



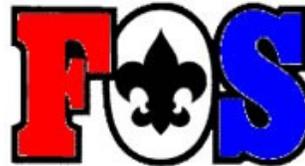
SAMOSET "He walks over Much" Occoquan District Newsletter

Communicating at the Water's end

2010 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

Preparations for the 2010 Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Campaign are underway. The district coordination staff has been formed, presenters recruited and campaign planned. Starting at the October Roundtable units will be asked to identify their unit's FFOS Point of Contact. There will be some adjust-

ments from the 2009 campaign. Specifically, the 2010 campaign timeline will be different. The goal will be to get all units scheduled by the Thanksgiving holiday. Pete DeSalva, the District Coordinator, will be getting additional information from the Council Coordinator at an Oct. 21 meeting in Bethesda. Area coordinators will contact unit



coordinators in a few weeks to lock down presentation dates and pass information needed by units for a successful FFOS campaign.

Fall Camporee - Legend of Sleepy Hollow

The District will hold the Boy Scout Fall Camporee at Emerald Downs Farms, a former horse race track surrounded by woods located at 2175 Garrisonville Road, Stafford, VA 22554. It will be held from October 16-19 starting with registration from 6 to 8 pm. The camporee is open to troops, crews and teams and the cost is \$15 per person. The land owner, who lives on the property, has agreed to allow the District to conduct our camporee.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow camporee program was inspired by the folktale named the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, set in the Dutch culture of Pre-Revolutionary War in New York State. As the story goes, a headless horseman was often seen in the farming and hill country, and an old man who did not believe in ghosts told of meeting the headless horseman coming from his trip into the Hollow. The venue of a former horse race track provides the ideal backdrop for fun and adventure. The farm has three ponds, two of which are on the race track,

and will be used for canoeing. One of the large cleared areas has been selected as the campsite area and will be marked off and assigned to each attending unit. The farm is adjacent to the fire station that is manned 24/7. We will notify the fire station we will be holding a camporee and the anticipated level of attendance.



The program will consist of games/challenges named around the Legend of Sleepy Hollow where Scouts will demonstrate Scout skills, test physical fitness, learn survival techniques, and have fun. Camporee streamers will be presented to each unit for participation.

The Camporee will be a friendly environment of patrol competition where prizes will be awarded to patrols that accumulate points by successful demonstration of selected activities. Speed and accuracy will count. Units

will also be awarded points for setting up a gateway, campsite inspections, participating in the cook-off, and campfire program participation. Teamwork and Scout Spirit will be the focus during the camporee, and those Scouts demonstrating a high level in these areas will be recognized. For more information or questions, contact Ken Eggers by cell 703.300.6060 or e-mail: keggers@mitre.org. Activities will include:

- ◆ Paintball Target Shooting
- ◆ Knife Throwing
- ◆ Horizontal Rock Wall
- ◆ Skits & Songs
- ◆ Geo Caching
- ◆ Cargo Net Climbing
- ◆ 3-Legged Knot Tying Race
- ◆ Human Contortionist
- ◆ Campfire Program
- ◆ Jamboree on the Air
- ◆ Orienteering Course
- ◆ Telegraph Code Breaking
- ◆ Adirondack Boat Race
- ◆ Canoe Crossing
- ◆ Blind Fold Tent Set-up Race
- ◆ Kim's Blanket (Memory Skill)
- ◆ Competition Cook-Off
- ◆ Trading Post (Run by O/A)

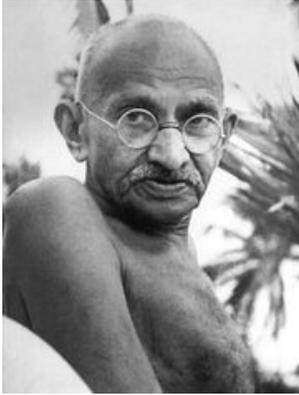
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Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, pictured in 1944, Bombay, India

Quotes of Great Leaders

“We must become the change we want to see in the world”

Mahatma Gandhi, Lawyer & spiritual leader for Indian independence from British rule



Boy Scout/Varsity Roundtable

“Spooctacular” Scout Scares Available in October

Looking for a way to put a scare into your Friday or Saturday night? Wanna be a part of a “Spooctacular” event for the whole family? Do you think you can handle Zombies, Ghosts, Pirates and Creatures? If you can, plan now to attend the Hauntings of Haymarket Hollow at Camp William B. Snyder.

Before the BSA obtained the land today known as Camp William B. Snyder, local residents would recall the days of



weird sounds, and the sights of ghosts and goblins in the woods, many have dismissed this to perhaps folktale legends or ghosts conjured up

during the American Civil War, but today Camp staff and campers still claim that during the cold October nights in Haymarket that the sounds and sights continue to live!!!

Event Dates

◆ October 16, 17, 23 & 24
Time:

◆ Fridays 8-10 PM

◆ Saturdays 7-10 PM

Admission Fee:

- ◆ All participants - \$10 door
- ◆ \$9 if pre-registered online

Troop 295 SCUBA Adventure

Troop 295 traveled to Lake Rawlings, VA to complete SCUBA and Snorkeling BSA training the last weekend in September. Lake Rawlings is a quarry located 30 minutes south of Richmond on I-85 and is a major SCUBA training facility in that area. Troop 295 was fortunate to have the services of Kristen Mitchel, a Virginia Scuba diving instructor, to act as a counselor for SCUBA BSA. One of Troop 295's Asst Scoutmasters (Lee Hutchins) is also a Dive Master with Virginia Scuba assisted in

the water and managing the logistics. Lake Rawlings provided all necessary rental gear as well as camping space so the troop was able to make a complete weekend of the activity. 13 Scouts were awarded SCUBA BSA and 20 Scouters earned Snorkeling BSA. During the diving, scouts got to see huge blue gill and bass that inhabit the quarry and explored an underwater computer graveyard, and swim around the outside of the sailboat used in the movie "The Re-



placements" and a school bus named "Miss Nikki." Everyone had a great time and wanted to stay underwater longer. Sounds like we have some candidates for Open Water Scuba Certification! See You On the Bottom!

Boy Scout and Varsity Roundtable

October BSVRT.

Autumn has arrived and the hint of frost is in the air! The October Roundtable will be held next Monday (10/12) at the usual time (7:15 PM) and place (Grace Baptist Church on Spriggs Road).

The BSVRT breakout session will immediately follow the general session. The theme for this month's RT is "Business." After the transition/admin time block we will have a theme related activity run by Robb Rigtrup from Troop/Team 1357. This month's "requested topic of interest" is "District

Event Planning" arranged by Janene Lyman (Troop 1374) and Mike Green (Team 1374).

October is a very hectic month for all of us but, it is always beneficial for units to be represented at Roundtable to ensure they have the latest news regarding happenings in the district and council as well as have the opportunity to share the fellowship of other Scouters. If you need to make an announcement of interest to Boy Scout Troops or Varsity Teams, please let Pete DeSalva know via e-mail by Sunday evening (11th). An-

ouncement must be brief. If you want to pass more information than can be shared in a couple of minute, bringing flyers which can be inserted in the unit mail-folders prior to the breakout session.

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District Order of the Arrow (OA) Chapter

The Occoquan Chapter will be conducting their Fall Service Weekend on Oct 23-25, at Leesylvania State Park. There are 34 candidates that were elected in the spring that still need to attend their induction. Current members are needed to attend and help run the program. Please come out and support your Chapter.

Member registration forms are on the Occoquan Chapter and

District yahoo-group website. Candidate forms were mailed to them. If you are a candidate and have not received the form, contact Mr. Joe Wileman. Remember, candidates and members have until Oct10 to pre-register, otherwise email Mr. Wileman (wileman.joe@ensco.com) **and** bring the registration form to the Fall Service Weekend.

The next Chapter meeting will

be held at the Oct Roundtable (7:30pm, 10/12/09). Support the Chapter and help provide a great program by attending Chapter meetings. For more information, please look on the Chapter user group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/occoquanchapter> to get the latest information on the happenings at the Chapter and the Lodge. If you are not a member of the group, sign up.



Occoquan District OA Chapter

Occoquan Units to Re-Charter in December

All Units will re-charter on Saturday, December 5 (location TBD) and a representative must attend a short orientation session even though many believe they have "been there, done that" before. Every year there are "tweaks" to the process that need to be conveyed and therefore they can say "attended it, understand now." This training ensures that the right people in each unit get the needed information.

Training will occur on Wednesday's through the month of October (14, 21 & 28) at 7:30 pm at the VFW on Minnieville Rd. On Oct. 7, fifteen units attended the training session. There is a change in the location of the Oct. 14 training session which will be announced via the District YahooGroups e-mail and Roundtable.

Units Re-Charter Trained

- ◆ Crew 1952
- ◆ Pack 108
- ◆ Pack 1149
- ◆ Pack 1189
- ◆ Pack 1398
- ◆ Pack 289
- ◆ Pack 295
- ◆ Pack 634
- ◆ Team 1952
- ◆ Troop 102

- ◆ Troop 1149
- ◆ Troop 1378
- ◆ Troop 1392
- ◆ Troop 1919
- ◆ Troop 1952

It is critical that units start preparing now with the families in your unit to ensure your unit gets re-chartered on time. Let them know that the re-charter process has started and that they will need to renew their membership with your unit. In many cases this means money needs to change hands. Let them know the costs:

- ◆ Registration: \$ 15
⇒ Increased from last year
- ◆ Boy's Life: \$ 12
⇒ Same from last year
- ◆ Insurance \$ 1
⇒ Same from last year



There are some changes-additions from last year and these will be explained in the class. The total cost to Council will be \$28/scout. If your unit has dues, it should be added to this amount so you can inform parents. Adults will cost



\$16/person. Your unit should set a DATE at which all fees will be collected and it is highly recommended that it be mid-November or BEFORE Thanksgiving at the latest.

If you stay on schedule, your unit will be ready by 5 December which is the Charter turn in DATE. The biggest help you can give yourself is to make certain that all of the applications collected are processed quickly. It cannot be overemphasized enough HOW IMPORTANT it is right now to process all of your applications as soon as you get them--- DO NOT hold on to them-- DO NOT wait for the re-charter, GET them to your UNIT COMMISSIONER or our District Executive ASAP. This will make the time on the Internet for the Re-charter a much easier process. Just a reminder the clock is moving and time to prepare is now!



Plan to Safari with Us!

The Occoquan District's Cub Scout Safari FUN DAY will be a trek to remember for your Cub Scouts. It will hold on Saturday, October 10, at Lake Ridge Park (12354 Cotton Mill Drive, Lake Ridge, VA 22192). Bring your pack and come out to see all the FUN things you can do in Cub Scouts!! Scout-appropriate activities include: archery, pea shooters, leather craft, obstacle course, and the ever popular Human Hamster Wheel!



The cost will be \$5 per child. Registration begins at 8:30 am at the park and activities will be held from 9:00 am to noon.

For more information, pre-registration or event details contact Michelle Richardson (MDRichardson@aol.com or 703-730-477) for this event.

Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS)

Preparations for the 2010 FFOS Campaign are underway. Look for news in Nov.



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"An individual step in character training
is to put responsibility on the individual"

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

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ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY BEST TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY. TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAWS, TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES, TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY FIT, AND MORALLY UPRIGHT.



The scouting way.

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 OD Training Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Cub Fun Day
11	12 Roundtable	13	14 Re-Charter Training	15 Commissioners	16 Hauntings	17 Hauntings
18 Camporee	19	20	21 Re-Charter Training	22 ODC	23-24 OD Camporee	
25	26	27	28 Re-Charter Training	29	30 Hauntings	31 Hauntings

THE SCOUT LAW - A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, **Courteous**, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

The Meaning of the Scout Law: The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout; doing his best to live up to the Law. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries. **A Scout is Courteous.** A Scout is polite to everyone. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together .

District & Council Events 90 Day Look-Ahead Calendar

Oct 3 – Occoquan District Training Day, 7:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Grace Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA

Oct 10 – Occoquan District Cub Scout Safari FUN DAY, Registration 8:30 am, 9:00 am to noon, Lake Ridge Park, Woodbridge, VA

Oct 12 – District Roundtable & O/A Chapter Meeting, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm, Grace Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA

Oct 14 – Re-Charter Training, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Location TBD, VA

Oct 15 – District Commissioners Meeting, Lake Ridge LDS Church, 7:30 pm to 9 pm

Oct 16 to 18 – District Camporee - Legend of Sleepy

Hollow, 5:30 pm on Friday, ends noon Sunday, Emerald Downs Farms; Stafford, VA

Oct 16 & 17; 23 & 24 – Hauntings of Haymarket Hall, Fridays 8 pm to 10 pm, Saturdays 7 pm to 10 pm, Camp William B. Snyder; Haymarket, VA

Oct 21 – Re-Charter Training, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, VFW, Dale City, VA

Oct 23 – Occoquan District Committee (ODC) Meeting, 4001 Prince Wm Parkway, Suite 202, Dale City, 7:30 am to 9 pm, Woodbridge, VA

Oct 23 to 24– Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), 8 pm Fri to 5 pm Sat, Leesylvania State Park; Wdbr, VA

Oct 23 to 25 – O/A Fall Service Weekend, 8:00 pm Fri to 10 am Sun, Leesylvania State Park; Woodbridge, VA

Oct 30 to Nov 1 – Wilderness First Aid Training, 7:30 pm Fri to 5 pm Sun, Camp William B. Snyder; Haymarket, VA

Oct 28 – Re-Charter Training, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, VFW, Dale City, VA

Nov 14 – CPR/AED/First Aid Training, 8 am to 4 pm, Camp William B. Snyder; Haymarket, VA

Nov 21 – NCAC Cub Leader Pow Wow, Registration 8 am, Classes 9 am - 4 pm, Annandale High School; Annandale, VA

Dec - None

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