar **July 26 – August 4, 2010**, the dates for the **2010 National Scout Jamboree**. This massive event will be held at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia and will be the highlight of the year-long celebration commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This will be the biggest, best most fun Jamboree ever!

Council President Rich Marano has announced that Bob Wnek has been selected as the Committee Chairman for our 2010 National Jamboree contingent. Jane Bailey will serve as Jamboree Contingent Treasurer and Mike Kellogg will be the Contingent's Quartermaster.

The Housatonic Council is planning on a contingent of 2 Troops with 36 youth and 4 adult leaders in each Troop.

Qualifications for Scouts include:

- Be at least a First Class Scout at the time of attendance at the Jamboree
- Have completed sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached his 18th birthday by August 2, 2010.
- Participate in pre-jamboree training experience
- Submit a Jamboree Medical Form
- Be approved by his local Unit Scoutmaster
- Be approved by the Housatonic Council Jamboree Committee

Participation Note:

Participating in the 2010 National Jamboree requires a significant commitment of time, energy, and resources – for Scouts and their families. Only those Scouts and Leaders that the Jamboree Committee feels possess this high level of commitment, based upon an interview process, Scouting history and best represent our Council will be accepted for our contingent. We will try to place all who are interested in attending with another Council's contingent as long as vacancies exist. Anyone who is not accepted to attend will be refunded their deposit.

Financial Details:

Reserve your place now with a \$200 Application Deposit. The total *estimated* cost for youth participants will be \$1,700. The Committee will do our best to minimize the total cost of attendance while preserving a positive Jamboree experience for our Scouts. This fee includes transportation, meals and lodging en route to and from the jamboree, special patches, neckerchief, patrol and troop equipment, a Jamboree training weekend, a sight-seeing trip (2005 Jamboree visited Washington D.C.) and a contingent fun day (2005 spent a day at King's Dominion Amusement Park).

More Information:

Contact Bob Wnek – Jamboree Chairman or Kevin Bishop – Scout Executive, for additional information.

2010 National Jamboree Registration Form

Please Detach Registration Form & Send with \$200 Application Deposit to:
Housatonic Council, BSA, 326 Derby Avenue, Derby, CT. 06418

() \$200.00 Application Deposit Enclosed

Troop #: _____ Rank: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Leadership Positions: _____

Physical Restriction (if any): _____

Parent's Name (print & sign): _____

Scoutmaster's Name (print & sign): _____



“The best, most exciting, fun-filled, safest jamboree ever!”

As of January 1, 2009 there are only 570 days until the opening of the 2010 BSA National Jamboree! That may sound like a long time but there are a lot of preparations that must be completed in order to assure a successful Scouting experience. Our Council's Jamboree Committee has been meeting for several months to lay the groundwork.

Jamboree City Rises Again

At dawn on July 26, 2010, Fort A.P Hill in Virginia will begin to be transformed by thousands of Scouts with gear and tents, and gateways. By dusk, the landscape will have been transformed into a bustling city of 18,000 tents, 3,600 patrol kitchens and 43,000 Scouts and leaders. This transformation occurs in mere hours, making Jamboree City the fastest growing city in Virginia, if not the world.

Amid the thousands of colorful tents that will house participants and provide program and support services, there is an infrastructure that provides a safe and secure environment at Fort A.P. Hill. Everything from bus systems, telephone and Internet, to first-aid stations and a hospital, police and fire departments, post offices, food warehouses, a daily newspaper, and retail stores (trading posts and concession stands) provides all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event.

100 years of Scouting!

A century of the finest outdoor and leadership experience a boy could have! This tradition lives on at the pinnacle of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting—the 2010 National Jamboree. Yesterday merges with tomorrow at the greatest Scouting event of the century. It is the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. DON'T MISS OUT on this special moment in time!

What is There to Do?

You name it! The jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting—physical fitness, environmental conservation, our national heritage, and the true spirit of Scouting.

See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to experience!

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, plus many more activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The Jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

Housatonic Council's Contingent

Our Council will be represented by two Troops of 36 Scouts and 4 Leaders each. The units will be formed within the next few months. A representative of the Jamboree Troop Committee will visit each Boy Scout Troop to present a video, answer questions and hand out application forms. Members will be selected from applications based upon established BSA and local Council criteria.

Boy Scout & Varsity Scout Qualifications

Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. All Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must participate in a pre-jamboree training experience; file a complete Personal Health and Medical Record, No. 67-34412, prior to the pre-jamboree training; have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010; and be approved by the unit leader and local council. Each applicant will be required to participate in a screening interview to assess the Scout and the Scout's family commitment, dedication, and motivation to attend the 2010 Jamboree. *(Continued on page 14)*

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Current WELBELOS who will be able to be Boy Scouts and meet the requirements will be considered.

How Much Will It Cost?

The jamboree fee covers shelter, food, insurance, equipment, program material, transportation, tours, and pre-jamboree training. The total fee for our Council's Troops is *estimated* to be \$1,700 per scout. All efforts will be made to minimize this cost. A payment plan with monthly payments over the next year and a half will help to ease the burden on families. Several fund raising events will be planned and a scout's participation will also help ease the cost burden to the families.

Refund Policy

If you sign up for the Jamboree, are accepted and then find you cannot attend, you will receive a refund only if your Council has an alternate to take your place.

Alternative ways to attend

If no openings are available within our Council's Troops we will make every effort to place each Scout who really wants to attend the Jamboree with another local or regional Council's Troop who has openings so they may attend as a provisional member of that Troop. This has happened in past Jamborees.

More Info

For more information you are encouraged to visit www.bsajamboree.org and to attend a local Troop level Jamboree presentation in the coming weeks. Parents are also encouraged to attend these unit presentations.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

Upon completion of Leader Specific Training, an adult is eligible to attend Wood Badge for the 21st Century. As the core leadership skills training course for the BSA, **Wood Badge focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with groups of youth and adults** and is less focused on outdoor skills, which are more effectively addressed in other training courses.

The task force that developed Wood Badge for the 21st Century was charged with developing an adult training course that was on the cutting edge of training for the 21st century. They created a highly user-friendly course that would encourage BSA local councils to offer more courses and, ultimately, train more Scouters. The Wood Badge course has made significant accomplishments in both areas.

Incorporating leadership concepts that are used in corporate America, the course teaches participants the basics of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving, and managing conflict. Once the skill is learned, each member is given the opportunity to use the skill as a member of a successful working team. At the conclusion of the course, each participant **develops a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting role**. Working toward these goals allows each participant to practice and demonstrate new skills.

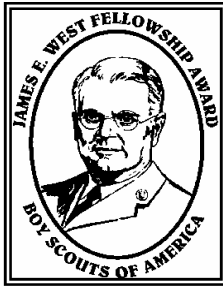
Nationwide over the past three years, Wood Badge courses have increased more than 30 percent. The course is for all Scouters—Boy Scout leaders, Cub Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and District and Council leaders. This has increased communication to allow for a more seamless connection among all BSA programs. There are two courses offered this fall. You can choose the one that best fits your schedule.



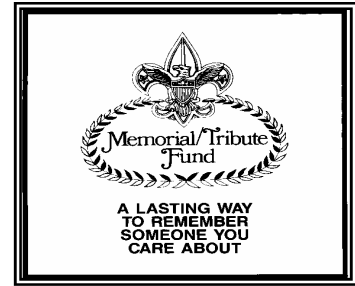
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Camp Sequassen, New Hartford, CT

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J.N. Webster Scout Reservation
Ashford, CT





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JOIN THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

The highest expression of one's feelings for our young people in Scouting is a gift to the endowment fund. The Housatonic Council has created the Heritage Society as a vehicle to make endowment gifts. Individuals are recognized with a minimum initial gift of \$5,000 or more. This does not have to be cash but can be a deferred gift as a charitable bequest in a will or codicil, life insurance or retirement plan designation. Also, through a charitable trust, BSA gift annuity or BSA pooled income gift.



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Scrapbooking Fundraiser

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Scrapbooking Fundraiser
COMING SOON!!

Be on the lookout for more details.

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Scout Shop Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Saturday	CLOSED



The 2009 Summer Camp Brochure and Employment Applications have been posted on the Council Website for your convenience.

www.housatonicbsa.org

Early Bird Deadlines

Scout Camp—April 15th
 Day Camp—May 13th

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