The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ... Catch it!

The Old Dominion District **WEB Edition** **March 11, 2010**

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6	*The Old Rag* Input due	
12	Cub Scout, Boy Scout, V3 Roundtables	
12	Scout Recruiting Training (before Roundtable)	

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.

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The Derby is slated for March 13, 2010 at Springfield Mall. We will be in the Center Court (near the elevators) since the Easter Bunny will be at JC Penney. Registration starts at 8 am and racing will begin as close to 9 am as possible. All awards will be distributed after the final race is completed. This year we will have medals not patches and they will be available on race day.

Rules and registration for 2010 have been posted on our District website. Please have your registration to me by March 11th. See the registration form if you need more information. Katy Carlson will again head up the Style

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The date for the District Awards Dinner is May 21, 2010, to be held at St. Marks Lutheran Church. Tickets will be on sale at the April and May Roundtables—$15 each.

ANNUAL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

The Old Dominion District Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Wednesday, April 21st, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road. This is the Annual Business Meeting for our District and the elections for District Officers and members-at-large will take place at this meeting.

The District Nominating Committee is in the process of selecting individuals for the various leadership positions within the ODD. Any recommendations are welcome. Please contact Jerry Prentice, Nominating Committee Chairman, at 703-425-1589 or jerry@prenticegroup.com with any recommendations you may have for consideration.

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COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Roundtable Attendance for February

- Roundtable was rescheduled due to snow, so attendance was not surprisingly a bit down, but still not bad all things considered. Many thanks to Holly Brown and John Rephlo for the BSA 100th Anniversary Birthday Cake and to Ken Davis for the BSA History presentation on the Boy Scout side.
- Cub Scout – 20 Scouters from 15 out of 37 units (41%)
- Boy Scout – 32 Scouters from 21 out of 34 units (62%)
- Venturing – 11 Scouters from 8 of 22 units (36%)

Charter Renewals

We have the Charter Certificates available for most units. Please contact Bill Nelson to obtain your unit's certificate. Remember that it is a good practice to formally present your unit's new charter to the institutional head at an appropriate occasion.

Centennial Quality Unit/District Status

2009 Unit Level—79 of 88 Old Dominion units (90%) are Centennial Quality Units in 2009! Congratulations to all units and unit commissioners – this is a great achievement.

2009 District-level—Old Dominion was 1 of only 10 districts that are Centennial Quality Districts in 2009. If you have not yet received a Centennial Quality District Shoulder Patch from me, please ask at next Roundtable or Commissioner Staff Meeting.

2010 Unit level—88 out of 93 Old Dominion units turned in 2010 CQ unit commitment forms (94.6%).

2010 District-level—Old Dominion's 2010 commitment form was completed by the Key 3 and turned in on time. The areas where Commissioners can have the most impact over the course of the year are:

- Number of Centennial Quality Units for 2010 (this is an obvious one)
- Achieving district membership goals (commissioners should encourage and assist in unit recruiting)
- Increasing the district's youth retention goal (greatly influenced by a quality program and adult leadership, assisted by commissioners)
- Financial goals – Unit Commissioners should be assisting in Friends of Scouting and other district fundraising efforts on behalf of NCAC
- Retention of units – let's make zero unit drops this year !
- Recruiting new commissioners – Get out there and bring in some friends/colleagues into the best district commissioner staff in the council!

Unit Health Assessments

Remember that all units that are new within the past three years need to be assessed quarterly. This is due by the end of March!

Notes from Allison in the Scout Shop

The new Advancement guide is in - blue cover and $4/each. It is the inclusive policy and definition book to answer the Scouting questions that have been ruled by folklore. Such as "Who can be on a Board of Review", "What does it mean to be an active scout", How long to keep inactive scouts on the charter", "What does service for advancement really mean", and so forth. It is a must for Commissionors and Unit Leaders. [A popular item, there may be a waiting list.]

Please remind units that they need to bring multiple copies of advancement forms to the Council Scout Shops to pick up scout advancement badges/ cards.

Centennial Rank Badges - are for those scouts who advance in 2010... the Scout Shop also has Centennial Commissioner Patches – DC, ADC, UC, Roundtable Commissioner, etc.

Change to Venturing Age Requirements

The National Executive Board recently approved a resolution to change the eligibility requirements for Venturing to ensure consistency among Venturing, high-adventure bases, and other core programs. The current age and grade eligibility requirement for participation in the Venturing program is 14 years of age and completion of the eighth grade. *Effective May 1, 2010, the minimum age requirement will be changed to 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and completion of the eighth grade.* The maximum age for participation remains under 21 years of age. In support of this change, attached is a list of frequently asked questions. This information is posted at www.scouting.org/venturing.

Its not too late for your units to Register for Goshen or Snyder for Summer 2010 !

Below are links for the most recent editions of the the Goshen Gazette and Camp Snyder Times with

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Today the temperature hit 60 degrees, so Spring must be just around the corner and I, like many of you, can't wait to see it happen after going through the winter we just went through. I encourage all units to consider registering on the Council website for the Grand Centennial BSA Parade, which will be held on Constitution Ave on Sunday, July 25th starting at 1PM. There will plenty of floats, huge balloons and opportunities for all at this once of a lifetime event. This will be the 1st parade in Washington DC exclusive to the BSA since the 1st National Jamboree in 1937. My father-in-law participated in the 1st BSA National Jamboree Parade in 1937 and he always reminded me in later years what a memorable event it was for him. So don't miss it, as it will be something that you can tell your children and grandchildren about in years to come.

Our Merit Badge Jamboree was an outstanding success thanks to the hard work of Cyndy Blake, our MBJ Coordinator, and Steve Scherr. A total of 395 scouts assembled in the cafeteria of Annandale H.S. and fanned out into the surrounding classrooms and got down to work earning 604 merit badges in 31 different areas. My sincere appreciation goes out to the 90 adult counselors, assistants, volunteer staff and troop coordinators. It's great to see so many adults that you normally don't see out in the district out-door events come together and provide great volunteer service that affects so many of our district scouts. It was a great lunch break with tons of camaraderie capped off with the Chapter Order of the Arrow Ceremonies team calling out the new Ordeal candidates. Due to the blizzard many of the Troop elections have not been completed. However, the OA Chapter leadership will ensure that all the youth who are selected are notified by letter prior to this year's Ordeal which will be held at Camp Moss Hollow.

Our next exciting event for our cub scouts takes place this next Saturday in the center court of the Springfield Mall. Registration is at 8AM with the races starting up at 9 AM. Our Pinewood Derby Director, Vickie Trumbetic has gone out and bought some great trophies and we expect a large crowd, so come out an enjoy the competition and fun.

Our Family Friends of Scouting campaign is in full swing. With the blizzard many unit activities, where normally a FOS presentation would have been given, had to be postponed. Therefore, Holly Brown and her team are polling the units to find out the progress they have made to date. Please contact Holly Brown right away so your unit can be scheduled if you need a presenter. In these difficult economic times, we need scouting more than ever to keep our youth moving ahead with the values instilled in scouting. Remember that our BSA council is like a church – without donations it cannot survive. Therefore please encourage all you know to contribute to this worthy program.

Unit committee chairpersons need to submit their nominations for the District outstanding unit and scouter awards for their adult leaders. It is important for you to recognize your troop volunteers for all the time and effort they contribute to bringing about such an outstanding program for your scouts. The nominations are due by the 8th of April. So don't forget!

If you have any questions or need assistance on a scouting matter, please feel free to contact me or one of the Vice Chairmen and we will be happy to help you.

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COUNCIL CENTENNIAL CAMPOREE—SPRING 2010

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

If your unit is registered you have until March 15th to finalize your roster.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Spring Roundup Time!

Important Note: Spring Roundup Recruiting Training, originally scheduled for February, is now being held at 7pm prior to Roundtable this Thursday, 3/11

Spring. Doesn't it just roll off the tongue so nicely? We now have 50 degree + days, sunlight, and rapidly melting snow. Remember, though—you can't have spring without SPRING ROUNDUP! Yup Cub Scouters and Scouters (yes, you too!), it's time to learn the ropes about rounding up those new Tigers and Scouts. We hold our JSNs in the fall, but in the spring we can head off our competitors at the pass and get those 1st and 5th graders (and others, too!) June 1st. But that means we need to be preparing now and finding them in April and May!

LAST CHANCE TO GET ON THE "BE A SCOUT" WEBSITE!

Do you want to make it easier for parents and youth to find your Scouting program? You have until March 31 to submit your unit information for inclusion on the "Be A Scout" website. The "Be a Scout" website will help parents and/or Scouts who are looking for a Scouting program in their local community identify the opportunities available to them. Interested parents or youth will be able to make direct contact with a unit leader, find out what time and day a meeting is held and where. To add your unit to the list, visit http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page, open the "Be A Scout" form and input your unit information.

Cub Scout Recruiting: Time to train to Round up those new Scouts!

While we commemorate the important milestone of 100 Years of Scouting, it is equally important to remember the commemorations that take place within our Packs every year. How thrilling it is for a boy and his Akela to be in front of their Pack, being recognized for the achievement of a particular activity with a belt loop, a bead, a new rank. In this season of Blue and Gold banquets, we get to witness the culmination of some of our Cubs' achievements when they receive their Arrow of Light award, but this will never diminish from the pure joy in the eyes of a young Tiger Cub when they mark the first step of the journey by receiving their Bobcat rank.

As leaders and parents, we get to celebrate these milestones with our Cubs. How amazing it is to think that someday, our young boys will recount their memories of "when I got my whittling chip" or "I remember that Arrow of Light ceremony" or any number of things that these Cub Scout days will imprint upon them.

As leaders and parents of a volunteer-driven organization, we must keep our "eyes on the prize" of watching our Cubs grow strong and confident, understanding the importance of community service, good will, and self mastery. Otherwise, we will burn out from all of our planning meetings, driving duties to and from events, and yet another turn at the popcorn booth.

When we are out there recruiting for our new Cubs and families, I encourage us all to speak of the results of this program: tell the stories of good turns and fast cars and learning about nature and the world and other people in a way that an after-school sports program doesn't provide. Recruiting is easy when your focus is on the benefits for both boys and families--these are stories that all of us can tell.

The details of your recruiting plan can come together in one simple meeting. This is where your ODD Cub Scout Membership team can guide you. Use us!

At my own P150's Blue and Gold banquet last week, our Mason District Supervisor, Mrs. Penny Gross, spoke with me about the wonderful program that Scouting provides. She said that she would be thrilled to see more children involved in the proven Scouting program than in many of the after-school programs that serve children by keeping them occupied, but do little in terms of teaching values and community service. With Mrs. Gross as one of the many advocates of Scouting, lead your own Pack into recruiting mode and believe in the outcome--boys that grow and thrive for years to come.

Yours in Cub Scouting,
Janine Bilyeu
ODD Cub Scout Membership Chair

Webelos-to-Scout (WTS): Bridging is Near!

It's that poignant time of year for Webelos II Den Leaders. Our Webelos II dens are "graduating" and leaving the pack. But the turmoil of happy, sad, and excited isn't something only we leaders face – our boys face it too as they prepare to embark on the next phase of the journey.

For some boys the choice of which Troop to join is easy. But others wrestle with a decision that would be hard for an adult, let alone a 10 year-old. Perhaps there are two groups of friends each in or going to different Troops. Or perhaps the boy is drawn by a different Scouting activity list or Troop style than many of his Den mates. The internal conflict that arises from these choices can overwhelm a 5th grader – thoughts of loyalty to an "old gang" versus "new opportunities," feelings of choosing between group of friends, some he's had since he was a Tiger. For many

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PINEWOOD DERBY(CONT.)

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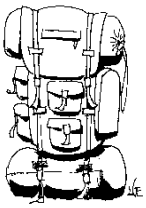
competition. Dorothy Doyle agreed to tackle registration again. Ladies thank you for your support. I still need a pit crew to come forward to handle weigh-in and dimension criteria. Please let me know if you can help out in the trenches.

Thank you to Packs 678, 685, 991 and 1853 again for volunteering their tracks and volunteers to run the tracks!! This ensures that Old Dominion District will have a great Pinewood Derby this year. We still need volunteers to step forward 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. Please call Vickie Trumbetic 703-451-3223 to volunteer or step up at Roundtable.

GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

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

Every 2nd Thursday except July.



Month	Roundtable Topic
March	Leadership
April	Special Cooking
May	Program Launch
June	Backpacking

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 ad-

2010 SPECIAL EDITION CSP

FOR PURCHASE $2
AT GOSHEN OR CUB WORLD

HOW TO QUALIFY:

1. Returning units to Goshen or Cub World that bring 5 more youth this year than the year before. You may combine youth that attend either Goshen or Cub World camps….*Example….a pack that send youth to cub world and a group to PMI (or any of the reservation camps), just need*s to bring 5 more youth total…not to each camp….
2. New to Cub World or Goshen, did not go last year, but will need to bring 35% of the youth from your unit. Unit membership will be determined by June 30, 2010 registered youth.
3. If a unit has a special circumstance they need to request this through the district camp promotion team, program team, Key 3 (D.E., District Chairman, and District Commissioner) for an exception….the Key 3 can make the decision.

Qualifying units can purchase CSP's at camp for $2 each.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

2010 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS) Has Begun!

As most all of you know, the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS) is a very simple yet crucial financial fundraiser for the National Capital Area Council. Units pass out brochures, explain just why our council needs funding and what the money will be used for via a short presentation during a meeting with the parents, then collect the donations. This year though, many of our units had to cancel or reschedule these meetings due to February's unprecedented Snowmaggedon. I want to remind everyone to please not let FOS fall off your radar screen. This year more than ever, council has committed to providing first rate programming that every unit can participate in. The Centennial Camporee at Goshen on Memorial Day weekend is going to be fantastic. These spectacular events do not pay for themselves with just the registration fee. In order to keep the event to a modest price that everyone can afford, council relies on other funding sources like FOS to supplement this event. Please take the time to pass this message along to the registered members of your unit. Traditionally our District has been a strong supporter to the FOS campaign. Let's keep up the pace-setting efforts!

Special recognition this month to three new creative FOS ideas.

1. "Shovel For Scouting"~ Our District Commissioner Scott Staron introduced the idea to us all a few weeks ago. Several scouts from Troop 1501, Troop 688 and Crew 712 took the idea to heart and turned in the nice sized donations they received from their hard work.
2. "Prime The Pump"~ Troop 688 started their FOS campaign by contributing a $1,000.00 check from the troop itself. They have set a lofty goal of $6,000 for themselves this year! They are off to a great start, showing the troop members that the unit itself is behind the campaign.
3. "100% Participation" ~ Troop 150 is working towards a goal of 100% participation. We stated in the FOS training sessions that we were not asking regular givers for more money, we were looking for more people to give. Our district last year had a 22% giving rate. Troop 150 has taken this plea to heart and is working hard to get every member of the troop to donate, no matter what the amount is.

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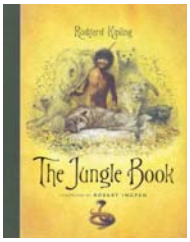
JUNGLE BOOK: A CUB SCOUT SAFARI

Old Dominion District's Day Camp
July 12-16, 2010 at Occoquan Regional Park!



Cub Scouts love to camp, and we're going on a jungle adventure this summer. Join us as we explore the world of Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book and practice skills in archery, bb gun shooting, and sports, and learn about nature, crafts and more!

Boys in grade 1 (as of September 2010) through Webelos are eligible to attend day camp. One adult per every five boys is required to escort these adventurers through our jungle.

Adults: If you have an adventurous streak and can spend a week in the jungle with us, consider joining our Jungle Staff. Each Full time staff member gets FREE CAMP REGISTRATION for one Cub Scout!

Boy Scouts: We need your help too! Scouts age 14 and older serving all five days will **receive a $75 credit** toward camping at Goshen Scout Reservation!

Cubmasters & Committee Chairs: If you would like a Summer Day Camp Presentation at your Pack Meeting, please contact Karin Linehan at linehank@verizon.net to coordinate.

On-line Registration begins February 2010!

If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact Karin Linehan at linehank@verizon.net, or Barton Jarnagin, District Executive, at: barton.jarnagin@scouting.org.

Thank you all for your efforts! We truly appreciate all you do! We are truly grateful for all you do for scouting!

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The MOM Form will go here, the article from last month is a place holder.

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

This month at your Old Dominion Cub Round Table we "Spring Into Action" as we crank up the excitement for the coming months of scouting. We start with the beginning of our Cub Scouts 2010 introduction programs. We will also present information on the new Academics and Sports belt loops and pins, transition ceremonies and other award and activity ideas to get your Cubs outing as the weather breaks.

In the coming months we will feature splits on Choosing and Leading Songs, Flag Ceremonies, Outdoor Den Meetings, Pack Annual Planning and Boys Need for the Outdoors to mention just a few.

We encourage all of you regular attendees to grab another adult and bring them along to help gather as much information as possible each month and return it to your units.

Future Cub Scout Roundtable themes include:

- 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.

Bill Wilson,
Cub Roundtable Commissioner

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

The Old Dominion District is allowed to select up to four Scouters for exceptional service to Scouting at the district level each year to receive the District Award of Merit. Those selected typically have from five to ten years Scouting tenure, activity at the unit and the district level, as well as other community service to their credit.

This year the four Scouters chosen are: David Best, Carl Holman, Kirk Nielsen and Bill Wilson. Biographical details for each of these outstanding Scouters will be provided in the Old Rag in April. Our congratulations to these dedicated leaders of Old Dominion District.

Ken Davis
Award of Merit Chairman

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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.)

COMMISSIONERS (cont.)

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information regarding our Summer Camps for next year. Please familiarize yourself with the programs and other information contained in these editions and encourage your units to consider an NCAC camp next Summer . Copies of these have been mailed to unit leaders and Scouting families. Thank you for promoting NCAC's Summer camps!
See: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp? linkKey=33025&orgkey=1933
and http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=33065&orgkey=1933

Other Commissioner Challenges

1. Reporting unit visits – Rick Hillenbrand informed us that the Unit Visit Tracking System (UVTS) will be operational again in a few months. Until that time, all commissioners make sure to notify your ADC when you've visited your unit each month so we can roll up that information and report it to National.
2. Mandatory Unit Leader Training Pilot Program at NCAC 2010 will require units to report training of unit leaders as part of charter renewal. In 2011 all units will be required to have their unit leaders trained and the training recorded as a prerequisite for charter renewal. A new standardized data input form to correct council records will be distributed soon. Although this will not be a completely painless transition, "Trained leaders are more effective leaders and make a much better Scouting program" and this philosophy should be used to communicate this eventual change in policy to your unit leaders. Please contact Vickie Trumbetic if questions.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Scott Staron
District Commissioner

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.

DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT AND UNIT LEADER AWARDS

Nominations for the Old Dominion District Outstanding Unit and Unit Leader awards are due by **April 8**. Nomination forms are on the district's web site, www.boyscouts-ncac.org >> Districts >> Old Dominion >> District Forms. An email containing a link to the forms was sent to the district's Yahoogroups e-mail list in February.

These awards are for unit scouters in all programs — Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity and Sea Scouts. The form is to be submitted by each unit's Committee Chair. Nomination forms can be placed in the marked box at the March or April roundtables, or mailed or e-mailed to Tim Kelly at the addresses on the forms.

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

Please take advantage of this district program for recognizing your volunteer leaders for all that they do. Questions: Tim Kelly, kelly99@verizon.net, 703-866-1240.

KEY SIX AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year the District recognizes the contributions of its adult leaders with the presentation of the Key 6 Award at the District Annual Awards Dinner in May. The criteria used to select these outstanding individuals includes adult positions in scouting, contribution to achieving ODD Scouting goals, and service to youth through community or religious related activities. If you think you know of a deserving individual, nominate them!

Nomination information will be provided at the February Roundtable, and is available for download from the District Forms section of the Old Dominion District web page. Contact Don Palomaki at 703-455-9262 or dpalomaki@dspalomaki.com if you need more information on the nomination process. Deadline for submitting nominations is March 31, 2010.

THE TRAINING PAGES

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) offers online adult leader training at myscouting.org and other websites as noted. All leaders are encouraged to take online training because it is timely information and can be completed when you are free to do it. New leaders should complete as least the Fast Start training for their position and Youth Protection Training for their program within the first 90 days of joining the unit.

Myscouting.org does NOT currently support Microsoft Internet Explorer, version 8.0 or higher, nor Safari browsers (sorry, Mac fans). Use a lower version of MS IE or Mozilla's Firefox browser (it's free at www.mozilla.org).

When registering at myscouting.org, you'll create a logon and password.

You'll also be asked to designate what council you are in AND to enter your BSA ID number. BOTH ARE IMPORTANT TO ENSURE YOUR MASTER TRAINING RECORD IS PROPERLY UPDATED. Select the National Capital Area Council as your council.

If you know your BSA ID number, enter it now. If you're a new leader and haven't received your BSA ID number yet, please return to myscouting.org when you get it and edit your myscouting.org profile to add it. IT'S IMPORTANT SO YOUR MASTER TRAINING RECORDS IS PROPERLY UPDATED.

You can find your BSA ID number on your BSA registration card, on your unit's roster, or contact the person who does the re-chartering in your unit.

Finally, always print a copy of the trained card for your records as you complete an online course (or anytime afterwards) for your records. Also, provide a copy of the trained card to whoever tracks adult leader training in your unit. If you do not know who that person is, ask your unit leader (Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Venturing Advisor, or Skipper) or your Committee Chair - they should know.

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.

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.

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.

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 Training*.

Commissioner Training Dates
In Virginia Central Area

Course Taught	Date	Responsible District
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

Contact John Pastino at: pastino1@verizon.net for additional information on Commissioner Training.

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training
June 5

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.

This Saturday class will start at 8:00 AM and will be over by 11:30 AM. The classes will be held at Springfield Christian Church, 5407 Backlick Road. Cost for the class is $4.00. To pre-register send your name, unit #, phone # and the position you are seeking training for to <redacted> email <redacted>

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

METHODIST CROSS AND FLAME AWARDS PRESENTED TO TROOP 980 AND PACK 678 LEADERS

With the approval of the Pastor, Bill Burrough, St. John's United Methodist Church recently had COR Ken Davis present two Cross and Flame Awards to leader in church units. Karen Ehrlich, who primary registration has been in Pack 678, but has also helped in Troop 980 and Crew 18, was recognized for multiple roles in all three units. Carl Smith, the current Scoutmaster of Troop 980, was recognized for his exceptional leader of the troop in terms of camping, summer camp attendance and overall excellence of the Troop. The Cross and Flame Award is presented to a limited number of Scouters who serve units in United Methodist churches and have a minimum of five years service.

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Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training

March 20

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 for SM or ASMs (the other sessions being This is Scouting (or completion of the previous New Leaders Essential course)and Outdoor Leader Skills). Come join us and help your troop and SM by becoming trained. The training location is the Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Please pre-register to reserve a slot for the courses at: http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEVzLXNIUFNiSy0weGNIZzJSQmMtVkE6MA

The training is FREE. If you have questions you can contact Dennis Wokeck (Course Scribe) at: wokeck.boy_scouts@cox.net or Kurt Langenwalter 703-690-4238 or email langekl@earthlink.net. New trainers 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

Outdoor Leader Skills

Monday, April 5 and Friday – Saturday, April 9-10

This is a great course for new parents to attend. There is no prerequisite course to take before this course. This is Scouting (or the previous New Leader Essentials) and leader Specific Training sessions are a highly desirable but not required. This training is one of three required to be a "Trained" SM or ASM, covers basic scouting skills and how to teach them, and is conducted 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 unit's scouting adventure.

The course runs Monday evening and then a Friday evening through Saturday evening, April 5, and April 9-10. The Monday evening class will be held at the Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield starting at 7:30pm. The 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 the course at: http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform? formkey= dEVzLXNIUFNiSy0weGNIZzJSQmMtVkE6MA. After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you have any questions contact Dennis Wokeck, course scribe, at: wokeck.boy_scouts@cox.net.

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boys this is the first time they've truly felt the weight of a decision they need to make.

You can help! First, be sure WTS Coordinators and Webelos II Den Leaders talk to the parents often. Identify boys who are struggling with their choice. Children being children may try to take the easy path and just not decide. Without parental (and our) support they may be tempted to just fade out of scouting. Second, either you, or through the parents, give the kids some perspective and guidance. Make sure they know you understand their dilemma. Be available to help and give reassurance that no one will be upset with their choice. And third, remind them that, at least in this case, no decision is permanent. A boy can change his mind and swap to a different Troop. That piece of info – knowing he can change his mind – will often help calm the fears and help the boy come to his decision.

It's a fun time of year, but remember, it can be a tough time of year, too. Look for where you can help. Look for where you need to help!

Of course, after the Bridge has been crossed, your job isn't over. More on that next month!

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

KLONDIKE DERBY RESULTS

Eight Troops with 15 patrols participated in this year's one day Klondike Derby. The intense snowfall from early in the month that had resulted in closing the trails to the 4H Center reopened onto a new venue. The 6th Annual Klondike was held as a day event on the grounds of Camp Snyder. And this year there was still plenty of snow to enjoy!

Equipped with a map of potential claims, personal daypacks, patrol equipment and their personal will, they braved the patrol and Scout skill challenges while being on the look-out for claim jumpers. There were stations involving pioneering and knot tying skills, first aid response, fire building, and skit performances. There were teambuilding stations like catapulting and sports.

By the end of the day, it was clear that this event was another success enjoyed by both the Scouts and the Scouters! The participating Troops included T-683, T-991, T-1115, T-1318, T-1501, T-1853, T-2215, and T-2535 (from Chain Bridge). We again recognized the top honors in the following categories: Scout Skills, Patrol Unity, Commissioners Award, and Prospector Award. Our Plaques were designed and made by Dave Stelter.

The Scout Skills award recognized the combined scores from stations including orienteering, Scout trivia, pioneering, fire building, and first aid. The top four patrols were: 1st Place—1853 Pirates (1st Place last 2 years); 2nd Place—991 Stags; 3rd Place—1115 Desperados (4th Place last year); 4th Place—1853 Road Kill

The Best Patrol award recognizes those patrols that worked well at problem solving, patrol cooperation, and leadership stations which included the dog sled racing, the friction bridge, and the patrol challenges. The four top patrols were: 1st Place—1853 Pirates (1st Place last 2 years); 2nd Place—991 Stags (4th Place last year; 3rd Place—1853 Road Kill; 4th Place—1318 Phoenix.

The Commissioners' Award recognized the patrol that demonstrated the best Scout Spirit. Determined by the Claim Jumpers and Klondike Staff, the winner and runner up were: 1st Place—1115 Desperados; 2nd Place—1318 Phoenix; 3rd Place—2215 Chilkoot Climbers (1st Place last year); 4th Place—1853 Pirates (2nd Place last year).

Finally, the Prospector Award was given to the patrol that discovered (earned) the most gold. Last year's winners did not place this year – in fact only the Pirate patrol who placed 3rd last year was in the top 4 this year. But this year it was the 991 Stags that took the top prize and bragging rights associated getting the most out of the Klondike! 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 Stags and 1853 Pirates each made it through 14 of the 16 available stations. The winners of the overall competition were: 1st Place—991 Stags with 1025 Gold Pieces; 2nd Place—1853 Pirates with 908 Gold Pieces; 3rd Place—2535 Panthers with 850 Gold Pieces; 4th Place—1115 Desperados with 818 Gold Pieces.

We had some incredible competitions, great weather (which we again hope to import to the Centennial Camporee), and a super staff. Much thanks to the Klondike Madame, Susan Woody, for helping with Registration and the Meals; to our registration coordinator Jim Templeton who also orders the patches; to our Health and Safety Rep Dave Stelter who also helps man the First Aid Station; and to our Program Coordinator Dean Stinson without whom this event would never get pulled off! Many thanks to VC 1501 members Nina Woody and Brian Greek and their Advisor, Tony Waisanen who developed and ran the Speed Camping station. Also, much thanks to Cyndy Blake who did a heck of a lot of planning for the food and gear that we would have used at the 4H Center – she had bought the lunch and other snacks that we normally would have had at the 3-day Klondike! Finally, this event was made possible by our District Executive Bart Jarnigan working closely with the staff and caterer at Camp Snyder and by the desire of our District Committee Chair John Rephlo to ensure we provided our Scouts with an outdoor Scout Program.

Much to the disappointment of many, no one sighted the Yeti again this year! I had reliable information that he could have been spotted in the Shenadoahs.

Mark your calendars now – the 7th Annual Klondike Derby is scheduled for February, 4-6, 2011, at the 4H Center in Front Royal! Expect new challenges and twists on old ones! Put it into 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!!

Your Yukon Trading Post Director,
Fred Woody

OA UPDATE

Old Dominion Call Out Ceremony a Success – despite the change of venue, and the fact we have still only held half our elections, the Old Dominion Ceremonies team was able to conduct a successful Call Out ceremony during the midday break at the Merit Badge Jamboree.

Only youth election results were announced, since adult nominations take more time to process. We announced the names of 48 youth candidates, from 13 units. There are 14 units which still have not responded to the survey. If yours is one of them, please do so immediately, even if you do not have any candidates!

Arrow Elections for 2010 are currently underway and may be scheduled through April 9, 2010, (new end date). So far only half the troops and teams in the Old Dominion District have responded to the survey. We need to hear from every troop and team, even if they have no available candidates. The survey form and elections document are posted on the Old Dominion OA Chapter Website for your download and use to include:

- Unit Youth Elections Form
- Unit Adult Nomination Form
- Adult OA Nomination Information Sheet
- OA Elections Registration Form (survey form to be completed by all troops and teams)

Here's the link: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19396&orgkey=2017

Send all requests for Unit Elections to the Chapter Adviser, Allison Hoopes (jmhoopes@midohio.net), and a courtesy copy to the Elections Adviser, Seth Distler (seth.distler@gmail.com) for coordination and to set a date. Units who have not yet submitted their OA Election Request forms are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Even negative responses for OA Elections (e.g., no eligible candidates) are required to ensure 100% Troop/Team coverage throughout Old Dominion District.

Spring 2010 Ordeal Date Set (16-18 April 2010) – The Old Dominion Chapter will once again be returning to Camp Moss Hollow in Markham, VA, for the Spring Ordeal. Please mark this date on your calendars. As always, we are looking for Arrowmen to step up and help out as Elangomats, on the cook crew, and in other jobs. Youth Arrowmen are highly encouraged to come help out, and adult Arrowmen are always needed to be there to advise the youth members. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Arrow of Light Ceremonies (Feb – Mar 09) — ATTENTION PACKS - Old Dominion Chapter Ceremonies Team (Order of the Arrow) has been busy performing Arrow of Light Ceremonies over a several weeks at different sites throughout Old Dominion. Each site is hosted by a Pack, with other units participating. All Packs with Webelos IIs earning AOL are invited. Coordinate your participation with the host packs:

- 25 March, 7:00 p.m.—Pack 1100 (Pack Meeting), Hidden Pond Park, Greely Blvd, Springfield; POC: Donna Bivona, 703-912-4984.

BE ADVISED:

1. Webelos IIs will recite the Scout Oath and Law as part of ceremony.
2. AOL ceremony will run approximately 30 Minutes as part of Host Pack's event.
3. Packs will bring AOL awards to be presented; OA will present event token.

Lodge Fellowship (19-21 March 2010) –- Registration is now open for the 2010 Amangamek-Wipit Chapter Fellowship, to be held at Camp Snyder the weekend of 19-21 March 2010. The lodge fellowship is an opportunity for all chapters and members to come together for a weekend of brotherhood and fellowship as well as some friendly competition. This is an event for both new and long time members of the Order. The weekend will be filled with training sessions, work shops, ceremony competitions, sport competitions, and much more. The weekend is topped off with an opportunity for eligible members to seal their membership in the order by participating in a Brotherhood Ceremony, conducted by the winning team from the ceremonies competitions, and the election of the youth leaders for the coming year.

This is also an opportunity for youth Arrowmen who are interested in running for lodge office to throw their hats into the ring. There are four lodge officers: chief, vice chief, secretary, and treasurer and five area chiefs elected annual at the lodge fellowship. All elected officers must be under twenty-one (21) during their entire term of office. Candidates for area chief must be a member of one of the chapters within the area served. Arrowmen interested in running for one of these lodge offices are encouraged to download the Lodge Officer Candidacy form and submit the completed form to the lodge adviser. YOUTHS: it is especially important that you attend, since it is YOU, and not the adults who vote for the lodge officers. Attendance at Lodge and Chapter events is part of every TOAR's job. This is one of those events.

After 12 March, Late fees go into effect. Further information on the event, including a link to registration,

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V3 VIEWS

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 10 – Venturing Service Project, Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, Oxon Hill National Park,
- Apr 9-11, Fri-Sun – Northeast Region Area 6 Venturing Quest 2009, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, Rising Sun, MD (Chester County Council) Quest website - http://ne6venturing.org

VENTURERS CAN JOIN AT AGE 13

The National Executive Board recently approved a resolution to change the eligibility requirements for Venturing to ensure consistency among Venturing, high-adventure bases, and other core programs. Effective May 1, 2010, the minimum age requirement will be changed to 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and completion of the eighth grade. The maximum age for participation remains under 21 years of age.

Get Ready to Venture Out this Spring.

Snow is melting, time to get ready for outdoor adventures this spring. Time to get your gear ready. It probably could use some cleaning up. How should you do that. Here are some general tips to keep your gear clean and working properly.

For all items, read the label attached to the item and check the manufacturer's website for specifics which should take precedence over the following general guidelines. More details can be found on outfitter websites like REI and Hudson Trails.

Rainwear – Gortex and other Waterproof Breathable:

- Wash in warm water, gentle cycle, with "Tech Wash" soap, double rinse. Tech Wash can be purchased at Outdoor Outfitters and is designed to use with synthetic fabric and preserve water repellency. Some brand names are Grangers, Nikewax, Revivex, and Sport Wash.
- Close all zippers, snaps, and Velcro.
- Air dry or tumble dry low or air only.
- DO NOT use laundry soap, fabric softener, woolite, or dryer sheets – they destroy the water repellant; do not dry clean.

Soft Shell – same care as for rainwear.

Fleece – same case as for rainwear, plus:

- Close all zippers and Velcro and turn inside out (reduces pilling)
- Wash fleece items by themselves in warm or cold water according to garmet laundry tag

Wool Socks and Clothes

- Wash in warm or cold water, gentle cycle, double rinse. Can use laundry soap. Woolite may reduce the wool's heat retention and absorption and release of moisture.
- Air Dry
- DO NOT use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Dry cleaning is ok if the garment cleaning tag permits.

Caution on using laundry soap on shirt, pants, and socks – if you will be where bears are, you do not want to use a laundry soap that has any fragrance to it.

Shirt and Pants – synthetic or synthetic blend.

- Wash in warm or cold water, gentle cycle or regular cycle, double rinse. Can use laundry soap.
- Tumble dry low or air dry.

Sleeping Bag

- Hand wash in clean bath tub using Tech Wash and warm water. See note above about soups with fragrance in bear country. You can wash in a front load washer on gentle cycle. Do not wash in a top load washer with agitator. Do not dry clean. Some Commercial Cleaners can launder in commercial front load washers but the process may be very hard on the sleeping bag.
- Gently slosh bag in wash water. Do not ring or scrub vigorously – as this may damage fill and fabric.
- Rinse with fresh tub of cold water to cover bag several times. Gently slosh.
- Press bag against bottom of tub to force out water and let drain. Do not wring out. Do not pick up when soaked as it may tear with heavy water weight. When water has drained out for some time, fold bag over several times, put carefully in laundry basket and take outside to air dry over an outdoor lounge chair or similar supporting devise that allows air circulation and continued drainage. Do not hang from one end or over a clothes line.
- Do not store sleeping bag in its stuff bag as it will reduce the loft of the fill over time. Store the bag hanging or simply folded in fourths like a quilt.
- Stuff sleeping bag in stuff sack (or plastic bag in stuff sack to keep the sleeping bag dry) for camping.
- When camping, air out/air dry each day unzipping the bag and turning it inside out.
- Wear clean pajamas, sweats, or base layer (long bot-

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toms) and clean dry socks in the sleeping bag to keep it clean and preserve its heat retention ability.

Shoe and Boots

- Clean with water and soft to medium brush. Outfitters make soap cleaners made specifically for leather and synthetics. Minimize getting water inside.
- Remove and wash the foot bed or replace the foot bed. Foot beds are usually only good for a year.
- Loosely stuff newspaper in boot or shoe to dry.
- After thoroughly dry, apply new water repellant suitable for the type of material. There are different water repellants for smooth leather, nubuck, and fabric.

Tents

- Set up tent and spot wash with wash cloth, tech wash, and warm or cold water. Never use 409 or similar cleaners as they will destroy the water repellency. Rinse thoroughly with clear running water.
- Clean plastic floors and bottoms with a sponge.
- When rinsing with water, not any seam leaks.
- Let thoroughly air dry.
- Apply seam sealer and water repellant as needed.
- NEVER wash in washing machine or use laundry soap.

Sleeping Pad or Mat

- Same washing as for tent.
- Store flat, not rolled in bag as this will reduce its loft and cushion ability.
- Roll and put in its bag for camping.

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

2010 is the sixth year that Scouting will participate in the Good Turn for America (GTFA) project. Now is the time to start recording your 2010 Community Service. Reporting projects should be completed soon after the project while details are fresh.; e.g., a recent Camporee or Eagle project

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

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Lodge Officer candidacy form, and other information, can be found at the following link:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24617&orgkey=2002

The Brotherhood opportunity is open to all who did their Ordeal on 20 May 2009 or earlier. If you have any questions, please contact Chapter Adviser, Allison Hoopes, at jmhoopes@midohio.net.

Brotherhood Ceremony (Place, time, and date TBD) - We are still planning for a standalone Brotherhood ceremony. Please watch for details.

Lodge Dues may be paid at any time ---We did a great job getting Old Dominion Chapter membership paid up for 2009 by the end of 2009, but it's a new year and 2010 dues are due. Please remember the lodge does not consider you current if your dues are not paid. One big benefit of paid membership is getting the Shark's Tooth, which is the Amangamek-Wipit newsletter, published several times per year. Members wanting to become Brotherhood members must also be paid up, and youth members seeking elected office. The link to the lodge dues and membership form is:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24637&orgkey=2002
This form may also be used to correct or update an address or other information in any member's record.

Key Upcoming Events:

- March 7: Old Dominion Chapter meeting, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church (SUMC), 7 p.m., followed by ceremonies practice
- March 11: Elections and other OA training at ODD Roundtable, Thomas Jefferson HS
- March 14, 21: Ceremonies practice, SUMC, 7 p.m.
- April 11: Old Dominion Chapter meeting, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church (SUMC), 7 p.m., followed by ceremonies practice (delayed one week, due to holiday and FCPS break)
- April 16-18: Old Dominion Spring 2010 Ordeal, Camp Moss Hollow, Markham, VA.
- April 25: Ceremonies practice, SUMC, 7 p.m.
- May 2: Old Dominion Chapter meeting, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church (SUMC), 7 p.m., followed by ceremonies practice, Chapter elections.

TROOP 1115 CELEBRATION

On February 22, 2010, Troop 1115 celebrated the Centennial of Boy Scouts of America. There was a *visit* from Lord Baden-Powell, a Webelos Crossover for 11 new scouts, the Wood Badge beading of 5 adults, and an Eagle Court of Honor. It was quite a celebration. Happy Birthday BSA! (see photos below).

VENTURING INTO SNOW

February 2010 was a month to remember. Hopefully, we won't need to consider trips to grocery stores as a "Winter Sports" for many years to come. But for Venturers, February had several opportunities for fun and service.

For some Venturers, shoveling walkways and driveways became a mix of fun and service. One crew created a snow pile over 7' high, then asked, "If we were on a hike, and prepared for the weather, could we build shelters? How? With what?" They couldn't afford to go to Okpik, so they simulated Okpik in Virginia. They discovered that two people (one to hollow and one to haul) using a collapsible shovel and tarp can make themselves a spacious cave in under two hours. They also found a couple candles can light up the interior, reflecting off the snow, your breath forms a cloud, and outside and inside sounds are eerily absorbed. (See photo lower left.)

The idea of combining service with fun was carried into the University of Scouting when over a dozen Venturers from NCAC attended and staffed Venture Leaders Skills Course (VLSC). In this course, Ventures learn the skills they'll need to support the Venture program. After all, Venturing is a year-round program—an opportunity to learn and practice adult life skills—a lot more than a single annual event. [Note: The staff members of the VLSC are very grateful to the adults from the VLST for serving as members of the Tater Council.]

A final example of Venture service and fun was when Alaska came to Virginia; the Klondike Derby. Crew 1501 ran the Speed Camping station. They hope the patrols who attended had fun and learned a lot because Crew 1501 got several ideas for future competitions and games. They all gained understanding through observation on leadership styles and value of camping skills.

Though February was a tough month, for some, the month had several opportunities to serve their units and their communities, and have fun in the process. For example, courses that allow Venturers to be event staff at the upcoming Centennial Camporee!

For more information on ways to combine service and fun, come to the Old Dominion Roundtable. We meet the second Thursday of every month (unless we don't get delayed by weather). It's open to anyone supporting Teams, Crews, and Ships. It's a great place to meet folks who have tons of experience and loads of ideas.
Hope to see you there!

Above: "Bobcat" Bart, your ODD District Executive hard at work clearing the February snows from the Camp Snyder parking lot.

To the right and top right, scouts working their way through the stations at the Klondike Derby, story on page 13.

Photos from the ODD Merit Badge Jamboree will be included in the next issue.

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