The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ... Catch it!

The Old Dominion District **WEB Edition** **February 10, 2011**

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1	OA Chapter Meeting	
6	*The Old Rag* input due	
12	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.

This issue of The Old Rag presents a revised look, intended to give scouters in a hurry an indication of the major topics found inside, allowing quicker access to key items of immediate interest. Please send comments/feedback to the editor at: dpalomaki@dspalomaki.com

WHATS UP INSIDE ODD

Merit Badge Jamboree—March 5th. Includes adult leader training day (see page 7). Link to prerequisites and other information is found on page 10.

District Pinewood Derby - March 12th at Springfield Mall—Don't miss this great opportunity to 1) carry home a trophy that can choke a horse, and 2) see all the great cars from our entire District - Details inside on page 7.

Spring Camporee—April 29-May1at Harpers Ferry. A wide ranging program for Boy Scouts and Venturers is planned See details inside starting on page 2.

The **Silver Beaver and Award of Merit** recipients for the ODD have been announced. See page 2/

The **Journey to Excellence** (J2E) program is now used to determine **Quality Unit** attainment status. Page 3 provide additional information on Commissioner support and assistance for unit planning and implementation.

Membership is working toward **Spring Round-up** training at before the February Roundtable. See page 5 for details and some times for troops preparing for new scouts this Spring.

February Roundtable subjects are presented on page 6.

Adult Leader recognition is an important part of adult recruiting and retention. Annually the ODD provides recognition certificates for units leaders. Nominations are due April 14th. Page 6 includes details for the 2011 program.

Upcoming training opportunities include Scoutmaster Position Specific, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, Wood Badge, University of Scouting and several Commissioner courses. Dates and details are found on pages 8 and 9.

Procedures for registration as a Merit Badge Counselor in the ODD have been formalized. Completion of Youth Protection Training is an essential component. Page 10 summarized the procedures and discusses a program to validate NCAC and ODD records.

The **2011 Klondike Derby** was a rousing success. See page 11 for a **recap** of this years event, including the results of the competitions. Also see photo scattered throughout this issue.

Unit Order of the Arrow elections are getting under way, and OA support for Pack **Arrow of** Light ceremonies are discussed in the OA Update on page 13.

The NCAC **High Adventure** program has a number of opportunities, both summer programs and training events before then, that are summarize on page 14.

The **VFW and American Legion have scholarship** programs for Scouts and Venturers. The annual program details are found on page 14.

The **Venturing programs** have numerous **training and service opportunities** coming in the next several months. The V3 Views starting on page 15 presents a summary of these events.

And much more.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting 2011 has begun!

Many units will be receiving their FOS presentations this month. If you would like to have someone give it for you, please contact one of us. We are happy to arrange a presenter for you. Our goal this year is to have 100% of the registered scouts and scouters be given the opportunity to participate in the campaign. We know that with our GREAT team of teams we can accomplish anything. A few units still have packets to pick up. If your unit is listed below, please be sure to pick it up at roundtable on February 10th. Additional brochures and recognition items will also be available at roundtable.

Packs: 16, 302, 612, 702, 818, 881, 894, 991, 995, 1229, 1789, 1845, 1892

Troops: 612, 702, 818, 859, 881, 894, 990, 991, 995, 1115, 1318, 1501, 1789, 1845

Crews: 18, 574, 712, 1501, 1518, 1620, 1789, 4031, 4522

Any unit with donations to turn in can do so via roundtable. Personal pick ups can also be arranged.

We are truly grateful for all you do for scouting!

Thank You!
Tom Quigley
Vice Chairman of Finance
Old Dominion District

SILVER BEAVER AWARD ANNOUNCED

The National Area Council has announced the 2011 Silver Beaver Award recipients. Congratulations to **Steve Richardson** of the Old Dominion District on earning the Silver Beaver Award.

This distinguished group of Scout volunteers will be recognized during the Council Annual Banquet on April 7th. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor the NCAC can bestow upon an adult volunteer. .

OLD DOMINION 2011 SPRING CAMPOREE

April 29th through May 1st

Were camping at the Harpers Ferry KOA http://www.harpersferrykoa.com/. Parking is at a premium so plan ahead to take as few vehicles as necessary.

We will have Civil War reenactors camping with us and there will be program opportunities to visit their campsites and Scouts will have an opportunity to go through a short "Camp of Instruction" and see what Civil War era boot camp was like.

The campground is a half mile walk to the National Park visitor center where scouts and scouters can catch the park shuttle busses into the historic town. Be aware that there is practically no parking available in the town.

There is a Harpers Ferry Heritage Trail through the park and we will provide you the Heritage Trail guidebook. If you complete the questionnaire a special Heritage Trail patch can be purchased at the Camporee for $3.50. We will also have a scavenger hunt in conjunction with the heritage Trail hike.

If you want a longer hike we have the 10 mile Maryland Heights trail hike that will take you by foot down into Harpers Ferry, across the Potomac River, up Maryland

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DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT ANNOUNCED

District Chairman Holly Brown has announced that four exceptional scouters from Old Dominion have been selected to receive the District Award of Merit in 2011. This award is a council award presented by districts based on the number of units in the district. Old Dominion can presented up to four awards each year.

The recipients for 2011 are: **Michael Kidd, Lee Nelson, Tom Quigley** and **Derek Trumbetic.**

Congratulations to these fine scouters. A biographical listing for each person will appear in the March Old Rag. The awards will be presented at the district annual banquet in May.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Commissioner Staff News

Welcome to new commissioners: Will Nelson, Christine Stewart, and Tom Petersen. Much thanks to Dora Judson for serving units in the LDS community for many years.

Roundtable Attendance for January

Cub Scout – 35 scouters from 17 out of 37 units (46%)
Boy Scout – 36 scouters from 19 out of 34 units (56%)
Venturing/Varsity – 10 scouters from 4 of 23 units (17%)

Charter Renewal

A number of charter renewals have been held up by missing applications, YPT for adult leaders, needed information and other reasons. Our acting District Executive, Dan Anderson and ADC for Charter Renewal, Hubert Fry will be in touch with your and/or your units soon to track down these missing pieces. January Roundtable would be a very good time to have your units bring these items in to hand off directly to Dan.

Centennial Quality Program

Final result – 75 out of our 92 units earned the Centennial Quality Unit Award (81.5%). This was second highest result in the Council. Thank you to everyone for getting these in and to Don Palomaki for tracking and reporting progress. It was also a key contribution that has resulted in our designation as a 2010 Quality District – Congratulations to all !

Journey to Excellence Program

The new program has been presented in our recent meetings and email communications. Key points and next steps:

- Units have been informed passively (Old Rag, flier in hanging files, short roundtable brief). It is now up to commissioners to actively inform them of this program and how it can help them.
- Download/print the forms either from the BSA website or Old Dominion Commissioner web page. Go see your unit leaders within the next month and sit down with them. Go over the program and form with them. Sit down with them periodically to chart progress.
- Remember your units do not have to fill out the form until the end of the year, but should use it as guidance during the year in planning and evaluating their progress.
- One of next year's District performance measures will be the percentage % of our units earning a bronze award.

Training

1. Old Dominion was represented very well at Commissioner College on January 22nd (nearly 20 attendees out of ~180 total).
2. If you missed our own Commissioner College or want to further expand your commissioner education from the point of view of "how they do it in other Councils," here's some info on two nearby colleges:

- Baltimore Area Council's University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Carroll County Community College, Carroll County located on 1601 Washington Road in Westminster. It's just up the road off Route 32.
- A multi Council University of Scouting (including the commissioner college) will occur April 9th in Lancaster, PA, (flier attached to my last commissioner staff meeting summary email)

Link to Baltimore http://www.baltimorebsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=32894&orgkey=749

3. See page 9 of this newsletter for other Commissioner training opportunities (especially Commissioner Basic Training for our new commissioners).

Commissioner Support at Klondike Derby. Commissioners were visible and active at the Klondike Derby. From David Best as one of the Golden Spoon judges, to Dennis Ratliff claim jumping, to Cyndy Blake and Dean Stinson as critical members of the Klondike Staff. Others manned stations - Seth Distler, Mark Burrows, Scott Romans. Thanks to all for providing quality commissioner service and contributing to a highly successful district event !

Commissioner Neckerchiefs: Vickie will have our new neckerchiefs available at roundtable and other district activities. The cost is only $12. These are only for Commissioners to help our units identify us when commissioner service is needed.

Unit Visit Tracking System: Don't forget to enter your January visits! Another District J2E measure is number of visits logged into UVTS over the course of the year. The clock started January 1st - log your visits today!!! For those who are having difficulty logging into the system, try the Help Hotline first at 1-972-672-4389. If registration seems to be the issue, let me know and we'll try to fix the problem.

Unit Health Reports: If you haven't provided your unit health report yet, send it to Don Palomaki. If you don't have time for the written form, just email him with the Red/Yellow/Green assessment. Send to:

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Acceptance

This month I want to explore the word acceptance and how it relates to scouting. Over the last month or so, I have been made aware of several incidences of frustration from volunteers over what most would call minor issues but to them were important. This district is full of dedicated scouters who are passionate about their particular roles and that is one of our strengths. We all need to accept people for what they do and appreciate their worth to our organization.

As volunteers we all have value and give something very special to scouting and that is our TIME. Time is something everyone has but a volunteer chooses to give some of theirs away to help others. How much time an individual has to give is different for each person. Accepting that, rather than judging it is the key to success. Every scouter plays an important role in our district and I am grateful for you all!

Holly Brown
Chairman
brown.hollyh@verizon.net

JEWISH SCOUT SHABBAT

Friday, February 11, 2011
8:00 pm

Congregation Adat Reyim invites all Jewish Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, scouters, and their families to the annual Scout Shabbat service on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 8:00 pm.

If you have earned Jewish Religious Emblem Award or if you would like to participate in services please contact Karen Ehrlich or Dannie Halle, at: pastpresident@adatreyim.org. Wear your scout uniform.

Congregation Adat Reyim is located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield, Virginia, just off Old Keene Mill Road. 703-569-7577. http://www.adatreyim.org. All are welcome.

Patrol team work at the Klondike Derby

Commissioner Corner (cont.)

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Lord Baden Powell Birthday Party: Keep your calendar open for Sunday, Feb 20th. Commissioners and significant others invited for a fun, non-uniform social gathering. Invitations will go out soon.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
District Commissioner
scottstaron@msn.com

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.)

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Spring is right around the corner—come to Spring Roundup Training

- When: Thursday, February 10th at 7pm (right before Roundtable)
- Where: Thomas Jefferson HS Cafeteria
- Who: Both Cub Scouters AND scouters (yes, that means you, Mr. Scoutmaster!)
- Why: Because spring is a GREAT time to recruit new Scouts, we'll provide you the tools!

It sure has been a cold winter, but don't let that fool you--Spring will be coming around the corner before you know it—and with it, Spring Roundup! What is Spring Roundup? Well, on June 1st all of those current Kindergartners whose parents asked about Cub Scouts at Back to School nights will be 1st graders in the eyes of the BSA. In addition, all of those current 5th graders will be 5th grade graduates and ready to join the Boy Scouts. We'll be providing your leaders insight on how to plan and execute an effective Spring Roundup of all those new Scouts for your unit.

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: Hey, Troops—are you ready for your new Boy Scouts?

Alright, Scouters—time for a pop quiz:

1. Has your PLC planned for the new Scouts that will be bridging to your troop? Have you?
2. Is there a Troop Guide designated?
3. Are you organizing a New Scout Patrol?
4. Have you scheduled a New Scout parents briefing?
5. Will you use a "First Class, First Year" advancement target approach?
6. Do you know where to go for help?

Remember, your New Scout retention rate will be proportional to your New Scout planning rate.
Here's a hint for the answer to question 6—look at the "Need Help?" article here in the Membership section!

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	**HELP WANTED** — Vacant
Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator	**HELP WANTED** — Vacant
WTS Coordinator	John Ruby ruby.john@verizon.net
New Unit Coordinator	**HELP WANTED** —Vacant

Cooking for the Golden Spoon at the Klondike Derby

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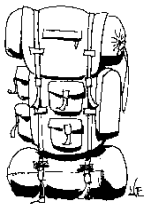
The Purpose of the Old Dominion District is to serve the Scouting needs of the units in the District.



GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

Every 2nd Thursday except July.

CUBSCOUTS

Cub Scout Round Table for February—our core value is Compassion. We will include updates on the upcoming University of Scouting training opportunities, the new Journey to Excellence program and how it works, District Pinewood Derby and preview of NCAC Centennial events for later this year.

We also have several special interest splits to include: Emergency Preparedness Award, Webelos camping, Summertime Activities award, Selecting Pack Leadership and Updating your Pin so prospective Scouts can find your unit.

As always, there is a lot of useful information, helpful program ideas and fellowship with other great leaders. So come out to join us on Feb 10th at 8 PM in the cafeteria at TJHSST and bring back the tools to help your Pack go.

BOY SCOUTS

Guest Roundtable Commissioner Dennis Ratliff will present alternatives to tent camping, with the main topic being hammock camping. After several of years sleeping on the ground and on stiff cots as a scout leader and in the military, his back began to protest. A scoutmaster from one of his boys' former troops got the unit into hammocks as an alternative. Dennis will discuss the basic concepts of hammock camping (equipment), the different models/ designs available (and costs), the advantages and disadvantages of hammocks versus tents, and a live action demonstration. Also a preview of the upcoming Spring Camporee. Don't miss it !

VARSITY

This month's Varsity Roundtable will be presented by our guest Varsity Roundtable substitute staffer, Regan Brough. The topic will be *How to achieve great results through Coordination of the Adult Varsity Committee, Program Advisors, and their counterpart Youth Program Managers*.

VENTURING

Venturing Forum will have a variety of learning, news, and activities including: a tutorial on how to present Venturing to a non-Scouting organization, news on upcoming events, a fun and physically moving activity from the Venturing Forum Manual or the new Introduction to Leadership Skills Course. →

At this month's VOA meeting we will be hosting the Area 6 VOA President. All Crews and Ship have been invited to attend "en masse" (bring the entire Crew/Ship). Part of the meeting will be used to finalize a few items for the Venturing segment of the Camporee. The North East Region Venturing Cabinet President may also attend the meeting.

DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT AND UNIT LEADER AWARDS

'Tis the season — for the district Outstanding Unit and Unit Leader Award nominations. These awards are for unit scouters in all programs — Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity and Sea Scout. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the district web site; go to www.boyscouts-ncac.org and click Districts >> Old Dominion >> District Documents and Forms. An email containing a link to the forms will be sent to the district's Yahoogroups e-mail list shortly. A small supply of paper forms will be available at roundtables or by request from Tim Kelly (see below)

Nomination forms are due by April 14th. They should be submitted by the unit Committee Chair, and can be emailed or snail-mailed to the address on the form or turned in at the March or April roundtable. Please take advantage of this district program for recognizing your eligible volunteer leaders for all that they do.

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

SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE E-MAIL 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**

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY MARCH 12, 2011

Old Dominion District Pinewood Derby 12 March 2011 at the Springfield Mall. Rules and registration forms available from ODD website: Document and Forms link (see link below)

Who can enter? Each Pack can enter five cars in the speed category – one per age group and 15 cars in the show competition as follows: two per age group and five from the pack overall to compete as District wide winners in five specialty categories of Best Racecar Design, Best Military Design, Best Scout Spirit Design, Most Humorous Design, and Most Innovative Design. All cars entered as Show competitors compete for all trophies – i.e. if a car won best in show in your pack, it could win "Best Scout Spirit Design" at the District, a car that won Best Racecar Design for your pack, could win Best in Show for its age group.

Registration of cars for the derby starts at 8:00 AM. Boys registering their cars for the speed events should expect to have their cars checked to see that they meet all of the rules. We hope to start racing at about 9:00 AM. We have four tracks to expedite the racing and we will start with the youngest boys first. The finals will be held after the age based racing is finished.

Cost - $8 per boy. Each boy will receive a collector's item, One of a Kind, Old Dominion District Pinewood Derby neckerchief slide – see the design above

Trophies (huge Trophies) for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Web I and Web II for Speed and Show as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (really huge) trophies for overall winners in Speed and Show. There are also, as mentioned, five additional trophies District wide for Best Racecar Design, Best Military Design, Best Scout Spirit Design, Most Humorous Design, and Most Innovative Design. Show judging will be going on while the races are being held. As soon as all races are finished, we will award the trophies. Hopefully, the event will be concluded by 2:00 PM

Max participation – if your speed winner can't make it – keep going down the line until you find a boy who can come – same with show – send the boys out – they will love looking at all the cars from the many Packs in our area.

Mail registration form and payment to: Bob Colella, 9247 Northedge Drive, Springfield VA 22153 - Postmark by Saturday, March 5, 2011, after that date, please deliver in person to the address above.

Volunteers – we can use some help with registration of cars on the morning of – if you are available and would like to help – we will throw donuts at you! Email Bob Colella at rkascolella@verizon.net if you can help.

Registration form at:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017

Spring Camporee (cont.)

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Heights to see the stone fort ruins then back down to town and return to the campground.

On Saturday at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm we have arranged for two special 90 minute tours geared to the adults (youth can go as well) led by renowned volunteer historian Jim Prentice. These two guided tours will cover the history of Harpers Ferry from Robert Harper's ferryboat enterprise in 1747 through George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, John Brown, the Civil War and into the 20th century with the Niagara Movement, precursor to the NAACP.

Bring your bikes and ride from the campground down through Harpers Ferry, walk your bike across the railroad bridge walkway and ride up the C&O Canal for some great scenery. Take a 10 or 20 mile round trip.

While in Harpers stop by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy headquarters and visit their bookstore. If you hike the Heritage Trail you will have hiked a small portion of the Appalachian Trail and that entitles you to purchase the Appalachian Trail patch in the Conservancy store for $2.50

Horseback Riding – We have contacted Elk Mountain Trail and have reserved approximately 25 "saddles" for Saturday morning and afternoon. The horse farm is a short drive from Harpers Ferry. More info on this will come out in the Camporee Guidebook.

We will also have opportunities for the older Scouts and Venture Scouts to whitewater raft on the Shenandoah River. Details will be in the upcoming Camporee Guidebook.

The Camporee patch show at the top of this article has three tabs at the bottom. You get to earn each piece by participating in each of the following activities:

- Segment One - Going through historic Harpers Ferry and completing any one of the hikes.
- Segment Two - Visiting the reenactors' camp.
- Segment Three - Participating in the service project.

Scoutmasters will certify how many Scouts and Scouters completed the requirements for the segments.

Complete information on all these activities and more can be found in the Camporee Guidebook due out later in February. For questions please contact Camporee Director, Jerry Prentice at jerry@prenticegroup.com or 703-425-1589.

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.

Vickie Trumbetic
Chair, Training Committee

University of Scouting
February 26

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. Where - Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. Lunch is included. Pre-registration saves you $10 on the $40 walk in fee. Register online at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24914&orgkey=1934

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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.

Adult Leader Training Day
March 5

The ODD Adult Leader Training Day is being held in conjunction with the March 5 ODD Merit Badge Jamboree (same day same location) at Annandale High School. While your Scouts are working on merit badges you can catch up on some important training.

The following classes have been scheduled Chartered Organization Representative Training, Troop Committee Training, Merit Badge 101, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb-on Safely, Trek Safely.

Scoutmaster Specific Training
March 19

Join us for a day of learning and sharing - focusing on the tasks that SM and ASM's deal with routinely. This is the second of three required training sessions for the Trained strip (the other sessions being *This Is Scouting* [available online] and *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills*).

The training runs from 8:00AM to 4:30PM (doors open at 7:30, registration at 8:00). The training location is the Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Prerequisites are current YPT & This Is Scouting both available online bring your printed trained cards to the class. by filling out the form at: https://spreadsheets0. google.com/viewform?formkey= dEd-TZURkcTZGLTVjb3djbjBrMFNSNGc6MA After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you have questions call Kurt Langenwalter 703-690-4238 or email langekl@earthlink.net.

New trainers are always welcome - if you're already trained but would like to share and continue learning - please consider helping the District SM Training Team. We would love to have your assistance in training other scout leaders. Call Kurt Langenwalter 703-690-4238.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
Monday, March 28 and Friday – Saturday, April 1-2

This is a great course for those new parents to attend. There is no prerequisite course to take. This training session, the last of three required to be a "Trained" covers basic scouting skills and how to teach them in an adult campout setting. It is most appropriate for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders who want a grounding in outdoor skills. We'll have fun, experience new techniques and gain lots of tips to make the Outdoor program a fun and memorable part of your scouting adventure. *This Is Scouting* and Leader Specific Training sessions are a highly desirable but not required.

The course runs Monday evening at the Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield starting at 7:30pm and then a Friday through Saturday campout portion tentatively will be conducted at Camp Highroads. The cost is the cost of food. You must pre-register to reserve a slot for either course by filling out the form at: https://spreadsheets0. google.com/viewform?formkey= dEd-TZURkcTZGLTVjb3djbjBrMFNSNGc6MA

When you register it will ask for your BSA Registration Number. After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail.from Dennis Wokeck, Course Scribe, at dwokeck@cox.net

Wood Badge –Sunday Friendly
March 3-5 & March 30-April 2

The National Capital Area Council is conducting a Sunday Friendly Wood Badge course in March (March 3-5, March 30-April 2). This is the second time our council has committed to a Sunday friendly course, but the first time in March. Attached is the flier for the course. The timing of this course is unusual and the staff who are currently preparing for the course are looking for every avenue available to promote it to ensure the course is full. Additional information is posted on the council website at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16143&orgkey=1934

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Chip Souser the Course Director for the Sunday Friendly Course: Danielle Ballantine, <redacted> or <redacted>

Commissioner Training Opportunities

We have a full line-up of Commissioner training opportunities for the months ahead. Just as every scout deserves a trained leader, every unit (and roundtable) deserves a trained commissioner.

Commissioner Basic Training (for commissioners in all positions including RTCs)

- February 19, VA Central (Chain Bridge District)
- March 5, MD North (Montgomery District)
- March 12, DC/PG/MD South (Western Shore District)
- Classes coming up : April 16, VA South; May 7, VA Central

Roundtable Commissioner (and RT Staff) Basic Training

- March 5, MD North (Montgomery District). This training starts at 1:30 PM, immediately following CBT

Assistant District Commissioner Training

- March 26, VA Central (Colonial District)

Fliers have been sent out with more details. If you did not get them, please contact ADC for Training John Pastino at <redacted>

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS IMPORTANT UPDATES

Two issues have to be addressed in the management of the ODD Merit Badge Counselor (MBC) list. First, all adult volunteers must have completed Youth Protection Training (YPT). Second, the ODD MBC list differs substantially from the NCAC ODD MBC list.

BACKGROUND

- MBCs must register with the BSA by submitting an Adult Application with proof of current Youth Protection Training (YPT). YPT is available on ScoutNet and can be accomplished before a Scouter/MBC is officially registered. [www.myscouting.org].
- ALL adult volunteer positions require a separate registration. For example an individual serving as an SM, MBC and holding a District position, is required to submit three separate Adult Applications.
- MBC registration is through the District, whether the MBC elects to work with a single unit or serves multiple units. The Adult Application, proof of YPT and the Merit Badge Counselor Information form (BSA # 34405) need to be submitted to the ODD MB Dean, address below. YPT compliance can be verified with either a copy of the certificate or the ID # from ScoutNet.
- MBC registration is no-fee.
- The Merit Badge Dean will manage the MBC program and maintain a list of ODD MBCs. This list is available upon request and will be distributed periodically to Boy Scout Troop and Venturing unit leaders as changes occur.
- Most MBCs are affiliated with an ODD unit. The unit has primary responsibility for vetting the qualifications of a prospective MBC.
- The objective of the MB program is to have a broad pool of experts for the Merit Badges and to encourage our Scouts to meet and work with adults other than those they routinely interact with in scouting.

FIXING OUR MBC LIST

- In February 2011 the Dean will send each unit a list of their affiliated MBCs for verification.
- After unit verification, the Dean will compare these inputs to the latest NCAC ODD MBC list for registrations and YPT compliance.
- The Dean will then work with the units to correct or collect missing documents.
- The goal is to complete this by the end of April 2011, with those working the MB Jamboree of 5 March taking priority.

Thanks in advance for the effort required to get this right; once we get our names and lists synchronized and validated, updates and adding new counselors will be relatively simple!

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2011 MERIT BADGE JAMBOREE

This years Merit Badge Jamboree will be the largest ever held. We have added classes to accommodate the overwhelming registration numbers. We are nearly at capacity and are still trying to adjust schedules so everyone can have a full schedule. As of today we have 382 Scouts registered for 751 merit badges!

The information, including badge prerequisites, is posted on the District Website under the "Documents and Forms" tab at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17130&orgkey=2017

We will see you at the MBJ on March 5th at Annandale High School.

Cyndy Blake and Steve Scherr
ODD Merit Badge Jamboree Coordinators

Judging the Golden Spoon at the Klondike Derby

KLONDIKE DERBY FEBRUARY 4-6-WITH SNOW!

Over 225 Scouts participated in Old Dominion District's 5th Klondike Derby. These Stampeders traversed the hilly and snowy terrain in search of Gold. A far cry from the harsh conditions of the Yukon Territory in February, we started out with threats of sleet and rain – not what we were hoping for! But while the sleet and rain hit Fairfax County, the majority of the weekend was cold, crisp, and at points sunny! It turned out to be a great Klondike weekend in Front Royal! There was still plenty of snow from last weekend to make the snowball catapults and at least one patrol took time to sled down one of the hills.

Saturday morning our young Stampeders equipped with a map of potential claims, personal daypacks, patrol equipment and their personal will, went in search of the patrol and Scout skill challenges. There were stations involving pioneering and knot tying skills, first aid response, fire building, Superbowl ads, dog sled pulling, leave no trace, and auto services – including changing a tire. Much, much, much thanks to the adult leaders who ran the stations – couldn't do a Klondike without the adult leaders providing logistics to get the Troops out to Front Royal and then turning around to spend the day working a station!

By the end of the evening, it was clear that the Seventh Annual Klondike Derby - hard to believe that we did the first one in 2005) - held at the 4-H Center in Front Royal, Virginia was another success enjoyed by both the Scouts and the Scouters! 16 Troops and 1 Venture Crew (T-150, T-683, T-853, T-950, T-1115, T-1140, T-1146, T-1147, T-1318, T-1390, T-1501, T-1511, T-1518, T-1538, T-1853, T-2215 and VC-1501) participated for the 5 top honors this year: Scout Skills, Patrol Unity, Commissioners Award, Golden Spoon, and Stampeder Award. Our Plaques and the Golden Spoon were designed and made by Dave Stelter.

The **Scout Skills Award** recognized the combined scores from 9 of the 17 stations including orienteering, Scout trivia, pioneering, fire building, and first aid. The top three patrols were:

- 1st Place: 2215 Mortal Campers (1st Place Commissioners award last year)
- 2nd Place: 1501 Dream Team
- 3rd Place: 1853 Road Runners

The **Best Patrol Award** recognized those patrols that worked well at problem solving, patrol cooperation, and leadership stations which included the dog sled racing, the teambuilding exercises, fording the river, sports, and the patrol challenges. The three top patrols were:

- 1st Place: 1115 Los Desperados (3rd Place Scout Skills last year)
- 2nd Place: 1853 Pirates
- 3rd Place: 1853 Roadrunners

The **Golden Spoon** Award was presented to the Patrol that provided the best luncheon and saloon show. Our judges this year included our two seasoned judges – Klondike Madams Cathy Hamilton and Susan Woody – along with Commissioner David Best. The competition was extremely close with many patrols bringing the entertainment and food to the judges – see the point scores below)! The winners were:

- 1st Place: 1501 Dream Team (143 Points)
- 2nd Place: 2215 Mortal Kampers (127 Points)
- 3rd Place: 1501 Cinco Caballeros (126 Points)
- 4th Place: 1518 Klondike Bar (125 Points)
- 5th Place: 1853 Dragons (125 Points)
- 6th Place: 683 Flaming Arrows (124 Points)

The **Commissioners' Award** recognized the patrol that demonstrated the best Scout Spirit. Determined by the Commissioners, Claim Jumpers, Station Leaders, and Klondike Staff, the winners were:

- 1st Place: 853 Golden Platypi
- 2nd Place: 1853 Pirates (Also placed 2nd in 2009 in this category)
- 3rd Place: 150 Draco

Finally, the **Stampeder Award** was given to the patrol that discovered (earned) the most gold. This is a combination of not only the 17 Stations and the Golden Spoon, but includes gold earned or lost at encounters with the Claim Jumpers and the banker, as well as gold earned for volunteering to help out. Last year's winners did not place this year – in fact only the Pirate patrol who placed 2nd last year was in the top 4 this year. But this year it was the 1501 Dream Team that finished in first! With determination and desire, they moved quickly through as many stations as they could, prepared a solid lunch, and really sought to come in first. The winners of the overall competition were:

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Klondike Recap (cont.)

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- 1st Place: 1501 Dream Team (1063 Pieces of Gold earned)
- 2nd Place: 2215 Mortal Kampers (912 Pieces)
- 3rd Place: VC 1501 Shadow (837 Pieces)
- 4th Place: 1853 Pirates (2nd Place last year and 3 time winners over all!) (836 Pieces)

We had some incredible competitions, great weather (which we again hope to import to the Spring Camporee at Harpers Ferry), and a super staff. Much thanks to the Klondike Saloon ladies: Cathy Hamilton, Cyndy Blake (who will see you again at the Merit Badge Jamboree in less than a month), and our Klondike Madame Susan Woody. Recognition also is given to Jim Templeton for another great job registering our Scouts with on the spot help by Cyndy Blake, to our Health and Safety Rep Dave Stelter, and to our Program Coordinator Dean Stinson. Much thanks to John Gawalt and Commissioners Dennis Ratcliff and Seth Distler for being our Claim Jumpers!

Also many thanks, not only the OA members that continuously support the Klondike, but to Tommy Lundquist for running the OA trading post during the weekend and to the OA team that conducted the Brotherhood Walk and ceremony for eligible Arrowmen attending the Klondike.

There were many reported sightings of the Yeti, but I'm thinking they may have been confused with members of 1511's Yeti Patrol! So…

Mark your calendars for 3-5 February 2012 as we look to pan for gold in Front Royal at the 8th Annual Klondike. Expect new challenges and twists on old ones! Add it to your Troop's annual plan. We'll be looking forward to seeing old friends and new friends in creek beds searching for gold next year!!

Photos from the 2011 Klondike Derby

OA UPDATE

Upcoming Events

Unit Order of the Arrow Elections – January through March: The Old Dominion Chapter's Vice Chairman for Unit Programs, Evan Bracy, has stepped forward to take on the role of the Elections Chairman for the upcoming OA Elections season. The Elections Chairman will begin to gather data on schedules for the elections requested by the Troops and Teams in the District, he will organize and train a pool of volunteers to conduct the elections, and he will direct these volunteers to the various elections as needed. He will have election request forms available at the January Roundtable for unit leaders to fill out and submit. Units will be contacted to finalize specific dates and timed for the elections later in the January timeframe.

Arrow of Light Ceremony – February 2011: The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be conducting a weekly Arrow of Light Ceremony during the month of February. The following is the schedule for the Arrow of Light ceremonies and the information concerning the hosting and participating packs.

Week of

- February 14 Thursday, February 17, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Pack 1229, Congressional Schools of Virginia,
- February 21 Wednesday, February 23, Time and Location TBD, Packs 686 and 683
- February 28 Monday, February 28, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Silverbrook Elementary School,

The hosting unit is willing to host other units in their local area that want to participate in the Arrow of Light Ceremony. If you have any questions concerning this opportunity, you can contact the chapter adviser, Jeff Morrow, via email, oddscouter@cox.net.

Lodge Fellowship – March 18-20: The annual lodge fellowship will be 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. If you are interested in attending the Lodge Fellowship, information and registration forms are available on the lodge web site. The lodge fellowship provides the youth membership with the ability to elect their lodge's leadership for the coming lodge year.

Summary of Recent Chapter events

Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony – February 5 – Klondike Derby: The Old Dominion Chapter of the Order of the Arrow conducted a Brotherhood Walk and associated Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony during the afternoon and evening of February 5, during the Old Dominion District's Klondike Derby. The chapter was able to have 6 Ordeal members seal their membership in the order by going through their Brotherhood conversion during the district Klondike. Cold weather Brotherhood conversions are usually those that members remember for the rest of their life.

This was the first of many opportunities 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 Brotherhood conversion is accomplished at no cost to the eligible member. Future opportunities for Brotherhood conversion will be announced through the Old Rag and Old Dominion Chapter emails.

2011 Dues: To all unit leaders and TOARs, please check with all the members of your units to insure that they have sent ion their 2011 lodge dues. According to lodge procedures, Arrowmen that are not current with their lodge dues should remove their lodge flap from their uniform.

Key Upcoming Events:

February 13: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

March 6: Chapter Meeting – Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

March 18 - 20: Lodge Fellowship – Camp William B. Snyder

April 29 – May 1: District Spring Camporee – Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity

May 13 – 15: Chapter Spring Ordeal – Camp Moss Hollow

June 3 – 5: Section Conclave – Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD

Sept. 16 – 18: National Leadership Seminar – Camp Alpine, NJ

HIGH ADVENTURE

- 2011 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit-Crew Opportunities: NCAC is sponsoring three Philmont contingents in 2011: P628 (6/26-7/10), P705 (7/3-7/17), and P712 (7/10-7/24). Unfilled unit-crew spaces are being returned to Philmont. There may still be some provisional spaces available. The provisional youth application is available at the NCAC High Adventure website www.boyscouts-ncac.org; about us; committees; HAC.
  - All provisional and unit crews will travel together under arrangements made by NCAC. The estimated cost is $1950 per person. For more information, contact Dave Talbott at <redacted> or <redacted> or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes@scouting or 240-395-0605.
- 2012 Florida Sea Base Reservations: Reservation requests for 2012 Sea Base Adventures must be made online at www.bsaseabase.org, starting 1/15/11 and continuing through 2/15/11. A lottery will be held and crews contacted when they have been accepted for a 2012 Sea Base Adventure. Additional information is available at the NCAC High Adventure website.
- 2/19-20 – Wilderness First Aid / CPR / AED – $180 – Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. For more information, see http://www.patc.net/PublicView, or contact Saleena DeVore at <redacted> or <redacted>.
- 2/26 – University of Scouting – $40 ($30 if preregistered by 2/20) – 7:30 am – Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, VA. The High Adventure Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and offer a course. Numerous other high adventure-related courses will also be offered. For more information, see www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.
- 2/26 – Get In Shape for Philmont Hike. For more information, contact Art Jordan at <redacted> or 703-368-4975.
- 3/12 – NCAC Philmont Crew Advisor Hike – Catoctin Mountain Park, MD & Signal Knob, VA. All 2011 NCAC crew advisors are required to attend. For more information, contact Rush Williamson at l<redacted> or <redacted> or Art Jordan at <redacted> or <redacted>.
- 3/19 – NCAC High Adventure Advisor Training – 8:00 am – Bull Run Regional Park, Centreville, VA – The training is for adult advisers and youth crew leaders going on NCAC-sponsored HA treks. Adult advisors and crew leaders attending HA bases on their own are also welcome. The training will cover first aid, backpacking equipment, map and compass, bear safety, stoves, camp set up, cooking, and water purification. There will be breakout sessions for crew leaders, Philmont, Northern Tier, Adirondacks, Maine, and Lenhok'sin. For more information, contact Art Jordan at <redacted> or <redacted>.

Thanks! Get out there!
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VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS FOR SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

American Legion program

The Department of Virginia, American Legion is accepting applications for 2011 Eagle Scout of the Year. The application forms can be found at http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eaglescoutnomform.pdf .

Applicants must either be members of a unit chartered by an American Legion Post or be the son or grandson of a Legion or Legion Auxiliary member. Applications must be received at Department Headquarters no later than March 1, 2011. The mailing address is - The American Legion, Department of Virginia, P.O. Box 11025, Richmond, VA 23230-1025 , phone (804) 353-6606

Questions? Please call Peter Pate at 703 217 5421 or email: ppate1@yahoo.com.

VFW program

The Department of Virginia, VFW, is pleased to announce the competition for 2011 Scout of the Year. Application forms are at:
http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/Community/Scout%20of%20the%20Year%20Application%20Packet.pdf or http://www.vfwvascouting.org/.

Applicants must be recipients of the Eagle, Silver, or Quartermaster award and be at least 15 years old and be enrolled in high school. All Venturers holding the Silver or Quartermaster award are welcome to apply. Applications are to be submitted to your local VFW Post by March 1, 2009.

Questions? Please call Peter Pate at 703 217 5421 or email: ppate1@yahoo.com.

V3 VIEWS

TRAINING GALORE in February and March

Sea Scout Winter Training was conducted this past weekend at Camp Round Meadow on top of Catoctin Mountain. There were 185 Sea Scouts and adult leaders there from 15 Ships from as far away as New York. Old Dominion Ships 1176 and 1115 were there pitching in with training, galley duty, and learning. The weather Saturday was definitely not sailing weather. It rained, sleeted, snowed, and everything that came down turned to ice. The power went out for 5 hours and the water line to the camp broke leaving us without water for any of the necessary things. Park maintenance came to the rescue working until almost midnight in the frigid weather and got the pipe repaired so at last we could use the facilities and take a shower. Three cheers for dedicated national park employees. We survived it all, had a good time in spite of the challenges, and came down of the mountain Sunday in time for the Super Bowl (we must keep our priorities straight). Well done Sea Scouts.

New Youth Leadership Training for youth and for leaders will be presented at the University of Scouting. The New "Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)" and the "Introduction to Leadership Skills for Sea Scout Ships (ILSSS) will be presented in a joint course for Venturing and Sea Scout youth. There will also be a separate course presented for adult leaders to learn this new course so they can teach it in their crews and ships. The course will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the University of Scouting at Hayfield High School on Saturday, 26 February 2011. Registration is on the council website, http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org under training and University of Scouting. Sign up online. Venturing and Sea Scout Youth are welcome. The ILS course teaches:Unit Organization, The Team Based Crew/Ship, Crew/Ship Organization and Jobs, Servant Leadership, Vision, Communications, Planning, Teaching EDGE, Leadership and Teamwork, Teams and Team Characteristics, Stages of Team Development and Styles of Leadership, Inclusion, and Leadership Ethics and Values.

Venturing Leaders Specific Training (VLST) and Varsity Leader Specific Training (VCLST) will be presented at the College of Adventure, University of Scouting. The courses will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the University of Scouting at Hayfield High School on Saturday, 26 February 2011. Registration is on the council website, http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org under training and University of Scouting. Sign up online.

KODIAK Adult Leader Train-the-Trainer Course, Saturday, 12 March 2011, 9:00am to 1:00 pm, location to be announced. Kodiak is a youth leadership development course that can be presented as part of a Crew, Ship, Varsity Team, or Scout Troop outdoor high adventure program or long cruise. It is based on the servant leader concept and teaches five leadership skills using illustrations found in nature - effective teams, values/vision, communications, decision making, and planning. This adult leader train-the-trainer course is for any adult interested in learning how to use this youth leadership development course with their youth. You will learn how to teach the Kodiak leadership skills and effectively administer this course during your unit's own high adventure.

Additional information can be viewed on the Kodiak website – http://www.kodiak-bsa.org

If you have any questions, please contact Adair Petty, ppetty1@cox.net

Powder Horn, summer 2011.

- Part 1: August 25 - 28, 2011 at Camp St. Charles; 15375 Stella Maris Drive; Newburg, MD
- Part 2: September 15 – 18, 2011 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

Powder Horn provides Scout leaders (Venturing, Sea Scout, Varsity and Boy Scout) a hands on experience with a wide range of outdoor, high-adventure activities. Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist leaders in delivering the promise of Scouting's high-adventure experiences to our youth. The cost is $275 but it is the best 6 days you will ever spend as an adult leader, doing all the things your youth would like to do. Following is a list of experience topics provided: Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Communication, Conservation Project Development, Emergency Preparedness, Cooking, Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Survival, Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History, Shooting sports (including rifle, pistol, shotgun, & archery), Watercraft (sailing, canoeing, kayaking), Expedition Planning, Cave Exploring, Overnight, Physical Fitness, Plants & Wildlife, Working with Teens, Backpacking, SCUBA, Project COPE, Winter Sports, Life Saver, Fishing (fly), Cycling, Ecology, Hunting, and Equestrian. For registration, contact Adair Petty, ppetty1@cox.net

ECOLOGY SERVICE PROJECT, HELP CLEANUP THE POTOMAC RIVER Saturday, 9 April 2011, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Oxon Cove, Oxon Hill National Park, MD. Ventures, Varsity Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Boy Scouts from all over the National Capital Area Council, gather at Oxon Hill National Park, Maryland, just north of the new National Harbor on the Potomac and north of the Wilson Bridge, to help in the Annual Potomac

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River Watershed Cleanup day. Last year, volunteers cleaned almost 3 tons of debris out of the Potomac River. This year Scout volunteers will make it 4 tons this year.

Oxon Cove is one of the places that needs the most help and the Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts are the ones to do it. Join other Scouts in this fun and very worthwhile service project. (ALL SCOUTS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE SERVICE PROJECT.)

So wear your grubbies, and rubber boots if you have them, and come help us preserve our national river. It flows right through our council, so what better place to help. If you do not have rubber boots, no problem – there is plenty to do without getting in the water.

Please email Adair Petty, ppetty@cox.net to let us know you are coming.

For directions to and information on Oxon Hill National Park, see their website - http://www.nps.gov/oxhi

Venturing Summit 2011, April 8-10, 2011. Venturers and Varsity Scouts are invited to attend the Northeast Region Area 6 Venturing Summit 2011 at Camp Rodney (north end of Chesapeake Bay), April 8-10, 2011. Cost will be about $45 per person. If you can only come for Friday evening and Saturday, that is OK. Watch for registration information at ne6venturing.org

Following is provided by the youth leadership team planning the Venturing Summit. "April 2011's Venturing Summit will be an Ancient Greek/Roman Festival with Olympic competition. Friday night activities include a casual, social, icebreaking evening with cupcake/cookie decorating, flashlight tag & group stargazing. Saturday there will be two tracks of activities.

The Gladiator Track will include programs such as: flashlight tag, discuss, javelin, shotgun, rifle shooting and archery. The Olympic competition is to be held all day Saturday, and will include various challenges as well as points for the activities listed here. By Saturday evening, the winning team or crew will be chosen and the winners will enjoy their prize at the festival that night. In addition, we will provide a velcrow wall, climbing wall, and are looking into sailing small groups - launched into the Chesapeake right off the beaches of camp! Your weekend will also include fly fishing, gladiator training (karate), a morning run around camp and much much more than even the oracles could tell you.

The Senator Track will include programs such as: stargazing, astronomy & sign language classes, a tie-dye your toga station, possible sandal making, basket weaving and the like. These areas will be made to incorporate all that we can from requirements of the bronze and gold awards.

Participants and staff alike are encouraged to dress up for the entirety of the event (bring a sheet to tye-dye!) and a costume contest will be held at Saturday night's festival! This dance will be held in a building of camp and include a professional DJ, food, plenty of music and fun! Sunday will finish off the weekend with breakfast, the wrapping up of activities and a group clean-up of camp.

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