

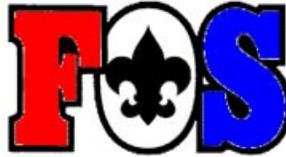


SAMOSET "He walks over Much" Occoquan District Newsletter

Communicating at the Water's end

2010 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign Status

Family FOS planning and preparation continues in earnest. Pete DeSalva district coordinator attended the NCAC Kick Off meeting in Bethesda. On Oct 26, most of the district's area coordinators participated in orientation training. Campaign objectives, factors of a successful campaign, volunteer



responsibilities, support materials and lessons learned from previous campaigns were reviewed. There are five area coordinators aligned with the

five district service areas: Stan Mushaw (North), Doug Currell (South), Scott Driggers (Central), Dave Williams (East), and Brandon Scott (LDS). They will be contacting units in early November in order to confirm who unit points of contact for this year's campaign and set up meetings to review unit planning.



We are Scouting for Food (SFF)

SFF is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in communities in which we live and work.

Occoquan District units will be putting out SFF bags or

flyers starting on Nov 7 and collecting the food donations on Saturday, Nov 14. Collection points will be the same as last year: Safeway stores in Tackett's Mill, Lake Ridge and Cheshire Station, Dale City. Trucks to haul the donations are being provided by the

Appliance Connection. Units should drop off their collections between 9 am and 2 pm. **GREAT IDEA:** Last year one unit knocked on doors on collection day and increased food donations by 33%.



Last Call for Popcorn Orders

Popcorn sales is in the home stretch. Just a quick reminder about upcoming dates:

- ◆ **Nov 18** -2nd order due
 - ◆ **Dec 5** -2nd Popcorn pickup
 - ◆ **Dec 20**-Final Payment due
- Please mark these dates on your calendar. Units will also receive reminder notices both thru email and the district's YahooGroups. Since the November 18th order date is the last time to order so make sure your unit orders enough for "show and sell" or any other orders that may need to be filled. There is plenty of time for district scouts to take advantage of using the online ordering as well. If all of this is not enough to motivate your unit

to want to excel here are the additional incentives that scouts can obtain:

- ◆ **Fill-it-Up Program** – Units should make sure that completed order sheets are, turned in to council every Friday before noon. Why? To get a \$100 Walmart gift card of course. What a deal!
- ◆ **Washington Nationals Game 2010** – For every scout who submits a completed sheet each week (not duplicated) will receive two tickets to a game. There is no limit on the amount of tickets given to a scout. Plus the top seller will get to throw out the First Pitch.
- ◆ **Top Seller Day** – All scouts who sell \$1000 or more will

be invited to a special top seller day at Camp Snyder.

- ◆ **Photo Contest** – NCAC is having a photo contest. Submit a photo of your unit doing something silly or unique with your popcorn or selling the popcorn and your unit could win a \$100 Walmart gift card. Trails End (scout popcorn supplier) is also running the same contest, so submit your photo to them too for a chance to win prizes.

For questions or information, contact the district Popcorn Kernel: **Michele Hansell**, call 703.389.0588 (Cell) or 703.583.2121 (Home) or michele.hansell@verizon.net

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When President Franklin D. Roosevelt died in 1945, he had a record of 24 years' service in Scouting. This photo shows him with scouts in 1935 wearing his **Silver Buffalo Award**, the highest honor conferred by the Boy Scouts of America. He received the award in 1930 when he was governor of the state of New York.

Quotes of Great Leaders

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
32nd President of the United States



Boy Scout/Varsity Roundtable

NCAC Centennial Camporee - 100 Years of Scouting

“Scouting in Action, A Century of Values”

The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) will be hosting a Centennial Camporee next Memorial Day Weekend at Goshen Scout Reservation. Full registration opened on Oct 9 and goes through Dec 15, 2009. Once you link up to the BSA's Centennial Page, make sure you open all the links for more important information. There will be activities for Cub Scouts and Webelos, Boy Scouts and Venturers. April 15, 2010 is the final date for troops to add Webelos cross-overs, with full payment.



If your troop has Boy Scouts and Venturers, think about sending the scouts as venturers due to the type and number of activities for venture scouts.

Make plans to participate in the one and only NCAC Centennial Camporee. Units should

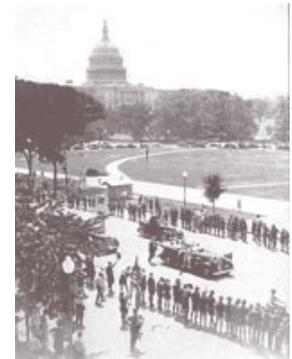
go on line and reserve a camp at www.boyscouts-ncac.org/ centennial as there will be limited space.

- ◆ **NCAC Get-Fit Scouts** (January 2010, ongoing)
- ◆ **NCAC Centennial Camporee** (Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010)
- ◆ **NCAC/BSA Centennial Scouting on the Mall** (July 23 – Aug 8, 2010)
- ◆ **NCAC/BSA Grand Centennial Parade & Review** (July 25, 2010)

BSA Grand Centennial Parade & Review

SUMMER (tentative date set for Sunday, July 25, 2010) On the day before the opening of the 100th Anniversary National Jamboree, our Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, and Explorer units will be joined by Jamboree units from all around the country on their way to Fort A.P. Hill. Together this will form the NCAC/BSA Grand Centennial Parade & Review of thousands of Scouts along Constitution Avenue in Washington DC.

Everyone loves a parade!...Especially when it's for your scouts! From a historical prospective, nothing comes close to this except for the first National Scout Jamboree held in 1937. That was when President Franklin Roosevelt reviewed 27,000 Scouts who lined both sides of Constitution Avenue for three miles! Can we get 27,000 Scouts to participate? Let's make a big statement for the Occoquan District. Stay tuned for details!



Scouts Reviewed by FDR in 1937

Boy Scout and Varsity Roundtable (BSVRT)

November BSVRT. Can you believe it, Turkey Day is just around the corner! The BSVRT breakout session will immediately follow the general Roundtable session.

The theme for this month's RT is "First Aid." After the transition/admin time block we will have a theme related activity run by Mike Green from Team 1374. This month's "requested topic of interest" is "Accurate Record Keeping Using Troop Master & On-Line Advancement." A presentation on this topic has been arranged by Janene Lyman (Troop 1374). November promises to be

another very hectic month for all of us. Units should not get overwhelmed by rechartering efforts, Scouting for Food activities and Friends of Scouting preparation. 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

(Nov 8). Announcement 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 Chapter held its Fall Service Weekend at Leesylvania State Park on October 23-25. There were 11 candidates that participated. The weather was not a factor until late Saturday when rain moved in. In spite of the rain the Ordeal was completed and all candidates inducted. The ordeal was a big success providing over 100 hours of service to Leesylvania State Park. Because the Council Centennial

Camporee will be held next spring on Memorial Day weekend, the Chapter will be having its ordeal 3 weeks before the Camporee in order to help Camp Goshen prepare. Therefore, O/A troop elections for next year will start in next month in December. Contact the Chapter to schedule troop elections. The next Chapter meeting will be at the November Roundtable (7:30pm, 1/09/09).

Please help the Chapter provide a great program by coming out to the 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

Loads of Fun at District Cub Fun Day

A special thanks to all that braved the changing temperatures and light rain to join fellow cubs and families for the 2009 Occoquan District Cub Fun Day. This year's event was held at Lake Ridge Park on Saturday, Oct 10. There were a number of great activities for the cubs scouts: archery, leatherwork, obstacle course, human hamster wheel, and pea shooters.

A special thank you goes out to the following Boy Scouts

that volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to help provide a great program for our Cub Scouts: Ryan T. (T102); Sebastian V. (T1363); Tommie S. and Cameron H. (T1367); Wyatt B. (T1369); and Bobby Mc., Nate M. and Josh M. (T1392).

Thank you to our adult staff which included: Ron Thomas and Ernest Hines (T102); Norm Pollack (T857); Marla Deem (T1456); Michelle Richardson (T1367); Bob McLean and

Wayne Mattson (T1392); and District Executive Tim Rupert.

Tiger Cubs to Webelos participate in the day's events and there were also many parents and siblings there to cheer them on as they went through the different stations. We would like to welcome all of our New and Returning scouts to the Occoquan District and hope you have a blast during the 2009 - 2010 scout year!

Unit Re-Charter Training Almost Complete

Only few units remain that have not attended one of the Re-charter Training classes. **ONE MAKE-UP CLASS** will be held on Nov 3, 7:30 PM, at the HIGHMART store (old K-Mart) in North Woodbridge at the intersection of Rt-123 near US Rt-1. There will be plenty of space and don't forget to vote BEFORE attending class. If you get lost, contact Roger LaBrie at 703.304.3686

The Centennial Quality Unit Award (CQUA) Commitment form for 2010 and the 2009 CQUA Achievement Form should be completed and submitted with each unit re-charter package. Units should

contact Roger if the 2009 CQUA Commitment Form cannot be located. The 2010 Form is on the Occoquan District page of the NCAC website.

Units should allow enough time for parents to respond in time to complete ScoutNet data input before Thanksgiving. The Re-charter packages must be submitted on Dec 5, starting at 8 am, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church (13020 Telegraph Rd).

PACK REMINDER: Don't forget to re-charter 2nd year Webelos. Don't assume that they will re-charter with a Troop. By doing this the Webelos will already be regis-

tered and after bridging to a Troop, all they will need to pay are the troop unit dues. The Council fees will already be covered through 2010.

TROOP RECOMMENDATION: Your district recommends that troops adopt a policy to pick up the \$1 transfer fee. Getting new scouts into the troop is the life blood of that unit, so very few troops fail to see how this policy is beneficial. Take advantage of this and sponsor the transfer for the incoming Webelos.



Training Update

The Fall Occoquan District Training Day was held on Oct 3 with over 113 course completions, and the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training on Oct 23-25 with 17 course completions (14 from Occoquan District). Jack Zeto and the training committee would like to extend kudos to all the trainers involved in both events and to Jerry Carlton for setting up another outstanding IOLS course.

Does your Cub Scout Pack have leaders who were not able to attend training on Oct 3? Are you in need of additional BALOO trained adult to take your Pack on an overnigher? Do you need to get adults additional training on how to put on a Pinewood Derby, a Blue and Gold Banquet, a whittling chip event, or any of a multitude of other Cub Scout activities? Well then POW WOW is for you!!!! POW WOW is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, parents of a Cub Scout and just Cub Scout-interested persons. You will spend the day learning new ideas and concepts and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys. POW WOW will be held Saturday, Nov 21 at High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, Virginia. Check out the NCAC website for additional POW WOW information and other training opportunities on page 4.



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"Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

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November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WFA	2	3	4	5	6	7 SFF Bag Distribution
8	9 Roundtable	10	11	12 Commissioners	13	14 CPR/FA SFF Bag Pick Up
15	16	17	18	19 ODC	20	21 Pow Wow
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	31				

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 Kind.** A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He is not cruel to living things.

District & Council Events 90 Day Look-Ahead Calendar

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

Nov 4 – Re-Charter Training, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, VFW, Dale City, VA

Nov 7 – Occoquan District; unit distribution of Scouting for Food bags in assigned areas

Nov 7 & 8 – Backcountry Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 2), 7:30 am Sat to 12:30 pm Sun, Kings Landing Park, MD

Nov 9 – District Roundtable & O/A Chapter Meeting, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm, Grace Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA

Nov 12 – District Commissioners Meeting, Lake Ridge LDS Church, 7:30 pm to 9 pm

Nov 14 – Occoquan District; unit pick-up of Scouting for Food bags, Turn in food to Safeway in Tackett's Mill and Cheshire Station

Nov 14 – Final Popcorn Orders Due with prize selection

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

Nov 19 – Occoquan District Committee (ODC) Meeting, 4001 Prince Wm Parkway, Suite 202, Dale City, 7:30 am to 9 pm, Woodbridge, VA

Nov 21 – NCAC Cub Leader POW WOW, Registration 8 am, Classes 8 am - 5 pm, Annandale High School; Annandale, VA

Dec 5 - Last popcorn order pick-up

Dec 13 – CPR/AED/First Aid Training, 8 am to 4 pm, Camp Snyder; Haymarket, VA

Dec 21 - Payment for unit popcorn orders due to Council

Dec 31 - Nominations for Lord Baden Powell Award, Cubmaster Training Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Key, Scoutmaster Training Award, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award due to Council

Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 – District Training Days (NLE, Leader Specific, Youth Protection, & Activity Safety Training), 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (generally), Grace Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA

Visit your district website!

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/Occoquan

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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.

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