The Old Rag

Old Dominion Pride ... Catch it!

The Old Dominion District **WEB Edition** **January 10, 2008**

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

KLONDIKE DERBY

25-27 JANUARY 2008

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP, BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT…

The Klondike awaits! We already have 20 patrols and crews competing in 16 different challenges. It's not too late to join them! Build a bridge, scale a ladder, find the motherlode, start a fire, perform an original skit, race a dog sled (see picture below) , catapult a snowball, build a skyscraper gadget, survive the cold, and have fun doing it all! It's an event full of choices!

From the Friday Night Icebreaker where you'll meet the folks from Alaska as well as folks from Virginia through the competitions on Saturday, we'll find Patrols

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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Don't forget FOS make-up training before Roundtable. See details on page 7.

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Centennial Quality Award: I would like to take the opportunity to thank all unit leaders and Unit Commissioners for their hard work to get all of the 2007 Centennial Quality Unit Award forms turned in before the due date. There were only a couple units in our district that did not participate in the program. Excluding these, all but one of our units qualified for the CQUA for 2007.

I would like to congratulate all of the units in the Old Dominion District that met or exceeded their 2007 goals. We are very proud of you and we are grateful for your efforts, dedication, and support to our youth, the District and the BSA.

Now, it is time for us to focus in 2008 Programs and CQUA goals. I would like to ask all of you, unit leaders and Unit Commissioners, to set your goals for the 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Award. The 2008 Commitment form should be signed by the Unit leader and the Unit Commissioner. The 2008 CQUA commitment forms should be turned in to the ADC or to me by the end of January 2008. (We have already received the forms for some of our units).

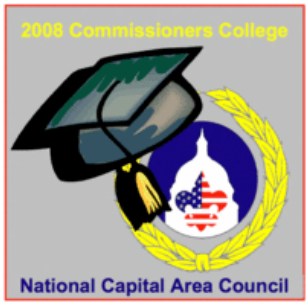
I task each Unit Commissioner to contact your unit leaders to set a time to visit them and work with them to complete the 2008 Commitment form and get it turned in on time. (If a unit does not have the form turned in on time, it MAY NOT qualify for 2008 CQUA.)

Recharter & INTERNET RECHARTERING!! The Old Dominion District Internet Rechartering "window" will open on March 1, 2008. As was the case last year, all units MUST use the internet rechartering process. All of the units that used internet rechartering the last couple of years had their charters returned during May!!

Our current charters EXPIRE on April 30, 2008. Our Goal is to have all of the recharters TURNED IN on or before on April 15, 2008. This will allow us time to correct any problems that may occur during Internet Rechartering. If you have any concerns, or questions, contact your Unit Commissioner – they are there to help you.

This year only, our recharters will be for 8 months and will expire December 31, 2008. (From May 2008 – December 2008). ScoutNet will NOT recompute the recharter fee and Boy's Life subscriptions to the 8 months. It will automatically compute at 12 months. Therefore, we need to manually recompute the recharter fee and subscriptions to "Boys' Life" only for the 8 month-period. For insurance fee, please collect $1.00 per register as is normal. It is not a premium. (Do not prorate this fee.)

Commissioners College: You can earn a Bachelor's, Master's or even a Doctoral degree in Commissioner Science based on the number of sessions you take and have taken in past Colleges. Or you can simply pick sessions that interest you, and attend without pursuing a degree. This day-long event also features some general sessions, recognitions, inspiring speakers and program updates for all Commissioners.



Commissioners College - New Place, New Date, New Energy!

- Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008
- Location: Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308
- Cost: $25 Student (online); $25 Instructor/Student (online); $15 Instructor (online); $35 at the door
- Contact E-Mail: scouter.danhenderson@mac.com
- Participants: Unit Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners.
- Directions: Just 3 miles south of the Beltway on the corner of Collingwood Road and Fort Hunt Road

For more information please access the Website link: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/87613_2008_commissioners_college.cfm

University of Scouting: This annual event will be on February 23, 2008. Because the College of Commissioner Science will not be convened on the same date this year, this is a good opportunity for Commissioners to brush up on other courses in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting or Adventure Scouting. There are more details, a complete description of degree requirements and course offerings available on the Council website, at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/70_university_of_scouting_2008.cfm

Pre-registration is required and can be done by using the link to the course catalog. Things are always changing in Scouting so even if you have attended before, please consider returning this year.

Good Turn for America: If your unit hasn't signed up and registered your work yet, please do so ASAP. Don't forget that all service projects that your unit performed in 2007 count, including the efforts of non-Scouts and Scouters. (such as Scouting for Food, Eagle projects). Please do register and record your hours before January 30, 2008. After this date, the website will be closed for for further entries for the year of 2007.

General Commissioner Stuff

- **UC WANTED:** We are still looking for several more Unit Commissioners in our district, if you or anyone

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Another holiday season has passed and I'm looking forward to another productive year in Scouting. I want to thank all of you volunteers for all your hard work over the past year that will help make the Old Dominion District a Quality District again for 2007. We made our finance goals and our overall membership growth goals plus you delivered a first rate program to the scouts. You all should be proud of what you have done.

One area that we have fallen short in for the 2nd consecutive year is in growth in the Boy Scout troop membership. This year we were approximately 19 boys below last year's numbers. Even though Cub Scout membership continues to grow each year since 2004 (3% growth in 2007), troop numbers have continued to decline from a high of 1,222 in 2004 to 1,166 at the end of CY2007. Most of the districts throughout the council are having the same problem. We can all sit back and blame this on demographic changes and competition from school sports programs . . . or, we can do something about it.

There appears to be a problem in getting enough Webelos to crossover into troops and also troop committees coming up with an effective recruitment program to draw boys year 'round into the Boy Scout program who were never in Cub Scouts. Out of 30 troops in the Old Dominion District, only 10 showed growth while twice that many (20) declined in numbers from this time last year. Troop leaders can no longer expect to grow or even maintain their current membership by only relying on Webelos crossovers. In addition to getting out into the Webelos dens, you have got to get out into the neighborhoods and churches and actively recruit boys who have never been in the Cub Scout program. Additionally, you cannot let the scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters shoulder the entire recruitment burden for the troop. Each Troop should appoint a committee member who can focus on recruiting and encourage the adult and youth membership to get out and help . . . not only in the spring but also during the summer and when school resumes in September. Please take this on as a new challenge for the new year.

Our Family FOS Chairperson, Holly Brown, is off to a great start on the annual campaign. If you haven't yet been contacted to schedule a presentation, please give her a call. It has been my experience that having the Committee Chairman send out a personal appeal letter to each family is very effective and appreciated by the adult members of the unit. Holly can help you with some ex-

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COMMISSIONERS' CORNER (cont.)

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you know would like to become a Unit Commissioner please contact any Commissioner or contact me.

- January Commissioner Meeting - This month the Commissioner's meeting will be held January 24 at 8:00 PM in the lounge of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
- Commissioner Training – The next opportunity to attend Unit Commissioner Basic Training will be offered in the Virginia Central service area on Feb 9, 2008. Registration 8:00 to 8:30 AM, Training 8:30 AM to 2:15 PM. at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Pkwy at Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA
    - Fee is $8.00 – (You will pay only $4.00, if you bring your current Commissioner's Field book for Unit Service (2006 Edition – #33621A).
    - Refreshments will be available. Bring your own bag lunch and drink, unless you want to make use of the nearby McDonald's for take-out lunch.

If you are one of the very few Commissioners who finds that our scheduling efforts continue to sabotage your efforts to take this training, let me know and I will locate training in another service area that fits your calendar.

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

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

End of Year Membership Results

We've had a tremendous year strengthening the Scouting program in our district as measured by membership. Thanks to all of your hard work and commitment, we've brought the benefits of Scouting to more youth by accomplished the following:

- Increased the net number of units in our district from 84 to 87, with one new pack, two new troops and 3 new crews.
- Increased the total number in cub scouts in our district by nearly 4%.
- An increase in the number of total youth in Scouting in the Old Dominion District compared to this time last year.

Although there are many units and individuals that did a great job recruiting and retaining youth this year, I'd like to mention a few exceptional performances:

- Vic Stephenson and the rest of the Pack 685 leadership brought in 32 new cubs this year. This is the most new cubs by any one unit in the past five years.
- Suzanne Walker worked tirelessly to nearly double the size of Pack 691 (from 13 to 25 cubs).
- Troop 1518 (Scott Roman and Steve Summers) increased their troop size by almost 20% and still found time to start up New Venture Crew 1518.
- Troop 1501 increased their size by almost 20% for the fourth year running (from 19 Scouts in 2003 to 67 Scouts at the end of 2007).
- Crew 4031 brought in 10 new Venturers in only their second year in existence (from 7 to 17 Crew members).
- Mike Stumpf and Rick Hillenbrand refused to give up and saved Crew 990 from dissolving, keeping 8 youth in the Venturing program that otherwise would not be in Scouting right now.

Thanks to these folks and everyone else who worked so hard this year on recruiting efforts to get youth into their units and on great programs to keep them there.

Note from Departing Vice Chair for Membership

After a challenging but fun tenure as Old Dominion Vice Chair for Membership, I am passing the baton to Dan Ehrlich (Cubmaster of Pack 678 and member of the District Membership Committee during the past year). Dan has been attending Council Membership Committee meetings over the past 6 months and is bringing a lot of new ideas and enthusiasm to the position. Please welcome Dan and give him the same great level of Old Dominion support I've enjoyed over the past 3 years.

Scott Staron

Note from incoming Vice Chair for Membership Dan Ehrlich

I am truly fortunate to be inheriting the superb foundation that Scott has built in our tremendous District. Despite many of the demographic challenges (many cultures and languages, transient population, etc.) we face, Old Dominion has persevered and delivered fine program to our area's youth via vibrant units and dedicated Scouters. Your Membership Committee will continue to work with all members of our team to provide the tools needed to build membership in ALL of our units. Key themes and initiatives for this year will include:

- Recruiting is a Year-round Activity for all units, and we will provide the tools: Scott has done a tremendous job of beating the drum for year-round recruiting—remember, Cub Scout Packs, the Pinewood Derby is an outstanding example of a superb recruiting opportunity. Over the next year we want to be your conduit for any needed materials and support for your unit's recruiting activities. Each month I want to share an example of how Packs, Troops, and Crews are taking every opportunity to reach out to families in their area with the Scouting message.
- Retention and a robust unit program are inextricably linked: It does us little good to recruit great Scouts if we don't retain them, and we won't retain them if we don't provide a robust program. We need to connect the dots between recruiting, retention, and program to ensure that Scouts join AND stay in their units—our membership focus needs to transcend recruiting.
- The Webelos-to-Scout transition is critical on BOTH ends of the transaction: We are helping our Cub Scout Packs put proper emphasis on preparing our Webelos Scouts AND their families prepare for bridging to Boy Scouts. Our challenge in the coming year is to increase our support of the Boy Scout Troops receiving these new Scouts so every new Scout is potentially on the road to Eagle.
- Help Wanted-We need a fully staffed Membership group: Given the importance of Webelos-to-Scout transition, John Ruby has accepted a shift into a new role as Webelos-to-Scout Coordinator. We still need help in the following roles:
  - Cub Scout Recruiting Coordinator
  - Boy Scout Recruiting Coordinator

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MERIT BADGE JAMBOREE
March 1, 2008

The fifth ODD Merit Badge Jamboree will be the best ever with more Merit Badges offered than ever before! Registration officially begins at the January 10th Roundtable, and will continue until February 24, or until all classes are full. And it will take place on Saturday, March 1st at Annandale High School.

Scouts are encouraged to try something new like Pulp and Paper, Denistry or Mammal Study. However, the old favorites like Leatherwork, Fingerprinting, Law and Medicine are also avaiable. This is a great way to earn a Merit Badge taught by an experienced Counselor. There is something for everybody. First year Scouts as well as older Scouts will find something to challenge them. Several adult classes will also be held.

If you need more information about this event please contact Cyndy Blake at <redacted>. As with all events, volunteers are welcome.

CHUCK MARTIN GONE HOME

We are saddened to report that Charles (Chuck) Martin, Sr., LCDR U.S.C.G. (Ret.), age 81, died at his home on December 26th at 2:50 PM following a courageous battle with cancer. Chuck was an active Scouter in the Old Dominion and legacy districts for over 45 years, and received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award at the National Court of Honor on May 23, 1970. He was a member of Mensa International, a Dale Carnegie Instructor, Coast Guard Auxiliary officer, and a Chief Election Judge. He was also a member of the Virginia and Nebraska Bar until his death.

Chuck honorably served 27 years in the armed forces, including as a cadet at West Point and at the Coast Guard Academy, graduating in the class of 1951. He was the chief of the fifth Coast Guard district office of law enforcement in Portsmouth, VA from 1960 - 1964 and an attorney at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC from 1964 - 1972. He retired from the Coast Guard on February 29, 1972 . We will miss him.

AN HOUR A WEEK PAYS OFF FOR PACK 678

Cub Scout Pack 678 (St. John's UMC, Springfield) received a donation of $500 from SRA International in December under the SRA CARES program for the volunteer service of Pack 678's Cubmaster, Dan Ehrlich.

"All I did was document my 'hour a week.' OK, it was a little more than a hour a week!" said Ehrlich, who was recognized as a Service SUPERSTAR for his community service efforts. Under the program, Ehrlich could receive a day to perform community-related work or a donation of $500 to the organization of his choice for contributing over 12 hours a quarter of his personal time to Scouting.

"There was no doubt in my mind that I'd pick the $500 for our Pack" exclaimed Ehrlich, who also noted that the donation will go towards a new Pinewood track for the Pack. Ken Davis, COR for Pack 678, accepted the check from SRA Vice-President and SRA CARE's Co-Chairman Peter Trick.

Scouters should investigate whether their employers have similar programs that will turn recognition of their efforts into funds or services for their units.

Pack 678 COR Ken Davis receives the $500 donation check from Pack 678 Cubmaster Dan Ehrlich while SRA International Vice-President Peter Trick looks on.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES (cont.)

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- Venturing Recruiting Coordinator
- New Unit Coordinator

Thanks to all in advance for your support in the upcoming year!

2008 DISTRICT CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

The 2008 Old Dominion District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held at Springfield Mall on Saturday, March 1, 2008. We hope to again be in front of JC Penney.

Final call for registration forms is Friday February 29, 2008 along with a check for the registration fee ($7 per entry). A copy of the rules and registration forms is distributed with this issue of *The Old Rag*.

Registration for the derby will begin 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. Although this means a more extensive check than we have done in the past, we still hope to be able to start racing at about 9:00 AM. Tigers, Wolves, and Bears will race in the first group with Webelos racing as soon as the first group is finished. The finals will be held after the Webelos race. 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.

As always, we will need adult volunteers to make the race run smoothly. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services, or with questions about the derby, should contact Vickie Trumbetic at 703-451-3223 (please, not after 9:00 PM) or by email at divervkt@aol.com.

Cub Scouts from Pack 1115 learn about computers during the Pack's *Belt-loop-a-ree* in December 2007.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

On December 7th, Cub Scout Pack 685 of Springfield, VA conducted a Rainforest Adventure Sleepover at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Our adventure began at 5pm Friday and ended at 9am the next morning. We took 35 Scouts and 12 adult Leaders and parents.

We met the intriguing and often elusive residents of the Upland Tropical Rain Forest during our exclusive overnight adventure. After dinner and the Dolphin Show, our journey began with an after-hours, guided visit to the rain forest to learn about the nocturnal behaviors of these amazing animals. Tropical birds flew, poison dart frogs hopped, piranhas swam, sloths hung, and tamarin monkeys scampered among thousands of rainforest plants in this jungle habitat, situated under a towering glass pyramid that's an icon of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Then, we descended deep to the Atlantic Coral Reef for a private presentation on the nighttime behaviors of these watery residents. Throughout the evening we explored behind-the-scenes areas, and learned exciting and interesting facts in the Rain Forest Discovery Lab. In the morning light, we visited the rain forest to help feed the animals their breakfast at the famous "bug drop" feeding.

The event included admission to the Aquarium, reserved seating at the Dolphin Show, Behind-the-Scenes Tours, Dinner, snacks, and a continental breakfast.

SCOUT SABBATH AND SCOUT SUNDAY PLANNING

A Scout is Reverent is one of the tenants of the Scout law. For the year 2008, Scout Sabbath falls on the 2nd and Scout Sunday is on the 3rd of February. However, it is not required that your unit participate on the dates specified by the Council.

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

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

Chairman's Notes (cont.)

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ample letters that have been sent out by ODD units in the past.

In the area of program, I'm looking forward to another great Klondike Derby again this year. Fred Woody has reserved the 4-H center out near Front Royal for this fun filled event. Not to worry about freezing to death, as the center has a great heated dormitory and dinning area for both adults and scouts. "There's GOLD out there waitin' for the taken! For the Cub Scouts, I'm sure that work has already started on building their Pinewood Derby cars in preparation for the Pack races and finally the big District Pinewood Derby. Good luck to everyone — trophies are waiting for the winners. And don't forget to turn out for Scout Sunday/Sabbath services in February, as faith-based sponsor organization will really appreciate it. Have a safe and fun time in the snow this month. See all you fellow Arrowmen this Saturday at the upcoming Amangamek-Wipt Lodge annual banquet at Camp Snyder.

John Rephlo
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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Old Dominion District, Family FOS Training, Make Up Date

If you were just to busy to make the FOS Training in December…
Come join us on January 10, 2007, 7:00pm
Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria
(right before roundtable)

We'll officially kick off the 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign!

Every unit that did not attend in December should plan to send a representative.

Topics covered include:

- What is a Friends of Scouting campaign?
- How does the campaign work?
- How do I run a campaign?
- Why do we need to participate?
- What are the key dates for the 2008 campaign?

Unit contact information and presentation dates should be sent to:

Holly Brown <redacted> ODD, Family Friends of Scouting Chairman

Steve Summers stevesummers@verizon.net ODD, Vice Chairman of Finance

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-Wednesday	10 AM - 7 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 8 PM
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 4 PM

CUB SCOUT CAMPING SUMMER 2008

It's time to start registering for your Pack's summer camp experience.

You have many options in 2008:

1. Traditional day camps: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/19_cub_scout_day_camps_wild_wacky_wonderful_wheels_2008.cfm

Prices are $130/Scout by Apr 11, 2008, $150 thru 23 May, and $175 after that. New Scouts, like the Tigers you can recruit in June, pay $130. One adult day walker for each 5 Scouts.

It appears that Old Dominion will once again partner with Colonial district to offer Day Camp beginning 7 July. Other nearby districts with Day Camp are: Patriot (just west of Old Dominion) 21 July, and Chain Bridge (Arlington) 23 June.

2. Adventure Days at Camp Snyder (5 days of delirious fun!) - like day camp but at Camp Snyder.

3. Four (4) nights of camping at Camp Snyder for your Webelos Scouts

4. Three (3) nights of camping at Camp Snyder

5. Family flex camping programs & parent son overnights

All the Camp Snyder camping programs, including prices, are at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/download/4403_2008_cub_world_leaders_guide_doc.pdf

6. Goshen Scout reservation (Camps Ross & PMI) for your Webelos Scouts: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/17_goshen_scout_reservation.cfm

Make your plans to attend a Scout camp this summer. Get those Scouts outside! Keep the OUTING in SCOUTING!

Check out the Winter Edition of *The Scouter Digest*. It contains information about Camp Snyder and other NCAC summer camping programs.

BE A BIG WHEEL—DAY CAMP STAFF NEEDS YOU

Day Camp needs you! Yes, YOU, not that Parent sitting next to you, YOU! You're a parent, unit leader or that Boy Scout or Venturer who wants to have fun with all those Cubs! Your younger brother, your son, your Pack and all the Cub Scouts in this district want to go to camp this summer! District run day camp, like all the other Cub activities, will not happen without YOU and many other volunteers contributing your time and energy. Many opportunities exist for YOU to provide the best possible experience for OUR Cub Scouts.

The simple reality is that without volunteers, day camp does not happen. New faces are ALWAYS welcome and needed at day camp. Two positions must be filled and trained before any day camp can open - Camp Director and Program Director. Camp School is a lot of work but Council will cover your tuition and you will meet many folks just as excited about Cub Scouting as you are.

Other staff positions typically include running or assisting at program stations, being the camp medical person, or doing administrative work. There is a job for everyone, including the person who delivers ice water to the program stations. (Probably the most important job in that hot Virginia sun!)

If you can't commit to working as day camp staff, you need to start planning to serve as a Pack day walker. Each pack needs 1 adult for every 5 Cubs coming to camp. These are not considered staff jobs, they are Pack leadership positions.

Benefits of being a staffer include:

- FUN, FUN, FUN!! T-shirts, patches and leadership opportunities.
- One member of your family goes to day camp for free for each adult staffer.
- Scouts 14 and older can get paid a credit against your Goshen fees,or you can get service hours.
- Scouts 11-13 can serve as junior staffers and earn service hours.

If you have questions or want to volunteer, visit with or contact Rich Hayes, our district executive, at rhayes@boyscouts-ncac.org, or Peter Pate at: ppate1@yahoo.com or 703 217 5421.

THE TRAINING PAGE

The Training Team needs your help. We do not have enough trainers to ensure a full schedule of training for the remainder of the year. In fact one set of classes in March have already been cancelled. We need your help in fully staffing this team. If you would like to give it a try please call or email Vickie Trumbetic, ODD Training Chair at 703-451-3223 or e0mail at: divervkt@aol.com.

If you have special training needs let us know about that too and we will try to meet those needs. As you might expect there may be changes in the schedule so check back every month for the most current information. Be sure to bring a bag lunch to all day long classes unless otherwise noted in the course write up.

Adult Leader Training Day

March 1

The ODD Adult Leader Training Day is being held in conjunction with the March 1, 2008, ODD Merit Badge Jamboree (same day same location) at Annandale High School, VA and lunch is included. While your Scouts are working on merit badges you can catch up on some important training. The following classes have been scheduled: New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection *(these will not repeat again in March and are required for Scoutmaster/Assistant Specific Training & Troop Committee Training given March 8)*, Merit Badge 101, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb-on Safely, Trek Safely and Internet Re-chartering (in case you haven't heard we will be re-chartering in 2008 for the short year April through December).

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Cub Scout Leader Training	[Vacant]		
Boy Scout Leader Training	Kurt Langenwalter Dennis Wokeck	703-690-4238 703-455-2964	langekl@cox.net wokeck@cox.net
Troop Committee Training	Fred Woody	703-644-1088	sixpacknsam@yahoo.com
Venturing and Varsity Ldr Tng	Adair Petty	703-913-1124	pettypa@hqda.army.mil
Wood Badge Training	Ken Davis	703-941-9018	daviskenjared@aol.com
High Adventure/Back Country Skills	Ed Phillips	703-690-6398	edphill@cox.net
Chartered Organization Rep	Peter Pate	703-217-5421	ppate1@yahoo.com
Health and First Aid Training	Linda Ferrarro	703-913-0679	firtho4th@aol.com

CPR classes offered at Camp Snyder

January 27 ...

The Health & Safety Committee will be offering Adult CPR classes at Camp Snyder, September through May at the Hilton Center. Class check-in will commence at 12:00 noon. Instruction will begin at 12:30 pm with completion time not to exceed 4:30 pm. Registration will be handled by the NCAC Program Office, is planned to be able to register online and will cost $25. There is a 6 student minimum. Failure to meet the minimum student registration will result in the course for that month being cancelled. For more information visit the Health and Safety Committee page at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/217_health_safety_committee.cfm

Youth Protection Training
March 1

Youth Protection Training 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. Re-certification is not mandatory but is recommended at least once every two years. Adults who want to attend Youth Protection Training but do not need the position specific training are welcome come to those events just for the Youth Protection Training part. Sessions can also be scheduled for units or other groups upon request. There is no charge for this training. For more information and to arrange special presentations for your unit contact Jack Present, 703-569-9490, or email jpresent@cox.net.

This training is being held in conjunction with the March 1, 2008, ODD Merit Badge Jamboree (same day same location) at Annandale High School, VA.

Youth Protection Training may also be taken on-line. This is best done by going to the NCAC web site and looking under the training tab. Note that there is a different class for Venturing leaders, also available on-line, which addresses special considerations for older age youth, and coed units.

New Leader Essentials
March 1

Here is where it all begins. Under the revised BSA training program New Leader Essentials 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 for additional leader specific training for new scouting positions you may move in to. There is no charge for this course and walk-ins are welcome. However, to help us know how many to set up for please pre-register with Joseph Grant by email at joseph_grant@msn.com.

This training is being held in conjunction with the March 1, 2008, ODD Merit Badge Jamboree (same day same location) at Annandale High School, VA.

University of Scouting
February 23

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. Register online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org.

Venturing Leader Training
February 23

. For more information about the courses and to pre-register, call or email Adair Petty, Course Director, pettypa@hqda.army.mil. or 703-913-1124 .

SUBSCRIBE OR MAKE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

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

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

To unsubscribe, from the old address, send a blank (empty) email to:
NCACOLDDOMINION-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

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

Scoutmaster Specific Training

March 8

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 New Leaders Essential and Outdoor Leader Skills). Come join us and help your troop and SM by becoming trained. The training runs from 8:00 AM 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. The only prerequisite is the New Leaders Essentials training taught the week before (described above). The cost is $3.00 and we ask that you pre-register with Dennis Wokeck, Course Scribe by email at dwokeck@cox.net, if you have questions call Kurt Langenwalter 703-690-4238 or email langekl@earthlink.net. There will also be a "book store" during this course and you may purchase scout books and materials during breaks.

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

Mon., March 24 and Fri. – Sat., March 28-29

This is a great course for those new parents to attend. There is no prerequisite course to take before taking this course. This training session, the last of three required to be a "Trained" SM or ASM, 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 troops scouting adventure. New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training sessions are a highly desirable but not required. The course runs Monday evening and then a Friday evening through Saturday evening. Outdoor Leader Skills –March 24 and March 29-30. The Monday evening meeting will be 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 $4 plus the cost of food. You must pre-register to reserve a slot for the course by emailing Dennis Wokeck, Course Scribe at dwokeck@cox.net Please pay with a CHECK made payable to NCAC-BSA

Troop Committee Training

March 8

Boy Scout Troop Committee Training, known as the Troop Committee Challenge, will take place at Springfield United Methodist Church. The training session will start with registration at 8:00 and will be finished by noon. The cost of the training is $5.00; pre-registration is required. Wear your uniform and be prepared for a hands-on experiential learning experience! This training is designed for all members of the Troop Committee. It will enable troop committee members to better deliver a quality program in support of the troop, Scoutmaster and Scouts, by helping to build the commitment of individual committee members, as well as cultivating a better troop committee team.

The training location is the Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. For more information about the course and to pre-register, call or email Fred Woody, Course Director, 703-644-1088 or sixpacknsam@yahoo.com.

Wood Badge Training

April 25-27 #1, May 16-18 #2

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

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

OA UPDATE

OLD DOMINION ARROWMAN ELECTED NE REGION CHIEF: Patrick Rooney, former Old Dominion Chapter Chief, Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Chief and NE-4C Section Chief recently was elected OA Chief of the Northeast Region for the year 2008. Rooney was elected at the annual OA Planning Meeting, held every December in the Dallas, Texas area to plan the national OA events for the following year. Some 47 section chiefs from all over the nation gather at the meeting and elect a National OA Chief and National Vice-Chief. After those elections, the chiefs from each region caucus and elect their region chief.

The Northeast Region serves more than 44,000 Arrowmen over 75 lodges across the northeastern United States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Transatlantic Council spanning across the globe. Rooney will give leadership to all regional OA training events in 2008, including three National Leadership Seminars--two to be held in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania. He will also lead the program for the national ArrowCorps5 conservation project in June which will carry out work in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in the Covington, VA area. One thousand youth and adult workers and staff are expected to be housed at Goshen Scout Reservation June 21-28 and to work on miles of trail and campsite building in the nearby National Forest. Rooney is the first Region Chief elected from our lodge since Matt Hoag in 1990. Andy Oh of Vienna also served as the OA National Vice-Chief in 2000. Congratulations and good luck to Patrick Rooney.

OA LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE AWARDS (2005-2007): In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new Leadership in Service Award. Arrowmen can earn the award in 2005, 2006, and 2007. CONGRATULATIONS to the following Old Dominion Arrowmen for earning the Leadership in Service Award for calendar year 2007: Cynthia J. Blake - 1st Award, Kenneth P. Davis - 3rd Award, Randy Falkofske - 1st Award, Linda Ferraro - 2nd Award, Keller Godwin - 1st Award, Thomas Heitbrink - 1st Award, Rick Hillenbrand - 2nd Award, Allison Hoopes - 2nd Award, Robert Hoopes - 2nd Award, Nathaniel Kelley - 1st Award, Ned Lundquist - 2nd Award, Thomas Lundquist - 2nd Award, Randy Mayer - 3rd Award, Jeffery A. Morrow - 3rd Award, Jeffery A. Morrow II - 3rd Award, Benjamin Paczak - 1st Award, Andrew J. Rooney - 2nd Award, Patrick W. Rooney - 3rd Award, William P. Rooney - 2nd Award, Philip D. Spiess - 1st Award, Philip F. Spiess - 1st Award, Kyle Staron - 1st Award, Patrick Vogel - 3rd Award, Robin Vogel - 3rd Award, and Timothy Wing - 1st Award. The awards will be presented at the earliest opportunity after receipt from the Lodge in 2008.

OLD DOMINION SERVICE DAY AT ECHO (January 19, 2008): Arrowmen are needed to participate in our Service Day at Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), which is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA). ECHO is a non-profit, all-volunteer private agency whose purpose is to help people in need in our community. Arrowmen under the direction of our Youth Leadership will perform general facility and grounds housekeeping/clean-up, food/clothing locker reorganization and minor maintenance which is needed periodically throughout the year. Start time is 10 AM. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Wear work clothes. All tools/supplies will be provided on site. With enough people showing up, we should be completed by noon.

MERIT BADGE DAY AT CAMP SNYDER (February 2, 2008): Come out to Camp William B. Snyder (Haymarket, VA) on Saturday, February 2nd and help Old Dominion Chapter prepare and serve the noon meal to approximately 500 participants. Please report to the Flagpole area outside the Dining Hall by 10 AM in Scout Uniform with your sash. Dress appropriately for the weather. Rain, snow or shine this NCAC event will be conducted. Merit Badge Day at Camp Snyder serves as our principal fundraiser to support the $1,000 awarded annually to deserving Old Dominion youth in our Ron Carroll Memorial Campership Program. See you there

OA INFORMATION POINT OF CONTACT: Bill Rooney, Chapter Adviser, at 703-451-9884 or rooney859@cox.net.

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 12: Lodge Banquet (Camp Snyder Dining Hall, 10 AM -1 PM)
- January 19: ECHO Service Day (7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA)
- February 2: Merit Badge Day (Camp Snyder) – Chapter prepares and serves noon meal

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

This is the third year that Scouting will participate in the Good Turn for America (GTFA) project. Last year was a great success, and with your effort we can do even better this year. Reporting projects should be completed soon after the project while details are fresh. Remember, Scouting For Food participation counts.

If you have questions or need assistance in navigating the GTFA web site, submit your questions to: dpalomaki@cox.net.

Thanks for supporting Good Turn for America and our local community.

SCOUTER RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

It is time to start thinking about Unit Scouter Recognitions and nominations for the Key Six Award. These awards are announced at the District Annual Awards Banquet, scheduled for May 29th.. More information will be provided in the February issue of *The Old Rag*.

Scouts and Scouters from Cub Scout Pack 685 enjoy their Rainforest Adventure. See story on page 6.

OA ELECTIONS

The OA Elections season is now beginning, but Elections Chairman, Ben Paczak, has received Election Request forms from only four units, of the three-dozen that were distributed at the December Roundtable. *Please have your completed request form ready to tender at the January Roundtable*. If you can't turn it in Thursday evening, please send it to Ben ASAP by mail.

Elections are scheduled with earlier requests receiving preference. If more elections than can be managed are scheduled simultaneously, the unit(s) whose form was received later will be bumped to a second-choice evening.

With your request, we ask that you send us the name of an OA youth member in your unit who can help conduct elections in other units. We also need Adult Arrowmen to assist with this process. We need to know who these volunteers are sooner than later so that we can brief them on how to conduct elections. A training session was held last Sunday evening at the Chapter's meeting place, Sydenstricker Methodist Church, for the few volunteers from units who had already registered for an election. A planned training at the January Roundtable will not occur, as there are no other Requests, and no other volunteer's names, yet received. Another training may be planned for the February Chapter Meeting and/or the Roundtable, and news of that event will be sent before then.

If your unit will NOT be conducting an OA election this year, please let Ben Paczak know that through a short email. Otherwise, we will continue pursuing you until we get an answer.

Please also keep in mind that we are seeking Adult Nominations as well. Each unit in which at least one youth has been elected may nominate one adult (21 years and older) for OA membership, or two if their active youth membership is more than 50. Adult Nominations must be tendered on the form downloadable from the Lodge website, and must be submitted by early March, even if your unit has not yet held its election.

Information on locating the forms, as well as additional contact info for Ben Paczak, can be found in the Elections materials handed out last month. Please contact Ben with any questions or concerns that you have. Thank you for your attention.

Randy Falkofske
Elections Adviser
Randy.Falkofske@fairfaxcounty.gov

VENTURING AND VARSITY

2007-8 Venturing/Varsity Activities Calendar

16 Feb, Sat – Annual NCAC **Sea Scout Wardroom Dinner**, Fairfax, VA
23 Feb, Sat – **College of Adventure**, University of Scouting, location TBA
VLST – Venturing Leader Specific Training
VLSC - Venturing Leadership Skills Course for youth and adults
Kodiak Crew Leadership Training Class
Adventure and outdoor sports classes
29 Mar and 5-6 April - **Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills** (BCOLS)
*11-13 Apr, Fri-Sun – **Northeast Region Area 4** Venturing Quest 2008, location TBA in PA
10 May, Sat – **NCAC Venturing Rendezvous** 2008, location TBA
23-26 May, Fri-Sun – **Sea Scout Regatta** (join the Sea Scouts for this event for fun), Camp Brown at Scotland, MD
7 Jun, Sat – **Venturing Eco Challenge**, Fountainhead Regional Park, Occoquan River. 6-person team race by canoe, trail-run, and mountain bike

Contact Adair Petty, Vice Chairman for Venturing, Old Dominion Chapter, for additional information on Venturing activities and training; ppetty1@cox.net or 703-913-1124.

VFW & LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

The **VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship** program provides a $5,000 award to an outstanding scout who is the recipient of a Boy Scout Eagle Award, a Venture Scouting Silver Award or a Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship;
- Has received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award;
- Has demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community;
- Has reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection; and
- Has submitted his/her completed entry by March 1, 2008, to a VFW Post in his/her community.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A scout only can enter through ONE VFW Post.

To enter, download and complete the VFW Scouting Scholarship form and submit to a local VFW post by March 1, 2008.

Find a local VFW post at: http://emem.vfw.org/findpost.aspx

The form is found at: http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/scoutscholarshipentryform.pdf

The national website is at: http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmty.leveld&did=4371&tok=1

Should you have questions about the program in Fairfax and eastern Prince William counties (Va VFW 10th district), please contact Peter Pate @ ppate1@yahoo.com or 703 217 5421.

The **American Legion** is sponsoring a national scholarship competition for Eagle Scout of the Year. The program is described at: http://www.legion.org/?ection=prog_evt&subsection=evt_scouting&content=evt_eaglescout>>

Application, and eligibility requirements, are found at: http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eagle_scout_2008.pdf

The American Legion program is limited to Eagle Scouts who have earned the appropriate religious awards.

Applications are submitted to the Department (State) headquarters in Richmond NLT March 1, 2008.

Scoutmasters, if you have a Scout apply to either program, please send a short note to Ppate1@yahoo.com or 703-217-5421.

HIGH ADVENTURE

URGENT: PHILMONT TREK AVAILABLE NOW!

P-716- No signups. 12 spaces open. Would require a 15-passenger van. This slot can be given to a unit-crew. See Philmont note below for contact info.

Also: seeking an advisor for the Philmont P-708 (7/6-20) Provisional crew

To kick-start the New Year here is a more detailed than usual summary of the high adventure programs most closely monitored by the National Capitol Area Council (NCAC) High Adventure Committee (HAC). Scholarships are available for deserving Scouts. To obtain additional information on these programs contact Ed Phillips, Old Dominion District HA Representative at: edphill@cox.net or better yet check the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm.

Lenhok'sin High Adventure Sponsored by NCAC and located at the Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, VA. Must be 13 or older by date of participation. Sunday to Saturday week-long programs including: Backpacking (with Native American, Civil War, fox-fire, mountain man, mountain biking, lumber jack, wild West, caving, & primitive camping options); Cope 'n' Rope (backpacking, COPE, & rock climbing); Shooting Sports (shooting combined with backpacking or base camp); Canoe (5-day James River canoe trip); and Civil War Week (reenactment). Crew size 7 to 12 including at least 2 adults. For more information see www.lenhoksin.org.

Adirondack High Adventure - Sponsored by Otetiana/Hiawatha Council, located in the Adirondack State Park in upstate NY. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year of participation. Seven-day itineraries from easy to strenuous. Itineraries, including backpacking or canoeing or a combination of the two. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited to 8 or 12 depending on the trek including the guide and at least 1 adult. For more information, see http://www.otetiana.org/treks/index.php.

Maine High Adventure - Sponsored by Katahdin Area Council and located at Matagamon High Adventure Base at the north entrance to Baxter State Park in northern ME. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year of participation. Minimum 6-day itineraries from easy to strenuous. Itineraries are flexible and may include floatplane access, wilderness or developed campsites, whitewater or flat-water canoeing, hiking in Baxter State Park, backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, or any combination of these. A guide is provided and the required crew size is from 8 to 12 including the guide and at least 1 adult. For more information, see http://www.mainehighadventure.org/.

Northern Tier - Sponsored by BSA and located at Ely, MN; Atikokan, Ontario; and Bissett, Manitoba. Must be 13 or older by date of participation. Itineraries consist of 6 to 10-days of wilderness canoeing and rugged portaging. Float plane access at Bissett only. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited to 9 or 12 depending on the trek including the guide and at least 2 adults. For more information, see http://www.ntier.org. Unit-based crew space for 2008 should be available through May. Reservations for 2008 started on April 2, 2007. The number to call for a reservation is (218) 365-4811.

Philmont Scout Ranch - Sponsored by BSA and located in the Rocky Mountains of northeastern NM. Must be 14 or older by January 1 of the year of participation or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation. Twelve-day programs with moderate to very strenuous itineraries. Itineraries consist of 11 days of backpacking with optional programs in mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding, archeology, black powder rifle, blacksmithing, burro packing, logging events, environmental awareness, fly fishing, geology, gold panning, homesteading, native American, and rifle and shotgun shooting. The required crew size is from 7 to 12 including at least 2 adults.

For more information, see http://www.scouting.org/philmont/camping/treks/index.html. Greg Morin (gmorin@boyscouts-ncac.org or 301-214-9105) is maintaining unit-crew and provisional waiting lists for the 2008 NCAC contingents P701 (6/29-7/13), P708 (7/6-20), and P715 (7/13-27). See http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm for applications and current status of these contingents. NCAC will conduct a lottery for 2009 unit-based crews (12 maximum per unit) in May 2008 and will also have provisional space for individuals on 2009 NCAC contingents.

Florida Sea Base - Sponsored by BSA and located on Matecumbe Key 75 miles south of Miami, FL. Must be 14 or older by September 1 of the year of participation. Seven-day programs including coral reef sailing, sea exploring, Bahamas adventure, Bahamas tall ship adventure, Keys adventure, out island adventure, scuba adventure, scuba certification, and scuba live aboard. A guide is provided and the maximum crew size is limited from 8 to 22 depending on the program including at least 1 adult. For more information see http://www.bsaseabase.org. Limited

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INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING TREK AND ESSAY CONTEST AT PHILMONT

Submissions due Jan. 15

Scouts 16-19 years of age: Write a winning essay, and you may take part in the 2008 Philmont International Scouting Trek, all expenses paid by the BSA. Far from being a mere academic assignment, this highly prestigious competition is designed to help *set recruiting policy for Scouts and Scouters around the world.*

Twenty winners -- 10 U.S. and 10 International Scouts – will spend June 18-29, 2008 in Dallas and Philmont. There they will hike, explore and begin the process of preparing a joint report based on their individual essays.

Here's the assignment: "As a Scout, I could convince more young people from my community (and surrounding communities) to join Scouting by organizing a membership recruitment plan that included these important steps/elements."

That's it: 1,500 words on how to recruit new Scouts. If you are thinking about participating, don't let the length deter you – you'll be surprised how much you have to say once you start. Good grammar, spelling, style and punctuation are of course important, but judges will put primary emphasis on ideas and execution, not written expression

Below is the trek itinerary:

- Wednesday, June 18 - Arrive in Dallas, meet participants and stay in a hotel
- Thursday June 19 - Travel to Philmont via Albuquerque
- Friday, June 20 - base camp training
- Saturday, June 21 - First Day of Trek
- Thursday, June 26 - End of Trek. Return to Base Camp
- Friday, June 27 - Stay an extra day to report to International Scouting Conference at Philmont
- Saturday, June 28 - Return to Dallas and farewell hotel dinner
- Sunday, June 29 - Return home

Applicants should send their essays electronically to Will Rodger at wrodger@pobox.com. Essays are due by midnight Jan. 15, 2008. Submissions must be made in one of the following formats: .pdf, .odf, .doc (NOT .docx) or .wps. In the unlikely event that none of these are possible for a Scout, exceptions can be made but must be cleared ahead of time – the sooner the better.

NCAC Committee members will evaluate entries and forward their top recommendation to National Headquarters in Texas by Jan. 31. National will determine the 10 U.S. winners sometime thereafter. Since NCAC International Committee members will judge the local essays, no family members of Committee members may participate.

This special Scouting event will be conducted in conjunction with the International Division's International Scouting Conference. Scouts will give a report to the International Scouting Conference based on the discussions they had during their time together at Philmont.

HIGH ADVENTURE (cont.)

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unit-based crew space for 2008 is available. A web-based lottery for 2009 will be held in January 2008. NCAC is sponsoring and accepting applications for a 2008 provisional Sea Exploring Adventure S707 (7/7-14) at a cost per person of about $1405 including transportation. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/218_high_adventure_committee.cfm.

V3 Hike-o-ree - Sponsored by NCAC and located at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Must be 13 or older by January 1 of the year after participation. A three-day program, probably October 31 - November 2, 2008, includes a Friday night opening program, Saturday 10-mile hike ranging from moderate to super strenuous, Saturday night high adventure rally, and Sunday morning service project. Maximum crew size is 12 including at least 2 adults. Crews are required to use high adventure camping techniques. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/59540_venturing_hike_o_ree.cfm; contact Bob Austin at 703-425-9675 (home), 703-676-1351 (work) or bob.austin@verizon.net; or contact Adair Petty at 703-607-2190 (work) or ppetty1@cox.net.

Thanks all.
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WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Thanks! A total of $160.00 was donated by Old Dominion District members at the December 2007 Roundtable to the World Friendship Fund, and sent to the national BSA office on Dec.17.

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and Crews finding gold in their quest to be the lead Stampeders! You'll have a chance to show your Scout skills and Patrol spirit while managing your time and maximizing your chances at the various Stations. Expect the unexpected – you just never know what the challenge will be. And there are some guaranteed twists!

Final registrations are due by 15 January. At that time we need to provide the Center with the final numbers for meals. There is still a little room in the lodges, but by 15 January, these will be given back.

Fairfax County Schools are off on Friday and Monday. So why not take advantage of the outing and plan to do something in Front Royal on Sunday as well? Horseback riding, hiking, and caverns are available. Group discount rates can be obtained for many of these events.

Your registration includes an icebreaker social Friday night, a full breakfast buffet on Saturday, Pizza Dinner that night, the awards ceremony and Saturday social, a Continental Breakfast on Sunday morning, the Klondike Patch, and, of course, warm bathrooms! The cost is $65 for staying in the lodge and $36 for those choosing to camp.

The Klondike Information Package is posted on the ODD Website. You may find it at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OldDominion/. Then Click on the *District Forms* link.

Volunteers are always welcome – please contact our Program Director Dean Stinson at 703-455-4072 or StinsonBSA@gmail.com.

For information about the lodges and camping – please contact our Lodge Madame Susan Woody at 703-644-1088 or sixpacknsam@yahoo.com.

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

THINK SNOW!!

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