



ROCKLAND ROUNDUP

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Welcome to the November edition of Rockland Roundup, a monthly e-newsletter for scouts, parents, leaders and our community, designed to provide a venue to share information on what's going on in Scouting in Rockland County. We will be looking for unit submissions every month, with a monthly deadline of the 25th. Please let us know what's going on in your troop or community! Please send your submissions to:

RocklandScouts@gmail.com

Don't Miss...

Friday, November 24th — Religious Emblem Workshop

Saturday, January 6th — OA Banquet

Sunday, January 28th, 2018 — Ski Day at Belleayre Mountain

Saturday February 3rd - Sunday, February 4th, 2018 — Winter Klondike & Iditarod Webelos Trek

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 — Scout Sunday

Friday, February 9th, 2018 — Scout Shabbat

Saturday, March 24th, 2018 — Merit Badge College

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 — Push Mobile Derby

PLEASE SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

We are looking for photos of your troop activities to use in our flyers, announcements and membership materials. If you have photos you would like to submit, please email them, along with permission to use the images and likenesses, to: rocklandscouts@gmail.com.

Fall Camporee and Cub-O-Ree by Jack Meyers photos by Tammy Kuiper



Taking a dip in Lake Boyce usually isn't on the agenda for a Camporee in mid-October. But that is exactly what ten Boy Scouts were willing to risk when they participated in the first annual Cardboard Boat Race at Camp Bullowa in Stony Point, New York.

The Rockland District Fall Camporee's theme was "The Trail to Boy Scouts at Camp Bullowa". The event was attended by 223 enthusiastic Boy Scouts and 90 Scout leaders and staff, in addition to 127 Cubs and Webelos, and 120 parents. Although the threat of rain was present Saturday morning, the amphitheater was full of Scouts attending the opening ceremony and eagerly awaiting the start of events.

The Camporee was held in conjunction with the Cub-O-Ree. Boy Scout units were given the assignment of providing and manning stations for the Cubs and Webelos to teach a variety of skills, games, knots, crafts and what Boy Scouting is all about. Each unit was encouraged to be creative with their stations, refer to the Cub program or be assigned a station. Den Chiefs were also recruited to lead Dens around the camp.



Stations designed to engage Cubs and Webelos by the Boy Scouts and leaders included: catapults and indian cooking, BB gun shooting at the rifle range and field; fire building, knots and lashings at Cricketown; shelter building at Seneca; Scouting Adventure at Tri-Corner; fire safety – totin' chip – ax yard at Mohawk; carpentry and tool safety at Scoutcraft East; EDGE method and Rockland Trappers at Scoutcraft West Pavilion; Dutch Oven cooking at Dunlop and Dan Beard; blanket stretcher and First Aid at Stetler; flag etiquette, fitness and exercise at Midvale; team building and games on B Field; Monkey Bridge and for the first time, Human Foosball on A Field; displays at the Bullowa Museum; and the ever popular climbing wall near the archery range.



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The TOP 5 Merit Badges Thor Could Hammer Out in a Weekend, No Problem!

by Bryan Wendall Fun

Thor has superhuman strength. He can summon lightning. And, <https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Image:Weather.jpg> with the help of his enchanted hammer, he can fly. But can the Asgardian god of thunder earn a merit badge?

Technically, no. You need to be under 18 to earn one, which makes Thor, by most estimates, about 1,000 years too old. Still, nothing's stopping the mighty Avenger — or any mere mortal — from completing merit badge requirements just for fun. And so with Thor: Ragnarok storming into theaters, here's the list of the top 5 merit badges the titular hero could finish in a weekend. (P.S.: It certainly helps that Chris Hemsworth, the actor who plays Thor, already has a positive connection with Scouting. Last year, Hemsworth appeared on Ellen to personally thank the Eagle Scout who found and returned his missing wallet.)

OK, here's the list. Do you disagree with one? Let us know! But remember the rule: If you remove one, you have to tell us which merit badge would replace it.



1. Weather

Yeah, this one's obvious. It's also perfect for the god of thunder. Just think how awesome it would be when Thor has to explain to his merit badge counselor how lightning is formed (requirement 4). "Sometimes it happens when a cloud has static

charges that overpower the insulating properties of the atmosphere," he might say. "Other times it happens when I get especially angry at a deadly creature from another realm."



2. Metalwork

Say, for instance, your favorite hammer — let's call it Mjolnir — gets destroyed by an evil woman. Do you cry about it, or do you get to work on Metalwork merit badge (requirement 5, option 4) to craft a new one? "Wow, impressive work, Thor,"

the merit badge counselor might say. "Quick question: Why can nobody pick it up but you?"



3. Genealogy

Thor's family tree would be something to behold. From the films, we know his dad is Odin, and his adopted brother is Loki. Beyond that, things get tricky and involve an understanding of Norse mythology that confounds me. There are names like

Balder, Hermod, Tyr and Vidar — all Thor's half-brothers, apparently. I'd especially like to see what Thor comes up with for this requirement: "Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record." "Um, Thor, is this your stone tablet?"



4. Electricity

See also: "1. Weather." "I'm not sure a merit badge counselor would be satisfied with Thor's answer to requirement 1D: "Explain what to do in an electrical storm." "What should you do when there's lightning in the air, Thor?" "Do I... Keep spinning

my magical hammer really fast in a circle?" "No, Thor. No. That's not what you do."



5. Space Exploration

When trying to escape a foreign planet with a green "friend from work," it's helpful to know a thing or two about how rocket engines work (requirement 4b); the purpose, operation, and components of a rocket ship (requirement 6a); and

possible careers in space exploration (requirement 8).

"Interplanetary Avenger" is definitely a possible career in space exploration. Especially if you're a nearly invincible alien who can travel between dimensions.

Let us know which badges you would add to make up the Top 10! rocklandscouts@gmail.com

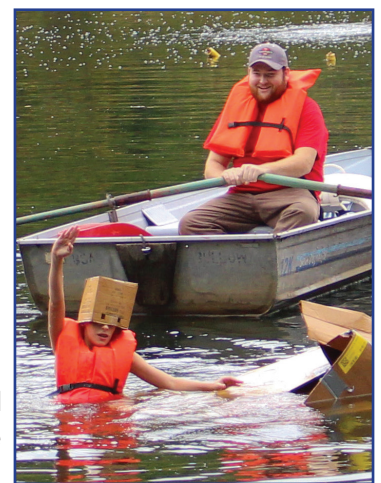
Camporee, continued from p. 1

After stations closed for the Cubs and Webelos, the Boy Scout units built and showed their best cardboard and duct tape vessels to a cheering camp. Scouts and leaders crowded the waterfront area to see which boat, if any, would navigate the vast Lake Boyce all the way around the buoy and safely back to the beach.

While many of the boats became unseaworthy soon after launch, sending their captains to a watery demise, three of the ten vessels did successfully complete the course. They received their just awards later that day.

The Campfire program Saturday evening was even more crowded than opening. After a moving Scouts Own Faith Ser-

vice, units went "Hollywood" and performed songs and skits for the engaged crowd. Most Boy Scout units and some Cubs and Webelos camped overnight, making for a memorable conclusion to an exciting weekend event. Cub parents were impressed with the planning and execution of the stations and other events by the Boy Scouts. We await their sons (and soon their daughters) to join the Boy Scout program!



Commissioner's Corner

I hope all units are busy working on their recharter. This is a very important time of year. You should be making your final push for any new members for your units. Most importantly, any adults that are joining, must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT). This is a mandatory requirement and an adult will not be registered if they have not completed the training. It is easiest to include a copy of the YPT certificate along with the adult application. They go to my.scouting.org and create an account. From there, click on the menu and select the dashboard. You can select YPT from there. There are also many other online training courses that can be taken so I would encourage scouters to review them.

Why should an adult register as a scouter? All youth deserve a trained scouter who is familiar with the program. We can not run the programs without the dedicated adults. It is a commitment but our youth are worth it! So please review the training material online and look into any hands-on training offered for your position.

Your commissioner can assist you with any questions about the recharter process. There are a couple of other items we would like you to address when rechartering. The first one is Journey to Excellence. All units should complete this and review with their commissioner who must sign off on it. The other item that you received in your recharter package was a flier for a Friends of Scouting presentation. This is important vehicle for providing the best program for our youth so please consider scheduling a presentation for your unit.

Not all units have a commissioner as we don't have enough to cover all units. This is another opportunity to serve in the district. If you are familiar with the scouting program and would like to serve as a commissioner, please let me know!

Charters can be turned in at Camp Bullowa (Dingman) on Friday, December 15th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and again on Saturday, December 16th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will have our District Executive, Chris Miller, and experienced commissioners on hand to finalize any paperwork.

Wayne Kunow
District Commissioner



THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Ding Dong Cherry Cobbler

Ingredients:

This recipe is a twist on the traditional Dutch oven cobbler. It is pretty easy to make. Most patrols with at least one experienced camp cook could do this without difficulty.

Equipment

Dutch oven
Bowl for mixing
Spoon for mixing
Can opener
Charcoal – 25 briquettes
Spoon for serving

Ingredients

2 boxes yellow cake mix
6 eggs
2/3 cup vegetable oil
2 1/2 cups water
1 can cherry pie filling
12 ding dongs
20 marshmallows

Instructions

Prepare the charcoal. Add cake mix, eggs, oil, and water to bowl and mix together with spoon. Open the can of pie filling and pour it into the bottom of the Dutch oven. Cover the pie filling with half of the cake batter. Arrange 6 of the ding dongs on top of the batter. Pour the remaining cake batter over the ding dongs. Put the other 6 ding dongs on top. Add the marshmallows. Arrange 8 briquettes under the Dutch oven and 17 on top. Bake until the cake batter is cooked through – about 45 minutes.

Guidelines for Unit Leadership and Reviewers of Service Project Fundraising Applications

Audience and Scope:

This guidance is being provided for unit leadership in order to help them assist their Scouts in the preparation, submission and ultimate approval of fundraising applications for service projects, i.e., Boy Scout Eagle, Venturing Summit, or Sea Scout Quartermaster advancement. It is also for the benefit of council and/or district reviewers of those fundraising applications.

Note that Eagle and Summit service projects currently have fundraising applications as part of the respective service project workbooks. The Quartermaster service project workbook currently does not and therefore a fundraising application need not be submitted for those projects. However, it is expected that unit leadership will coach the Quartermaster candidate to assure compliance with council fundraising standards.

Introduction and References:

Most (Eagle, Summit or Quartermaster) service projects will require some degree of fundraising – either monetary, material or service-related – in order to complete the project objectives. However, BSA Guide to Advancement 2017, Sec. 9.0.2.10 (see reference below) states, “BSA prefers, in fact, that the Scouts choose projects that can be done at little or no cost.” It must also be noted that service project fundraising by the Scout is not necessary in order to fulfill the leadership requirement for rank advancement, nor is it necessary in order to fulfill the service project intent of “demonstrating leadership.”

When a Scout is developing a service project plan, he/she should be coached by unit leadership in applicable Hudson Valley Council guidelines and procedures, as presented herein. The Scout must also review any fundraising “procedures and limitations” information in the respective service project workbook. Note that there may be fundraising opportunities for service projects that are not available for unit fundraising.

Unit leadership should be familiar with:

- the BSA Guide to Unit Money-Earning Projects at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-274.pdf>
- BSA Guide to Advancement 2017, Sec. 9.0.2.10 at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>
- BSA Advancement News, March 2014 at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/advancement_news/2014-March.pdf

BSA fundraising guidelines are revisited / revised from time to time and may be changed without notice. HVC will make every effort to keep this guideline current.

Although service project fundraising is conducted on behalf of the sponsor/benefiting organization, unit leadership must still approve it, whether a fundraising application is required or not.

If the Scout has questions about acceptable fundraising methods, he/she may have a preliminary discussion during the district-level project proposal review, or subsequently with the district advancement coordinator. If a resolution on a particular fundraising issue is not clear, the district coordinator should con-

sult with the Council advancement committee so that consistent standards can continue to be applied across all districts.

This document is not intended to recite all of the do’s and don’ts of service project fundraising provided in the references cited herein, but rather to clarify the current HVC positions and procedures on such fundraising.

Note that the term “fundraising” herein applies to requests not only for money, but also for “materials, supplies, tools or other needs,” including professional services, in support of the project.

An accompanying guide (see Attachment) has been prepared for Scouts to receive upon district approval of their service project proposals. This should provide a quick and useful reference to help the Scout in preparation of his/her fundraising application.

Fundraising Not Requiring a Fundraising Application:

As per the applicable service project fundraising “procedures and limitations,” a fundraising application is not required if contributions (of funds, materials, supplies and professional services) are made solely “from the candidate, his parents or relatives, his unit or its chartered organization, parents or members of his unit, or the beneficiary.” (For clarity, contributions from the members of the “chartered organization” and/or “beneficiary” are also exempt from the application requirement).

However, a Scout who may be requesting contributions from these exempt sources, but also from other sources, must file an application and should list all prospective donor sources.

Process for Submitting and Approving Fundraising:

Eagle (or Summit) project fundraising applications should be submitted as soon as possible, but cannot be approved until after district review and approval of the service project proposal. The current version of the (Eagle or Summit) fundraising application from the current respective Service Project Workbook must be used. All information must be provided, including signatures by the project beneficiary and the unit leader. As requested on the form, a list of prospective donors and what each will be asked to donate must be provided, though it is not necessary to list the names of individual friends, neighbors and family members.

Include a value for “How much money do you expect to raise?” This number should be consistent with the “Preliminary Cost Estimate” on the Scout Service Project Proposal. That value should include the cost of materials (purchased or donated), supplies, tools (purchased or rented - borrowed tools are excluded) and professional services (purchased or donated) from ALL sources. Discrepancies should be explained.

Service project fundraising applications for \$500 or more must be submitted to the council office at advancement@hudsonvalleyscouting.org, AFTER the approval of the service project proposal at the district level. It will then be routed to those responsible for review and approval.

Fundraising applications for a project value of less than \$500 may be submitted directly for district-level review as follows:

Delaware River: Charlie Ruiz (drdeagleboard@gmail.com) and John Gain (gainj258@gmail.com)

Dutchess: Jim Duffy (jduffy2465@aol.com)

Heritage: Sherri Raco (heritage.eaglescout@gmail.com)

Rockland: Anne Martel (rockland.eagle@gmail.com)

In these cases (i.e., projects of less than \$500 value) fundraising applications may be submitted along with the project proposal for district pre-review and may be approved at the time of district level proposal review (time permitting) if:

- The project proposal is approved, and
- The fundraising application is complete (with signatures) without the need for further modification.

The application submission, review and approval process is normally managed via email, except as noted directly above. It is in the Scout's best interest for the unit leadership to help familiarize the Scout with proper fundraising procedures so that his/her application may be processed and approved expeditiously in order to allow the Scout to move forward with the project without delay.

Fundraising application approvals by Council/District may be in the form of a simple email or a scanned copy of the approved/signed application. Either is acceptable and the Scout should be advised to include a copy of either document in the final service project report.

It is the responsibility of the Scout and the unit leadership to assure that fundraising application guidelines are followed. A Scout failing to secure an approval for a fundraising application when one is required may encounter a serious issue with his/her advancement. Guide to Advancement, Sec. 9.0.2.7 states that "jumping the gun," which could include fundraising, may require the Scout to "select a different project." In such cases, the respective district Eagle Board of Review must determine the appropriate action to be taken.

Significant changes to an approved fundraising plan (e.g., significant change in amount of funds solicited or addition of different fundraising activities) will require a revision to the fundraising application, following the process cited above.

Beneficiary Must Be Clearly Noted:

The Scout must clearly stipulate that the fundraising is being conducted on behalf of the project beneficiary by the BSA. This must be made clear in letters to prospective donors or in other promotional materials. When donation receipts are requested, they must be provided "in the name of the beneficiary," not the unit. Receipts may be provided by the unit "on behalf of the beneficiary."

At times, it might be arguable that there could be two project beneficiaries, e.g., a project for the benefit of a Little League, a veteran's organization, or a police or fire department, on property owned by a municipality. While the municipality will generally provide written approval of the project, the operating organization will typically be designated as the project beneficiary. Ac-

cordingly, fundraising should be clearly communicated to be on behalf of the operating organization, and NOT the municipality.

Once collected, money raised must be turned over to the beneficiary or the candidate's unit until needed for the project. If the unit receives the funds, it must release any excess to the beneficiary once expenses have been paid.

Acceptable Eagle Fundraising Methods:

Requests to Prospective Donors:

A common method of fundraising is to make requests, either by mail or in person, to local businesses, organizations, friends, acquaintances, and possibly local politicians.

A list of all such prospective business, organization and political donors, and what each will be asked to donate, must be provided with the fundraising application. Note that this fundraising method is allowed for Eagle, Summit and Quartermaster service projects, but is NOT allowed for unit fundraising.

For units, fundraisers MUST provide an actual product or service in return for funds provided.

Goods and Services Fundraisers:

Common fundraisers are conducting Car Washes, Garage Sales, Baked Goods Sales, Candy Sales, Holiday Wreath Sales, Spaghetti Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, Bowling Nights, Restaurant Profit-Sharing Nights, or Goods and Services Auctions, among others.

These are all acceptable fundraising methods. However, it must be noted that all goods or services offered for sale must be a quality product at fair market value. The price of the goods or services offered should not be in unreasonable excess of what would be paid on the open market.

Regarding fundraisers involving preparation of meals - such activities are subject to local health ordinances and should be conducted under the control of a "food service licensee." Scouts may be reminded of this but it is not for BSA to enforce.

Regarding restaurant nights, it is not unreasonable to partner with restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages along with food. However, it is not acceptable to patronize establishments whose primary business is the serving of alcoholic beverages vs. food.

Live or silent Auctions are permissible as long as they do not represent a "game of chance," e.g., a raffle, and must not involve alcoholic beverages as merchandise.

Sales of merchandise must not compete with district or council fundraising efforts, e.g., popcorn, discount cards, etc. The sale of Trails End Popcorn via the annual Council Sponsored sale is permissible. Please contact the Popcorn Advisor at the Council Service Center for details.

Crowdfunding or Solicitation via Other Social Media:

The solicitation of prospective donors via a social media, e.g., Facebook or fundraising websites, e.g. GoFundMe.com, is acceptable. However, the Scout, parents and adult leadership must be fully aware of "fine print" concerning the website's terms of service and fees that may be involved. In addition, there are tax

liabilities to consider prior to committing to this method.

Helpful information on crowdfunding may be found at BryanOnScouting: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/07/21/crowd-funding-sites-eagle-project-fundraising/>

BSA suggests that local councils “may impose certain restrictions such as use of a certain site, or impose a dollar limit on how much may be raised.” However, HVC has not imposed such restrictions to-date.

Unacceptable Eagle Fundraising Methods:

Coin Drops:

It is not acceptable in HVC to organize a “coin drop” requesting cash, either as a stand-alone method, e.g., in front of a local supermarket, or in conjunction with acceptable fundraising methods, e.g. at a car wash.

However, a “coin drop” strictly within the confines of the unit, the chartered organization or the project beneficiary is acceptable. Unsolicited donations offered to the Scout, however, need not be returned.

Raffles:

Raffles or other games of chance are not permissible BSA or service project fundraisers.

Alcohol-Related Events:

No fundraising involving the presence of alcoholic beverages concurrent with youth participation is allowed, restaurant nights, as cited above notwithstanding.

Fundraising in Uniform:

BSA uniforms should be worn when conducting fundraising programs under council contract, e.g., popcorn and discount card sales. For Eagle fundraising programs that sell goods or services, the BSA Field Uniform (Class A) or Activity Uniform (Class B) may be worn. For requesting donations of funds, materials, services, etc., a BSA uniform (Class A or B) should not be worn. This would also apply when the Scout creates a fundraising site on social media.

Recognition of Contributors:

It is highly advisable for both unit leadership and fundraising application reviewers to encourage the candidates to formally thank contributors in writing and to find opportunities to publicly acknowledge those contributors.

Quick-Guide for Scout Service Project Fundraising

Fundraising:

- Projects may not be fundraisers.
- Whether or not fundraising takes place is the Scout’s decision based on the needs of his/her project. Fundraising is not mandatory to complete the requirements to become an Eagle, Summit or Quarter-master Scout.
- Typical unit fundraisers, with which unit leadership is familiar, such as car washes, are the best options.
- The Scout must make it clear to all donors or event participants that the money is being raised on behalf of the project beneficiary, which will retain leftover funds.
- BSA uniforms should not be worn for solicitation of project donations.
- Any contracts must be signed by a responsible adult, acting as an individual, without reference to the Boy Scouts of America.
- Any products sold or fundraising activities must not include raffles or other games of chance.
- “Coin drops” are not permitted

The Form:

- Unless it involves contributions only from the beneficiary, or from the candidate, his parents or relatives, his unit or its chartered organization, or from parents or members in his unit, a fundraising application must be submitted and approved by the local district or council.
- The form must be submitted and approved before beginning any fundraising.
- The current version of the Scout Service Project Fundraising Application, from the current Eagle or Summit Scout Service Project Workbook must be used.
- Signatures from both the project beneficiary and the unit leader are required prior to submitting the application.
- A list of prospective business community donors and what each will be asked to donate must be provided with the fundraising application.
- Include a value for “How much money do you expect to raise?” This number should be consistent with the “Preliminary Cost Estimate” on the Scout Service Project Proposal. That value should include materials, supplies, tools (purchased or rented, not borrowed) and professional services (purchased or donated). Discrepancies should be explained.
- Forms for less than \$500 can be approved at the district level, \$500 or more are approved at the council level

Email Contacts:

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STEM CORNER by Mike DiDomizio

The STEM Corner is a new section to keep you updated as to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) events and information for our district.

For Unit Leaders: HOW DOES MY UNIT GET STARTED WITH STEM AND THE NOVA/SUPERNOVA AWARDS?

Getting your Pack, Troop or Crew started on STEM and the Nova or Supernova Awards is easy!

Here are five steps:

1. Identify a Unit STEM Coordinator for your unit: The role of the Pack or Troop STEM Coordinator is to act as the point of contact in the unit for the STEM Program and the Nova/Supernova Awards. Training is provided by the District STEM contacts. No STEM background is required. The adult must be registered and have completed Youth Protection Training.

Responsibilities include:

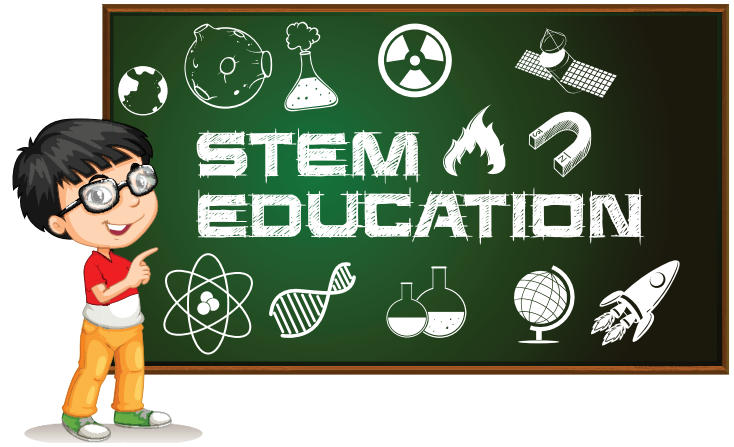
- Share information on the STEM program, the Nova and Supernova awards to the scouts and adults of the unit
- Assist interested unit adults in becoming Nova counselors and Supernova mentors
- Communicate/advertise STEM related events and opportunities to the unit.
- Provide feedback and ideas to District STEM contacts.

Contact Mike DiDomizio to identify a Unit STEM Coordinator (email mikedidomizio@optonline.net).

2. Become familiar with the Nova/Supernova Awards and their requirements: Get copies of the Cub Scout Nova Awards Guidebook or Boy Scout Nova Awards Guidebook, available at the Scout Shop or online (free) at the [STEM Nova Awards Web Site](#).



3. Identify Cub/Boy Scout Nova Counselors available to your Scouts: The Nova Counselor guides Scouts in achieving the Nova Award and ensures the boy completes all the requirements. No STEM background is required for Nova Counselors (Supernova Mentors must have a STEM related background). The adult must be registered and have completed Youth Protection Training.

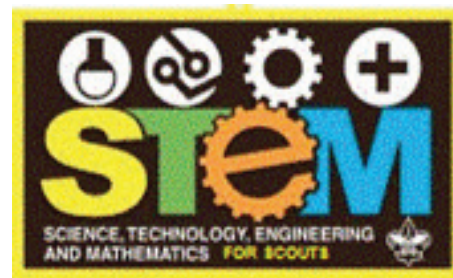


Responsibilities include:

- Review the requirements for the award with the scout
- Identify opportunities to complete requirements
- Review scout's progress towards awards
- Provide guidance in completing the requirements
- Upon completing requirements, assist the scout in communicating completion to unit's Leader, Advancement Chairperson and STEM Coordinator.
- Organize a STEM night at your unit meeting: Introduce STEM, the awards and the volunteers (Unit STEM Coordinator and any Nova Counselors/Supernova Mentors) at a Pack or Troop meeting. Include parents! Check out these great meeting ideas – [Click here](#).
- Identify opportunities and events for STEM related experiences: Inform the scouts, their families and the STEM Counselors to the STEM related events and activities occurring in our communities. Utilize the information in this newsletter, check out the newspaper or Google "STEM" and your community. Don't forget to relate everyday tasks while camping or at summer camp to STEM.

STEM IN THE NEWS

STEM Article in Boys' Life Magazine – [Check out this article!](#)



Do you have a STEM related story for our next newsletter? Let us know! For information on STEM, visit the council website @ www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/youth-development-advancement/hvc-stem If you would like to know more about the STEM Program in the Rockland District or have questions, please email mikedidomizio@optonline.net.

UNIT NEWS CUB SCOUTS

PACK 2

Cub-O-Ree Weekend: The Black Dragon Patrol (Webelos 2) was out in force for this event. All seven of our Patrol made it with Carson Graham serving as PL and Landon Hope as APL. A shout out to Gideon Dunbar and Jordan ElAmir who were able to spend the night! So much to do and a little time to do it all. We spent our time at the rifle range and in Cricket Town learn to shoot, tie knots, make monkey bread, build fires and emergency shelters! Oh, and let's not forget Human Foosball, Ga-Ga Ball, and campfire skits and songs. Thanks again to Gideon Dunbar for coming up with a twist on an old favorite with his "Invisible Dragon" skit. Thanks to all the BSs that made it all possible and so much fun! A special thanks to Crew 97, Troop 10, Troop 61, and Troop 2!

Tuesday October 24th: Troop 2 (Nyack) hosted a visit from the Black Dragon Patrol (Webelos 2) of Pack 2 (Nyack/Valley Cottage). The SPL, Tyler

Peterson, planned a meeting specifically around their younger guest with a marshmallow toothpick structure building challenge (gotta love STEM!).

The CSs were divided among three BS patrols. The BSs then designed a structure which the CSs built. The goal was tallest and most stable with the winning CSs earning mini-chocolate bars for the prize (here comes Halloween). The winning CS was Patrick Gannon. After this challenge they finished the meeting with Game Night with scouts bringing their favorite board games to share. Troop 2 added Game Night last year to their annual program and was an instant hit. Comaradrie and fun abounds! A shout also to Larayne Peterson, ASM, for hosting an information session for the CS parents to help with their transition into the excitement of Boy Scouting. The Cub Scouts all had a great time and are looking forward to becoming Boy Scouts. Thank you Troop 2!



UNIT NEWS CUB SCOUTS

PACK 46

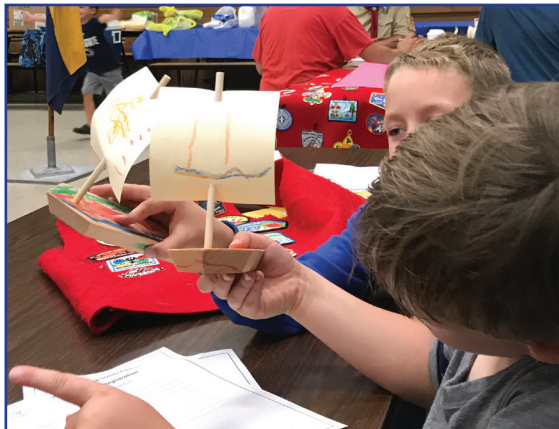
Pack 46 in Tuxedo has been busy! Earlier this month we sold refreshments and had a recruitment event at Tuxedo Family Fun Day. Our October pack meeting we learned about the 9th point of the Scout Law- Thrifty, with a western theme for our meeting. We had a super time at Camp Bullowa's Camp-o-ree, working on the

rifle range and rock climbing. Last weekend the Webelos 1s and 2s got together for a hike to work on their adventures. They learned about first aid, and how to spot poison ivy, oak, and sumac. They had a beautiful day for it! On to November!

PACK 49

Pack 49 is off to a flying start! The adult leaders of Pack 49 dare say that their Cubs have way too much energy! In our first few gatherings, we've

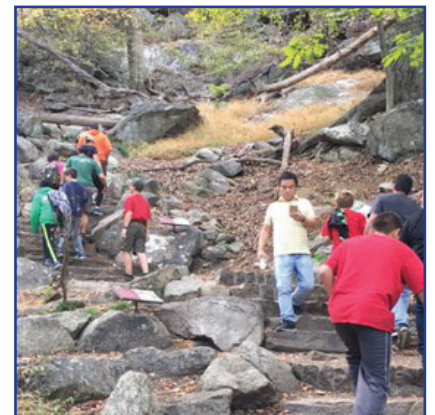
raced boats, weaved yarn crafts, and made homemade ice cream from scratch.



PACK 165

Cub Pack 165's scouts experienced true nature, as they journeyed through a challenging conservation hike at beautiful Bear Mountain. (A bit

of a reminder that some of us older folk, need to get into shape!)



UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 10

The Scouts from Troop 10 helped run the Garnerville Rest Stop (mile 52 & mile 60 stops) for the MS 100 mile Bike Tour on Sunday October 22nd. The scouts helped setup the stop at 8 am and take down was 2:30pm. Some were in charge of counting the riders entering the rest stop while others help feed and offer water/pickle juice to the riders. Everyone helped in creating an enthusiastic atmosphere that encouraged the riders to completed the 40 miles back to New York City. All the rest stop volunteers celebrated a great day by wearing the MS tee shirts and toasting the riders' accomplishments by drinking a small cup of pickle juice on their behalf.

On Saturday October 21st, a group of scouts and leaders went to Thunder Mountain to try their hand at shotgun shooting. Everyone had a great time shooting at the practice range as well as trying their hand at Trap shooting.

Saturday Nov 11, Troop 10 will be having their annual Thanksgiving Feast and Fall Court of Honor at Bullowa. The scouts will be showing the parents their cooking skills which will include Dutch ovens and a garbage can. Yes, a garbage

can. Troop 10 has been cooking a turkey at the feast in a garbage can for years now. We modified a metal garbage can into a charcoal heated oven that will obtain 300 degrees (for a slow roast). You will also see scouts cooking in a hobo box oven and Dutch oven as well. The menu includes turkey, ham and all of the trimmings including Red Lobster style biscuits. They will be making all of the desserts as well. There is nothing like the smell of chocolate cake baking at the campsite. Well maybe the smell of the home-made apple pies might get you as well. They will be making Philly Cheese steak sandwiches and French onion soup for lunch. You may want to be Camp Master for this weekend.

Troop 10's Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath sale (Saturdays/Sundays) will be starting on Saturday November 25th after Thanksgiving. Scouts learn the art of salesmanship, re-enforce teamwork and show outstanding community spirit during the holiday season. We will be making small tripods that wreaths can be mounted to and be placed on gravesites.

TROOP 61

Troop 61 recently visited the Stony Point Battlefield to perform community service for this historical landmark. Members from the Troop gathered small rocks from a specific area using a wheel barrow and pickup truck and brought them to a slope that was eroding near a park-

ing lot to create a dry stream bed channel for rain water to drain of the slope. The community service also consisted of painting benches and cleaning the south beach by removing natural debris.



UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 21

Airmont Lutheran Cemetery Cleanup

A remote corner of the Airmont Lutheran Cemetery got a long overdue cleanup on October 21. At the request of American Legion Commander Patrick Casper from the Fromm-Maxwell-DeBaun Post 859 in Suffern, four Boy Scouts and two adult leaders from Suffern Troop 21 spent a few hours picking up and carting away fallen branches, trash and old lumber which had been dumped on the site. As part of a larger improvement effort at the cemetery, Scouts Marcus Ceglinski, Kristopher Spiegelberg, Michael Simon and Finn Murphy volunteered to help in this service project, which was just one of three the Troop participated in this weekend. Not only are service projects good for character building and a part of Scouting's Journey to Excellence awards, but the boys genuinely enjoy spending time together while working on them. There is even the ever present benefit of learning a new skill employed in the execution of

the project. Community service is an important part of the Boy Scout program and Suffern Troop 21 enthusiastically embraces that calling.

Troop 21, Suffern has been busy!! On September 23-24 the troop went on 12.5 mile historic hike and campout at Camp Alpine in NJ. 15 Scouts and six adults attended the camp out at Camp Alpine. It was a very interesting hike, the troop started off by learning about some history that happened in our area by visiting the Museum. They continued on their journey along the shore for 12.5 miles until we reached the campsite. Along the trail they saw many interesting landmarks including buildings used in the 1800's all the way to modern day boat bases and Native American markings. A long hike, but well worth it! By the time they got to the campsite both the scouts and adults were famished!! Luckily the cooks were ready to prepare a delicious meal over the fire!



UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 55

October was a great month for Troop 55. The Camporee offered great weather for tent camping at Camp Bullowa. Troop 55 taught Cub Scout groups how to make super easy and delicious s'more cake in dutch ovens. It was a great new take on a classic camping sweet treat and one the Cub Scouts gave literal 'hands on' help making! In preparation for Halloween, Troop 55 held a pumpkin carving meeting this October. Organized by Patrol Leader Luca Ceccato Scouts brought in their own pumpkins and carving tools while the Troop provided battery powered lights

to go inside and cleanup materials. Some of the most senior Scouts opted to help the newer Scouts instead of making their own pumpkin. The result was creations ranging from scary to funny, from personalized to showing Troop spirit. The pumpkin scraps went home with Assistant Senior Patrol Leader David Bruen to be composted. Parents were happy with their Scout's contribution to the family decoration display. All the Scouts had a great time and there was discussion of making this an annual event!



TROOP 46

Troop 46 is working on their annual food drive to support the Sloatsburg Food Pantry and would

like to congratulate Maxwell Gedvila on earning his eagle rank in October!

UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 97

On October 25, Troop 97 held its Fall Court of Honor. We had scouts advance in all ranks, including eagle palms, as well as earn over 250 merit badges. We also went on 2 different backpacking camping trips on 10/21- one group went to West Mountain Shelter in Harriman State Park, another group went to the Catskills climbing Windham High Peak. Earlier in the month, we were happy to welcome so

many cub scouts to our Tricorner campsite at the Fall Camporee at Bullowa, where they helped us build a catapult, put a BSA branding iron on cedar wood and learn cooking and knots from our scouts, and we enjoyed participating in the cardboard boat launch. We look forward to the cooler weather, a night hike and trying out new campsites next month!



OUR EAGLES SOAR!

Congratulations to the following scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle in October!

Eagle Scout	Troop	Eagle Project
A. Albanese	2037	Retaining Wall for Prince of Peace Preschool
R. Frost	2055	Palisades Presbyterian Church Platform and Walkway
M. Gandelman	2078	Temple Beth Shalom GaGa Playground
M. Gedvila	2146	Sterling Iron Furnace Restoration
C. Hansen	2033	Highview Elementary Sign, Nanuet School District
L. Kiesel	2002	Storm Drain Marking for Village of Nyack
J. McGinn	2097	Jawonio Greenhouse with Planter Beds and Garden Beautification
A. Pagano	2002	VFD Bathroom - Handicap Adaptations
J. Quinlan	2078	Refurbishing Backyard at Venture Courage Group Home
C. Smith	2033	GaGa Ball Pit for Outdoor Education Center
C. Sommer	2121	Flag Installation and Landscape Project, St. Paul Church
K. Witte	2078	Remembrance Walkway and Landscaping for Church

“You Remember”

You remember me Lord,
I am the veteran you put to rest
 You were right,
 I had no home to rest
 No food to bless,
 no shoes to wear
 I sure was a mess
It seems as I’ve traveled through life
 things seem to fall apart
 And what a mess I made
 I lost my job, I lost my wife
 My kids don’t even know me
People I know tell me what a bum I’ve become
 I just didn’t care
 But the funny thing about despair
When people see me, they seem to care
 I have often heard them say!
There but for the grace of God go I.
 So God I can only thank you
 For putting me to rest
 Among your very best.

Jim Mullarkey, October 14, 2017

TAKE THE PLUNGE!

ROCKLAND DISTRICT FOS POLAR BEAR

DECEMBER 9, 2017

CAMP BULLOWA – 15 Franck Road, Stony Point, NY 10980

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

PLUNGE DAY SCHEDULE:

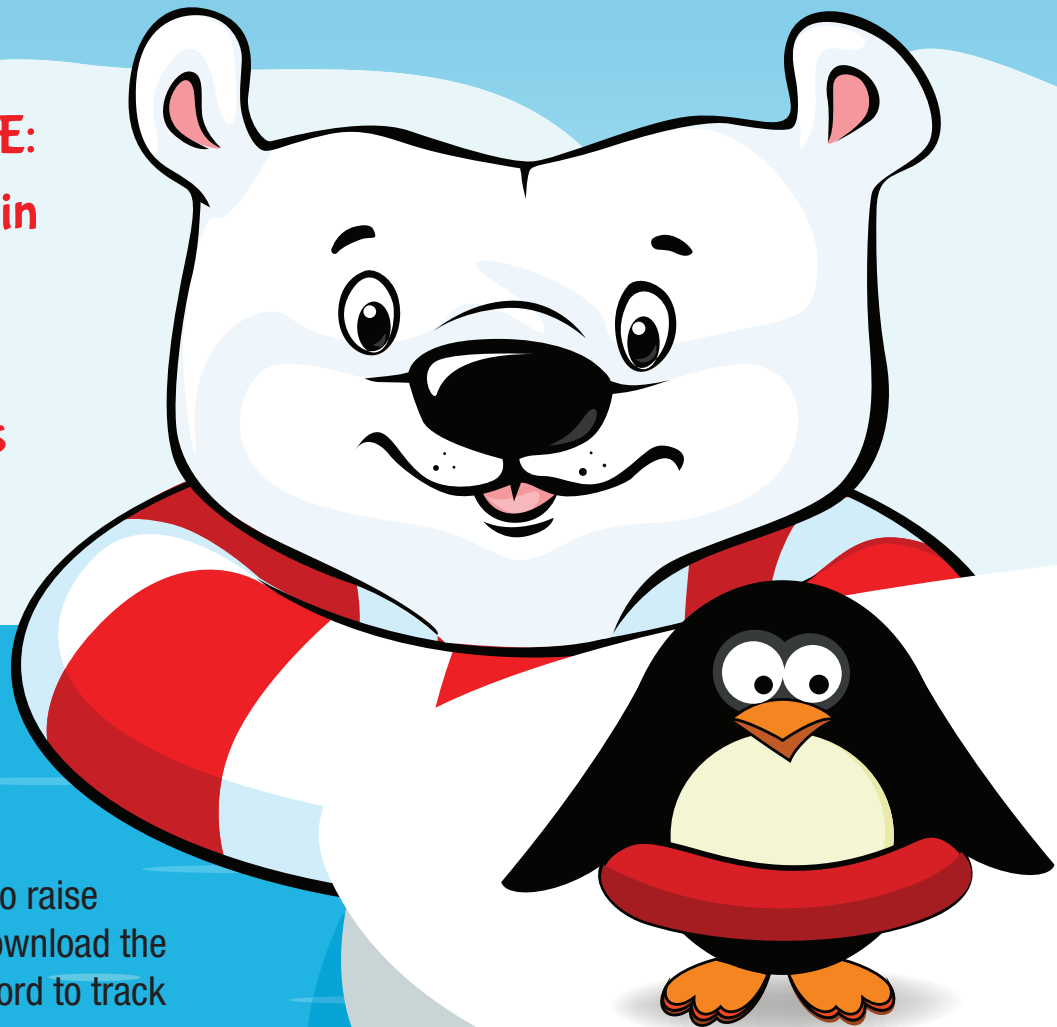
11:30 a.m. Arrival/Check in

12:00 p.m. Youth Plunge

12:30 p.m. Adult Plunge

1:00 p.m. Announcements
and Recognition

1:30 p.m. Departure



To participate in the plunge:

- Register below as a youth or adult.
 - Youth minimum goal is \$25
 - Adult minimum goal is \$100
- Set an individual goal, if you wish to raise more than the minimum. Please download the attached fundraising letter and record to track your progress. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Please turn in all raised money by mail prior to the event, or in person on the day of the event.

Plunge on December 9th!

- Polar Plunge Donation Letter
- Individual Plunger Donor Record
- HVC Hold Harmless Agreement



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First Annual Merit Badge College

Saturday, March 24, 2018
Minisink Valley HS, Middletown, NY



- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- Chess
- Citizenship in the Community*
- Citizenship in the Nation*
- Citizenship in the World*
- Collections
- Communication*
- Crime Prevention
- Dentistry
- Digital Technology
- Disability Awareness
- Electricity
- Entrepreneurship
- Exploration

- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- First Aid*
- Game Design
- Indian Lore
- Law
- Lifesaving*
- Movie making
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Robotics
- Scouting Heritage
- Signs, Signals & Codes
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Detailed Registration Information Coming Soon!

**Eagle Required Merit Badge*



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BALOO – December 2-3 2017 (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)



BALOO training is required for any Cub Scout Den or Pack outdoor event including Pack Camping Overnights or Webelos Den Camping. It is suggested that more than one person in the pack be BALOO certified. NO den camping except for Webelos is permitted by the BSA. Pre-requisite is the online portion which needs to be taken through My.Scouting.org The course name is BALOO Prerequisite Training. After registration a welcome letter and packing list will be sent.

Event Details

Date: December 2-3 2017

Time: 8:00 A.M. December 2 till December 3 11:00 A.M.

Location: Camp Nootemung Salt Point, NY

Fee: \$30.00 / Includes all meals starting with continental breakfast on Saturday

Required: Dress appropriately for the weather. Bring a jacket. Wear your uniform.

Sessions will be held both indoors and outdoors

Lead Trainer: Ed Harvey ed5870@aol.com

Deadline: November 29, 2017 – MUST pre-register online – NO WALK-INS!

[• Register Online](#)

JANUARY 28, 2018 SCOUT AND FAMILY SKI DAY

Open to all Scouts, Families and Friends!



Hudson Valley Council, BSA 20th Annual Family Ski Day Belleayre Ski Resort • Highmount, NY

BSA Policy requires helmets for all participants. If renting equipment, please plan on arriving by 8:15 a.m. An adult must sign for any minor(s) who will be using rental equipment.

- Breakfast and lunch are not included so please plan to purchase meals at the resort.
- Snow Sport merit badge will be offered to Boy Scouts:
 - Experienced skiers or snowboarders only.
 - A signed Blue Card is required.
 - Pre-registration is required.

Check-In and Registration Begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:15 a.m.

Lift Ticket	Register by 4:00 p.m. January 19 , 2018	After January 19 , 2018
7 - 12	\$35.00	\$38.00
13 – 19	\$35.00	\$38.00
20 and over	\$40.00	\$45.00
Equipment Rental (Includes Required Helmet and Rental		
7 - 12	\$30.00	\$35.00
13 – 19	\$38.00	\$40.00
20 and over	\$38.00	\$40.00
Lessons	\$15.00	\$15.00
First Time Beginner Group Package (Includes lower mountain lift ticket, equipment rental and helmet and a 1 and ½ hour beginner lesson)	TBD	TBD

Register online at hudsonvalleyscouting.org

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