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Welcome to this edition of *Rockland Roundup*, a quarterly 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 are always looking for submissions and photos. Please let us know what's going on in your troop or community! Please send your submissions to:

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Don't Miss...

3/2: Trainer's Edge in Walden

3/2-3/3: Wilderness First Aid Training @ Nooteming

3/30: Merit Badge College, Minisink Valley HS, Middletown, NY (Webelos who are registered Boy Scouts by March 30th can register)

4/13: SPST

4/27: BALOO

4/27: Leave No Trace

5/3-5/5 – OA Ordeal Weekend Nooteming

5/4-5: IOLS and new SMs/ASM's/crossover leaders

5/31-6/2 – OA Ordeal Weekend Bullowa

Thousands of Girls, Boys, and Families Celebrate Historic Launch of Scouts BSA

All New Scouts – Young Women and Young Men – Who Join Scouts BSA Will Have the Opportunity to Earn the Prestigious Eagle Scout Rank



IRVING, TX – February 1, 2019 – From twilight hikes, to festive launch parties and campouts, thousands of Scouts, parents, and volunteers will celebrate nationwide as the Boy Scouts of America welcomes for the first time both young women and young men ages 11-17 into its most iconic program for character and leadership development.

"I have never felt more joy or exhilaration than I do right now in founding our troop," shared Kim Foli, a soon-to-be Scoutmaster from Gainesville, Florida. "My daughter and I knew we had to do this last year when it was announced. Scouting was the best thing I could have done with my son, and now I walk the trail with my daughter. Scout me in!"

For more than five decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been welcoming young women into its Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouts and STEM Scouts programs. And today, the BSA is further expanding that legacy by welcoming young women into Scouts BSA.

"I could not be more excited for what this means for the next generation of leaders in our nation," said Michael B. Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive. "Through Scouts BSA, more young people than ever before – young women and men – will get to experience the benefits of camaraderie, confidence, resilience, trustworthiness, courage and kindness through a time-tested program that has been proven to build character and leadership."

By welcoming boys and girls into these iconic Scouting programs, the Boy Scouts of America is responding to the requests of families who, for years, have sought these opportunities for every member of their family.

"As a parent with both sons and daughters, I have seen firsthand the unique experiences available to our sons in the BSA and have been asking the BSA to create

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BSA Explorers Program Releases Findings of its 2018 CAREER INTEREST SURVEY

IRVING, Texas, Aug. 22, 2018 – As the school year gets underway, Exploring, the youth career-development program created by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), is closely examining how best to bridge students' interests with future in-demand jobs. Today, the program released the findings of its Career

Interest Survey, offering insight into the aspirations of the future workforce. This year revealed several year-over-year changes – STEM professions moved up, claiming the top three careers youth are most interested in, and entertainment careers dropped from the top 10 list completely.

The survey, which helps Exploring develop real-life job experiences that combine student interests with in-demand career opportunities, was fielded in 2017 to more than 32,000 students from 8th through 12th grades. More than 200 career options were offered to enable a broad view of student interests – and an indicator as to where talent gaps may appear in the years ahead.

The top 10 list of most popular careers got quite a shake-up in 2017. Overall, interest in STEM-related professions, including health-care careers, jumped to 52 percent in 2017, versus 45 percent in 2016, with interest shifting away from pop-culture careers. For instance, physician and computer programmer replaced professional athlete and artist for the second- and third-place positions. Singer, actor, photographer, and athletic trainer completely dropped from the top 10 list, making room for the newcomers: computer programmer, mechanical engineer, teacher, attorney, and computer engineer.

“It’s encouraging to see a positive shift in interest toward STEM careers in just one year given concerns surrounding the shortage of STEM talent across a variety of industries,” said Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh. “Through Exploring, we introduce youth to real-world STEM career



experiences so the jobs of the future are familiar and within reach as they are making decisions about their educational and career paths.”

Whether it’s learning alongside doctors in the medical field, or using open source code to create 3D-printed prosthetic limbs for people in need, students are in an optimal position to benefit from hands-on STEM field experiences. These young people can immediately take what they’re learning in school and put it to use in real-world settings in a meaningful way. Through this kind of experiential education, young men and women are better able to see themselves in the full spectrum of STEM careers available to them.

“At GE, we know that the future STEM workforce is critical to innovations yet to be discovered, so we take seriously our role in helping young people spark an interest in pursuing a STEM career,” said John McDonald, Smart Grid Business Development Leader at GE Power’s Grid Solutions business and Exploring leader. “That’s why we partnered with Exploring – to give students real-world that open them up to a world of exciting and fulfilling careers.”

THE TOP 10 MOST POPULAR CAREERS FROM THE 2017 SURVEY WERE:

1. Registered Nurse (ranked #1 in 2016)
2. Physician/Surgeon (ranked #6 in 2016)
3. Computer Programmer (new to the top 10 list)
4. Veterinarian (ranked #8 in 2016)
5. Professional Athlete (ranked #2 in 2016)
6. Mechanical Engineer (new to the top 10 list)
7. Teacher (new to the top 10 list)
8. Artist (ranked #3 in 2016)
9. Attorney (new to the top 10 list)
10. Computer Engineer (new to the top 10 list)



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an option for our daughters every year for the last decade,” noted Alex J Sobtzak Sr. of Spring Hill, Florida. “I am so excited that my daughters will have the same opportunities as my sons.”

For many young women, the opportunity to join Scouts BSA comes after years of attending Scouting events with their families. “I have been an honorary Scout since I was two when I’d hang out with my older brother. I was never able to earn the badges, but I was always there,” said Rachel P from Sandpoint, Idaho. “Now I get to do all of that on my own.”

Through participation in all-girl troops, young women that join Scouts BSA will learn from the same program, earn the same merit badges and achieve the same advancements that boys have earned for nearly 109 years in the Boy Scout program.

“I’ve been saying for years that everything we teach boys applies equally to girls. Now, girls can have the same fun, adventure and personal growth that boys have been having,” explained Mike Harlan of Louisville, Kentucky. “We are training



the future leaders of our communities and nation, and those future leaders will be women and men. Helping them learn and grow through Scouting is the best investment I can make in the future of my community, our country and society.”

For more than 100 years, the pinnacle of the Scouting experience for some has been achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Starting today, young women can begin the journey toward that goal, and the BSA will ensure that all new Scouts BSA members have a fair opportunity to earn the prestigious Eagle Scout rank. The BSA will celebrate our inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts in 2020.

“Scouting has been a big part of my family for many generations,” said Bryan Blair of Richland, Washington. “Scouting isn’t just something I do; it is a fundamental part of who I am. I am an Eagle Scout and always will be. But more importantly, I am a husband and father to wonderful daughters who deserve all I have to give them. My daughters now have every opportunity I had.”

To learn more or join, visit www.Scouting.org/ScoutsBSA.

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Interest Lags in Other High-Growth Fields

Both men and women showed a lag in interest toward other high-growth career fields, including lesser-known STEM positions such as statistician, software developer, mathematician and information security analyst; and fields related to renewable energy, like solar photovoltaic installers and wind turbine service technicians.

“These results will help us focus Exploring’s efforts in the years ahead to help students learn about high-demand careers they perhaps were unaware of or uncertain about,” said Diane Thornton, National Director of Exploring. “They also provide an indicator to industries as to where they can focus education and recruiting initiatives. By collaborating our efforts, we can help students discover paths to high-potential careers, while at the same time working to avoid potential labor shortages in areas critical to our nation’s growth.”

About the Exploring Program

The Exploring program is available to youth through Learning for Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America that provides character, leadership and career education programs through sponsoring agencies or groups. The Exploring program is currently offered nationwide, serving young men and women from middle school through high school.

To learn more about Exploring and experience all that this program has to offer youth, business leaders and the community, visit www.exploring.org.

EXPLORING RELEASES CAREER INTERESTS TRENDS FROM NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF U.S. STUDENTS

In Just One Year, Students Show Shift in Interests

- Moving toward STEM, Away from Entertainment.
- Ongoing nationwide survey helps BSA’s Exploring program match career experiences with student interests, high-demand career opportunities.
- Top 10 most-popular careers show year-over-year shift with computer programmer jumping 14 spots to No. 3; veterinarian and teacher replace singer and actor.
- Popularity of STEM careers rose, with 52 percent of students expressing interest in 2017, compared to 45 percent in 2016.
- GE among top companies introducing students to career options through Exploring posts.

Let's Celebrate 10 Black Leaders Who Got Their Start in Scouting

Bryan on Scouting



Throughout history, Scouts of all races and ethnicities have gone on to achieve success in their chosen field. Former Scouts have become U.S. cabinet secretaries, flown in space, won Super Bowls and led major corporations. It's a legacy that makes current (and future) Scouts especially proud.

In celebration of Black History Month, I wanted to share a list of 10 prominent African-American leaders who got their start in Scouting. Enjoy!

Ernest Green, Distinguished Eagle Scout and member of the Little Rock Nine

Green made history as a member of the Little Rock Nine. That was the name given to the first black students ever to attend classes at Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas. In 1958, Green became the first African-American student to graduate from the high school. In 1999, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton.

Guion Bluford, Eagle Scout and the first African-American in space

After serving in the Air Force for 13 years, Bluford set his sights on space. He was named an astronaut and, in 1983, became the first African-American in space. In all, he logged four space flights totaling 688 hours.

Emery Moorehead, Distinguished Eagle Scout and Super Bowl champion

Moorehead played 12 seasons in the NFL, including his final eight with the Chicago Bears. He was on the Super Bowl XX-winning Chicago Bears team that was famous for its "Super Bowl Shuffle" song, though it doesn't appear Moorehead himself was in the video. After his NFL career ended, Moorehead served Scouting. He's on the Board of Directors of the North-east Illinois Council.

Chuck Smith, Distinguished Eagle Scout and retired CEO

In Scouts, Smith got an interest in ham radio and building electronics. That turned into a successful career that led him to be president and CEO of the Fortune 500 company AT&T West. Smith, now retired, is a 2010 Silver Buffalo Award recipient.

Togo West, Distinguished Eagle Scout and former Secretary of Veterans Affairs

West, who served as Secretary of Veterans Affairs under President Bill Clinton, has continued to support Scouting as a member of the national executive board and as past president of the National Capital Area Council. He is a 2000 recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award.

Hank Aaron, Boy Scout and baseball legend

Aaron hit 755 home runs in his legendary baseball career — the second-most in history. Aaron is often incorrectly regarded as an Eagle Scout, but he has been a friend of Scouting throughout his life. The BSA presented him with the Silver Buffalo Award in 1984.

Martin Luther King Jr., Boy Scout and civil rights pioneer

King, the American civil rights hero, was a Boy Scout. From age 11 to age 13, King was registered as a member of Troop 151 in Atlanta. The troop met at Ebenezer Baptist Church, now part of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. (See his original charter [here](#).)

Colin Powell, Boy Scout and former Secretary of State

Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and a retired four-star Army general, was in Boy Scouts as a young man. He is a 1992 recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award.

John H. Johnson, Boy Scout and magazine publisher

Johnson founded the Johnson Publishing Company, which went on to produce *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines, among others. A former Boy Scout, Johnson often met with Scouts in the Chicago area to describe how Scouting helps low-income communities find a bridge out of poverty. He died in 2005.

Ernie Banks, Scouting supporter and baseball great

Banks, known as "Mr. Cub" for his 19-year career with the Chicago Cubs, was one of the all-time greats. And not just in baseball, either. After his career ended, he showed his exceptional character by raising money for and speaking on behalf of the Boy Scout movement. Banks, a 1973 recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award, died in 2015.

How STEM Scouts Creates a Learning Culture Beyond the Classroom

by Rochelle Randles

A group of scientifically-inclined 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students in Northern New Jersey Council are learning lessons beyond just science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Through team work, experiments, and exciting topics, the STEM Scouts program is helping these young geniuses develop character, leadership, and academic strengths they'll use long after their school days are behind them.

Teacher and STEM Scouts lab leader Diana Robles knows the importance of a curriculum that teaches kids in a way that's both fun and relevant to modern science, and with the help of the STEM Scouts program, she's filling that need for her students. In a recent interview with FiOS1 News, she explained how this updated approach to learning augments her teaching and helps her students.

"As we know, we live in a very technology-driven world, so we need to make sure that we are adapting our teaching methods to meet the needs of the changes that are going on around us so that we can really prepare these kids for the future."

The STEM Scouts program, which is offered to boys and girls from elementary to high school, teaches science, technology, engineering, and math in a fun and engaging way through learning modules. The video in the "What's the Matter?" module teaches students about the states of matter through discussions and fun experiments with solids, liquids, and gasses, and how they can change.

According to Robles, the benefits of the STEM Scouts curriculum don't end in academia. Through hands-on activities, STEM Scouts have an opportunity to build skills like teamwork, communication, and critical thinking.

Fifth grade STEM Scout Archie M., who wants to be a scientist one day himself, explained to FiOS1 News, "It helps me talk to my friends easier because we work as a group now and it helps me in science class."



169 Countries are Coming to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree!

Four out of every five people at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree will be from a country that isn't the United States. That translates to excellent odds that members of the U.S. contingent will meet tons of Scouts from other countries during their 12 days next summer at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Participants will discover other cultures, try foreign food and learn how Scouting is the same — and different — in other parts of the world.

The latest registration numbers are in, and Scouts from 133 countries across six continents will unite at the World Scout Jamboree, which will be the first held on U.S. soil since 1967. The event runs from July 22 to Aug. 2.

Spending nearly two weeks at the BSA's high-adventure base in West Virginia will be an awesome experience. But enjoying SBR with Scouts from around the world? That's truly a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

Interested in joining the experience? It's not too late to submit applications for youth participants (ages 14 to 17) and the International Service Team (the term used for staff, age 18 or older, at the World Scout Jamboree). All of the BSA's slots for unit leaders (18 and up) are full.

Can't make it for the whole time? Visitor day passes will be available early next year. How many people have signed up so far? As of this writing, 45,418 people are going to the World Scout Jamboree. That includes 31,025 Scouts, 3,517 unit leaders, 1,170 members of the contingent management team and 9,706 members of the International Service Team. The BSA makes up about 20 percent of that total.

How many countries will be represented? There are 169 National Scout Organizations, including the BSA, that are part of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Of those 169 countries, 133 have Scouts attending and/or serving on staff at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. That's nearly 80 percent.



Teach Scouts to identify essential knots by making this cool Knot Recognition Game

Bryan on Scouting

Tom Mahany wanted to challenge his Scouts to learn and identify essential Scouting knots. So the assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 165, part of the Coastal Georgia Council, invented a brilliant solution. It's called the Knot Recognition Game. Mahany's invention is equal parts work of art and practical teaching tool.

He started with six broomstick handles lashed together into a pyramid. Then he added a maze of knots and lashings — affixing a number to each. At troop meetings and Scout outings, Mahany gives each Scout a scoresheet and asks them to match the knot's name to its corresponding number. It was an instant hit — so popular, in fact, that the adult leaders started participating too.

When Mahany brings his Knot Recognition Game to summer camp or a district camporee, volunteers from other troops take notice.

"I have had many leaders ask me where I got the idea or where they can get or make one," Mahany tells me. "Some suggested I send my idea to Scouting magazine to be shared." And we're glad you did! Find complete instructions below.

Why he did it

Mahany's motivation for this project? Wood Badge. To complete Wood Badge, the BSA's premiere training course for adult leaders, volunteers must complete a series of five service projects. Together these projects form the "Wood Badge ticket." Each ticket item should benefit Scouting in some way, and Mahany's Knot Recognition Game certainly qualifies. It trains Scouts and leaders in an essential outdoors skill.

How he did it

What you'll need:

- Six one-inch dowels (like broomstick handles), each between 28 and 30 inches long.
- A collection of ropes in different colors and materials — hemp, nylon, polypropylene, etc.

What you'll do:

Step 1, Construction: Using the six dowels, make a three-sided pyramid with a tripod lashing on each corner. (For instructions, check out Page 377 in either the Boy Scout Handbook or Scouts BSA Handbook.) *Note: Mahany says that, over time, you might need to reinforce these lashings with screws.*

Step 2, Tying: With the different ropes, make a maze of knots in and around the pyramid. There's no right or wrong way to do this. Just use your imagination to join the ropes with different knots, hitches and lashings.

Step 3, Tagging: Tag each knot using key tags and safety pins. Be sure to randomize the order so it doesn't match the scoresheet.

Step 4, Playing the Game: Place the game in the center of the

table, hand out the scoresheets and explain the rules. There's no time limit.

Things to keep in mind:

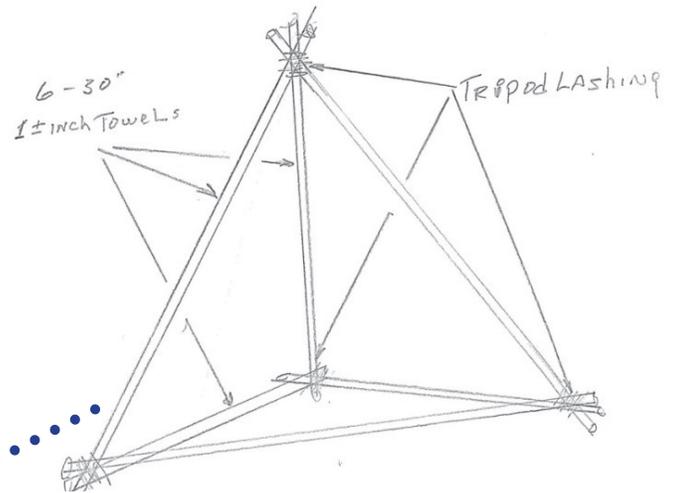
There's no "right side up" in the game, so allow players to rotate the pyramid for a different view.

The game can be played by one to eight people — perfect for a patrol — or you can form teams.

Mahany used the Handbook as a reference. Whenever someone tells him about a knot he hasn't heard of, he tries to add it to the game.

Step 5, Scoring: You can score the game however you'd like. You could make each knot worth the same amount — or make less-common knots worth more. At camporees or multitroop events, Mahany presents awards to the top three individuals or teams.

Step 6, Explanation: After the scoresheets are tabulated, Mahany explains each knot and answers questions about how the knot is used.



Knot Recognition Game

10 points

_____ SQUARE KNOT _____ BOWLINE _____ TWO-HALFHITCHES _____ TAUT-LINE

_____ SHEET BEND _____ CLOVE HITCH _____ TIMBER HITCH _____ SHEEPHANK

_____ FIGURE EIGHT _____ MONKEYS FIST

SCORE _____

15 POINTS

SQUARE LASHING _____ SHEAR LASHING _____ TRIPOD LASHING _____ END SPLICE _____

WHIPPING _____ LARK'S HEAD _____ TURKS HEAD _____ ALPINE BUTTERFLY _____

MAN-OF-WAR SHEETSHANK _____ DOUBLE-FIGURE EIGHT _____

SCORE _____

20 POINTS

EYE IN THE MIDDLE _____ SKI KNOT _____ DOUBLEBOWLINE ON A BITE _____

WAGGONER'S HITCH _____ BRAIDED _____ TWISTED _____ HEMP _____

NYLON _____ POLYPROPYLENE _____ ROUND CROWN SENNIT _____

SCORE _____

NAME _____ TROOP _____ TOTAL SCORE _____

2018 Merit Badge Rankings: A deep dive into the official numbers, from 1 to 137



First Aid merit badge extended its reign atop the charts in 2018, while the Exploration, Animation and Bugling merit badges each saw double-digit gains in popularity.

And how's this for unusual: The exact same number of Scouts earned the Search and Rescue merit badge in 2017 and 2018: 10,107.

Those are just three of the dozens of storylines one can glean from the 2018 merit badge data, released last week by the Boy Scouts of America.

Today, let's chop, sort and digest those numbers every which way. As always, the goal is to find trends that are interesting and informative.

The Actual Top 10

As usual, every merit badge on this list is required to earn the Eagle Scout award, Scouting's highest honor. It makes sense that these would rank highly; they're the badges the BSA deems most important.

Rank	Merit Badge	2018 earned
1	First Aid	69,565
2	Swimming	62,796
3	Citizenship in the World	55,843
4	Environmental Science	54,237
5	Citizenship in the Nation	52,944
6	Communication	51,541
7	Cooking	50,185
8	Camping	49,893
9	Citizenship in the Community	49,863
10	Personal Fitness	49,600

The Alternative Top 10

What happens when we exclude Eagle-required merit badges from the rankings? When given the choice to earn any of the 120 non-Eagle-required merit badges, which do Scouts prefer?

I think you'll find a common theme with these 10: They're offered at most summer camps, giving Scouts an excellent opportunity to complete them.

Rank	Merit Badge	2018 earned
1	Fingerprinting	38,239
2	Rifle Shooting	37,695
3	Archery	34,487
4	Leatherwork	33,740
5	Wood Carving	31,910
6	Kayaking	31,362
7	Wilderness Survival	29,392
8	Chess	28,260
9	Canoeing	26,094
10	Fishing	24,688

The Bottom 10

The list excludes Computers (replaced by Digital Technology in 2014) and Cinematography (replaced by Moviemaking in 2013), even though a few Scouts earned each in 2018.

How is that possible? According to the Guide to Advancement, once a Scout starts working on a merit badge, there's no time limit for finishing — other than the Scout's 18th birthday.

Some readers will look at the list below and say, "challenge accepted."

Can you help get your favorite merit badge out of the bottom 10? All it takes is a few motivated merit badge counselors.

Rank	Merit Badge	2018 earned
128	Composite Materials	1,646
129	Landscape Architecture	1,495
130	Gardening	1,428
131	Drafting	1,231
132	Journalism	1,153
133	American Labor	1,109
134	Surveying	1,065
135	Stamp Collecting	836
136 (tie)	American Business	551
136 (tie)	Bugling	551

Merit Badge Rankings, continued from p. 8

Who's up, and who's down?

One year of numbers can't tell the whole story. That's why it's important to compare each year's numbers to the previous year.

When we do that, we discover which merit badges gained and lost popularity year over year.

Top 5 gains

Merit Badge	2017	2018	Rise/Fall
Exploration	2,090	3,351	60.3%
Public Health	1,798	2,382	32.5%
Animation	5,462	6,981	27.8%
Traffic Safety	5,689	7,100	24.8%
Surveying	863	1,065	23.4%

I'm not surprised to see Exploration get such a big jump. As the BSA's newest merit badge, Exploration should gain in popularity as more Scouts and leaders learn about its existence.

The Animation merit badge, meanwhile, continues its surge up the charts. It has seen double-digit gains in popularity every year since its 2015 debut.

At No. 7 in gains, Bugling merit badge just missed the top 5, but it's worth mentioning. The badge saw a 21.4 percent popularity jump from 2017 to 2018, meaning that many more campsites were filled with the sweet sounds of bugles last year.

Top 5 losses

Merit Badge	2017	2018	Rise/Fall
Archaeology	6,876	6,056	-11.9%
Stamp Collecting	954	836	-12.4%
Soil/Water			
Conservation	9,484	8,199	-13.5%
Pulp and Paper	6,879	5,911	-14.1%
Backpacking	3,498	2,295	-34.4%



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cowboy Stew

This Recipe is meant for Boy Scouts.

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef
 1 onion
 3 potatoes
 (all cans are about 15 oz.)
 1 can green beans
 1 can baked beans
 1 can black beans
 1 can tomato soup
 1 can corn
 1 can diced tomatoes
 1 tsp Chili powder
 1 tsp cayenne pepper
 Salt and pepper

Instructions:

Cut potatoes into 1 inch cubes. Dice onion.

Place dutch oven over 375 degree heat for Frying.

Brown ground beef and onion.

Add potatoes and contents of all cans, undrained.

Fill one can about half full of water and pour it between all cans to clean them out. Pour the water into the dutch oven.

Add spices (more or less if you like bland or spicy)

Reduce heat to about 225 degrees. Simmer until potatoes are soft (about 45 minutes), stirring every 5 or 10 minutes.

Serves about 8.



UNIT NEWS CUB SCOUTS

PACK 2046

The Cub Scouts of Pack 2046 in New City have been busy over the last few months with some good deeds.

First they joined forces with their charter organization, Germonds Presbyterian Church in September and October to participate in one of the churches annual community activities, the Rockland Meals on Wheels Blizzard Box Program. During those nasty winter days when Meals on Wheels cannot get their vehicles on the road, the elderly within the community are provided with gift wrapped Blizzard Boxes (shoeboxes) to keep in their closets, containing shelf stable food items that they can pull out and have something to eat till the roads are clear. Each box contains a protein, vegetable, soup, milk, cereal, fruit, and a snack and/or condiment. The cubs of 2046 ran a Columbus Day Food Drive at Stop & Shop in New City collecting donations. Then they packed Blizzard Boxes during their Halloween Campout at Camp Ra-Ra-Bullowa. An impressive 60 boxes were put together by our scouts, to go along with 41 more put together



by children and members of the church. Meals on Wheels received a total of 101 Blizzard Boxes valued at over \$1200. Not only that, but the cubs collected sooooo much food we ran out of shoeboxes, and delivered 7 large bulk boxes with an estimated \$2500 in additional food to stock the Meals on Wheels Food Pantry which was looking very depleted and definitely in needed of our little boost to refill the shelves.

In November the Orangetown Jewish Center Community asked Pack 4056 for a some assistance on their Mitzvah (Good Deed) Day. So our scouts put some of those Scout Laws into action. They braved a cold and snowy day to be helpful and kind by cleaning Independence Park in Orangeburg leaving no trace, doing a reverent deed that was much appreciated by the JCC. Way to go scouts!

Yours in Scouting,
Tim "Hawkeye" Pearce
Asst Cubmaster
Pack 2046 - New City



UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 10

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, Troop 2010 assisted at the annual Bike MS, an event held to raise funds for research into finding a cure or treatments for Multiple Sclerosis, at the North Garnerville offices of the North Rockland School District. The Troop helped to provide food and beverages at the rest stop near the northern terminus of the event: riders started on the West Side of Manhattan and could ride either 50 or 100 miles, at their choosing. We were also available to assist with minor repairs of the bikes if needed. The weather was cold and windy so the Scouts had the opportunity to display some cold weather survival techniques.

Troop 2010 also held its annual Thanksgiving Feast & Court of Honor at Camp Bullowa ("Rah rah Bullowa!") on Saturday, November 17th, 2018. Approximately 60 attendees dined with the Scouts and were feasted with foods prepared at the campsite near the Dining Hall by the Scouts (see the attached photo, "Thanksgiving Feast & Court of Honor").

Continuing a tradition that began at the inception of the Troop, Troop 2010 surprised its Charter Organization (the Atonement Lutheran Church in Stony Point) with gifts to assist the Church with its many activities (see the attached photo, "Atonement Church Christmas Surprise").



TROOP 33

Troop 33 encountered many adventures this fall. We had a successful Halloween Spooktacular, West Point Football game, Fall Camporee/cooking, a shoot-o-ree and a trip to the NJ Battleship in conjunction with a great visit to the Camden Aquarium. In addition to the numerous trips we were busy doing some good turns. We created placemats for People to People for Thanksgiving,

put together baskets of food for multiple families so they would have a Thanksgiving dinner, made red scarves to donate to a local cardiologist office for women diagnosed with COPD, and heart disease and assisting our local cub scout pack with their "Disabilities Awareness Night" and currently have adopted a family to help have a great holiday season.

TROOP 121

Troop 121 broke out our five (10) man Military Artic tents and winter camping gear on the weekend of November 16th for a weekend refresher on winter survival and camping skills. We wanted to reassure our equipment and skills were ready to go for our three planned X country skiing / Ice fishing trips to the Tug Hill Plateau this winter. All Systems are GO!! We were even lucky enough to have some snow for the training weekend.



UNIT NEWS BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 79

Troop 79 kicked off the scouting year with a bang, not only did we have the proud pleasure of welcoming another Eagle, Matthew Davidson, but our troop had the first-time honor to serve as opening-night candle lighters for the tri-state's most anticipated fall experience, "The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze"! Our crew of 20 scouts & leaders lit the thousands of beautifully carved pumpkins (and walkway lanterns). After dark, once the opening ceremony & dinner concluded, we walked through the magical experience as VIPs - great memories made!

Our "firsts" didn't stop there! Troop 79 hit an all-time high in popcorn fundraising and hosted our first "Welcome-to-Scouting" weekend for WEBELOS, led by the scouts themselves at Camp Bullowa. True, we had very challenging weather, but this only allowed our boys to show what they are made of and how unstoppable they are!

Additionally, we all had a blast at this year's Iron-Chef themed Fall Camporee. Of course, we all enjoyed great comradery and friendly competition, but to top it off, our leaders walked away with first place! Bravo!

It wouldn't be Troop 79 scouting if it didn't include "good-turns" - and there were many! We completed our bi-annual Strawtown Road clean-up, we hosted the MS Bike Tour rest stop and set-up St. Augustine's holiday Nativity & strung their Christmas tree lights.

We ended the fall creating 140 handmade wreaths & 25 grave pillows, which the troop makes available annually, outside St. Augustine's, the first weekend in December - all were purchased and found homes where their beauty will be enjoyed by families for the holidays! Whew! What a Fall!



Congratulations to Rockland's Newest Eagles

Dec 2018	J. Becher	2121	Two Lean-to Shelters at Old Town Beach, Warwick NY
	S. Gormley	2477	Three Benches with Planters for the Town of Warwick
	J. Dubnar	2097	Rockland Lake Ecosystem Protection
	N. Mauceli	2033	Nanuet Senior High School Entrance Improvement
	D. Muller	2042	Restore Exterior of M60 Battle Tank at Fred Eller American Legion Post
	J. Rawcliffe	2033	4x8 Information Kiosk & Monument Cleaning for Pearl River Cemetery
	C. Warner	2033	Garden Material Storage Boxes for Nanuet Outdoor Education Center
Nov. 2018	T. Gardiner	2121	Church of the Holy Rosary Children's Choir Loft Renovation
	S. McCabe	2036	Roofing Project at Pearl River Little League
	J. Oswald	2097	Van Orden/Trumper Cemetery Restoration & Sign Installation
	M. Stewart	2033	William P. Faist Volunteer Ambulance Corps 2 LED Signs & Landscaping
	J. Sweet	2079	American Legion Post 1682 Sign Replacement & Landscaping
Oct. 2018	M. Lombardoni	2010	Memorial Bench with Engraved Brick Walkway of Remembrance at Charles S. Eccher Park
	A. Meda	2042	Wheelchair Accessible Planters & Potting Table for Jawonio
	J. Steingart	2097	Joe Raso Hospice Raised Planter Box Vegetable Garden with Bench
Sept. 2018	J. Hinkley	2021	Recycled Bottle Greenhouse for Montebello Community Garden
	B. O'Donoghue	2033	Storage Shed & Other Refurbishments for Rosebud Indian Reservation's Boys & Girls Club (Sioux Tribe in South Dakota)
	M. Pelletier	2025	Suffern Crew Storage Container Shed
	M. Simon	2021	Suffern Memorial Dr. WWI Soldier Memorial
	J. Spivak	2146	Quarry Field Dugout Construction
Aug. 2018	A. Barbato	2078	Camp Venture Basketball Court and Benches
July 2018	J. Calabro	2097	Storage Units & Prop Room Reorganization for Elmwood Playhouse

Camp Bullowa Summer Day Camp

Camp Bullowa

Be part of our team at our Boy Scout nature camp in Stony Point, NY. We offer our day campers a fun filled day of activities and we are looking for some some top-notch counselors to join our team.

Positions Available:

- Medic
- Nature Director
- Art & Craft Director
- Sports Director
- Climbing Wall Instructor
- Lifeguards
- Scout Skill Instructor
- Counselors
- CITs
- Merit Badge Counselors
- Volunteers

Interviews will be held:

When: February 16, 2019
Time: 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Camp Bullowa
15 Franck Rd
Stony Point, NY

To schedule an interview contact:
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