The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ... Catch it!

The Old Dominion District **WEB Edition** **April 14, 2011**

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June		
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5	*The Old Rag* input due	
7	OA Chapter Meeting	
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TBD	Early Popcorn order date	
September		
2	*The Old Rag* input due	
8	Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
8	WTS Training (before Roundtable)	
11	OA Chapter Meeting	
10	SM/ASM Specific Training	
19	Intro to Outdoor Ldr Skills Trng, part 1	
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28	District Committee Meeting, 7:30	
29	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30	
TBD	Popcorn Order #1 due	
October (partial)		
2	OA Chapter Meeting	
7	*The Old Rag* input due	
11	Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Thomas Jefferson High School.
District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road.

WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

- **FOS standings**—The Old Dominion District compared to other as of the start of April on Page 2.
- Last Call for **The Spring Boy Scout Camporee** at Harpers Ferry on April 29-May 1. See page 2.
- **Cub Scout Day Camp** information is found on page 12. The early registration discount period for Cub Scout Day Camp is nearing an end but there still is time, and also opportunities for Boy Scouts and adults as well.
- The Old Dominion's **Steve Richardson received the Silver Beaver award** at the NCAC Court of Honor, April 7th—details on page 4.
- **The Quality District Membership goals** for 2011 are reviewed on page 5.
- District **Outstanding Unit and Unit Leader Award** nominations are due at the April Roundtable. See details on page 6.
- The detailed **results of the 2011 Pinewood Derby** are given on page 7. Photographs form the Derby are found on pages 12 and 13.
- A new system for **logging community service hours** has been announced. Details are found on page 7. This replaces the Good Turn for America program of the past.
- You will find biographies of the four **Award of Merit recipients**; Mike Kidd, Lee Nelson, Tom Quigley, and Derek Trumbetic on page 9.
- In preparation for the **2011 World Jamboree**, the Embassy of Sweden is hosting an event on May 28th, Details are found on page 10.
- Last call for 2011 **Order of the Arrow Elections**. See page 12 if your Troops has not yet held an election.
- A special **Earth Day event, hosted by EPA**, is outlined on page 13. This was previously announced in an e-mail to the ODD Yahoo List on April 10th.
- And the back cover (page 14) features a story about a special ***Today's Heroes*** **recognition** earned by a Cub Scout from Pack 1100.
- And Old Dominion Chapter of the **Order of the Arrow Update** on past and coming Chapter events can be found on page 11.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Below is the latest update that we have gotten from Council (as of April 1st). As you can see we are making progress but this seems like an uphill battle. We have new players (Buddies) and new presenters in the units. Stay focused and increase your units overall participation and contribution. If everyone does that the goal will take care of itself, with some encouragement of course.

Thank you all for your efforts! We truly appreciate all you do!

Thank You!
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	Money			Donors
	Total Raised	Goal	% of goal	% worked
Prince George's	**24798**	**44000**	56.4%	7.6%
Washington	6550	20000	32.8%	3.6%
Western Shore	56855	50000	113.7%	26.0%
Zekiah	7180	12000	59.8%	8.5%
DC/MD S	**95383**	**126000**	75.7%	12.1%
Appalachian Trail	13953	23000	60.7%	9.4%
Catoctin Mountain	11468	28000	41.0%	5.8%
Montgomery	**51132**	**120000**	42.6%	4.2%
MD North	**76553**	**171000**	44.8%	5.1%
Chain Bridge	29980	95000	31.6%	3.4%
Colonial	53342	81000	65.9%	15.2%
George Mason	24024	45000	53.4%	8.8%
Old Dominion	33051	85000	38.9%	4.8%
Patriot	39452	70000	56.4%	11.3%
VA Central	**179849**	**376000**	47.8%	8.5%
Aquia	29674	38000	78.1%	10.1%
Bull Run	23511	44000	53.4%	6.6%
Mattaponi	9060	27000	33.6%	3.1%
Occoquan	32491	50000	65.0%	7.3%
VA South	**94736**	**159000**	59.6%	6.8%

OLD DOMINION 2011 SPRING CAMPOREE

April 29th through May 1st

The deadline for Camporee registration was Friday, April 8th. If you are interested in attending and did not register, please contact Cyndy Blake, ODDmom@verizon.net to see whether or not there is still space available.

There are a few slots left for the Horsemanship Merit Badge on Saturday morning and horseback riding on Saturday afternoon.

- Remember we have limited parking at the KOA Camp (even though we will allow one vehicle per assigned site)
- Remember the weather may be warm so Scouts and their leaders will need plenty of water throughout Sat. and especially on Sunday at the service project
- Remember long sleeves and long pants plus work gloves for the service project.

Questions?? Please contact Jerry Prentice at 703-425-1589 or jerry@prenticegroup.com

Annual District Awards Dinner

The Annual District Awards Dinner is being held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on May 25, 2011. Tickets will be available at the April and May Roundtables or by contacting Nam Chi at NCACOldDominion@gmail.com.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Commissioner Staff News

New commissioners in the past month: Bobby Tran. Welcome to new commissioner Christine Stewart who attended her first commissioner meeting in March.

Roundtable Attendance for March

Cub Scout – 34 Scouters from 19 out of 37 units (51%)
Boy Scout – 41 Scouters from 22 out of 34 units (65%)
Venturing/Varsity – 20 Scouters from 8 of 23 units (33%)

Charter Renewal

We have completed our charter renewal for the year. Thank you to all commissioners who worked diligently to fix YPT and other issues and got their unit packages completed. Thanks especially to Hubert Fry, ADC for Charter Renewal, for his leadership and efforts. For the units who had to charter without all adults due to YPT, please encourage those leaders to complete their training so they can be registered.

Charter Certificates – The following certificates need to be picked up by UCs and provided to the chartering organizations in a suitable forum. I will have these at the April Roundtable for pickup. If you need them sooner, contact me to make arrangements:

Pack 88, 150, 678, 688, 863, 894, 995, 1892, 2000
Troop 119, 683, 688, 702, 856, 980, 990, 1145,
Crew 574, 610
Ship 1115

Journey to Excellence Program

By now all units should be briefed by their UC on the new program and be working toward their goals. This is especially important as some unit requirements must be met early in the year. I and the ADCs will start spot-checking units in Mar-May and we will do an additional check at the Program Launch at the May Roundtable.

Unit Visitation Tracking System

Just a reminder that all commissioners must be entering their contacts with units into the Unit Visit Tracking System. If anyone is still having problems getting into the system contact me and I'll work with our District Executive to get you in. In the meantime, your ADC can enter the visit for you, or just save the information and enter it when you do have access. The gold standard for unit visits for District JTE purposes is for 50% of our units to have 6 or more contacts entered into the system over the course of the year. The Old Dominion goal should be for 100% of our units to have no less than 12 contacts entered (one contact per month).

Exploring Program being moved into Districts

Exploring is an alternative program for older youth. It is similar to Venturing but career/vocation-oriented. Until recently it was part of the BSA-associated program "Learning for Life" but now will be organized more closely with the district organization. Some key points: (1) There are currently no Explorer posts in Old Dominion, but we will be seeking to stand up at least one this year. (2) We do not have to provide commissioners for these units – there will be a separate exploring committee that works with the district committee to serve the units. (3) If you have interest in getting involved with the district explorer program let me know.

Commissioner Support to Spring Camporee

This event is coming fast. As a reminder, we will be providing expanded commissioner support and need all hands on deck. Support activities include: parking and unit welcome/orientation Fri night, registration support (need 3), campsite inspections, general support at various locations Saturday. Please let me know if you can make it, along with timeframes of availability.

Chartered Organization Representatives (COR) – commissioner responsibilities

Commissioners should: (1) know who their unit COR is (2) encourage them to take training (3) encourage them to attend district committee meetings, especially the annual business meeting where they have a vote. I sent a new unit contact list recently with a COR column – please let me know the information for your units.

Thank you to everyone for the great job you do as Old Dominion Commissioners !

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I have a wonderful story to share with you this month. I heard this directly from the mouth of an eight old Wolf Scout while I was waiting to make an FOS pitch at one of our local packs. In the six years that I have been giving FOS pitches, I don't think I ever had a better opening act to follow. The Cubmaster of the pack was kind enough to forward me the parents written account so that I may be able to share it with you.

"In a local mall, J.J., a Bear scout, was pushing his 2-year-old sister in a stroller. The two got separated from their parents within a store for a few moments. Near the front entrance of the store, a man approached the children and did not speak any words. The man grabbed J.J. by the wrist and pulled on him, then forced J.J. to shake hands with him. The man did the same to his sister.

J.J. told us that he got a bad feeling about this man and immediately turned and ran with his sister to the back of the store to find his parents. Luckily, everyone was re-united without anyone getting hurt. This could have been a catastrophe. When asked how he knew to run away, J.J. reported that it was from reading Boys Life magazine especially the young heroes section and from the training he had in den meetings regarding strangers."

We have all read stories like this in our local papers. However, they usually don't have the same positive outcome that JJ and sisters did. His is a true testament to the value of scouting in the lives of the youth we serve. I encourage you to pass along JJ's story, when asked, "Why do you give to scouting?" You can answer that you give not only to make a difference, but because sometimes, just sometimes, it also saves a life!

Holly Brown
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SILVER BEAVER

The Old Dominion District congratulates our own, 2011 Class of Silver Beavers recipient, Steve Richardson! Steve was bestowed this award on Thursday April 7, at the National Capital Area Council 2011 Court of Honor and Silver Beaver Award Presentation at the Fairview Park Marriot in Falls Church.

The Silver Beaver is awarded by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, upon the recommendation of the local council. It is the highest honor an adult Scouter may receive through local council and is given for service in three equal categories: service to community, service to youth involved in scouting and service to youth outside of scouting. Approximately one in every 1,000 volunteers is so honored.

Two other evening highlights for ODD were watching the scouts from Troop 1853 serve as the color guard for the evening and accepting the 2010 Centennial Quality District for ODD.

VIRGINIA SCOUT SHOP

Located at: 5234 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA, in the Ravensworth Shopping Center - just off the beltway at the Braddock Rd. exit.
Phone: 703-321-4836

Store Hours:
Monday-Friday 9 AM - 7 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

They carry uniforms, scouting equipment, badges, literature and will accept most scout advancement form

Right: John Hannon teaching knots to Lisa Wokeck (Crew 3200) and Steve Jiggets (Troop 688) at the recent Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills trainig

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

It's Spring Roundup Time! Are you ready?

We've held two training sessions. We've sent YAHOO group reminders. And, yes, we've even made infomercials at Roundtable.

But NOW it's time!

It's April, so it's time to firm up your school visit/ event participation schedule. It's time to plan your May and/or June roundup events. It's time to request flier printing and recruiting supplies such as yard signs, BSA information brochures, and mini-Boys' Life magazines. And one very important step for Cub Scout packs—get that summer pack program schedule on paper so you can plan for the events.

If you have not started planning yet, DON'T PANIC. Give us a call and we can walk you through some of the steps to get your unit's Spring Roundup rolling.

Spring 2011 Old Dominion District Unit Membership Growth Goals

When you were a teen, your dad said to you: "You're never going to get anywhere in life without setting and reaching goals." Well, maybe not EXACTLY that—but surely something like it. Well, we are setting goals for unit growth through Spring Roundup this year. These goals won't be used to judge—they are meant to be used as a challenge and target.

Now—here are our ODD unit membership growth goals for Spring 2011:

- For Cub Scout packs—20% growth
- For Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews—10% growth

Growth will be measured from the end of April membership figures.

OK—let's put this in perspective—20% growth for a pack of 30 Cub Scouts is 6 new Cub Scouts. Hey—that's your new TIGER DEN! 10% growth for a troop of 30 Boy Scouts is 3 new Boy Scouts. If you work with your pack and recruit this year's 5th graders, this should be easy pickings!

Help Wanted: Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator

We continue to have a vacancy in the critical position of Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator. This Scouter is responsible for training our pack leaders, supporting their recruiting efforts in the spring and fall, and tracking results to identify packs that may require assistance. This is a great opportunity for a "graduating" Cub Scouter whose son is moving on to Boy Scouts to help our ODD packs "Do their best." Please send a note to Dan Ehrlich at cubmaster678@verizon.net to volunteer.

Webelos to Scout: Done Bridging Yet? ALL OF THEM?

Many of our Webelos have already bridged to Boy Scouts in February and March. Some will bridge in April and May. We've held ceremonies, pinned on their Arrows of Light, and sent them to that whole new world of Boy Scouts.

Did you bridge ALL of your Webelos II's?

What about the Webelos II who is just too far behind on his Arrow of Light to earn the award? Is he 11 years old? You can bridge him NOW so he will start fresh in his troop—YOU DON'T HAVE TO EARN THE ARROW OF LIGHT TO BRIDGE!!! If he has not reached age 11 yet, keep him involved with your Webelos I den until he turns 11 or June 1st, whichever comes first—then bridge him to Boy Scouts.

What about the Webelos II that stopped showing up after the Holiday Banquet? Why not give the family a call and see if we can keep them involved in Scouting by bridging him to Boy Scouts?

I guess you're getting the pattern here—let's bridge every Webelos II to a troop! If you have questions, or need some help, give us a call.

Need Help? Call the Membership Team

The membership team is standing by to assist your unit in recruiting new Scouts and families into our units:

Vice-Chair, Membership Dan Ehrlich
cubmaster678@verizon.net

District Professional Daniel Anderson
daniel.anderson@scouting.org

Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator — Vacant
HELP WANTED

Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator — Vacant
HELP WANTED

WTS Coordinator John Ruby
john.ruby@cytechservices.com

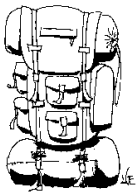
New Unit Coordinator —Vacant
HELP WANTED

GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

CUBSCOUTS: .Cue the bad movie soundtrack.....
"Let's Get Physical, Physical"
Our April Cub Round Table is all about getting Healthy and Physically Fit so we will be hopping, kicking, flipping and hiking into Spring with activities and program materials for all Den levels keyed back to your requirement books to help guide you into providing a well balance and nourishing program selection for your boys. We will help you get the most out of every meeting and event weekend.

Be sure to stretch well before you come and bring another leader to join us and make sure you "get all pumped up" and bring the information back to your unit so it stays healthy and fit too.



Boy Scouts: This month's program will focus on Orienteering, both as a skill and sport. We will be discussing a range of topics, including beginner map and compass skills, planning and setting up skills courses, and merit badge opportunities. We will also review area resources and organizations and the sporting aspects of orienteering.

Venturing: Venturing Forum for April: We are going to screen one or more of the scenarios from the DVD "Personal Safety for Venturing." The DVD is designed to be shown to Venturers and adults; it is not part of Youth Protection Training for the adults, but a follow-on resource that addresses serious safety issues for teens.

Varsity: The Varsity breakout will present - "Hidden Gems in the Handbook - 15 Steps to Make the Team Go"

DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT AND UNIT LEADER AWARDS

Nomination forms for the Old Dominion District Outstanding Unit and Unit Leader Awards are on the district's web site, www.boyscouts-ncac.org >> Districts >> Old Dominion >> District Documents and Forms. E-mail messages containing a direct link to the forms were sent to the district's Yahoo groups e-mail list on March 10th and April 5th.

These awards are for unit scouters in all programs — Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing/Sea Scouts. Please take advantage of this district program for recognizing your eligible volunteer leaders for all that they do.

Nominations are due by April 14 (roundtable night) and are to be signed or submitted by the unit Committee Chair. They may be mailed or e-mailed to the address on the form or placed in the box at the April 14 roundtable.

The award period is April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. A scouter does not need to have had a position for that entire period; if he or she has only had a position for part of the year but meets all the requirements, please submit that name.

At the least, each unit is urged to nominate its "Distinguished Unit Scouter." There are no specific requirements for that award; each unit can decide who its distinguished scouter is for the past year (one per unit).

Questions? Tim Kelly, kelly99@verizon.net, 703-866-1240.

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The fastest way to make an email address change or subscribe to the ODD's YAHOO mailing list is as follows.

To subscribe, from the new address, or add a new subscription, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:
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DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY RESULTS

Old Dominion Pinewood Derby – Fast, Fun, and Fantastic

Thanks to all of our participants in this year's ODD Pinewood Derby. We had over 310 boys register to race and compete in the style categories. A big thanks to our track volunteers from Packs 685, 678, 1115, and 1853 as well as our lead style judge Katy Carlson who headed up a team of ten judges from the district and the Knights of Columbus to judge over 200 cars for style. Thanks also to our many volunteers who helped with registration, pit crew, shuttling cars back and forth and our track handlers. Here are the posted results for all of our competitive categories

SPEED:

Tigers: 1st Aiden Dunlop – 991, 2nd Jack Rowe – 1545, 3rd Patrick Harrison – 1100. Note: 14/1000 of a second separated 2nd and 3rd!

Wolves: 1st Josh Brantley – 685, 2nd Patrick Long – 991, 3rd Tie: Garrett Peckman 1115 and Connor Kramarik 868.

Bears: 1st Jerry Camarella - 685, 2nd Zachary Gross - 1853, 3rd Connor McCreary – 1545. Note: 8/10,000 of a second separated 2nd and 3rd

Webelos 1: 1st Jack Mittauer – 1140, 2nd Jacob Baines – 683, 3rd Ryan Brewer – 684

Webelos II: 1st – Ian Fromm – 685, 2nd Devin Albrecht - 991, 3rd John Perkins – 894

Top Speed in District: 1st – Ian Fromm – 685, 2nd Josh Brantley – 685, 3rd Jerry Camarella – 685.

STYLE

Tigers: 1st – Andrew Guthrie – 685, 2nd Bruno Iannotti – 1229, 3rd Drew Cullinane – 1140.

Wolf: 1st Bryan Miller – 863, 2nd Remy Brettell – 688, 3rd Devin Gerdes – 1115

Bear: 1st David Rodgers – 684, 2nd Ian Whitesel – 1140, 3rd Nick Moseley – 688.

Webelos I: 1st – Gabriel Olsen – 88, 2nd Phillip Barlow – 1115, 3rd Logan Hannam – 991.

Webelos II: 1st Sawyer Stuckard – 688, 2nd David Delao – 691, 3rd Kyle Mittauer – 1140

DISTRICT WIDE TROPHIES

Best Military Design: Peter Nichols, Web I, Pack 688
Most Humorous Design: Drew Mitchum, Bear, pack 686
Best Race Car Design: Sam Colella, Web I, Pack 684
Best Scout Spirit: Russell McCawley, Bear, Pack 686

Most Innovative Design: Davis Blum, Web I, Pack 684 (Brother Garret, won same category last year as a Tiger)

OVERALL DISTRICT BEST IN SHOW

1st: Connor McQuillan – 1115
2nd: William Deleo – 691
3rd: Mathan Belk – 685

Please send any feedback you may have to our District Pinewood Derby Chairman – Bob Colella at: <redacted>

LOGGING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Units can now enter their service hours at: www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence. Look for the "Service Project" area of the screen. There they can find the link to log hours, information for first time users, ideas and tips for a successful service project, and sample reports that can be pulled by their council administrator. To enter service hours click on "service hours website." Choose "New User Click Here" or enter in the existing username and password. Users can still use www.goodturnforamerica.com and they will be redirected to the new data collection site. If you have any questions, please contact the national service desk at 1-972-580-2267.

As a reminder to those who are closely following the new Journey to Excellence (JTE) program, community service hours are measured and tracked for the Council's JTE scorecard item #11. The details on how the Community Service Hours metric is measured are as follows: This measurement tracks the total service hours by Scouts, leaders, and other participants recorded on the Journey to Excellence service hours website divided by the total traditional members and Explorers. The determined standard is pro-rated according to the total number of months elapsed in the year. The performance standard is a factor in how a council's score may be decided.

Level	Determined standard	Performance standard
Gold	3 hrs avg.	1 hr s. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Silver	1 hr avg.	0.5 hrs. avg. plus 0.2 hrs growth
Bronze	0.2 hrs avg.	0.2 hrs. growth

THE TRAINING PAGES

Need to get trained for your new position fast? Most training is available online at www.olc.scouting.org and can be completed in short sessions. Need more advanced training? Check out the Council website for available courses, information and online registration. Go to www.boyscouts-ncac.org and click on the training tab. Click on the training calendar. There you will find a drop down menu for the different districts in the council and what training they are offering each month. Clicking on the training will give you more information about the session and how to register.

For online training you will need your id number provided on your registration card from BSA if you have one, if not you can take the training and then add your number to your profile when you receive it.

All registered adults must have youth protection training including newly registered adults, their YPT card must be attached to their registration form or the registration form will not be accepted by Council. For Charter Renewal this year all unit leaders like Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Cub masters, Assistant Cub masters, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders as well as all committee members must be fully trained in their position to continue in those positions.

Wood Badge Training

May 5-8 #1, June 10-12 #2

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is designed for all Cub, Scout, and Varsity and Venturing leaders who have completed basic training. It is a leadership skills course, based on a format originally created by Scouting's Founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell and is considered the "Ph.D." of Scout training. The course is held over three days over two weekends about a month apart. Participants are required to attend each weekend in its entirety, including all day on Friday (arriving by 8:00 AM). Held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA.

The course will deal with cutting edge leadership and management skills while using a structure built on Scouting's organization and unit program. More information and registration info can be obtained from the council website (www.boyscouts-ncac.org). Click on "Training" and then "Wood Badge" to get the data and forms to download.

The following classes are available online

On-line training is available at: www.myscouting.org

Youth Protection Training (YPT) – Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This course is required to register as a Scouter.

Youth Protection Training For Venture Leaders– Re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. This is a different class for Venturing leaders which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units.

This is Scouting – is the entry-level course required for all Scout leader training.

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training (CSLT) – covers all Cub Scout leader positions.

Chartered Organization Representative Training (COR) – This Is Scouting is not a prerequisite for COR Training but is recommended for CORs not familiar with the Scouting program. Fast start for CORs is available online.

Troop Committee Challenge (TCC) – covers all Troop Committee positions

Supplemental Training Modules – are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training

Live courses can be arranged for groups for YPT, TCC, COR and CSLT. Contact your training team for more information.

Commissioner Training

Course Taught	Date	Responsible District
Basic	May 7, 2011	VA Central
Basic	May 7, 2011	MD North
ADC	March 26, 2011	Colonial
ADC	May 7, 2011	MD North
RTC	May 7, 2011	MD North

Contact John Pastino at: <redacted> for additional information on Commissioner Training.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Mike Kidd started Cub Scouts in 1962 and stayed involved in Scouting for the next 10 years attending the 1969 National Jamboree, earning Eagle Scout with a Silver Palm, and becoming a Brotherhood member of the OA. After a long absence from Scouting, which was only broken by the opportunity to serve as a Philmont Ranger while in college, Mike's adult involvement began when his son joined Cub Scouts in Hawaii. Mike's first camping trip in the Old Dominion District was with his son's Webelos Den (Pack 88) at the District's Fall Camporee, Sky Meadows State Park, Oct 6-7, 2000. His second O.D.D. camping trip was the District's Spring Camporee at Harpers Ferry, April 20-22, 2001—ten years ago—and he hasn't missed a Spring Camporee since.

On all of those camporees, if he wasn't in charge of Troop 688's new Scout program, he was working on the camporee's staff. He has taught Space Exploration MB at every single O.D.D Merit Badge Jamboree, worked as a counselor at the Merit Badge Midways of the 2005 and 2010 National Jamborees, was lead advisor at a Philmont crew, and participated in a Northern Tier trek. At last year's Centennial Camporee, Mike ran the orienteering and hiking part of the New Scout Adventure. After seven years as an active Assistant Scoutmaster, Mike became (and still is) Troop 688's Committee Chair. Mike was awarded O.D.D.'s Key 6 Award in 2008. Since that Spring Camporee in 2001, Mike has been on 85 overnight Scouting trips and amassed 158 nights of tent camping as an adult.

Lee Nelson started his career in scouting in a Cub Scout pack at St Mary's church in Cumberland, Md., from 1951 to 1954 earning the arrow of light. He was subsequently kicked out of the associated scout troop for being too young. His positions served include:Pack 1529 cubmaster 1984-1988, den leader 1984-5, Webelos leader 1986-87; Camp Akela counselor 1984 – 1989 GW district, 2010 Old Dominion District Pack 856 cubmaster 1989, ACM 1990-1992; Troop 856 ASM or MC 1980 – 2011. He attended long term summer camps 1980-2009 He was a GW district committee member 1987-88; Unit commissioner 1989- 1997; Old Dominion UC 1998 – 2011. He has also been a Merit Badge counselor, attended every camporee since 1980 and also been involved in every Scouting on the Mall activity. Lee received the Key 6 award in 1990.

In the community he has served as science fair judge for Lee High School, Christian Academy, and Shepard School (DC). He has been a part of the Lee band Parents Association, cooking those wonderful hot-dogs for the games 1983-87. Lee was an Assistant Coach in the Springfield Little league from 1983-87. He has been married since 1967 and has two sons, one of whom has achieved Eagle Rank. Currently Lee is retired after 34 years at Walter Reed Institute of Research as a research chemist in the combat casualty group, concentrating on Hemorrhagic Shock.

Tom Quigley had a big scouting resume in 2010-11, when he has served on the District Finance team, planned and implemented the entire Brownsea program at the Centennial Camporee, and organized and chartered a new Venture Crew, as well as serving on the staff at the National Jamboree.His district resume includes merit badge instructor and District Vice Chairman for Finance. Since joining Troop 688 he has led and been a part of numerous outings including high adventure trips to Philmont and winter camping at Northern Tier in Minnesota.

Tom organized and co-chartered Venture Crew 610 in September 2010 and currently serves as its Advisor. He has been recognized as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster, received the Key 6 Award, was presented the Bronze Pelican Award for support to Catholic Scouting and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. In the community he helps officiate at youth football and lacrosse games.

Derek Trumbetic has been a key volunteer for the Old Dominion District for over thirteen years. He has served as a volunteer at the unit, district and council levels. Derek has worked many Fall Camporees for the Old Dominion District since 2000 usually covering the archery range and has taught numerous merit badge classes to hundreds of scouts at the Merit Badge Jamboree and through Troop 856 in automotive maintenance, leather working, woodcarving, archery, and rifle shooting. In 2010 he served on the staff at the ODD Day Camp and brought reptiles for the scouts. In 2009-2010 Derek worked The Hauntings of Haymarket Hollow as a key volunteer., where he took a week of vacation each year to help build and set up haunts for the event. He has assisted scouts from Troop 856 with Eagle Projects for many years.

Derek is shooting sports trained and has helped numerous youth members of the district enjoy learning archery and shooting skills. In 2003 he was presented the Old Dominion Key Six award. In the community he teaches Bible class at Springfield Christian Church, is treasurer of the men's group and works with the church youth fellowship committee.

Join us May 25th at the 2011 District Awards Dinner for the Court of Honor to present the awards and to congratulate these scouters.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING DAY EMBASSY OF SWEDEN WASHINGTON, DC

In preparation for the 22nd World Jamboree which will be held in Rinkaby later this year the Embassy of Sweden to the United States is hosting an International Scouting Day on Saturday, May 28, 2011, in Washington, DC that will be open to Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and adult Scouters.

Scouts and Scouters will assemble at the Embassy to learn more about Sweden, the World Jamboree in Rinkaby and international scouting in general. There will be knot tying displays and classes and there will be an overview of Swedish culture provided by Embassy staff. The classes, information session and cultural exchange will be capped off by remarks by a senior member of the diplomatic corps. There is an optional hike following the event that will focus on Swedish flora and fauna.

The Embassy can accommodate up to two hundred Scouts and Scouters for this event – to manage attendance all participants will register via the NCAC website which will detail times and locations. Navigate to the Council Calendar for May 28th or click the INTERNATIONAL link on the NCAC menu bar and select UPCOMING EVENTS. There will be a modest $5 charge to cover the cost of the patch that will be awarded at the conclusion of the event. Attendance at this event will also satisfy partial completion towards the International Activities Patch for both Scouts and Scouters and also satisfy some requirements for the International Scouter's Award for Scouters.

We hope all attendees will enjoy this window onto world scouting. Please note that attendance is not limited to those trekking to Sweden for the World Jamboree – any Boy Scout or Venture Scout may register for the event and attend. Attendance is on a first come basis and once the two hundred slots are filled the registration will be closed so look to sign up early. Should you have any questions contact Peter Lagerberg at <redacted> or Mike Sierra at Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org.

DAVIS RECEIVES HORNADAY GOLD BADGE

On February 21, 2011, National Capital Area Council President Dan McCarthy and Scout Executive Les Baron signed the certificate to award the Hornaday Gold Badge to Kenneth P. Davis, of Old Dominion District and council Executive Board member, based on his service during the period 2005-2008 on the Order of the Arrow's "ArrowCorps5" conservation projects.

The ArrowCorps5 projects were carried out in five national forests in 2008 in California, Missouri, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming. Scouter Davis served as the Transportation Unit Leader for the 750 OA members involved at Goshen Scout Camps in Virginia, supporting trail projects in the George Washington/Jefferson National Forest near the camp, carried out in June 2008. Later, in late July and early August, he served as the Logistics Section Chief for the entire project at the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyoming. In this role, he was one of the four major staff officers reporting to the Incident Commander. providing all logistics support needed for the project. This project involved 1100 OA members building trails, dealing with invasive species and removing fencing that inhibited wildlife movement. Davis directed a staff of 55 to support daily movement of 600 workers and which also supported the deployment and recovery of two "spike" camps of 150 workers each who worked in remote locations for the week of the project.

The US Forest Service, an agency of the US Department of Agriculture, estimated that the OA provided some 280,000 man-hours of work at all five projects, valued at $5.6 million worth of service. These figures average out to 58,334 man-hours and $1,166,667 in Virginia. For the Wyoming project, the man-hour figures work out to 85,555 and the dollar value is $1,711,111.

Davis was among the early staff members of the ArrowCorps5 project, taking training in early 2006 and investing some one thousand man-hours and two on-site visits to the Virginia project and five on-site visits to the Wyoming project.

The William T. Hornday Conservation Gold Badge can be awarded to adult Scouters who have given significant service to the field of conservation at or above the council level for a period of at least three years. The recipient is authorized to wear a gold badge on his uniform above the left pocket.

Davis is a Scouter of 56+ years who has worked extensively in the Order of the Arrow and training/Wood Badge levels for more than 30 years.

OA UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Leadership Elections – May 1 – Chapter Meeting: During the chapter's May chapter meeting, the youth will elect the Chapters leadership for the coming year. The positions that will be up for election are Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief of Inductions, Chapter Vice Chief of Activities, Chapter Vice Chief of Administration and Chapter Vice Chief of Unit Programs. It is very important that we have as many Arrowmen attend this meeting as possible to allow for the youth to select their leadership for the next year. If you have any youth that are interested in running for any of these positions, they need to contact the Chapter Adviser, Mr. Morrow, oddscouter@cox.net, as soon as possible so that they can be sent a Chapter Candidacy Petition and fill it out prior to the meeting.

Spring Ordeal – May 13-15 – Camp Moss Hollow: The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Spring Ordeal on the weekend of May 13-15 at Camp Moss Hollow. Come out and fulfill your ordeal while providing cheerful service to Camp Moss Hollow and the inner city youth that use the camp. Arrowmen are also welcome to come out and participate in the ordeal as Elangomats or provide cheerful service while welcoming our newest members.

There will also be an opportunity for eligible Arrowmen to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood conversion. The Brotherhood walk will occur Saturday afternoon with the Brotherhood ceremony occurring late that evening. Brotherhood costs nothing but your time and commitment. However, you do need to register.

This is the first opportunity in the Old Dominion District for those scouts and Scouters who were elected by their fellow scouts and Scouters and called out at the Spring Camporee to fulfill their induction into the Order of the Arrow. If you are one of those that were elected for induction and you do not complete your ordeal by the end of this year, you will have to be re-elected by your fellow scouts for you to be eligible for induction into the Order of the Arrow next year. Re-election is not always guaranteed.

Contact your Troop Order of the Arrow Representative (TOARs) for more on the ordeal and Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity—April 30 – Spring Camporee, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be conducting a Brotherhood Walk and associated Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony during the afternoon and evening of April 30, during the Old Dominion District's Spring Camporee. This will be an opportunity for eligible Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow to seal their membership in the order. If unit leaders are interested in identifying unit members that are eligible for Brotherhood Conversion, they are encouraged to contact the chapter adviser, Jeff Morrow, via email, oddscouter@cox.net, to obtain the information for their use in encouraging unit members to convert their membership. The entire Brotherhood conversion can be accomplished at no cost to the eligible member. Sign up forms have previously been forwarded by an email from Mr. Bill Rooney.

SUMMARY OF RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

Lodge Fellow Ship – March 18-20 – Camp William B. Snyder: The annual lodge fellowship was held at Camp William B. Snyder during the week of March 18-20 to allow fellowship amongst members across the lodge, ceremonies competition and the election of lodge officials. Members of the Old Dominion chapter attended and competed in the Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies competitions. Even with the Old Dominion chapter's ceremonies team only being able to compete with three of the four Brotherhood ceremonies team, the team finished in second place. In addition, our Chapter Chief, Kyle Staron, competed in his first Vigil competition and was awarded third place. The youth leadership also represented the chapter during the important event of electing the new lodge leadership.

2011 Dues and Brotherhood Eligibility

To all unit leaders and TOARs, please check with all the members of your units to insure that they are current with their lodge dues. Also check with any OA member that has completed their ordeal more than 10 months ago and inquire as to whether or not they have sealed their membership in the order by completing their Brotherhood conversion or when they intend to do so. Brotherhood conversion is a key parameter to the Old Dominion Chapter being able to achieve Honor status each year. Information on who is eligible for Brotherhood Conversion and that status of any members lodge dues is available to the unit leadership by contacting the Old Dominion Chapter Adviser, Mr. Jeff Morrow, at oddscouter@cox.net.

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CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2011 MEDIEVAL ADVENTURES!

July 11-15, 2011 at Occoquan Regional Park!

Spring is coming and Day Camp Registration is OPEN! Register up through 5PM, APRIL 18, 2011 to receive an **Early Bird discount** and send your Cubs to camp for only $160. Financial assistance is available in some cases by submitting a camper aid application no later than April 15th. Registration is open and Pack Coordinators can find current information online. Go to boyscouts-ncac.org, click on "Camps" and then "Cub Scout Day Camps" for more information.

One adult per every five scouts (Wolf through Webelos) is required to escort these adventurers. Tiger Cubs must have an adult partner attend camp with them (this adult may not be counted in the 1:5 ratio).

Adults: We are still looking for adults staff with an adventurous streak who can spend a week with us. Please consider joining our Staff. Each Full time staff member gets FREE CAMP REGISTRATION for one Cub Scout! We really need your help so we can provide a lot of programs for our campers. The more staff we have, the better camp will be! So join us now and get your Cub in for FREE!

Boy Scouts: We need your help too! Scouts age 14 and older serving all five days will receive a $75 credit toward camping at Goshen Scout Reservation! Scouts under age 14 can earn service hours while helping a parent or scout leader with a station. Den Chiefs can also earn hours by accompanying their Den at camp!

Have questions, want to volunteer? Contact Karin Linehan at: ODDaycamp@gmail.com or 703-475-9669.

OA UNIT ELECTIONS

The OA election season is wrapping up. However, there are still some units from which we have not heard. Last week, each such unit was sent a letter by email asking for immediate action if they wished to have an OA election this year. The letters also asked that each unit let us know if they had no scouts eligible for the OA this year. The letters were sent to the Unit Leader, Committee Chairperson, and Unit Commissioner for each unit, as listed in the District's Point Of Contact list. If you are one of the units listed below, and are unaware of this emailing, please contact me and Vice-Chief for Inductions Brian Umberger immediately! If you are on the list, and have already responded, please disregard this message.

As of press time, we need to hear from the following units : S612, S664, S875, S881, S894, S994, S1789, S1845, V1146, and V1147..

It is highly desirable to have the final elections held ASAP, and definitely before the Camporee at the end of the month.

Adult Nominations need to be tendered immediately, even if your unit has not yet had an election. They need to be processed in advance, and can be held contingent to at least one youth being elected by your unit. We have not received many nominations. Surely, there are more worthy scouters out there! If you are considering somebody, send in the form now!

Election and Nomination forms were included in the emails last week, and can, of course, be sent again if needed. Emailed copies are accepted.

Thank you very much,
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Brian Umberger
Vice-Chief for Inductions

Two "cars" from the recent Pinewood Derby. See story on page 7.

Celebrate Earth Day with the EPA: Earn your Environmental Science Badge

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is calling all Boy Scouts within the National Capital Area Council to come to the National Mall to participate in its 2011 Earth Day activities. EPA's tent will contain 40 exhibits on clean air, clean water, green technology, green jobs, rain gardens, composting, an environmental crime scene and other ways in which EPA works to protect human and health and the environment.

Completion of these activities will go towards earning your Environmental Science Badge: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-ENVS.aspx

The EPA tent will be open on Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-3pm

- Children's stories: Sat 11-4pm; Children's music: Sun 10-3pm; Children's art – both days
- Located on the National Mall between 4th – 7th Streets NW

Detailed information about this opportunity was distributed to the Old Dominion Yahoo Group (e.g., *The Old Rag* distribution list) on April 10th. For additional information or if you are interested in pursuing any of the listed options or have other ideas on how to involve your troop in the Expo or the P3 Program, please contact Jennifer Legge of SAIC (EPA's contractor responsible for coordinating event logistics) at 703-856-9217 or P3Expo@saic.com.

Gentlemen, Start your engines! Above right and below: Two views of the Pinewood Derby. See story on page 7.

V3 VIEWS

- April 29,30 and May 1, 2011, Fri-Sat or Sun, **Old Dominion Spring Camporee Venturing Out Adventures**

Venturing Out Adventures at the Old Dominion Spring Camporee, April 29-30 and May 1, 2011. The Old Dominion District Camporee will be at Harper's Ferry. There will be Venturing Out adventures for Venturers, Varsity Scouts, and Sea Scouts.

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OA KEY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 29 – May 1: District Spring Camporee – Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity
- May 1: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- May 13 – 15: Chapter Spring Ordeal – Camp Moss Hollow
- June 3 – 5: Section Conclave – Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD
- June 5: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church
- June 11: Lodge Leadership Development – Camp William B. Snyder
- July (4 Weeks) Summit Corp – New River Gorge National River, West Virginia
- Aug. 1-6: Indian Summer - Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, N.C.
- Sept. 16 – 18: National Leadership Seminar – Camp Alpine, NJ

COUNCIL HONORS BEAR CUB SCOUT

Bear Cub Scout Mark from Pack 1100 and his sister, Daisy Scout Lizette, were honored at the recent NCAC Court of Honor on Thursday, April 7, 2011, as one of Today's Heroes.

In the aftermath of the Gulf oil spill, Mark was concerned about the impact of the oil on the pelicans, the Louisiana state bird. He had an idea – to sell lemonade and have the proceeds go to help the pelicans. Mark and his sister also sold homemade brownies at their stand. Their first day of sales raised $600 but word and interest grew. Soon they were selling t-shirts as well for the cause, *LemonAID for the Gulf*. Alexandria, Louisiana, Mayor Jacques Roy visited the stand and presented Mark and his family the keys to the city. CNN's Anderson Cooper did a live, nationwide interview during Larry King's *Disaster in the Gulf: How Can I Help* telethon.

Mark and his cause, *LemonAID for the Gulf*, have raised over $18,000. for the waterfowl in the gulf area. The proceeds are going to three organizations: the Audubon Nature Institute, LSU's Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana , and the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. Check out his website: lemonaidforthegulf.com for more information.

Right-to-left: Mark, Lizette, with their Mom, Suzanne display their recognitions (see story to the left)

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