The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ... Catch it!

The Old Dominion District **WEB Edition** **December 10, 2009**

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5	*The Old Rag* input due	
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5	*The Old Rag* input due	
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27	BALOO Training (VA Central)	
31	Key Six Award Nominations Due	

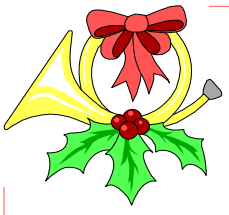
Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and V3 Roundtables are 8:00 PM at Thomas Jefferson High School.
District Committee and Commissioner Meetings are 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road.

SCOUTING-FOR-FOOD 2009 RESULTS

Congratulations and Well Done!!! All Old Dominion Scouts and Scouters who worked so hard on Scouting-For-Food this year should be very proud and satisfied with your accomplishment. You canvassed, collected, delivered, sorted and stocked 18.6 tons of donated food for our local community food banks. These include Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA), Culmore UMC, Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) and Springfield Church of Christ, all of which support those in need in our area. Your hard work provided much needed food for the Holidays and will benefit the recipients in countless ways.

Individual unit weights of food donations delivered to area food-banks are posted on the Old Dominion District website. Here's the link:https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017

As in the past the strong sense of community service, team spirit and collective cooperation of all participating units and individuals is the energy that makes this annual food-drive work and continues to improve. All Unit Scouting-For-Food Coordinators having any comments, ideas or recommendations on any facet of the SFF Campaign are requested to provide them to Bill Rooney at rooney7612@gmail.com at the earliest convenience. Again, thank you for all your hard work



A reminder that the District Committee and Commissioner's meeting for December are combined, and will be held Wednesday, December 16th , at the usual location, St. Marks Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

A huge thanks to Jim Stewart who ran the monthly Commissioner Staff Meeting and Bill Nelson who attended the monthly District Committee meeting while I was away on business travel.

Roundtable Attendance for November

Attendance continues to be excellent, thanks to a great program by Bill, Kirk and Tony (and staffs), this month there was a great turnout despite the change in location and weather.

- Cub Scout – 51 Scouters from 23 out of 36 units (64%)
- Boy Scout – 37 Scouters from 24 out of 33 units (72%)
- Venturing – 18 Scouters from 11of 21 units (52%)

Support to District Committee/Council

Centennial Camporee – This event will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience – not to be missed. Date is Memorial Day weekend in 2010. Jerry Prentice (Camporee Commissioner) is looking for camporee commissioners. $25 gets you meals, hat, patch and indoor accommodations. Commissioners will provide information and assistance to participating units throughout the event, especially with unit arrival on Saturday and check-out. Preference is for commissioners to arrive Friday and you will be finished by noon Monday. Call or email Jerry if interested at 703-963-2984 or jerry@prenticegroup.com.

Centennial Bulletin – The November and December Centennial Bulletins have been released. I had been sending digital versions to commissioners only to pass along to your units, but the December issue has time-critical information on Centennial Camporee registration (including pushing the deadline out to January 15th) and I had to send out to all unit leaders and the Yahoo email distribution.

Charter Renewal

First deadline for charter packet turn-in was Thanksgiving but not many have come in yet. The next deadline is December Roundtable and let's try to get the majority in by that date. The final deadline is December. 31st.

I have still not heard of any units who will not renew their charter, which is great news. If this is not the case, the UC needs to notify me and their ADC ASAP.

Centennial Quality Unit Award Program

All UCs should be working with their units to fill out and sign 2009 completion and 2010 commitment forms. All forms should be turned in to me by December 31st at latest, but earlier is better. They can be given to me in person at the December roundtable, scanned and emailed, mailed or dropped off – whichever is easiest (home address is 8302 Winslow Ave Springfield). They will be scanned and archived so as to be retrievable when needed. Any commissioner needing their unit's 2009 form email me and I will send the pdf file by email.

Congratulations to Nam Chi who turned in the first Old Dominion 2009 completion form. All units who filled out a 2009 form should complete it. All units should fill out a 2010 commitment form ! This is a critical Unit Commissioner function !

Unit Health Assessments

Completed assessments should be sent to me as soon as you have completed them. Any format will do (hard copy or digital). A sample format is available for download from the Commissioner section of the District Web page. Deadline is December 31, 2009, but please try to get these turned in by the December Roundtable.

Miscellaneous

NCAC is the pilot council for a test program that will require unit leaders to be trained in order to register in 2011 (next charter year) and the same requirement for all direct contact adult leaders in 2012 (the following year). We will provide more details on these new requirements after the first of the year.

District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Nominations are due by the end of December. Please review the criteria and think about which of your colleagues might be deserving and get in touch with Ken Davis for assistance with the writeup if you need it. Relevant links are http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf and http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf.

Commissioner Training

Commissioner training this month was *Commissioner contributions to the Friends of Scouting campaign* by Holly Brown. Next year Old Dominion will host a pilot program where Scouters from successful units can mentor 3-4 other units and help them to be equally successful. She will need 20 volunteers to make this program work (thanks to Carl Holman, Jim Stewart and Vickie Trumbetic who have already volunteered!). In general, commissioners can contribute by assisting in communicating why the FOS program is important and encouraging their units to have an active and effective campaign. Targeting parents of graduated Eagles also works and commissioners are well-positioned to know who these are. Gifts for giving at certain levels will be better next year, including a

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

December is upon us and we look forward to completing our new unit goals and financial goals for the Quality District Award for 2009. Keep up the effort on getting new members into our units and building new units. I attended two great events in the past month honoring our military and Msgr. Brady, our Goshen Scout Camp chaplain. The Old Dominion leadership came out in force for the "Salute to the Military" dinner as we were the only district to have an entire table reserved. My thanks to all that attended and were so generous with their donations.

Thanks to Karin Linehan for executing another popcorn sales campaign. And most of all, thanks to all those cubs and scouts that worked so hard to give us another super fundraising effort that benefits both the units and the Council.

For all you Scouters who have not yet sent in your pledge for the 2010 Scouter Friends of Scouting campaign, I encourage all of you to fill out your pledge forms and send them into me. If you have misplaced your form, just give me a call and I will take care of getting your pledge into council.

December weather has started with our first snowfall of the season, so chances are that we could have some snow for the Klondike Derby in January up at the 4-H center in Front Royal, VA. Get your reservations into Fred Woody so your unit can strike a claim on the big mountain and haul in the "Gold" and enjoy the challenges and camaraderie.

Please get you nominations for the Silver Beaver and the Award of Merit into Ken Davis for our deserving scouters that have worked so hard over the past year. The deadline is December 31, 2009, so don't be late. See Page 6 of this issue for more information.

I want to wish all of you and your family a Blessed Christmas, Happy Holidays and a glorious New Year.

John Rephlo
jm@rephlo.com

The ODD SFF Coordinator caught finding treasures important to many Venturing Scouters.

OA Chapter Advisor Allison Hoopes symbolically presents a *groady tent* to Odd District Executive Bart Jarnagin in recognition of his invaluable contributions during the Chapter Ordeal at Camp Snyder in November.

100TH ANNIVERSARY AUDIOCAST

Come to Roundtable this month and participate in the 100th Anniversary Audiocast Kickoff Rally. Register for the audiocast at http://audiocast.scouting.org, and come to the roundtable Thursday, December 10, 2009 at TJ High School cafeteria by 7:50 for an 8 PM start time. If you can't make it to roundtable, you can still listen in from home (but it will be more fun as a group !).

COUNCIL CENTENNIAL CAMPOREE—SPRING 2010

Start your unit planning now for the NCAC Centennial Camporee May 29-31, 2010. This event includes opportunities for Scouts at all levels. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. Preregistration is open now. Visit the NCAC web site for more information and preregistration at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org and click on the Centennial Camporee link..

PINEWOOD DERBY

Want to become more involved with cub scouting? It's easy and fun and you get a great feeling from it as well as meeting lots of people. We need an ODD Pinewood Derby Chair Trainee and volunteers to step forward early this year and take on job assignments. Without volunteers we can not have a great District wide Pinewood Derby. Don't delay we need your help now. We would like one more track and the volunteers to run the track to ensure that the derby in March runs smooth. Thank you packs 678, 991 and 1853 for volunteering their tracks again. Please call Vickie Trumbetic 703-451-3223 to volunteer or step up at Roundtable.

OLD DOMINION DISTRICT PROVIDES COLOR GUARD FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION BANQUET

Above: Troop 2215 Provides Color Guard for Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Banquet.

The Scouts were invited to stay for a four course meal consisting of Blackened Walleyed Pike over Red Oak Lettuce, Shiitake Mushroom Soup, Roasted Breast of Pheasant with Beuree Blanc Sauce and Marinated Venison Loin with Port Wine Demi Glace Garnished with Fresh Herbs, and Chocolate Chestnut Mousse, Strawberry Bavarian and Opera Torte.

During the meal, numerous members of Congress and corporate sponsors visited the Scout's dinner table to complement the color guard on its performance and recount their own experiences as Boy Scouts

PINEWOOD DERBY PATCH CONTEST

Design a Pinewood Derby Patch. The winning design will be proudly displayed on hundreds of Scouts and Scouters uniforms. Entries must be received by December 10th at the Roundtable. Any type of drawing or electronic format will be accepted. Remember the patch must include "Old Dominion District", "NCAC" "Pinewood Derby", fleur-de-lis (representing BSA), and "2010." There is no limit to color selections or shapes.

The contest is open to any registered Scout or Scouter. Email entries to vktrumbetic@verizon.net or turn in to Vickie Trumbetic at any Roundtable. Be sure to include your name, unit type and number and rank or position with your entry. The decision of the judges will be final.

Cub Scout Pack 685's November Pack Meeting include the presentation of the Medal of Merit Presentation by ODD Chairman John Rephlo to a Cub Scout shown above with his mother and Cub Master Louis Perez.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

As we wrap up the year of 2009 let me thank you, my ODD Scouter colleagues, for a job well-done. Our Boy Scout membership numbers have rebounded tremendously this year, and Venturing continues significant gains. We're on track to beat last year's end number for Cub Scouts, and we have gained two new units. I ask that you continue to recruit new Scouts for your units; every event, even a holiday banquet, is a potential recruiting event. It's NEVER too late to join, and most boys don't join because they haven't been asked. Keep running dynamic programs to retain your Scouts—don't be afraid of making some "course corrections" so you keep things fresh and interesting. Finally, packs and troops need to be working together to ensure a strong Webelos-to-Scout transition.

Cub Scout Recruiting: Thank You!

So, How Did It Go? To all our wonderful ODD units, congratulations on completing your Join Scouting Nights and your fall recruiting events! Thanks to your great efforts, many new families and Cub Scouts are now part of the best District in the NCAC (IMHO). A full report with facts and figures will be published soon. For now, I simply want to thank all of you who extended yourselves a little further, spent yet another of your own precious evenings talking to prospective parents about your program, and in the process, welcomed new folks to this wonderful, fun, crazy, instructive, and ultimately, character- and community-building world of Scouting.

I'd very much like to hear your JSN success stories, so if you would like to take a few minutes to jot down how you did it, or things that worked really well for your unit, please do so, and you can submit those notes to me in person at roundtable or via email. I will compile a list of the Best Practices, and we all will benefit by using these practices for future JSN's.

For now, enjoy your results, welcome your new families, and keep it fun!

Yours in Cub Scouting,

Janine Bilyeu
[redacted]
JSN Coordinator, ODD

Webelos-to-Scout (WTS)
It's almost time to Bridge!

We held Scout Expo before November Roundtable—over ten (10) troops and numerous Webelos participated. It was a great opportunity for Webelos II den leaders, families and scouts to connect with multiple troops and arrange follow-on meetings so the soon-to-be Scouts can find out if there is the right "chemistry" for them. The Boy Scout Troops that participated all made over ten or more contacts—those troops who did NOT make it, doesn't that make you want to attend NEXT year?

We know that the holidays are already significantly impacting your schedules, but your boys should be on their last few laps before reaching that goal of successfully bridging into a troop and continuing down the trail to Eagle! Webelos Leaders: let's get those last troop visits scheduled so your boys can choose their troop. Troops: keep on reaching out to your nearby packs and offer their boys to join in your great programs.

If you have any questions about the bridging process or need any help at all regarding Webelos transition, please contact our Webelos-to-Scout Transition Coordinator, John Ruby, at ruby.john@verizon.net or on the phone at 703-839-2524.

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 Executive	Bart Jarnagin
barton.jarnagin@scouting.org	
Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator	Janine Bilyeu
[redacted]	
Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator	HELP WANTED
--Vacant	
WTS Coordinator	John Ruby
ruby.john@verizon.net	
New Unit Coordinator	HELP WANTED
--Vacant	

COMMISSIONERS (cont.)

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fleece jacket for the highest levels.

Other upcoming training heads-up – put the below dates on your calendar and make sure you register in advance via the NCAC website http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16894&orgkey=1988 and http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24914&orgkey=1934

Commissioner College on 23 January 2010
University of Scouting on 20 February 2010

AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

The District Award of Merit is the only official BSA award that the Old Dominion District can award to its adult Scouters. While there are no specific requirements, the award recognizes outstanding service to youth within the District and is only presented for exceptional and dedicated service over a period of time.

Nominations should be submitted to the Old Dominion District Award of Merit Committee Chairman Ken Davis no later than December 31, 2009. Nominations can be mailed to Ken Davis, 6320 Phyllis Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312-6402 or e-mailed to daviskenjared@aol.com . The nomination form can be obtained at :
the Council web site at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/150_merit.pdf or from http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf .

The awards will be presented at our District Scouter Recognition Dinner in the spring.

Ken Davis
703-941-9018

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31

The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level award approved by the BSA National Court of Honor and is available to only about 2% of registered Scouters in any year. It is given for "exceptional service to youth on a council level." There are no specific criteria except for service to young people through the Scouting program and at least some involvement in youth work outside Scouting. Recipients are usually those who have extensive district and unit Scouting experience, and almost always includes some service at the council level, such as Wood Badge, Pow Wow, Commissioner, Order of the Arrow or other service beyond the district level.

Anyone can submit a nomination which should go directly to the council Silver Beaver Committee no later than December 31, 2009. The nomination form is available on the council web site or from http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf.. Scouters interested in submitting nominations can get guidance and suggestions for write-ups by contacting Ken Davis at 703-941-9018 or daviskenjared@aol.com, or by contacting any member of the Old Dominion District Key 6 leadership.

CHARTER RENEWAL (or Recharter) BASICS

Rechartering is now officially called "Charter Renewal" and and all packages must be turned in by December Roundtable (or as soon as possible afterward, before the end of the year).

As last year, the step by step process is:

- Obtain recharter kit (was picked-up by your Unit Commissioners at the October Roundtable)
- Unit Commissioners should work with unit leaders to pull all chartering information together, including new youth and adult applications
- On-line rechartering opened November 1st, unit leaders will enter all information – either via Scoutnet or Electronic Unit Management Software (like Troopmaster).
- Unit leaders will print a charter renewal application
- Unit Commissioners should review for accuracy and to ensure they meet minimum requirements.
- Unit leaders then submit the charter renewals on-line and print out the final application.
- Unit leaders and Executive officers sign the appropriate form.
- Unit Commissioners should then provide a final review, sign and turn in the charter renewal package, preferably at the November Roundtable.

Some tips:

- You will need to include applications for all new youth and adults.
- DO NOT hold up the charter renewal package waiting for applications from recruiting efforts – these can be handed in separately after the charter has been completed (but before the end of the year).
- Fees – a new member that is being submitted with the charter renewal in December must pay for one extra month (Dec) plus the full year of 2009.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

WOW! Can you believe it is FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) time already? Your Old Dominion Finance Team is **SO** excited for this year's campaign. This fall we revamped the FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) Campaign. Last month we shared the excitement with over 40 units! All who attended the FOS Training left with a personalized FOS campaign packet made up just for their unit. If your unit coordinator missed the training session, they can attend our encore session this month. If your unit has yet to assign a coordinator this is the time to do so. This job is perfect for the adult volunteer who wants to assist the unit without committing to a more demanding position.

When: Thursday December 10, 2009
Time: 7:00-7:45pm (right before roundtable)
Location: Thomas Jefferson High School cafeteria

Tom Quigley
Deputy Vice Chairman of Finance
taquigley@cox.net

YIS, Holly Brown
ODD Vice Chairman of Finance
Brown.hollyh@verizon.net
703-690-2899

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

2009 is the fifth year that Scouting will participate in the Good Turn for America (GTFA) project. Now is the time to start recording your 2009 Community Service. Reporting projects should be completed soon after the project while details are fresh.; e.g., the recent Camporee

If you have questions or need assistance in navigating the GTFA web site, http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/ , contact Don Palomaki at via e-mail at: dpalomaki@dspalomaki.com. Or at 703-455-9262. Thanks for supporting Good Turn for America and our local community.

Editors note: The e-mail addresses, web page addresses and hyperlinks in this issue were believed to be current at time of editing. However, over time they may become obsolete.

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

At the Cub Scout Round Table this month we begin to Power Up for the BSA Centennial, Blue and Gold banquets and Pinewood Derbies. We plan to have lots of information and discussion to promote those upcoming activities and get everyone else started on your planning. So, bring another adult Scouter or parent and join us at Thomas Jefferson High School on Thursday, Dec 10th from 8-9 PM to get *Powered Up* too.

Future Cub Scout Roundtable themes include:

- January - Happy Birthday BSA - events like this won't happen again for 100 years
- February - Take Flight - spring is coming and the skies are full of flying objects
- March - Spring Into Action - the best time of year to get the boys outside
- April - In the Spotlight - songs, skits and stories, great for a campout
- May - Hoop De Doo! - sportsmanship and skill games going into the summer
- June - Celebrate Freedom - great summertime, outdoor and recruiting activities
- July - No July Round Table, but keep up the tempo with Waves of Fun - pool parties and water sports.

SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

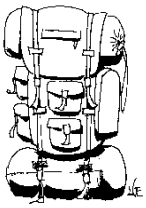
The fastest way to make an email address change or subscribe to the ODD's YAHOO mailing list is as follows.

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:
NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

This has the effect of deleting the subscription for the old address, and creating a new subscription for the new address. If this does not work for you, send an email request to: **NCACOLDDOMINION-owner@yahoogroups.com**

GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE



Old Dominion District
Boy Scout Roundtable
Line-up: Note, Attend, Contribute!

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

Month	**Roundtable**
December	Boy Scout Round Table: Come join us for the 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Rally and an initial presentation on the 2010 ODD Klondike Derby. We'll get overviews of the National BSA Centennial Anniversary plans and of the plan for Klondike. Afterwards, we'll join the Cubs and V3 for an ODD Holiday Cracker Barrel.
January	Boy Scout Round Table: Come join us for walk-throughs of 2 or 3 stations from the Klondike Derby! Fred Woody and his rough-and-tumble staff will have 2 or 3 stations set up for adults to experience as a way to improve understanding of how to prepare your Troops for this fun competition. We'll also have a chance for units to share preparation ideas.

SCOUT SUNDAY AND SCOUT SABBATH PLANNING

A Scout is Reverent is one of the tenants of the Scout law. For the year 2010, Scout Sunday falls on the 7th and Scout Sabbath is on the 13th of February. Most denominations plan their services several months in advance. Units that plan to participate in services as a unit should appoint a committee person and a Scout this month to begin working with the church leadership to set up the Scout unit's participation in one of the services during the month of February. However, it is not required that your unit participate on the dates specified by the Council. Many church leaders prefer to have the Scouts participate in an appropriate liturgy, so let the church leaders make the final call on that issue.

For those units sponsored by a religious group, your physical presence once a year can pay great dividends in terms of continued support by that organization. Most religious organizations like Scouting and considerate it a key element of their youth program. A Scout Sunday or Sabbath is a great way to show your gratitude for what they have done.

Church leaders are sensitive to the fact that on a Scout Sunday or Sabbath there may be Scouts and parents present that are not members of their specific faith or denomination. I've seen them do a great job in making everyone feel welcome. These Scout religious events are an important part of your program.

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The Purpose of the Old Dominion District is to serve the Scouting needs of the units in the District.

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 turn ins. (However, Eagle Advancement forms must be turned in directly to the NCAC office in Bethesda so data accuracy can be checked against the ScoutNet database.)

THE TRAINING PAGES

The training pages are available on the Council website. If you need to find a training session other than those in our District 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.

Many basic training modules are available online. Anyone can take online training, however, to automatically receive credit in Scoutnet, you will need your ID number provided on your registration card from BSA. (You can complete the training without an ID number, but recording completion of the training will have to be done manually.) You can access online training through the Council website under the training page or the link to the online class is http://www.olc.scouting.org.

You should be trained for your registered position to meet the Centennial Quality Unit Award goals set for your unit. In the future, Training will be required for youth contact leaders (ie, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster or Den Leader (including Tiger & Webelos)!

Want to help with training? We want you! Please contact Kurt Langenwalter for Boy Scouts or Chip Souser for Cub Scouts. Please consider joining one of the ODD training teams even if you can only participate once a year. See your Training Team's contact information on page 13.

Youth Protection Training
On-line

Youth Protection Training is available online and provides adult volunteers with an understanding about child abuse and the youth protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America. This course is appropriate for every adult working with youth and may be mandatory to work at or participate in certain Council or National sponsored events. Starting January 1, 2009, re-certification is mandatory at least once every two years. The on-line course is available at http://:www.olc.scouting.org.

The course can also be scheduled for units or other groups upon request. For more information or to arrange special presentations for your unit contact Jack Present by email at: jpresent@verizon.net.

Please note that there is a different class for Venturing leaders which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units which is also available online.

This is Scouting
On-line

Here is where it all begins. Under the BSA training program "This is Scouting" is the entry-level course required for all Scout leader training. It is the foundation for building award winning "Quality Units". This fast paced course gives new leaders an overview of the entire Scout program. It covers: the purposes, aims and methods of Scouting; organization and structure of Scouting units; program funding; safe Scouting; and, the appropriate teaching methods for all ages and stages of youth and young adults. You do not need to repeat the class as you take additional leader specific training for new scouting positions you may move into. This course is only available online at http://www.olc.scouting.org.

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training
January 2

Cub Scout Leader Training is position specific, covering all Cub Scout leader positions, and is required for adults to earn position specific training awards. *This is Scouting* and *Youth Protection Training* are prerequisites for this class but need not be repeated for those who are coming only to be trained in a new Cub Scout leader position these two courses are available online at: www.olc.scouting.org.

The training will start Saturday morning at 8am at Springfield Christian Church, 5407 Backlick Road, Springfield. Cost for the class is $4.00. For more information and to pre-register email [redacted].

The Cub Scout Training team looks forward to seeing every new leader at training.

Supplemental Training Modules
On-line

Supplemental training modules are also available online. They are designed to provide orientation beyond the basic training offered in *This Is Scouting* and leader-specific training. Each module is a unit of training that can be used as an outline for a group, for personal coaching, or for self-study. Most of the outlines should require about an hour to complete. Consider each unit of study to be an introduction to the subject. Scouters are welcome to download subjects that are of interest for personal or unit use. There are no training credits associated with the completion of these units of study. Additional training units are being developed and will be continually added to this site.

University of Scouting
February 20

The highlight NCAC training event of the year is the University of Scouting. This is a once a year opportunity to pick just the classes you want from more than a hundred being offered covering Cubbing, Boy Scouting, Varsity, Venturing, and District Operations. There will be specialized training in a wide variety of cross cutting subjects along with the full range of safety certification programs, and BALOO. You can come to earn credits towards a Scouter's Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D. degree or come just for the courses, fun, and great fellowship. It will be held at nearby Hayfield High School.

Register online at the University of Scouting section from the Training tab section at www.boyscouts-ncac.org. Registration is scheduled to open on December 18th. Register early to get the best selection of classes.

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training
Various

Although this class will not be available in our district until next year (March 20, 2010) it is available in nearby districts. Please check out the Council calendar under training for available dates in other districts at: www.boyscouts-ncac.org. To be fully trained for these positions you must also complete the Outdoor Leader Specific Training held in conjunction with this training.

Troop Committee Challenge
On-line

Troop Committee Challenge is also available online and provides training for the Troop Committee Chairman and Committee Members. Contact Fred Woody at: sixpacknsam@yahoo.com if you would like to set up a classroom session for your Troop. While the on-line version covers the key teaching points and is available according to your personal schedule, the classroom version has the advantage that it provides the opportunity for Qs and As with the instructor and interaction with others in the class in the same position. Please note that to be considered trained in a troop committee position one must also complete *This is Scouting* and *Youth Protection*

COMMISSIONER TRAINING DATES

Course Taught	Date	Responsible District
Basic	**2/27/10**	**George Mason**
ADC	**3/27/10**	**Colonial**
Basic	**5/08/10**	**Patriot**
Basic	**9/25/10**	**Colonial**
Basic	**11/20/10**	**Old Dominion**
Basic	**2/26/11**	**Chain Bridge**
ADC	**3/26/11**	**Colonial**
ADC	**5/07/11**	**George Mason**

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2010 FEE INCREASE

The BSA Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution at the business meeting on May 22nd to increase the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults to $15 from its current $10, effective January 1, 2010. The last fee increase, which was from $7 to $10, was in 2003.

A great deal of thought and consideration went into this decision. Consideration was given to an expected deficit to the National Council operating budget, the impact to program and council support, the necessary funding required over the next several years, the cost of implementing fee increases annually in systems and forms, as well as the overall fees paid by councils. Input was sought and received from staff and volunteers at the council level. Finally, given all these considerations, it was determined that the best approach was to increase the fee to this level and make every effort to hold that level for a period of at least three years.

The new registration fee applies to this year's ODD charter renewal.

PLANNING AHEAD 2010 MERIT BADGE JAMBOREE

The 2010 Merit Badge Jamboree will be held on Saturday, March 6, at Annandale High School. Most of the old favorites will be back and possibly a couple of new offerings. Registration will be slightly different this year and will take some extra effort on the part of each unit. However, the registration deadline will be pushed back to later in January to give units extra time to get Scouts signed up for the badges they desire and create less of a rush following the winter holiday. This will give units less time to prepare Scouts with prerequisites, but we are hoping that this shorter span between registration and the event will be beneficial in other ways.

Look for information in hang files at the December RT and on the District Website in the not too distant future. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me, Cyndy Blake, at: ODDmom@verizon.net.

OA DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE NOW

All members of the Order of the Arrow should have paid their 2010 dues by December 1, 2009. Dues notices have been sent to every member, but they often get lost in the mail and, especially if a youth is the only OA member in the household, they may not get the attention they need.

Please inform the OA members in your units and involved in any way in Old Dominion District that they can pay the $12 annual dues by finding the form on the NCAC web site (under Camping and Order of the Arrow at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24637&orgkey=2002) and mailing the payment to the council office at:

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge
National Capital Area Council
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897.

Sorting food at ECHO, one of several drop-off places served by the Old Dominion District.

OA UPDATE

EVENT WRAP-UP

Scouting-For-Food at ECHO (November 10) Eighteen Arrowmen (12 Youth and 6 Adults accounting for over 90 service hours) answered the call and teamed with Troop 119 and Pack 1501 to provide cheerful service to the local community by supporting the Scouting-For-Food campaign at ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) in Springfield.

Starting with the first delivery just after 9:00 AM our combined team proceeded to receive, weigh-in, sort and store approximately 10 tons of food collected by the cooperative effort of 67 different units in the greater Springfield area. As in years past, many units worked together to make this happen. The tremendous surges of deliveries challenged our team to keep pace with the flood of food. Arrowmen led by positive example in tirelessly working alongside fellow Scouts to get the job done and having a good time as well. Having a lot of pizza and soda on hand probably didn't hurt either. With on-hand food stores critically low, ECHO Director Mr. Bob Nelson voiced great appreciation for the great Fall harvest. Arrowmen and units at ACCA (Annandale) and LCAC (Lorton) community food banks provided similar service resulting in a total of over 18 tons of food gathered. Although a bit less was collected than in the last couple of years, the effort was an incredible feat. Expect letters of appreciation to be sent to all contributing units in the near term.

Fall Ordeal (November 20-21) The Old Dominion Chapter inducted two more Ordeal members at the Fall Ordeal held out at Camp Snyder, and was able to accommodate two candidates from Patriot and one youth candidate from the Powhatan Chapter. He just happened to have been camping out there with his troop that weekend. Candidates and members were able to provide much-needed Cheerful Service to the camp by cleaning, inspecting, and repackaging canvas and nylon tents which had been donated to the camp over time

Ordeal candidates set up and inspect dozens of tents on what may have been the last really nice weekend of the year at the Old Dominion 2009 Fall Ordeal, held at Camp Snyder on 20-21 November.

Brotherhood Ceremony (December 4th) Ten Old Dominion Ordeal members became Brotherhood members at Lake Fairfax Park in what was our last in-chapter opportunity for this year. It was a bit of drive to get there on a Friday night, but the park turned out to be a great site for conducting a Brotherhood ceremony for ten Old Dominion Arrowmen and three Arrowmen from the Patriot Chapter. Despite the forecast of a storm set to arrive sometime in the following 24 hours, the weather held out and let us hold a great event. It was a job well done by all involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lodge Banquet (January 9, 2010): Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470 will conduct its annual Lodge Banquet on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA. Cost is $18.00 per person (Mail Registration is due by December 29th, but late registrations will be taken on a space-available basis for $25). The annual lodge banquet is an opportunity for all Arrowmen and their families to gather together to celebrate the successes of the previous year for the chapters and the lodge. This event is where the lodge will publicly recognize those members who have been recently inducted as the newest members of the Vigil Honor. Recognition is also given to those members who have been selected as Founder's Award recipients. This culminates with the recognition of those chapters who have achieved Quality Chapter status for previous year. Check out the Banquet page for additional details, map and directions and Banquet Registration Form. http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24616&orgkey=2002 As usual, we'll stake out a block of tables for the large Old Dominion Contingent. See you there.

Unit OA Elections: Order of the Arrow Elections for 2010 will be conducted December 7-18, 2009, and January 4 through March 2, 2010, for those units wishing to participate in the Call-Out ceremony scheduled to be held at the Old Dominion Merit Badge Jamboree on March 6th. Otherwise, dates will be available until March 18th. OA Election Request surveys were handed out at the Novem-

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SCUBA DIVING MERIT BADGE

Old Dominion Scouts Among First to Earn BSA's new Scuba Diving Merit Badge

What do you get when you combine sun, sand, ocean, fish, coral, rays sharks, scuba and boy scouts? You have BSA's newest Scuba diving Merit Badge, just released on December 1st. Two scouts from the Old Dominion District were among the first in the BSA to earn this exciting merit badge while on a trip to the Bahamas during Thanksgiving week.

Josh Hamilton and Justin Hamiton of Old Dominion District's Troop 1501 (along with Max Rayman of Colonial District's Troop 680) earned the Scuba Diving Merit Badge on December 1 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. All scouts are certified scuba divers and completed the requirements with their instructor Marty Rayman of Aquatic Adventures Scuba Academy in Alexandria, VA to earn this exciting new merit badge.

Josh, Justin and Max dove a variety of sites during their trip including Picasso's Garden, The Caves, and Papa Doc. Their most exciting dive was the shark dive where they were surrounded by over 20 beautiful Caribbean reef sharks! They were able to enjoy watching these sharks in their natural environment! Other great sightings by the scouts were southern stingrays, green sea turtles, a variety of reef fish, lobster and a variety of soft and hard corals. The scouts are the first of many who will be seeking out the undersea world and earning the new Scuba Diving Merit Badge !

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ber District Roundtable, and electronic copies are available on the district website. Register early to assure availability of your preferred choice of an election date. If no registration is received by the January 14th Roundtable, a date will be selected for you, if you wish to hold an election. All units must respond even if it is a Negative Response. Please fill out and submit the request form at the earliest convenience. Please direct any questions you have to Old Dominion Chapter Elections Points of Contact:

- Elections Chairman – Robert Hoopes: c/o Chapter Advisor at: jmhoopes@midohio.net,
- Elections Adviser – Seth Distler: seth.distler@gmail.com
- Chapter Adviser – Allison Hoopes: jmhoopes@midohio.net, phone: 703-354-0405

OA Chapter Information page link (for Activity Calendar, Elections forms, Flyers): Click the OA Chapter Information link on the ODD Web Page,
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19396&orgkey=2017

Key Upcoming Events:

- January 3: Chapter Meeting (7 -8 PM at Sydenstricker UMC) followed by Ceremonies practice
- January 9: Lodge Banquet (at Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA)
- January 14: Deadline for OA Election survey

OA Chapter members pose for the Camera at ECHO during a break in the Scouting For Food action.

KLONDIKE DERBY

FEBRUARY 5-7, 2010
The 5th Annual Old Dominion District Klondike Derby
4-H Center, Front Royal, VA

Registration is Open for the 2010 ODD Klondike!
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=2017&id=67963

Can your patrol tie a diamond hitch and pack its gear on a sled?
Can your patrol start a fire with one match?
Can your patrol set up a perfect campsite?
Can your patrol do a skit about an adventure in the Yukon?
Can your patrol catapult a snowball 50 feet?
Can your patrol scale a 10' wall with all its gear?
Can your patrol treat a compound fracture?
Can your patrol make a friendship knot?

These are only some of the challenges that have made up the Klondike Derby in the past. Meeting Scouts from other troops, cooking a gourmet lunch and serving it with flare, braving the Yeti, and defending yourself against the Claim Jumpers and Bankers are all part of the weekend.

The event starts with the Friday Night Social – given an activity sheet, you are rewarded for having fun, meeting other Scouts and Scout Leaders, and learning a little bit about the Klondike. Drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water) and chips and pretzels are provided. Music and movies are available. Ping-pong and other games can be played. The OA may have their Trading Post open! Opening the Klondike with a saloon atmosphere lets the Scouts enjoy the brotherhood of Scouting and plotting the next day's activities – It is here that they will get their maps and info for the Klondike adventure!

Saturday morning starts with a hot buffet breakfast, followed by an opening flag ceremony, last minute instructions, and then the Gold Rush! Patrols map out their plans to pan for Gold! Each mine is an activity designed to challenge and reward patrols for their Scout skills, their Patrol cooperation, the Patrol spirit, and their creativity. Gold is awarded for the way you do the event as well as the accomplishment of certain tasks! Saturday lunch is the only meal the Patrol has to plan and cook – and if it's good and if the Patrol can spoil the judges through their entertaining delivery of the meal, then 250 gold pieces can be earned! The competition ends around 4 pm and is followed by religious services and then a pizza dinner. After dinner is the Awards Ceremony and another social – just time to unwind, relax, and share the day's adventures.

On Sunday, the Scouts get a continental breakfast. They can enjoy the facilities until checkout time which is anytime between breakfast and noon. Units are encouraged to take advantage of the surrounding areas – check out the Skyline Caverns, visit the rare animals at the Ecological Center across the highway, or hike up the Skyline trails.

The cost for this year is:

Scouts & Scouters in the Lodge:	$70.00
Scouts & Scouters camping:	$45.00

These prices include Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, Friday and Saturday night Socials, and Hot Chocolate and Coffee throughout the day. The amenities, awards, patches, and all other admin costs are included, too! Patrols only need to plan and cook the Saturday lunch for part of the competition!

The Klondike is repeatedly cited as one of the most fun Scout outings. It allows the youth to decide how to spend their time to maximize their earnings! It encourages patrol interaction through Scout skill challenges.

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Can your patrol lash a tripod together using only one hand?
Can your patrol solve riddles and puzzles?
Can your patrol leader guide a blindfolded group through the woods?
Can your patrol figure out a way to ford an iced river?
Can your patrol say the Scout Law backward in unison?
Can your patrol build a bridge without ropes or nails?
Can you find your way out of a wet paper bag?
Can your patrol yell its patrol cheer?

Come and find out!

Registrations are due by January 8, 2010; registrations are required to secure a bunk. On time registrations will include a Klondike pen for each Scout and Scouter.

The Klondike Package is available on the website at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=2017&id=67963. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contract Fred Woody at 202-685-5750 or fred.woody@navy.mil.

Special Incentive and Opportunity to put your Troop's or Crew's claim in the Klondike! Already had one troop propose an Iron Chef station!

In the past the Klondike Director has created and planned all the Klondike Stations. This year, if a troop or crew would like to develop and provide the Station Guide and materials for a challenging station, Fred will incorporate it into the Klondike and the Troop/Crew will get a 50% discount on one Scouter registration (bunker or camper).

Guidelines:

1. The Station must be challenging, fun, and patrol oriented.
2. The Station must be constructed in a manner that allows points/gold to be awarded. The conduct of the station, the points assigned, and the scenario must be clearly written. Most stations are worth between 30 and 40 points.
3. The Troop/Crew must provide one adult to work the station.
4. The Station must be within the requirements of the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
5. The Station must be approved by the Klondike Camp Director and Station Manager.

Examples of past Station Leader Guidelines can be provided; contact Fred Woody at fred.woody@navy.mil to contribute to the Klondike! It's fun setting up a challenge and watching the Scouts work together to beat that challenge!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contract Fred Woody at 202-685-5750 or fred.woody@navy.mil.

THINK SNOW

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Upcoming Events:

- 8-10 Jan 2010, Fri-Sun – Sea Scout Winter Training, Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin National Park (near Thurmont), Maryland See the following website for details and Boarding Manual http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/training.htm
- 16 Jan, Sat – NCAC Teen Programs Award Banquet, Camp Snyder
- 20 Feb, Sat – College of Adventure, University of Scouting, location TBA
  - VLST/VCLST – Venturing and Varsity Leader Specific Training
  - VLSC - Venturing Leadership Skills Course for youth and adults
  - SSLST – Sea Scout Leader Specialized Training
- 27 Feb, Sat – Annual NCAC Sea Scout Wardroom Dinner, Fairfax, VA
- 5-7 Mar, Fri-Sun – Kodiak Course Directors Course, Camp Snyder
- 10 Apr – Venturing Service Project, Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, Oxon Hill National Park,
- 9-11 Apr, Fri-Sun – Northeast Region Area 6 Venturing Quest 2009, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, Rising Sun, MD (Chester County Council)
- 29-31 May, Sat-Mon – NCAC Centennial Camporee, Goshen Scout Reservation
- 28-31 May, Fri-Mon – Chesapeake Flotilla Sea Scout Regatta, Camp Brown, MD

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC TRAINING FOR VENTURING LEADERS, SEA SCOUT LEADERS, AND VARSITY LEADERS.

VENTURING LEADERS: To be basic trained, Venturing adult leaders (advisors, committee members, etc.) must now complete four courses:

1. Venturing Fast Start (a 20 minute online course or on DVD from the Scout Shop)
2. This Is Scouting (a 45 minute online course)
3. Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST), a 5 hour classroom course presented by district or council
4. Venturing Youth Protection Training (VYPT) (a 30 min online course)

When these four courses are completed, Venturing adult leaders are then entitled wear the "Trained" patch for their Venturing position. There is not a specific Venturing committee training course. Venturing committee members should take the Venturing Leader Specific Training course.

Venturing Fast Start, Venturing Youth Protection Training (VYPT): and *This is Scouting* are available online on the National BSA website http://www.scouting.org under the tab "My Scouting." At "My Scouting" you will be asked to create an account for yourself at the right of the screen under "New to My Scouting." In the process of creating an account, you will be asked for your BSA member ID number. If you do not have it, you can skip this step and add it at a later time. Once in "My Scouting," click on the E-LEARNING title on the left side of the screen to enter online courses. In E-Learning, click on the Venturing tab and you will see the Fast Start and VYPT online training program; click on the "General" tab and you will see the This is Scouting online training as well as many safety related online training courses.

New Crew Officers Orientation. In addition to the online Fast Start, it is recommended viewing the New Crew Officers Orientation program on the BSA website - http://www.scouting.org > Youth > Home > Training > Youth > Venturing Crew Officers Orientation. This is an excellent orientation utilizing video clips that walk you through organizing the crew and developing a crew program. This can also be purchased on computer CD at the Scout Shop, publication AV-0322CD, $7.99.

Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST). The next scheduled VLST will be:

- 9 Jan 2010, at the Sea Scout Winter Training, Catoctin Mt., MD
- 20 Feb 2010, at the University of Scouting, Hayfield High School, south Alexandria (Kingstown)

SEA SCOUT LEADERS: To be basic trained, Sea Scout adult leaders (advisors, committee members, etc.) must complete the same four courses as a Venturing leader plus they must complete the Sea Scout Leader Specialized Training (SSLST). The next SSLST will be offered on 10 Jan 2010 at the Sea Scout Winter Training at Catoctin Mountain (see details in the Boarding Manual listed above) and on 20 Feb 2010 at the College of Adventure, University of Scouting at Hayfield High School in Kingstown (south Alexandria).

VARSITY LEADERS: To be basic trained, Varsity adult leaders (coaches, committee members, etc.) now must complete five courses:

1. Varsity Fast Start (a 20 minute online video or DVD from the Scout Shop)
2. This Is Scouting (a 45 minute online course)
3. Varsity Scout Coach Specific Training (VCLST), a 5-hour classroom course

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presented by districts or council d

4. The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), an overnight outdoor training course presented by districts
5. Youth Protection Training (a 30 min online course)

When all five courses are completed, Varsity adult leaders are then entitled wear the "Trained" patch for their Varsity position. There is not a specific Varsity committee training course although Varsity Committee members can benefit from taking the Scout Committee Training course. Varsity committee members should take the Varsity Scout Coach Specific Training course.

Varsity Fast Start can be viewed online at – http://www.scouting.org > Youth > Training > Adult > Varsity Leader Fast Start. It is presented online in 7 video clips. You can also purchase it on a DVD at the Scout Shop - Varsity Scout Leader Fast Start, AV02V004. The Varsity Leader Fast Start is also recommended viewing for Varsity youth team members and parents.

A Varsity Scout Coach Start-up Kit can be downloaded from the web site at: http://www.lds-scouts.org > LDS Scouting Resources or http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org >Quick Links (upper right corner) > Forms and Documents (lower right) > under Varsity Scouting

This is Scouting and *Youth Protection Training* and can be taken online on the BSA National website – http://www.scouting.org under My Scouting > Training E Learning > General – same information as above for Venturing. Varsity leaders may find the Venturing Youth Protection Training on the Venturing tab more useful for working with boys ages 14-17 as it is more age appropriate working with youth ages 14-17.

Adair Petty
Old Dominion Vice Chairman for
Venturing and Sea Scouting
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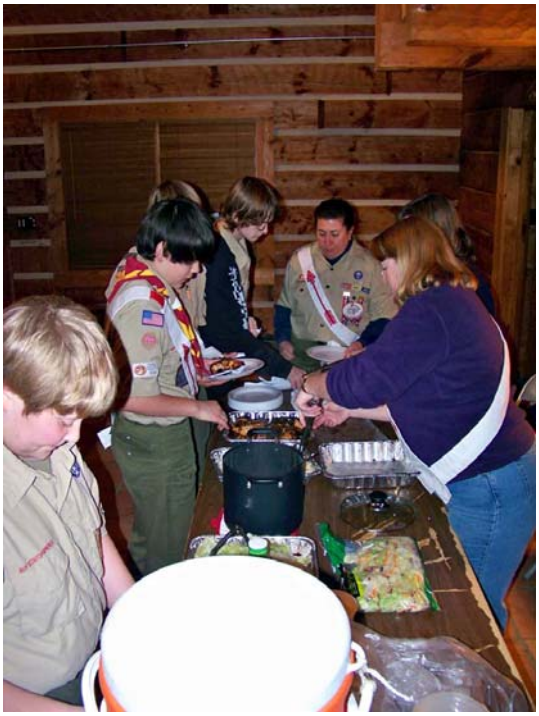
Venturing After Dark. In the picture above, Old Dominion Venturers prepare to get lost in the corn maze at Temple Hall Farm, the largest corn maze in Northern Virginia. Members of Crew 1501 organized the event for the Council which included pumpkin carving contest, chili cook orf (or eat off), some field games just for fun and getting lost in the corn maze. The stormy weather in the morning discouraged the normal size crowd of participants but the afternoon broke clear and dry with a colorful sunset before the trek into the corn. Thanks to Old Dominion Crew 1501 for an outstanding event.



New Ordeal Members load plates for the after Ordeal feast at the Old Dominion OA Chapter Fall Ordeal.

POWERED BY POPCORN 2009 SALE

Many thanks to all our Unit Popcorn Kernels, Leaders, and Scouts! Their sales efforts resulted in $218,391 in product orders, and another $7,385 in online sales!

With the upcoming holidays, now is the perfect time to remind your scouts to send out their online sales e-mails. Popcorn is a great gift for family, friends, teachers, or anyone! The Military Donations will help our troops overseas have some great snacks while providing the last-minute tax donation for your customers! Online sales are available year-round and your unit will earn 30% profit from every sale!

Trails-End is also continuing their special online promotions! Scouts who reach $250 in online sales by Dec 25, 2009 will earn 10% of their total online sales back in an Amazon.com Gift Card. If they sell $500 between Dec 1 and Dec 25, they'll earn 15% back in Amazon Gift Cards! Also, all online sales through December 25, 2009 count toward the scout's $1,500 Sellers' Club and College Scholarship.

Prizes were ordered and are being delivered, and our final Popcorn Delivery was Sat, Dec. 5. It was a chilly day, and many thanks are sent to those who braved the cold to distribute or pick up orders! Unit Kernels should contact me if there are any problems with your prize or final popcorn orders.

Please remember that complete payment and any delayed prize orders are due to Council by Dec 20.

Have questions or suggestions to make next year's campaign even better? Send them to Karin Linehan, ODD Popcorn Kernel, at:
linehank@verizon.net or 703-495-0133.

Last Important 2009 Sale Date

- Dec 20 - Final Popcorn Payment Due

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