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## 100th plan takes shape

WORCESTER - It was born of the belief that every boy should set off into manhood with at least a basic set of survival skills.

One hundred years later, the Boy Scouts of America has introduced millions of boys not only to the concepts of the outdoors and first aid, but to the survival skills of everyday life: resourcefulness, leadership and adaptability.

To celebrate the momentous anniversary, the Mohegan Council will host the New England Scout Show, the first of its kind in 15 years, next January.

It's still a ways off - but birthdays like this take a long time to organize, according to Victor Irr, activities chairman for the show.

"This is a fantastic way to do celebrate the 100th anniversary," said Irr, who is affiliated with Boy Scout troop 109 in Millbury. "It's a



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## PLATTERS OF GOLD

Above, Seth Hazellon of East Brookfield and Will Couture of Brookfield toted trays of spaghetti dinners to dozens of diners. Tom McCarthy of West Brookfield (background) kept 'em coming. Below left, Boys of the Town played Irish music throughout the party. Tim Loftus, John Ebersold, and Hunter Foote performed traditional tunes.

### Treasure Valley benefit dinner nets \$3,000

EAST BROOKFIELD - A benefit dinner held in March at E.B. Flatts Restaurant, Route 9, raised over \$3,000 toward the repair of damage done by last year's December ice storm at Treasure Valley Scout Camp.

It could have been an old Mickey Rooney movie, with the gang getting together to put on a show, but the cast, this time, was mostly dressed in the distinctive uniform of the Boy Scouts of America, and instead of singing and dancing, they hustled plates of spaghetti and meatballs, heaps of rolls, and bowlsful of salad.

But there was, in fact singing. John Ebersold, Massasoit District chairman, brought along his buddies in Boys of the Town. Ebersold, Tim Loftus and

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## Treasure Valley Alumni Association forms

RUTLAND - After a great many months of planning and preparation on the part of the task force created by the Council Camping Committee, the Treasure Valley Alumni Association came into being with a unanimous vote of the Council Executive Board this past January. The road ahead is now paved for the Association to grow its membership and to become a major partner in the Council-wide effort to bring additional ener-

gy, resources and tradition to Treasure Valley Scout Reservation.

Our Mission Statement states our aims very clearly: "...to foster a continued sense of community among campers, adult leaders, staff and their families; to support the quality of the camping experience; and to promote and teach the traditions and heritage of Treasure Valley Scout Reservation." One might ask who can become a part of an organization with

such focused goals as the betterment of our Council's camp. The only questions we ask in return is "have you camped for at least one night at Treasure Valley and are you eligible for membership in the BSA?" If your answer is yes, then YOU can join! You're only 11 years old, you say? That's alright, there's no minimum age! For that matter, there's no maximum age either.

Our future plans involve our first annual reunion and

business meeting set to take place in August of 2009. We'll also publish a newsletter periodically. If you'd like to hear more, look for TVAA representatives at some upcoming District and Council events, such as the District and Council Recognition Dinners, Council Camporee and at Treasure Valley Summer Camp!

Our interim Executive Committee has been formed.

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## CHECK THIS OUT

**EAST BROOKFIELD** - Scott Conner presents a check to Treasure Valley Trustee and Mohegan Council Board member Ted Coghlin at E.B Flatts for \$3,000. Pictured are (l-r) Andy McCrillis, Troop 238 Committee Chairman, Scott, Ted, Pat Giguere, Troop 238 Scoutmaster and Council Executive Board member Jon Ebersold. The money will be used to repair the camp after the December ice storm. *See related story, page 5*

## Use our comissioner services

At this time of the year many of our units are experiencing a level of anxiety in terms of the adult leadership for the upcoming year. So who are they going to call? The obvious answer is their District's Commissioner Service. In most cases units have been sending out requests for other parents to step forward to replace those key volunteers that for whatever reason will be leaving their unit in the very near future. But there is a difference in what those other adults are seeing. From their prospective, the unit is functioning smoothly and those in charge, because of their dedication won't leave their scouts in a leaderless situation. In reality, those adults deserve to move on with their sons. This is where the Commissioner Service plays a vital role in their service to each of our Council's units. It really begins in April when our Commissioners will be visiting or contacting each Unit Leader or Committee Chair to review what the unit's status will be in the upcoming year for adult volunteers. If the unit needs help in recruiting more adults the Commissioner or a team of Commissioners can make arrangements to visit a parent's night or Pack Meeting to reinforce the need and importance in getting parents involved in the operation of their unit. Believe me when I say they have the skills and experience to get individuals to come forward to support the needs of the unit. Again from the parent's prospective, if they are seeing volunteers from the Commissioner Service indicating that the unit needs help and could be in trouble in the near future, then the unit really does need their help. It is at that point that the unit really begins to see adults come forward because there is a real need for new parent involvement if they want their

sons to continue to have the same program they have experienced up to that moment.

There is another advantage of having all the unit's positions filled prior to September. The Unit Commissioner can now inform the District Commissioner who, in turn would inform the District Committee the training needs as well as important events that might be useful to new leaders and committee members. From the scout's prospective, this will insure his unit's program will continue as it has in the past without skipping a beat. By knowing which adults will be leaving the unit the Commissioner can pass those names onto Troop or Crew as well as onto the District Committee for the purpose of using their experiences and expertise at the District or Council level so that other units might be able to achieve the same level of success that was experienced by the scouts in the units they left.

What if your unit doesn't have a Commissioner? You might start by contacting your District Commissioner, be it Steve Forde for the Quinsigamond District, Barb McCall for the Hassanamisco District or Dave Hardies of the Massasoit District. I would be willing to give you a hand as well. But then again a potential commissioner could be right in our own unit. What about those adults who will be leaving the Pack, but just won't have the time to take on a full time role in the Scout Troop their son is moving into? What about that dynamic volunteer whose son will be graduating from high school or turning 18? Do you have a large number of Assistant Scoutmasters that aren't really active, but like to come around once and a while? All of these individuals would make an excellent candidate for a Unit Commissioner. For those of us that

have been around for a while often joke about scouting being a "one hour a week commitment". But in all honesty, the commitment for a Commissioner is close to that myth. The minimum commitment established by the District Commissioners and myself as well as the National is that a Commissioner is to visit their assigned unit or units once a month and attend a monthly District Commissioner Staff meeting. Yes there is training and that can be arranged between you and the District Commissioner. Aside from this we have two Commissioner specific events. In the fall we have a Council wide Commissioner Gathering in which updated information and events are presented. In March a College of Commissioner Science is held. This is a major training event in which Commissioners from all over the state spend a full day attending academic degrees that will allow them to better meet the needs of the units they serve. The Commissioner also acts as a liaison between the Council and their assigned units as well as between the Pack and their feeder Troops. As you read this article and the Commissioner Service sounds like something that might interest you feel free to contact your District Commissioner or me for more information about this very important position.

Again the role of the Commissioner Service is to meet the needs of our Units so that they can better meet the needs of the youth that they serve. With the warm weather finally getting here, now is the time to bring the great outdoors of scouting to each and every Scout in our Council.

*Walt Josti is Council Commissioner.*

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## Chuck Wagon Derby set for May 9

Well, it's that time of year again for our Mohegan Council Annual Chuckwagon Derby. This year's event will be held at Treasure Valley on May 9, 2009.

Towns are being readied and volunteers reigned in for the best day of fun a Cub Scout can have. What better way to start the summer than with Cub Scouts singing and pulling wagons around the woods. Having the best time a boy can have.

We have some towns confirmed that have been there before and are old favorites of the boys. We may also have some new towns for them that they will love! A good time to be had by all!

Information and applications are on the web site and in your unit folders at the council office.

If you are interested in volunteering to run a town or help out the day of the event, please email me at [commissioner125@hotmail.com](mailto:commissioner125@hotmail.com).

## 2010 National Jamboree Information Night set

When: Monday May 18, 2009  
Time: 7-9 p.m.  
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church  
73 Lancaster St  
Worcester, MA 01609  
(Located across the street from the Art Museum)

Who should attend: Anyone that has already registered and anyone that might be considering registration.

This information session is intended to give parents and scouts an opportunity to learn more about the National Jamboree and the opportunities that a scout can experience. Scouts that have already signed up should attend with their parents so that we can give you some more details about our contingent plans and answer any questions you may have. Scouts that are considering attending should attend as well so that we might also be able to answer your questions as well. At this session we will introduce the leaders that will be working with your scouts before and during the Jamboree.

The Mohegan Council is looking forward to sending 2 troops to the 2010 National Jamboree taking place at the US Military Base on Fort AP Hill, Virginia. This Jamboree will be the focus of the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary Celebration and looks to be the best one yet.

## 2010 National Jamboree Leaders Selected

The Council Jamboree committee is please to announce that the committee has made its leader selection for the 2 troops that we will be sending to the National Jamboree in 2010. Serving as Scout masters are Diane Anderson and Rich Cole, serving as 1st Assistant Scoutmasters are Mike Pankratz and Jason Dumas and serving as 2nd Assistant Scoutmasters are Ernie Vaillancourt and Sean Blood. Please join us in congratulating our leaders and assisting them as they get our scouts prepared for the Jamboree. We would like to say thank you for all that applied for consideration it is great to see so many dedicated leaders in our program.

The committee is still in search of 2 3rd assistant scoutmasters to complete the leadership team. 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster must be between the ages of 18-20 at the time of the Jamboree. If you would like to be considered for this position please go the BSA Jamboree website and register on line. The committee will work with the Scoutmasters to select the 2 individuals that will serve in this capacity.

This means that 72 scouts from the Mohegan Council can attend this fantastic event. Spots are filling up fast, so if you are interested in attending the Jamboree please fill out an application by going to [www.bsajamboree.org/register.html](http://www.bsajamboree.org/register.html). Follow the link for register now. The dates for the Jamboree are July 26th thru August 4, 2010.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Mohegan Council Jamboree Committee Chair Jay Eager at [jeager37@yahoo.com](mailto:jeager37@yahoo.com) or by contacting Matthew Conlon at [mconlon@bsaemail.org](mailto:mconlon@bsaemail.org) or by calling the Council Service Center at 508-752-3769. We will be sure to answer all of your questions.

## PLAN NOW TO BE PART OF THE 2010 MOHEGAN COUNCIL CONTINGENT TO PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Council will be sending 2 Crews during our 100th Anniversary Year!

We have already filled one Crew and looking for 12 more individuals to fill the second Crew.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's oldest national high-adventure base. Its 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the high

country

Along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails... and now's your chance to experience the Adventure! The Mohegan Council has made a reservation for 2 Contingents of our Scouts to experience a Philmont trek in August 2009. We need to make a Commitments to Philmont (in form of a deposit) by May 2009 so DON'T WAIT!

Contact Matthew Conlon at the Council Office for more information and to get your name on the list. For more about Philmont Scout Ranch, visit [www.scouting.org/philmont](http://www.scouting.org/philmont).

## Mohegan Council Spring Camporee "Civil War Experience"

May 1-3, 2009

Treasure Valley

Highlights for the Weekend include:

- 1800's Field Hospital
- Musicians
- Black Powder Firings
- Calvary
- Capture the Flag
- Black Smith
- Old Style Compass-Oriented
- Marching
- Battlefield Re-enactment
- Food preparation and storage
- Equipment, Packs, Tents, firearms...
- Ten Smith

Units from the 1800's Civil War

This Camporee is open to everyone in the Mohegan Council across all 3 Districts and includes events and activities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers... Take a step back in time and re-live a portion of history in our great country. See what a traditional encampment looked like, experience a true muster and relive the adventure

Volunteers are needed to help in planning and supporting this event. Everyone's help will be needed to make this a great success.

Anyone that would like to help is encouraged to attend. If you know of a re-enactment group that is available please let us know. If you have any questions or idea's please contact Matthew Conlon at 508-752-3769 x 30 or [mconlon@bsaemail.org](mailto:mconlon@bsaemail.org).

Please Save the date for this fantastic event full of fun while re-living our History!!  
Location: Treasure Valley Scout Reservation Date: May 1-3, 2009

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### AVAILABLE FACILITIES & AMENITIES

- Leader's Coffee available
- Hot Chocolate available
- First aid station/location (ts)
- Lost & found
- Potable water & Restrooms
- Porte-Johns (various locations)

### PARKING

PARKING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. NO VEHICLES (with certain exceptions for emergency purposes) WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR UNIT CAMPsites! YOU WILL RECEIVE SPECIFIC PARKING INSTRUCTIONS UPON ARRIVAL.

### CAMPING

Upon arrival, Units will be assigned campsites for overnight camping. Similar to the Jamboree style of camping, all units will be tent camping in designated areas WITH other Units from their district. Space within the District camping areas will be adequate for each Unit, but within relatively close quarters of other Units in your District. Please plan accordingly. Units must supply their own tents, camping/cooking equipment, and meals. **Units WILL NOT be camping in the traditional Treasure Valley campsites (Evergreen, Pine Acres, etc).** If you have any questions, contact the Camporee Chair, Jim Dunne.

### FIRES

Per current Mohegan Council policy, due to the Asian Longhorn beetle problem: **Units ARE NOT ALLOWED to bring in any outside firewood. All firewood must be obtained onsite at Treasure Valley.**

**Campfire Policy for this Event: CAMPFIRE POLICY SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!** As of the printing of this document, zero-impact campfires ARE allowed UNLESS YOU ARE TOLD OTHERWISE AT THE EVENT. Fire buckets must always be full of water and nearby the fire. Fires should never be left unattended and MUST BE COLD OUT before leaving TVSR. Sod should be saved so that fire rings and pits are returned to their original condition. Units should plan on packing out all ash and partially burned wood. Please leave the area BETTER than you found it.

### FOOD & MEALS

All Units will be responsible for planning and preparing their own meals during the entire event.

### WATER

We've been informed that depending on the conditions at TVSR leading up to the Camporee, WATER MAY OR MAY NOT be available in certain areas of camp during the weekend. That being said, **water WILL be available at the Troop's house and Camporee Staff is working to secure a water buffalo for any additional water requirements.** However, until further notice, please "Be Prepared" and plan on bringing water for your Unit's needs, until we can confirm the status of water availability. We will keep you updated at roundtables, as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, contact the Camporee Chair, Jim Dunne.

### DRESS

**ALL STAFF & ATTENDEES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR CIVIL WAR ERA CLOTHING, IF YOU HAVE IT!**

All attendees should come well prepared to spend the weekend in the ever changing New England spring weather... it's better to have something and not need it than to need something and not have it!

### VOLUNTEERS

- Adult and/or older Scout volunteers are needed to help direct scouts and assist in program areas. Don't be shy - please volunteer, **your help is greatly appreciated!!**
- All Civil War equip., site selection and construction will be done in conjunction with the Camporee Staff and the station volunteers. Most materials will be provided by the Camporee Staff and Civil War Re-enactors.

**PLEASE CONTACT JIM DUNNE to discuss the details of volunteering/running a station.**



# MOHEGAN COUNCIL

## Local businesses help restore Treasure Valley Scout Reservation

BY PATRICIA ROY PROY  
Reprinted from the Holden Landmark

Business from throughout the area converged on Treasure Valley Saturday to help clean up the mess left by the December ice storm. Robeca Patrowicz photo

"Do a good turn daily" is the Boy Scout motto and it was evident everywhere on Saturday when area landscapers and builders manned their backhoes in an effort to clean up Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in time for its spring season.

The camp was hit hard by the December ice storm, which felled thousands of branches and left others dangling perilously.

Jeremy Ahearn of Ahearn Equipment in Spencer spearheaded the project, rounding up about a dozen businesses that donated labor and supplies. The first order of business was to make the 1,600-acre camp safe, and second, to make it usable for the hundreds of campers who will be showing up shortly for spring programs, Ahearn said.

Ahearn Equipment, which deals in heavy equipment, tractors and outdoor power equipment, brought

along a skid steer with grapple, chipper, log splitters and chainsaws. They also brought a crew of 20 operators and workers, who donated their time to the project, Ahearn said.

Along with two Boy Scout troops, a total of 70 volunteers worked in six different locations throughout the camp. That means more than a dozen companies who brought their own equipment and their own personnel, Ahearn said.

"Right now, we're cutting down trees, stacking logs and chipping," Ahearn said as heavy equipment roared throughout the woods, chainsaws buzzed through trees and chippers chewed the lumber up and spat it out into a truck brought by JBS Landscaper of Leicester.

"It took several meetings to get everything organized," he said. "Once we talked about it, everybody saw that something had to be done. We got lucky with the weather. We had a good melt so that helps. If we had had weather this weekend, it might have been too late in the season for everyone to help out."

From his work location at Eagle's Perch, one of the camp's adventure bases,

Ranger crew member Michael Vignaly said the professional help was greatly appreciated. About 20 rangers have been showing up each Saturday throughout the winter "doing whatever needs to be done," he said. The first weeks of cleanup involved chainsawing through camp, just to make the roads passable.

Since that time, Northern Tree has had at least one crew at the site since January. The early work was done well enough that none of the camp's winter events — such as the popular Klondike Derbies — had to be canceled.

The initial push is to clean the west side of the camp, Vignaly said, including the area around the two largest sleeping buildings. The areas for Cub Scouts' day camp and Rainbow Child Development are also on this side of the camp.

The sleepover camps start up after July 4 and things look like they're going to be ready, Vignaly said.

Though clearing efforts had been made throughout the winter, the landscapers' equipment was the key to a clean sweep.

Arnie Arsenault, of A.Arsenault and Sons of Spencer brought along four

chainsaws, six crew members and a couple of backhoes to aid in the effort.

"Jeremy gave me a heads up on what's going on. I wanted to help. I was a Boy Scout," he said.

Arsenault said he had been landscaping 29 years. "I knew what a mess this had to be. I can tell they've done a lot of cleaning."

"We're clearing all the areas the kids have for sleeping, we're chipping debris. It's well-organized; we're working like an army. It's good to see so many of the landscaping and tree community out here," Arsenault said.

Support came in many guises, Ahearn said. Flagship Bank was paying for lunch and also sent along an employee to help with the cutting. Stihl Equipment sent saws and workers. Ideal Landscape Maintenance of Holden participated as did Spencer businesses. Clean-Up Landscaping, J & J Landscape, Leicester companies JBS Landscaping, JD Pasquale Landscaping, and Schold Development were also on hand. Verdant Landscapes of Shrewsbury and the Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple Law Office of Worcester also contributed.

## Scout Memorial Service set May 30

The Scout Memorial Service is being held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the Walnut Grove Cemetery on Elm Street in North Brookfield. We will be following the format introduced at last year's ceremony which was very well received. In addition to the traditional reading of the Honor Roll, a short biography of the deceased will be included. Family members are being invited to attend. After the ceremony, refreshments will be provided. This will give the families an opportunity to mingle with the Scouts and Scouters to reminisce about their loved ones involvement in Scouting.

This year marks the 39th anniversary of the original dedication of the Ronald Walker Scouting Memorial and Walker Memorial Gardens by Norman Walker in memory of his son. Each year, we gather on the Saturday after Memorial Day to honor the memory of Ronald Walker and to recognize all recently departed members of the Mohegan Council Scouting community.

All units from Mohegan Council are encouraged to attend the service with a color guard. Plan to arrive by 6 p.m. The procession and ceremony will begin shortly thereafter. A flyer with directions is available on the Council website and will be placed in all unit folders at the Council Office.

### TRIBUTE FUND

In Memory of Nancy Adams From Rose G. Dale Carol Dale Kathy Gove Dorothy Anderson Elise & Martin Elbrecht Nicole Anzuoni

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In Memory of Fidele Richard From Members of BS Troop 125 of Rochdale

In Memory of George Senkavitch & Greg Stockmal From Members of BS Troop 125 of Rochdale

In Memory of Byron D. Gibbs

In Memory of James B. Kenary, III

In Memory of Nelson Spencer From John N. Spencer, Jr.

### Working Toward First Class? Join Us at the Valley for the Trail to First Class Skills Weekend!

The perfect weekend event for new Boy Scouts and Webelos who just crossed over. Activities will include: Knots and Lashing, Totin' Chip, Fireman Chit, Orienteering, Nature, First Aid, Cooking and Camping.



**WHEN:** April 24-26, 2009  
**WHAT:** This is a Troop participation function that includes a Friday to Sunday camp out with activities beginning on Saturday morning, closing camp on Sunday at about noon.  
**WHERE:** Treasure Valley Scout Reservation  
**COST:** \$16 per youth, \$8 per adult

#### A FIRST CLASS EMPHASIS WEEKEND

To make your reservation:

DOWNLOAD THE INFORMATION PACKET off the council website: [www.moheganbsa.org](http://www.moheganbsa.org) (click on "Events and Activities" from menu at left). Complete the TROOP REGISTRATION FORM (below) as well as a SCOUT REGISTRATION FORM (attached) for each Scout participating, and return them with your check (made payable to Mohegan Council, BSA) to the address at the bottom of this form. You may also FAX your completed forms with your MasterCard or Visa information to (508) 752-3047. For more information contact the Council Service Center at (508) 752-3769.

**Trail to First Class Skills Weekend Troop Registration Form**

UNIT LEADER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TROOP #: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Scouts Attending: New Boy Scout \_\_\_\_\_ Tenderfoot \_\_\_\_\_ Second Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Scouts Instructing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 We would like to participate in the Dutch Oven Challenge: Yes/ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLEASE HAVE COMPLETED PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS FOR ALL BOY SCOUTS, AND MEDICAL FORMS FOR ALL ATTENDING.

WEEKEND FEES: \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUTS AT \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTS AT \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL DUE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:  
 Circle One: MASTERCARD / VISA Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to Charge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Address (required for receipt): \_\_\_\_\_

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## New England Scout Show ideas abound

The following ideas were gleaned at recent committee meetings planning the 2010 Scout Show centennial celebration. Email your own ideas to [mconlon@bsaemail.org](mailto:mconlon@bsaemail.org)

- 1) Bike Rodeo - Demos
- 2) Rain Gutter Regatta
- 3) Pinewood Derby Old and New Tracks
- 4) Pitch a Tent Race, Campsites: Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter and Gear for each Season
- 5) First Aid Holden Fire Explorers? (Also, Lost and Found
- 6) The Science Project Experience (Activities) Bottle-Rockets,
- 7) Table Top Catapults, Weather Rock, Astronomy and Telescopes,
- 8) Hands on Area Arts and Crafts (Slides, Leather Knife Sheaths)
- 9) Cooking Station? If possible
- 10) Orienteering - Geocaching - Letter Box
- 11) BB and Archery Possibly no Archery have to talk it over with Range people.
- 12) Bouldering Wall (Front Lobby) Participation/Attraction
- 13) Pioneering (Rope Making Knots, Lashings, Monkey bridge, Friction Bridge, Climb Ropes and Cargo Net)
- 14) Mass State Police Dive Tank
- 15) Cub Scout Chuck Wagons Display, Klondike Sleds Display (Video of each running)
- 16) History of Scouting (Old Scout Books, etc.)
- 17) Back Packing / Hiking LNT (Leave No Trace) Scouting is already GREEN
- 18) Old and New Camping Equipment
- 19) Low Cope Team Challenge Course (Maybe via Teams or Individuals)
- 20) Wilderness Survival (Food / Drink), M.R.E. / Military
- 21) Environmental Concerns "Going Green" LNT
- 22) Communications/Computers Booth (Lost and Found) Radio Club Bob Heck Scouts who does this? Internet Safety
- 23) Roaming Spokes People, Professional Sports Player, Famous and not so Famous People (Eagle Scout or just a Scout)
- 24) Scouting Trail (Tiger to Eagle, Venturing Awards) Display / Lobby (Troop 243 Uniforms Display)
- 25) Animal Tracks and Droppings "Eco Town with Brian Keenan"
- 26) Magicians
- 27) Treasure Valley Mock-Up, History, TV Alumni, Webelos Woods, etc.
- 28) Full Scale Race Cars / Muscle Cars (Race to Scouting) by Pinewood Tracks
- 29) Uniform Display and Inspection?
- 30) Emergency Vehicles (Fire, Police, Motorcycles, etc.) Molly Bish Foundation Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Dog
- 31) Class B Uniform Contest (Sell Class B Uniforms for the Show)
- 32) Theme Actors (Baden Powel, William D. Boyce, etc.) Stage People, Roaming People
- 33) Unit Flag Displays/Unit Org. Flags (Patrol, Den, Packs, etc.) Entry Way, Booths, and Hung
- 34) Robots (WPI) "APO" is a Scouting Frat at

- WPI
- 35) Sports Mascots Shark, Tornadoes, etc.
  - 36) EMERGENCY "Be Prepared"
  - 37) Water Safety (Coast Guard/Auburn Fire)
  - 38) Silent Auction (Basket) Patch Auction, Brad Estaberg and Dennis Parker
  - 39) Venturing and Explorer Booths (Sea Scouts Cape?)
  - 40) Memory Wall Can be started now on our Web Site
  - 41) Religious Awards Bill White and Relationships (Elks, Knights, etc.) John Atlas
  - 42) Advancement How it Works (Pins, Merit Badges, etc.)
  - 43) Jamboree Video (Troops in Council) Manned by past attendees.
  - 44) Indian Lore OA?
  - 45) LIVE Carve a Canoe / Totem Pole (Troop 147 Oxford carved West Camp Totem Pole)
  - 46) Trail End Popcorn Station
  - 47) Spook O Rec Cub Scout
  - 48) Opening and Closings with Flag Ceremonies (Inside/Outside) (Flag Raising & Lowering and Folding)
  - 49) Show that Scouting does Community Service, GOOD TURN for AMERICA Program.

### STAGE SHOWS

- 1) Skits
- 2) BAND (Scout)
- 3) Descendant Speakers
- 4) Dignitaries
- 5) Questions and Answers
- 6) Phoenix Swords
- 7) Society of Creative Anachronism
- 8) Native American
- 9) Fife and Drum
- 10) Civil War
- 11) O.A. Dance Team (Koshare Indians) OA Section, CT Tribes, POW Wows', Worcester Intertribal Council (Mike Palmer)
- 12) Campfire
- 13) Cross Over Ceremony LIVE
- 14) Eagle Court of Honor LIVE
- 15) Rank Advancements LIVE
- 16) Training
- 17) Theme Show with Actors
- 18) Ceremonies
- 19) Sing Alongs
- 20) Scouts Own Service
- 21) Campfire (Skits, Songs, and Ceremonies)
- 22) Magicians (Joe Arsenault Eagle Scout) Maybe walk around
- 23) Live Animals (Birds, Wolves, Reptiles, etc.)
- 24) Opening and Closings with Flag Ceremonies (Inside/Outside) Flag Raising/Lowering and Folding.

- 1) Scout Store - Our Council Store to sell Scout stuff
- 2) Activity Card for events to be signed by Stations Attended While at the Show. To be turned in for Prize/Drawing. Minimum Participation / Prize?, Partial Participation / Prize?, Full Participation / Drawing?
- 3) Leadership Training Available (Side Room) Council Training / Wood Badge Corner / Scoutmaster / Cub Master
- 4) Resource Area (About the Scouting Program) Pamphlets, Booklets, etc. (Scouting Booth for All)
- 5) Council Organization Chart on Display
- 6) Charter Organization Tables (Who Can Sponsor Scouting)
- 7) Trail End Popcorn Station

### OLDER ACTIVITY AREA

- (Maybe in the TV Mock Up)
- 1) LOW COPE (Maybe in TV Mock up)
  - 2) Open Play Area for Sports

### YOUNGER ACTIVITY AREA

- 1) Kids Play Area (Den Chiefs running Games)
- 2) Tug O War, Fast Pitch, Hockey Shoot Out, Group Games and Activities
- 3) Inflatable's Activities (Moon Walk, etc.)

PARADE DOWN MAIN STREET to Open the SHOW

### UNIT REQUESTS

Overnight Camp Out in the vicinity of the DCU



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## Worcester Tornadoes Scout Night 2009



When: Saturday, July 18  
7:05 pm Game Start

Where: Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field Worcester, MA  
(Exit 11/College Square off of 290)

Choice A: \$15 Game Ticket, Dinner (2 hot dogs, chips and soda)

Choice B: \$25 Includes Game Ticket, baseball clinic and food (2 hot dogs, chips and soda), scout parade, sleepover, Breakfast (Bagels, Cereal, Juice)

4:30- Enter the park, get organized into groups  
5pm Drills & Instruction with Tornadoes Players  
5:50 Dinner is served to Scouts under 3<sup>rd</sup> base side tent  
6:35 Scouts line up outside tent for pre-game parade  
7:05 Game begins  
Game End: Activities, Pitch Tents on warming track  
Sunday 7:30 am Breakfast (Bagels, Cereal, Juice)

8am Scouts depart

One: Pack Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TER IS REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION Registration deadline is June 13, 2009.

Package A: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Package B: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda), Pre-Game Clinic, Dinner (2 Dogs, Chips, Soda)  
, Game Ticket (grandstand ticket) Parade, Ticket (Grandstand), Sleep Over and Continental Breakfast

L \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE IS REGARDLESS OF AGE

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ council code 6039



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talented teenaged fiddler Hunter Foote played and sang a variety of traditional Irish, original and cover songs throughout the 4-8 p.m. party. And a party it was, to be sure.

Massasoit District Commissioner Dave Hardies, selling tickets like the proverbial hotcakes to a line of customers that never stopped, spoke of the impetus for the event - the devastation caused by the Dec. 11 ice storm.

"The camp was pretty well laid waste," he said. "There's an estimated \$150,000 in damage. Trees were uprooted, tops snapped, limbs down everywhere. It will take weeks and a lot of work with heavy equipment to get the camp back into shape. We've done two months' work already. It has to be made safe."

Scott Conner, owner with his wife, Grace, of E.B. Flatts Restaurant, is an Eagle Scout from Millbury's Troop # 109. He spent seven summers at Treasure Valley, the 85-year-old Mohegan Council Boy Scout Camp, and remembered it fondly. When he heard of the devastation to his treasured boyhood haven, he volunteered his help, and more. The food, the

work, the space were all donated.

Andy McGrillis, Troop Committee chairman, gathered his cohorts in scouting, they passed the word on, and, in the words of John Ebersold, "teamwork, community and Scout spirit" combined in a magical manner.

East Brookfield's Troop 238 served the food and helped out in the kitchen. Scott Conner cooked hundreds of pounds of spaghetti; Scott and a bunch of the boys had gathered on the preceding Thursday night to make 600 meatballs. On Sunday afternoon, Grace baked hundreds of rolls, handing them out to the servers by basketfuls.

Meanwhile, Matt Conlon, district executive with Mohegan Council, Massasoit District, and Andy McGrillis, doing door duty, welcomed more than 400 hungry, happy people, many of them involved in scouting from the Mohegan Council.

The council, which owns Treasure Valley, covers most of Worcester County and includes 132 units. Treasure Valley is located in portions of Paxton, Oakham, Rutland and Spencer. More than 900 Boy Scouts are already signed up for this year's six weeks of summer camp. There, they work at badge requirements, learn a variety of skills, and enjoy the



Moccasin photo courtesy of Turley Publications

Dave Hardies, District Commissioner, sold tickets and greeted customers. Here, Zachary Conlon finds a comfy seat.

comradeship and outdoor activity of camp life in a healthy environment. There is winter camping as well. In fact, the leaders say, there's some activity there most of the time.

A jubilant John Ebersold reported receipts from the dinner and accompa-

nying silent auction, which featured art works from John's wife, Mary Kay, and Dayle Los, to be \$3,000.

He expresses his appreciation to all who participated.

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and we invite you to contact any one of the following officers with questions or comments: John Atlas, Chairman; Dave Carlson, Vice-Chair; Scott Keegan, Treasurer; Mike McQuaid, Secretary; Brad Estabrook, Member-at-Large; Alex Carlson, Member-at-Large. Also, interested Scouts and Scouters are invited to check out our web page which is linked from the Council's home page at MoheganCouncilBSA.org. Our own website, TVAA.org, is currently in the development stages and may be on line shortly

after you read this article.

Like what you see and want to join? Membership applications can be found on our Alumni Association link from the Council's website, as well as at the Council Service Center and in the Magee Visitor's Center at Treasure Valley. There are several different membership options and levels to select from.

We invite you to join us in an exciting new venture that promises to bring worthwhile and lasting enhancements to Treasure Valley, keeping our valued camp strong and viable for many generations of Scouts moving forward through the 21st century and beyond!

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big undertaking. We've got a lot of work ahead of us."

Planning for the event, to be held Jan 23 and 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester, began last December, Irr said, 13 months in advance. Organizational meetings are held once a month at the Millbury Federated Church.

"We're putting 110 percent into planning," said Matt Conlon, executive for the Mohegan Council's Hassanamisco District. "It's one of our biggest celebrations ever."

Indeed, organizers anticipate that 3,000 to 4,000 scouts and 75 troops will be involved.

"It's to show off scouting and the program, what it means to us, what it's all about," said Irr.

Ideally, it will also introduce scouting to a whole new generation, he said. He said that, over the years, scouting has sometimes been edged out by sports and other activities. "It's taken a back seat to a lot of things," he noted.

The event will kick off with a parade, Irr explained. At the show, there will be 50 or more booths, as well as hands-on demonstrations and activities by area troops. Some of these will include orienteering, geo-caching, backpacking, sci-

ence projects, BB and archery ranges and climbing walls.

There will also be ample history available on scouting, as well as a roving interpreter dressed as founder Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell.

A British army officer, Baden-Powell first fostered scouting at the turn of the 20th century. While stationed in India, he discovered that his men did not know basic first aid or even the elementary means of outdoor survival, so he wrote a small handbook for them called "Aids to Scouting."

Later, he introduced the principles in his guidebook to a group of young men; he then published a second book, "Scouting for Boys." With this volume, scouting quickly spread across the country. It was later brought to the U.S. by Chicago businessman and publisher William D. Boyce, who, in a famous tale, was led out of the blinding British fog by a boy who referred to himself as a "scout."

As it did a century ago, scouting fosters maturity, leadership and, above all, character, said Irr, whose 23-year-old son, Jason, has ascended to the highest rank, Eagle Scout.

"You learn about all of life," said Irr. "It's learning how to be a man, how to survive. You grow up."

For more information, call (508)752-2769 or visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).



### Wood Badge 2010

**When:** Spring 2010 - May 14, 15, & 16 and June 5, 6, & 7

**Who:** All "Pre Wood Badge" Adult Scouters

**Where:** Treasure Valley Scout Reservation

**Why:** Be a better leader and have fun!

**How:** Fee to be determined. Training required. New Leader Essentials and Position Specific Training. Contact Walt Jost - 508-845-1970 with any questions



## MARKETING & PUBLICITY

# PR chairs, marketing committee sought

I've been truly blessed to be a part of Central Mass. Scouting these past few years in the capacity as your volunteer marketing guy.

My involvement goes much deeper, however. Like many of you, I have wonderful childhood memories in Worcester's Webster Square-based troop, and Auburn's Cub Scout ranks.

It was there that I learned many of life's lessons, and while I fell a few merit badges short of reaching Eagle, my induction into Order of the Arrow sealed the deal for me. My shoulder still hurts from that ceremony, but I always knew I would be back in Scouting at some point down the road.

In fact, most of my family has been involved in Central Mass. Scouting for many years. Scouting truly runs in the family. My Grandpa Kane, a life-long Maryland Scoutmaster, used to take me all over the East Coast to jamborees back in the day.

Before he died, Granpa often reminded me of priorities in life: God, family, work - "in that order always."

Those are core values of Scouting, too.

I share a bit of background so you can understand a little



more about me, as my primary position now is to get publicity for your units and the council.

I joked with Jay Garce a few years back that when my current 4 and 2-year-old sons are old enough to join Webelos, my volunteerism would shift to the unit level because I honestly can not wear both hats like VP of Programming Steve Sycks has remarkably accomplished - kazoo and all.

In that same conversation, I told Jay the future of our financially struggling Council will be saved if we do not abandon our beloved Scout camp, but rather reinvest in it. Glad to see we're doing just that.

I am always amazed at the level of progress dozens of tireless volunteers have made at Scout Camp - particularly this past year with so many challenges. When I camped at Treasure Valley as a Boy Scout and camp staff member in my teens, the rustic, relaxing surroundings made everything so innocent and peaceful.

Camp defined the leader I later became in life as I believe it will do for my two baby boys when they grow older.

Interest in camp has also attracted good interest in recent years from local press, private donors and businesses.

And that brings me to the point of this column, albeit in a long-winded manner: As much progress as is perceived as being made on the marketing front, it really is only a small dent in what would be possible if we were able to construct a formal Council Marketing Committee built around the framework and duties of our district PR chairs.

Dave Libby does a truly wonderful job leading Hassanamisco's publicity efforts, but our other two districts currently lack any PR chairman. I now lend support and resources to Massasoit in addition to my other duties.

Massasoit and Quinsigamond District Chairs are currently looking for a few good men and women to fill those posts and/or join a marketing committee that I have tried and failed to build over the last three years. So I am trying again.

People always ask what the

commitment would be to serve on such a panel. Here's how I envision it: As chair of the Council Marketing Committee, I foresee meeting in person only once quarterly to address strategy and brainstorm new ways to get our message out there. In between those meetings, most of our conversations could occur over teleconferences and chatrooms.

Each member would have a particular responsibility. District PR chairs would be responsible for generating press coverage and advances of key district events, and if no press are available or interested, the chair would cover or coordinate coverage of the events him or herself for both the Moccasin and distribution to local press. We would also need folks to represent other facets such as advertising, public relations, council branding, fundraising PR, and digital advancement.

We get press coverage fairly regularly now at the council level, but nowhere close to what would be possible in each district if we have more marketing integration between the district and council levels.

I have envisioned putting out e-newsletters in between the quarterly Moccasin to brand

our message better and get information out to Scout families in more timely fashion. The marketing committee would aid that effort.

As we close in on the Centennial events, all hands would be needed on the marketing deck to maximize our outreach.

And once the vacant committee members and district chairs were in place, we could then take the core concepts developed in our new council master plan and refine them.

If you have any writing/photography and/or promotional/advertising talent, please apply by sending me an email at: tkane@turley.com. You can also call me at 508-867-5985. I live in Brookfield. The rest of the skills can be taught. You can also mention interest to Jay Garce.

Imagine what we could accomplish in marketing and publicity, both with internal and external communications, if district PR chairs were fully integrated with a vibrant Council Marketing Committee.

Leaders of Area 1 have asked our council to pursue development of such a panel with good reason. There is still much work to do.

## HOW TO SUBMIT ITEMS TO THE MOCCASIN

### Proper image sizing, and file preparation for Moccasin/media submissions

The biggest challenge we face at the Moccasin and in the press is with regard to receiving proper photos and images sizes, and text file formats.

Here's a simple rule to solve the challenge. When taking photographs at your unit events, set your digital camera's resolution at its highest possible setting for premium quality. When transferring those images from your digital camera card to computer, do not adjust, crop or correct those photos in any manner. Those images should be emailed to your district PR folks and media reps as raw, RGB color, uncorrected images sized at 300 DPI resolution, and between 4-6 INCHES WIDE.

Please avoid sending grainy, unfocused, or marginal photos as we publish only the best of bunches sent. Please include detailed photo caption information that identifies those in the photo from left to right, troop number, home town, rank, position, and a blurb about why the photo was shot and where. Give credit to the photographer.

As for text submissions, most papers accept MS Word and Word Perfect document formats. The other option is to email the text by pasting your information directly into your email message screen. The should be a last option, however.

Be sure to include who, what, when, where and why in the submission, preferably written in the third person unless it is a first person letter to the editor or guest column. Also, if the text relates to photos being sent, please try to name those files using the same terminology instead of using raw digital camera numbers.

News release items and press releases should also be filtered or coverage coordinated with your district PR folks.

All of these submission rules depicted above generally apply to how professional newspapers accept community submissions.

Email all press releases, captions, and photos to mconlon@bsamail.org. Matt then emails all files to Moccasin Editor Tim Kane for writing and design.

**Style tip: Always write press releases in the third person, like a news story in the local paper.**

### How to prepare a news release

Clarity—a straightforward and concise writing style—and accuracy—a correct account of the facts—are essential to writing a news release. In most cases, the media will rewrite your release to fit their style, so you must present the information as clearly and accurately as possible. The best way to achieve this is by following the journalistic method of organizing the material into an inverted pyramid. The inverted-pyramid style of writing puts the most essential information at the beginning of the story, followed by items that decrease in importance, as follows:

**Headline**  
**Lead**  
**(Who, what, when, where, why, and how)**  
**Main body**  
**(Significant details)**  
**Close**  
**(Other, less-essential information)**

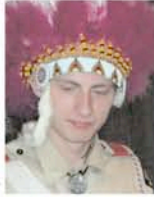
In fact, some editors prefer that you provide them with a simple fact sheet that includes the "five W's"—who, what, when, where, why (and sometimes how)—rather than a written release that is unclear or wordy.



# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## Chiefly Speaking

By Carter Stevens  
Pachachaug Lodge Chief



Greetings my fellow Arrowmen,

Our Lodge's year has been an exciting and eventful one so far, with many great memories to look back upon. We assisted at October's Spookeree and January's Klondike Derbies, having a lot of fun while fulfilling one of our goals of giving back to Mohegan Council and Treasure Valley. We had high attendance and a great time at our recent Winter Fellowship in February, here's what some of your fellow Arrowmen are saying about it:



"The Winter Fellowship was a great event for me to interact with other OA members. I was able to successfully attain my Brotherhood and the weekend was a lot of fun through service and activities." -Nirmal Devarajan, Brotherhood Member

"It was a blast, the events were great, I met a lot of good people, and I enjoyed the experience." -Daniel Peck, Ordeal Member

If you haven't had the chance to attend a Lodge event this year, I highly encourage you to come to one this spring. There are lots of opportunities to participate since we'll be helping out at all the upcoming Beaver Days, and cleaning up from December's Ice Storm around Treasure Valley. The Spring Ordeal needs Elangomats and staff to run successfully and the Spring Fellowship promises to be a great time.

The Section NE-1B Conclave will be held at Treasure Valley this June 12-14 as well, and we'll need a large staff from Pachachaug to make it a success. This will be a great event as well as a great opportunity for our Lodge, so I hope you'll consider volunteering to help out.

Your E-Board and Officers have tried their hardest to make this year a successful and fun experience for the whole Lodge, and have been trying to reach out to each of you. There are a lot of opportunities for service and fellowship coming up this spring and summer, and I hope to see all of you participating and enjoying them.

WWW.  
Carter Stevens  
Pachachaug Lodge 525 Chief, 2008-2009

## Winter Fellowship Recap

This past February, Pachachaug Lodge 525 went on their Winter Fellowship which took place in Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. It was a great weekend for such an event, clear skies, no inclement weather, and an ideal couple of days (except for the cold, but that's to be expected in a New England February). The Winter Carnival (the theme of this year's Winter Fellowship) was a hit, it had a great showing, with many new and familiar faces checking in on Friday night; that being said, attendance was spectacular considering the usual Winter Fellowships are not usually the very popularly attended. On Saturday, groups went out for their morning service to clean up downed branches in the major paths on West side due to the December Ice Storm. Later in the afternoon, the Arrowmen went down into the Day Camp Activities Field for some crazy snowball fights and snow sculpture making (seriously, the color spray bottles made them that much cooler). The highlight of the day, however, was the talent show that wrapped up the night. Two things that should never be put together hit the stage that night: Boy Scouts and karaoke. My ears have recovered, but please, no more "Sweet Home Alabama." All in all, everyone had fun and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Congratulations to the new Events Committee and the Lodge Service Committee for their endless fun and good food, and thank you to everyone that attended this weekend.

Tim Seed, 2nd Vice Chief, Pachachaug Lodge 525

## Klondike Derbies

This year's Klondike derbies were a huge success for the lodge. We were able to send Arrowmen to all 3 Klondike's and have a ton of fun in doing so. Lodge members ran stations, worked as runners, and helped out in the kitchen. We enjoyed running a "24" (the television series) themed orienteering course at Quinsigamond Klondike derby. We got a chance to work with some great people at Massasoit's derby, and helped run 2 stations. Pachachaug Lodge also served as kitchen crew, runners and fire starters at the Hassanamisco district Klondike derby. Overall, the lodge has done a great job at running these Klondike Derbies: great job to all who participated!

Eric Grady, Pachachaug, lodge 525, 1st vice chief.

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# Thompson selected as Young Award recipient

WORCESTER - Three volunteers long associated with Central Mass Boy Scouts will be honored Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the annual Character Counts Breakfast at Holy Cross Hogan Center. The event also serves as a key fund-raiser for the non-profit Mohegan Council based in Worcester.

Treasure Vally Scout Reservation volunteer Lois B. Green of Holden, Camp Trustee and Mohegan Council board member Michael A. DiPierro of Shrewsbury, and Camping Committee Chairman and council executive board member Charles E. Thompson of Whitinsville - himself the prestigious recipient of the Whitney M. Young Diversity Award - will all be honored. They have followed the principles of Scouting throughout their lives and careers, as evidenced by their commitment to serve others and improve the communities in which they reside.

For the past 96 years, the Mohegan Council has been a vital part of the central Massachusetts community. The Council currently serves over 4,700 youth in 32 cities and towns by providing Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Learning for Life opportunities to children and young adults - including those from underserved areas. Scouting has helped countless boys and girls from our region develop into confident adults, engaged in community service and willing to serve others - just like our honorees.

Businesses and individuals interested in helping to sponsor and attend the fundraising breakfast can contact Jay Garcea at 508-752-3769 x26 for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

## \$2,500 Breakfast Sponsor

\* Listed as Distinguished Sponsor on all event materials

- \* Premium ad placement in program booklet
- \* Two tables for 10 at event
- \* Featured placement on table tents at event
- \* Featured placement on press releases
- \* Featured placement in any Scout print advertising

## \$850 Character Sponsor

- \* Listed as major sponsor on all event materials
- \* Full page ad in program booklet
- \* Table for 10 at event
- \* Featured placement on table tents at event
- \* Featured placement on press releases
- \* Featured placement in any print advertising
- \* \$500 Full Page Ad in Scout Moccasin magazine
- \* \$250 Half Page Ad in Scout Moccasin magazine
- \* \$125 Quarter Page Ad in Scout Moccasin magazine

Individual tickets available at a cost of \$50.

Thompson's life-long commitment to Scouting and the Mohegan Council will be highlighted at the event as recipient of the prestigious Whitney M. Young Diversity Award. His journey began like many boys growing up the baby boomer era of America, by joining his local boy scout troop, 155 in Whitinsville, in 1962. After a few years as a Cub Scout, Charlie was bored with the "arts and crafts" aspect of cub scouting, and wouldn't have joined Boy

Scouts if it wasn't for his older brother, Jack. He assured Charlie that Boy Scouting was a lot more action with camping every month, annual trips to Treasure Valley, a chance for leadership, and an advancement program which could take a scout all the way to Eagle. Actually, no one in Troop 155 had ever advanced to Eagle before, but a number of Scouts, including Charlie, worked on the goal of Eagle. In 1966, four scouts became the first to earn Eagle, then brother Jack in 1967, and then Charlie in 1968.

Firmly hooked on Scouting, Charlie left the troop for college in 1969 and became a part-time assistant scoutmaster. Upon his return from college in 1973, Charlie rejoined the troop as an active adult leader, and in 1974, became Scoutmaster (at age 22), a post he would hold for thirty years, "retiring" in 2004. During his tenure as Scoutmaster, Troop 155 averaged 42-50 scouts, produced 66 Eagle Scouts, and attended summer camp every year - alternating with their beloved Treasure Valley and with other BSA camps as far away as Northern California, Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

While Scoutmaster, Charlie also served on several Hassanamisco District committees: he served as Assistant Roundtable Commissioner for 4 years; a member of the District Activities Committee for 3 years; and chaired the district Finance Committee for 4 years. Through his business, he sponsored the annual "Scout Rally" for 12 years, a popular troop and patrol competition involving all the troops of the district in an evening of athletic, non-athletic, and scouting-based skills. For many troops, it was the highlight of the winter!

Charlie earned the District Award of Merit in 1978. He served as a Scoutmaster of the Mohegan Council Troops at the 1985 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia (and also in 1989, 1993, and 1997). He was awarded the Scoutmaster Award of Merit from the National Eagle Scout Association in 1986, and the Silver Beaver Award by the Mohegan Council in 1987. In May 1990 he was chosen as one of 70 Scoutmasters nationwide to attend the BSA's Biennial Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Also in May 1990, his work in Scouting was recognized by the Greater Worcester Jaycees as he was awarded the group's "Outstanding Young Leader" Award.

After nearly serving as a Scoutmaster for 20 years, Charlie began Woodlodge training in September/October 1993, earning his "beads" the following spring. In June 2001, Charlie was recognized by the Hassanamisco District and awarded the "Good Scouting Award" at their annual breakfast.

Charlie retired as Scoutmaster of Troop 155 in August 2004. Shortly after, Mohegan Council's Pachachaug Lodge, Order of the Arrow, recognized his years of service by awarding him the Vigil Honor.

Scouting, like all active organizations, abhors a vacuum, and in the fall of 2005 Charlie was nudged out of retirement to head up the Mohegan Council's camping committee. Of particular importance was to help the council reverse a serious decline in attendance at Treasure Valley, and to help improve the programming and facilities at the camp. During his tenure, summer camp attendance is projected to double from 450 summer campers in 2005 to over 900 boys in 2009. A new and dynamic camp director, Stephanie Keimig, was hired in 2007, and a first class staff was put into place. The COPE course, closed for several years due to lack of investment in its upkeep, was reopened in 2008 thanks to a grant from the Magee Fund. A new central bathroom facility, now under construction, will provide a clean attractive facility for campers and guests alike. Even the effects of the December 2008 devastating ice storm has not set back the camp. Hundreds of volunteers have been mobilized and, under the superb leadership of camp ranger Joe Marango, the camp will be ready for National Camp School in June.

Charlie's non-scouting career was also singular in purpose: For 34 years, he was the Executive Director of the Whittin Community Center, a non-profit recreational facility in Whitinsville, MA serving the people of the Blackstone Valley. During his time there Charlie more than doubled the size of the facility, adding a modern child care classroom facility, adult health room, and a new competition swimming pool. Charlie retired from the Community Center in the fall of 2007 to concentrate on his volunteer work in Scouting.

Charlie is also an avid skier. For over 25 years, Charlie has been organizing winter trips for skiers and non-skiers alike to such locations as Cortina, Italy (his trip this past March); the Patagonia, Argentina; Interlaken Switzerland; Banff, Alberta and British Columbia, Canada; and Chamonix, France. During his tenure with the Whittin Community Center, trips were offered through that organization. Now on his own, people can get information on his web site: [www.SkiWithCharlie.com](http://www.SkiWithCharlie.com).

Charlie is a life-long member of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville. He chaired the church's building committee, and last year saw completion of a \$1 million addition to the church, which has provided a new fellowship hall and kitchen, meeting room space, minister's study and church office, and complete handicap access throughout the addition and original church building.

Charlie is married to the former Susan Overmann Garcia and still lives in his hometown of Whitinsville.



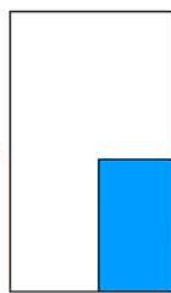

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# CAMPING

## Camp supplies needed from donors

We need your help in Making Treasure Valley a better Camp year round and for the summer!!!! If you could look around your house for items that would make our facilities at camp even better!

All material donations must be approved by camp ranger. Please call ahead to arrange a time to bring them to camp (phone # here) or to arrange to have large donations may be picked up.

These items are for camp in general:

- Pressure treated lumber in minimum 8' lengths 2x4 - 2x12, 4x4 - 8x8
- Plywood " and " full sheets only
- Roofing materials tar paper, Ice and water shield, shingles, drip edge and metal roofing panels
- Galvanized nails all sizes
- Pine boards 1x3 - 1x12 minimum 8' long
- Other building materials and tools call with what you have.
- Plumbing supplies
- Electrical supplies pipe wire commercial fixtures
- Football, Basketball, Baseball and Equipment
- Volleyballs, Net
- Mountain Bikes
- Disc's for Disc Golf

- Office Supplies
- Red, Blue Markers
- Pocket Notebooks
- Tape
- String

- Rope
- Steel Wool
- Matches

- Aquarium Equipment
- 22 Caliber Rifle's
- Ammunition rounds
- Arrows
- Bows

These items are for handi-craft:

- 6-12" tape measure
- 6- tri-squares
- 2- Sets drill bits
- 4- Cross cut saws
- 1- Ripping saw
- 2- Back saws for miter boxes
- 4- Quality hand drills
- 12- Quick-grip clamps to replace some of the c-clamps that are missing the swivel
- 50- Pencils and a pencil sharpener
- 4- Leather hole punches
- 2- Grommet and snap sets for leather projects
- 6- X-Acto carving sets with interchangeable blades and supply of



- replacement blades
- Carving wood from craft shop
- 6- Wood burning sets with stands for the guns.
- 1- 6 plug power strip to plug in all the wood burners at one station
- 4- Paint sets for Art MB
- 4- Charcoal sets for Art MB
- Rigid white cardboard for paint or charcoal
- 6 Stands to hold cardboard while painting
- Paint for all projects water base small pints size cans maybe
- Paint brushes not throw away but not Purdy brand either.
- Small plastic buckets to clean brushes

## Would you like to join the Campmaster Corps in off season at camp?

The Campmaster corps is a group of selected, trained, and registered Adult Scouters who serve at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation during the non-summer camp operation. They serve on weekends whenever scouting or non-scouting groups are using any part of the camp property.

You would be the council representative to the units and groups using camp in the off season. You would check units in and out, as well as assist them while using camp resources.

This also provides a great opportunity to meet new people. Visit with units, as well as enjoy the beautiful scenery at TV.

You select your own time and frequency of service, usually one to four times a year. Your accommodations will be the Magee Visitors center, complete with heat, bedroom, kitchen, bath with shower.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Campmaster, or you have any questions about the program, please contact Bill Williams (508) 987-0056 or bwill@charter.net.

If you were a registered scouter, but it has run out, we can re-register you.

Not sure if you know enough about TV or Campmaster procedures? Don't worry we hold training sessions.

## Sign up for Provisional Camping At Treasure Valley

Massasoit District Chairman John Ebersold, District Commissioner Dave Hardies, and District Camping Committee Chairman Tom Chamberland advise that there are still spaces available in their provisional Boy Scout Resident Camp unit during Week 4 at Treasure Valley. For those Scouts who may not be able to go to camp with their home troops or who may want to go to camp for additional weeks, this will be a great opportunity to get to know Scouts from other units, work on merit badges, and enjoy all the fun activities and programs that Treasure Valley has to offer. They are especially interested in encouraging those who have been going to other camps to join them. If you haven't been to Treasure Valley lately, you haven't been to Treasure Valley! Campers from all Mohegan Council districts as well as those who are from out of Council are welcome.

For further information, please feel free to contact them (see the Leadership section for their phone numbers and e-mail addresses) or the Council Office. A flyer is also available on the Council website.



### TREASURE VALLEY MOHEGAN COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

#### Massasoit District Leaders to Lead Provisional Unit at Treasure Valley

- John Ebersold, *District Chairman*
- Dave Hardies, *District Commissioner*
- Tom Chamberland, *District Camping Chairman*

Treasure Valley Week 4 - July 26 to August 1, 2009

open to all • Get to know Scouts from other troops • Work on it badges • Enjoy all the fun activities and programs Treasure Valley has to offer

Join us if you are unable to attend camp with your home troop or if you just want to come for another week. We especially invite those of you who have been going to other camps to join us. If you haven't been to Treasure Valley lately, you haven't been to Treasure Valley!

For more information:

- Ebersold 508-885-9520 [jebs27@aol.com](mailto:jebs27@aol.com)
- Hardies 508-248-4619 [dhardies@bsmail.org](mailto:dhardies@bsmail.org)

"Some of my best experiences when I was a Scout at summer camp were being part of a provisional unit. I went with a buddy from my home troop and we got to know Scouts from other troops who became our good friends. We have been having a great time with our provisional campers here at Treasure Valley the last few years. Come join us for another fun-filled week!"

**John Ebersold, Eagle Scout and former Scoutmaster of Troop 238**



# SCOUT Look IN

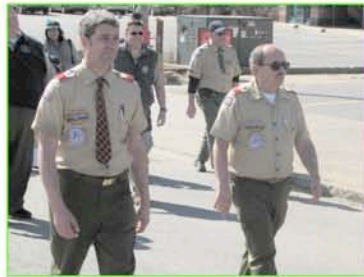
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# QUINSIGAMOND DISTRICT

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## Pack 46 journeys back in time

Cub Scouts from Pack 46 in Holden went back in time for their recent "Jurassic Pack" meeting, held at St. Mary's Parish in Jefferson. Sporting dinosaur costumes, the Cub Scouts were treated to a lively program called "Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs."

Paulette Morin, President of Fun with Science Programs, engaged the boys with an interactive presentation about fossils and paleontology. Some lucky Cubs even got to touch fossilized coprolite (a.k.a. dinosaur poop), and more than 100 fossil specimens were on hand for the children to examine.

Pack 46 puts a lot of effort into its monthly Pack meetings to keep the cub scouts coming back for more. Special thanks to the planning committee members for their hard work transforming the Parish Hall into the Jurassic period, and to the Pack's enthusiastic parents for their creativity with the dinosaur-themed pot luck dinner. If you're interested in learning more about Pack 46 or its events, feel free to contact Glenn Sullivan, Cubmaster: 508-667-4991, [GSullivan@DavidClark.com](mailto:GSullivan@DavidClark.com).



Above, Webelos Scouts and their leader, Tom Weigand, make their way through the T-Rex entrance. Below, Tiger Cub Andrew Nason holds a dinosaur egg from "Paleontologist" Paulette Morin.



Wolf Scouts wait patiently to make dinosaur-tooth neckerchief slides.



Above, Sam "Samasaurus" Curtis examines all the fossils at the Jurassic Pack meeting.

At right, Pack 46 parents made creative dinosaur-themed finger foods and desserts.



## Advance your Scout skills

By Rob Lanava  
Quinsigamond District  
Advancement Chair

The more that leaders and scouts know about our mission and services the better able this committee is to serve you. The simple goal is to make sure that all units and scouts are achieving and receiving the proper amount of recognition and support during their advancements. I, Rob Lanava the Advancement Chair, would like to be more than the person that only deals with the crisis, sign paperwork for merit badge counselors and eagle scout projects or run an eagle scout board of review. My ambition is to be an active participant in the entire advancement and awards process and with your help we can build a better relationship and utilize one another as valuable resources. Here is how we can do that: invite me to any awards ceremony you are having, I can be an extra person for a board of review, need some help with an interpretation of the Advancement book, wondering if I could do a unit level advancement workshop or even unit level merit badge counselor training, how about the scout or leader that needs special recognition for outstanding leadership or a heroic act of bravery, curious about how the scouting with disabilities program works. Granted this is only some of what I have to offer, but the point is I am willing and ready to go to work with and for you. Honestly, I do enjoy this position very much and when I feel I have nothing left to offer or we are close to perfect, then it will be time for me to step down. So, together as a team we can continue to make an impact by forging ahead and creating a solid advancement program while having some fun. If you remember one thing about me or this article, it is that I serve to the pleasure of the scout!

Rob Lanava can be reached at 508-755-0946 or 508-340-2168.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL Quinsigamond DISTRICT DINNER MEETING  
Friday, May 8, 2009  
6:30 pm  
Ping's Garden Chinese Buffet  
60 Madison Street, Worcester  
Cost \$15 per Person  
Please register by April 30, 2009  
For more information Contact Jeff Harris @ [jehar-ris@bsaemail.org](mailto:jehar-ris@bsaemail.org)

### QUINSIGAMOND DISTRICT

I/S/O Motivated individuals looking to make a difference in young people's lives. Long and short-term rewarding Volunteer positions in Communications, Commissioners, Finance, Camping, Training, Advancement, Activities, Membership and Committee Members, as well as special projects and assignments. If you have what it takes, contact Committee Chairman Bruce Hopper @ [bhopper@hopperatry.com](mailto:bhopper@hopperatry.com) or 508-832-7008.

### DISTRICT CAMPING UPDATE

The district Camping Committee is available to promote all scout camping activities and support the units in their outdoor program. The major promotion is to have every scout experience unit based camp outs and a week long summer camp program in their troops; Webelos to experience a resident camp and also a partnership camp out with a neighborhood boy scout unit; cubs to have a week long day camp program experience with their dens at cub summer camp. Limited scholarships are also available thru council for these programs. If you need further assistance, contact Jeff Harris and the service center - and he can put you in contact with District Camping Chair Dave Carlson.



## QUINSIGAMOND DISTRICT



Mr. Jeff Miller, his son Jake and David Christiano posing for a photo. The inset photo shows Bruce Christiano getting some air.

### Troop 182 takes on Ascutney Mountain

By David Christiano

On February 20, Troop members met over at The First Baptist Church to pack their gear and head out to Ascutney Mountain in Vermont. Thirteen total skiers and snowboarders met the challenges Ascutney had to offer. Saturday turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, perfect for hitting the slopes. Everyone enjoyed the amenities the base lodge offered, swimming, racket ball, arcade, sauna, weights, and all you can drink drinks. We hit the slopes again on Sunday, but got stuck in the snowstorm on the way home.

Our 2 1/2 trip turned into 4, but it was worth it.

### Fire Post 2012 News

Andy Starbard, member of Troop 141, Rutland and Chief of the Holden Fire Explorer Post 2012, has been chosen as one of the National Jr. Firefighters for 2009 by the National Vol. Fire Council.

Mike Rosen, Sr. Advisor for Fire Explorer Post 2012 from Holden also serves as the Jr. Firefighter and Explorer Post coordinator for the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Fire Association.

### From Your Chairman

By Bruce Hopper

*"Scouting is not only fun, but it also requires a lot from you, and I know I can trust you to do everything you possibly can to keep your Scout Promise."*

- Lord Baden Powell, Chief Scout of the World

We are a Quality District! Thanks to all of you and particularly to your District Committee. At our most recent Committee meeting we had a short celebratory "HOORAH" for our accomplishments. We then immediately set out to keep the Scout Promise and laid out our challenging but attainable goals for another year. We will continue to focus on the four main interlaying areas that are essential for a successful Scouting district: Membership, Program, Unit Service and Finance.

**Membership** - We will continue with our action plan to retain more scouts and units, grow membership and units (including Venturers) and increase parental involvement.

**Program** - consists of Activities, Advancement, Training and Camping.

Activities will work with Council wide programs, but also try to provide more District programs.

**Advancement** - We will continue to ensure the integrity of advancement by being

accessible for advice and problem solving.

**Training** - We intend to increase our pool of trainers, to have more leaders trained and try to update, centralize and make accessible a list of who has been trained.

**Camping** - We intend to continue to increase all camp attendance.

**Finance** - We intend to increase off-season usage of TVSR and to better educate our units and families see the value of Quinsigamond District and Mohegan Council.

**Unit Service** - We intend to take a more proactive approach to servicing units by increasing the number of Unit Commissioners, targeting distressed units and providing necessary support services. Our goal is to increase the number of Quality Units.

We also intend to continue to increase the number of engaged and active members to the District Committee.

If you have suggestions, questions, concerns or would like to help out on the District level, I would like to hear from you.

Please email me at bhopper@hopperattty.com or call me at 508-832-7008. My expectation to all Scouters and their families is to help those of us on the District Committee to achieve these goals and to hold us accountable in this endeavor. May God bless our efforts.

## OLD MEETS NEW AT PINWOOD DERBY

In between races on the computer-controlled racing track, cub scouts at this year's Pack 180 Pinewood Derby in Holden took a step back in time, marveling over some of the classic designs and actual kits that their fathers may have used at their own Pinewood Derbies back in the day.

The classic derby cars were on display courtesy of Bob Queiros of Holden, who has been collecting the old cars and kits for several years. "I just enjoy them, and the kids really seem to as well," Mr. Queiros said.

Much has changed over the years, with the older kits having narrow, studded tires, compared to the wider racing slicks in use today. Some of the older kits, dating back to the 1960s, had separate wooden axels that had to be attached to the

body of the car. Mr. Queiros also had some of the original plans for wooden pinewood derby tracks used in generations past.

"It's quite a contrast, seeing the modern track we have today, with the computer system and the video replays of the races," noted Pack 180 Cubmaster Dan Newman. "We appreciate Bob bringing his collection to our event."

This year's Pack 180 derby was held on February 7 at the Holden Senior Center. The event drew nearly 100 scouts, friends and relatives. The derby spanned 58 heats, with each scout's hand-crafted car racing 12 times. Trophies were awarded based on total race times, with Connor Foster earning first place, Ronald Premo capturing second place, and Benjamin Johnson com-



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## QUINSIGAMOND DISTRICT

# Woodmeister hosts tour of facility

Woodmeister Master Builders recently hosted a fun and educational field trip for the Cub Scouts of Wolf Den 1 from Pack 46 in Jefferson.

Nine Wolf Scouts, two leaders, and their Venture Scout Den Chief went in the early evening on a Thursday Night and were able to tour the manufacturing facilities, see a CNC drilling machine in operation, and build a small project to complete Wolf requirement #5: Tools for Fixing and Building.

The employees of Woodmeister, located at One Woodmeister Way in the Holden Industrial Park, are master craftsmen who specialize in creating homes and interiors that are enjoyed and appreciated for generations. Their work has been featured in many architectural magazines across the region, and it was a real treat for the Cub Scouts to be able to see the inner workings of such fine craftsmanship.

The scouts arrived and opened their meeting, and then were led on a guided tour of the production floor by employee Dave Harelson, who is a Cub Scout leader himself. There they were

able to see all of the steps that go into the production of the high quality furniture and millwork that Woodmeister creates. Next, Scouts were treated to a demonstration of a computer controlled drilling machine as it prepared a shelving side, followed by a discussion about the different types of wood that is used at Woodmeister, and what it is used for.

Finally, the scouts gathered around two large work tables where they each were able to construct a Treasure Chest using supplies and tools available there. It was a learning experience for everyone, both in tool usage and construction techniques, and everyone walked out with their own "Treasure!"



The scouts of Den 1, Pack 46, would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to the employees of Woodmeister that made our visit so exciting. It is definitely a trip that the boys will remember for years to come!

If you have a group that is inter-

ested in visiting Woodmeister Master Builders in Holden, please contact Dave Harelson at David.Harelson@woodmeister.com or via telephone at (774) 345-1000.

## Quinsigamond, Council needs your help

By Dr. Gary P. Goldberg  
Quinsigamond District FoS Chair &  
Scoutmaster Troop 36

I'd like to take this time to introduce myself. I am Dr. Gary P. Goldberg, the new Quinsigamond District FoS Chair. Since I serve as the Non-Human Primate Specialist for the USDA, I'm also known as "Tarzan of the USA". I'd like you to take a moment to think about what Scouting has done for you, your family, and the community. Scouting has been on the forefront for developing young men to lead us into the future. Scouting depends on active youth, active adult leaders, and dynamic support of the community. This season, with the aftermath of the Ice Storms, the Tremendous Damage to our Treasure Valley Scout Reservation, and the increased need to recruit more boys and more leaders, we'd like to emphasize the importance of your support of Friends of Scouting. There are four things that we need:

1. Adult Scout Leaders to contact me, Dr. Gary P. Goldberg, GSump01@aol.com, 508-791-1459 to schedule the date for your Friends of Scouting Presentation.

2. Additional Volunteers to deliver Friends of Scouting Presentations.

3. Your financial support of Friends of Scouting.

4. For those of you who have answering machines, please return my calls to verify that your machine is properly functioning.

The seeds that you sew by donating to Friends of Scouting can be reaped by providing excellent camping facilities at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation, support of the insurance of our scouts, additional programs for our scouts, and for the wholesome activities that will develop our next generation of leaders.



**A BIT OF BACKPACKING** - Troop 54 of Worcester ventured to Rhode Island's Arcadia Management Area for a backpacking trip in February. The seven Scouts and three leaders who braved the winter weather found conditions to be pretty mild, with an overnight low of about 17°F (some of them can remember a couple of overnights before Klondike Derbies that got a lot colder). Here, Scouts Gavin MacNeal and Kevin Froimson heat some water to make breakfast. More pictures of this and other troop events are posted on the troop website, www.t54.org.

## Eagles Soar

THE QUINSIGAMOND DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR NEWEST EAGLES FOR 2008/2009

DAN CARAMELLO TR91  
JOE DAIGNAULT TR121  
JEFFERY DOYLE TR227  
DEREK DUPONT TR227  
WILL GUSTAVSON TR54  
CHRIS HANSON TR182  
COLIN JONIELUNAS TR91  
HENRY KENARY TR37  
ANDREW MORROW TR101  
ROBERT ROMEO TR121

DONALD SCHOFIELD TR91  
CARTER STEVENS TR158  
CHRIS ZELLER TR141  
SERGIO BACELIS TR54  
MICHAEL BREEN TR715  
PARKER CALLAHAN TR180  
TIMOTHY CRAWFORD TR9  
RYAN CRUZ TR9  
BRANDON FOY TR175  
DAVE HARRINGTON TR158  
JARED HATSTAT TR141  
GABRIEL MARCANO TR77  
CONOR O'BRIEN TR121  
DAN HESSEL TR175  
HENRY LINDER TR9

## Quinsigamond District Training Report

Trained leaders are essential in delivering the promise of Scouting to the youth we all are here to serve. If you are moving to a new leader position in Scouting, check out the list of required adult training on the Training Offerings page of the Council website (click on Training, then Training Offerings). If you are already in a position, but are not sure if you have all the required training, check the list.

In either case, look at the latest Training-At-A-Glance to find when the courses you need are being offered. Note that several courses are offered online at the BSA Online Learning Center (<http://olc.scouting.org/>). These include This is Scouting (replaces Leader Essentials), Troop Committee Challenge (covers Troop Committee Workshop), and Youth Protection.

Recent training:  
Scoutmaster Specific (also called the SM Classroom course):

Patrick Bodden  
Joel Hidenfelter  
James Ramey

Trainers EDGE:

Linda Josti  
Walt Josti  
Russell Mattson  
Sean Blood

Congratulations to these leaders for completing this training. We hope to see more of you at the upcoming training courses.

Tom Murray  
Quinsigamond Training Chair



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ing in third. The award for best design went to Jeffrey Snow and the award for most original car went to Ethan Cohen.

Medals were awarded to the top three fastest cars in each den of the pack. In order of finish, medalists were Tigers: Ronald Premo, Raymond Rendano and Joey Nunn; Cubs: Kyle Queiros, Evan Foster and Seth Brown; Webelos: Connor

Foster, Benjamin Johnson and Everett Newman.

Other scouts participating in this year's derby were: Matthew Adams, Brendan Beausoleil, Erik Benson, Will Brown, Connor Bucci, Niko Coccio, Nicholas Durham, Murray Fulk, Dylan Fuller, Patrick Hasset, Michael Hathaway, Tristin Holloway, Dominic Lapomardo, Gavin Maenzo, Jared Maenzo, Alanson Sardina, Will Traylor and Alex Zhou.



# MASSASOIT DISTRICT

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## Program Launch/District Awards Supper Being Held at Hamilton Rod & Gun Club

The 2009 Program Launch/District Awards Potluck Supper will be held on June 10 at the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club in Sturbridge. Join us to get all the program details for the coming year. Come help us recognize those who make it happen for our units and the District. Plan to bring your specialty for the potluck supper. Further details and award nomination forms are available on the Council website and at the next Roundtable. Contact District Chairman John Ebersold or District Commissioner Dave Hardies if you have questions. Please join us!

### 2009 District Eagle Scouts

Daniel Kerber Troop 160  
 Matt Murphy Troop 338

This list is a regular feature in the Moccasin recognizing the newest Eagle Scouts from our District. If we have inadvertently missed someone, please let us know.

### Calendar of Events

May 1-3 BS Spring Event –  
 Council Civil War Re-enactment – Treasure Valley  
 May 6 District Committee  
 May 9 CS Spring Event –  
 Council Chuckwagon  
 May 13 District Roundtable  
 May 30 Scout Memorial Service  
 June 3 District Committee  
 June 10 P r o g r a m  
 Launch/District Awards Supper

District meetings are held at FLEXcon in Spencer (1st Wednesday)  
 Roundtables are held at Tantasqua Junior High School in Sturbridge (2nd Wednesday)  
 District meetings and roundtables begin at 7 p.m.



Sue McGrath received her God & Service Religious award from Rev. Jim Chase at Scout Sunday at the Federated Church of Charlton. Sue is the Advisor to Charlton Police Explorer Post 2296 and also the Massasoit District Training Chairman.

## Get those bikes oiled up

Who: Troop 238 East Brookfield  
 What: Bicycle Rodeo!  
 When: Saturday, May 9th (May 10th rain day)  
 Registration begins at 9am, cost 10\$, racing begins after registration.  
 Where: Connie Mack Field, East Brookfield, Ma.  
 How: Bicycle and Safety helmet in good condition mandatory + \$10 and guardian signature.  
 (High top sneakers, old clothing, elbow pads and or mouth guard recommended.)  
 2 age groups will compete:  
 (11-12-13 and 14-15-16) No one under age 11 or older than age 16 may enter.

All who enter will compete in 5 fun & exciting Rodeo events! Ten of the best will advance to a 5 round final elimination event.  
 An "Event Winner" ribbon will be awarded to each event winner. Champion 1st, second & 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each age group.  
 Events: Bucket Racing! The Weave! Bicycle Bowling! Tight Turn Bay! Red or Yellow Hot Dog Relay! Center Dart Toss! News Paper Toss, Slow Racing!  
 Egg Head! Potato in the Hay Stack!



## Klondike Derby a great success

Massasoit Boy Scouts and Scouters had a cool time at the Klondike Derby held on February 7-8 at Walker Pond and Wells State Park in Sturbridge. Scouts had the opportunity to go snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The ice fishing station was very popular as were the cooking and first aid stations. The Klondike Sled Race, held on the pond at the conclusion of the day's activities, resulted in the District Skin being awarded to Troop 338 from Charlton. A few hardy souls from Troops 159 and 161 spent the night at the Walker Pond Beach rounding out the weekend program.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who spent the day running the stations. We would especially like to thank Nick Applegate for his work coordinating the event. We would also like to thank Dave Hardies and the Commissioner and District Staff for keeping the coffee and hot chocolate pots on and for serving lunch to the adult leaders.

Our next event is the Council Civil War Reenactment Camporee being held May 1-3 at Treasure Valley. All Mohegan Council Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to attend this exciting activity. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.



# Through YOUR support of Friends of Scouting, the Mohegan Council is able to provide:

- ❖ Support to the 126 units in the 32 communities that make up the Mohegan Council
- ❖ Training and support to the 1,800 adult volunteers that bring the Scouting program to the 4,500 children and youth
- ❖ Peace of Mind to parents, by ensuring a safe environment for all our Scouts, with consistent programming and volunteers that are properly screened and trained
- ❖ The marvelous 1,600 acres of our greatest asset - Treasure Valley Scout Reservation

Each year, the Mohegan Council must raise nearly \$211 per youth member to support the costs of the Scouting experience. Like all Scout Councils nationwide, the Friends of Scouting campaign is an important piece of this effort. In 2009, Mohegan Council will raise approximately three-quarters of the cost of Scouting through other revenue streams and community fundraising. We hope you will make a gift to support the 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign, and help us to close the funding gap.

As the families of Scouts - past and present - you have seen first-hand the impact of the Scouting program. Not only does Scouting build character in our youth, it helps to develop the leaders of tomorrow through age-appropriate activities that provide skill development opportunities that your child might not otherwise find at home, school or through other extra-curricular programs.

The Treasure Valley Scout Reservation provides year-round outdoor program opportunities to our Scouts. Nestled on Browning Pond in Rutland, TVSR offers Boy Scout, Webelos and Cub Scout resident camping experiences, and family camping experiences throughout the year. Treasure Valley is staffed with a full-time Ranger who maintains the property and provides support to Units so that they may use the 1,600 acres for district, Council and individual Unit events.

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting, your support of the 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign will help the Mohegan Council to continue to prepare the youth of central Massachusetts for future leadership through the delivery of fun, effective, and rewarding program experiences.

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MASSASOIT DISTRICT

# Cub Scouts celebrate 55 years of blue and gold

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** - How many happy, hungry boy scouts can you fit into the elementary school cafeteria? As many as wish to come, said Scoutmaster Bob LaFlamme, glancing with pride around the room filled with uniformed boy scouts sharing food and fun with families, scouting dignitaries, and well-wishers from the community.

Cub Scout Pack #128 gathered on a recent Saturday evening for a traditional Blue and Gold banquet, observing the 55th consecutive such celebration of always being kind and doing a good deed every day in North Brookfield. There were scouts from every echelon of scouting, from cub to eagle, and the leaders who give freely of their time to keep the boys interested, involved and active.

Later in the evening, Dave Hardies, district commissioner of the Mohegan Council, Massasoit District, presented LaFlamme the White Ribbon Centennial Quality award.

"Scouting is a game, with a purpose, to become a responsible adult," Hardies said.

The award recognizes the pack's maintenance of standards set by the Boy Scouts of America.

LaFlamme, easily bringing the roomful of bumptious boys to silence, began the evening's program with the introduction of color guards Lucas Morin and Alex Robbins, who presented the flags and led the pledge. Fr. Richard Carey led the blessing, and the feast was on. Appetites unleashed, the boys chowed down on potluck's plenty, managing meanwhile to move from table to table, giggle and greet friends, charm visitors and go back for seconds from the blue and gold cake table. There was time, too, to grab a hug from Mom or Dad, a nudge and a grin from big sister or brother,



Wally Kittredge and wife Marion with their son Paul, 11. Paul will crossed over into Webelos that night.

or to high-five a leader.

Throughout the evening, Mike Tillotson's slide show of various scouts and their activities were played upon a screen in the rear of the room. Among those were depictions of the cub scout troop's overnight visit to Battleship Cove, Fall River, where the boys spent the night on the USS Massachusetts. John Ebersold mentioned this experience as an outstanding event in his brief address to the high-spirited boys and their families. He congratulated them on their continuing participation in and advancement of scouting and the standards it represents.

Levi Blake, who grew in up in North Brookfield, traveled a distance to attend. He spoke of the many benefits he'd derived from his scouting years here.

"These are the enduring memories," he said. "I'll never forget the

lessons I learned then, and the fun I had along the way."

Joseph Klimavich entertained the gathering with some good old-time boy scout foolery, then spoke of his scouting experiences as having a profound influence on many of his life choices since early adulthood. He congratulated the scouts and their leaders for having made the choice to be involved in scouting.

State Rep. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) congratulated the scouts of all levels for their achievements.

"I told my nephew I was coming here tonight, and asked him if he had a message for you," she said. "He said 'Wow. Tell them it's a big deal and they're special.' And it is and you are."

"History is the theme of this banquet," LaFlamme said as he introduced Brandon Avery, president of the

North Brookfield Historical Society. "You are living history right now," Avery said. "What you're doing and seeing is history, and each of you has the opportunity to learn about the history of the past, which could enable you to change the history of the future."

In the final big moment of the evening, four Webelos scouts from Den 1, Pack 128: Paul Kittredge, Zachary Rudzinski, Collin Cormier and Chris Tillotson, crossed the bridge from Webelos rank to membership in Boy Scout Troop # 257, with Joanne Morin and LaFlamme assisting with the ceremony. Leaders Bob Pariseau, Steve Tshilis and Neil Morin were there to welcome them into the troop in time-honored fashion.

"The love in that room Saturday night was mutual," LaFlamme said. "I do love working with those kids, their leaders, and their families."



Tiger Cub Scout leader Scott Norrie with twin sons Alec and Nathan. "Being a cub scout leader is the most fun I've ever had," Scott said.

## Annual Blue & Gold goes green

**STURBRIDGE** - Pack 161 introduced a new color to their traditional Blue & Gold Banquet held March 20 - green.

Cub Scouts and their families arrived with reusable dishes, silverware and cups to reduce waste for their annual banquet that features the Arrow of Light and Webelos Crossover ceremonies. The banquet honors those boys that achieve Cub Scouting's highest honor and decide to move on to the Boy Scout program.

In keeping with their "green theme" leftover food was collected to be composted and families took part in a planting activity prior to the banquet held in the Burgess Elementary School cafeteria. The night's theme also highlighted the Scouting tenet of "leave no trace."

This year eight Webelos crossed over to become Boy Scouts. Jeff Burdick, the pack's Cubmaster, said although no boys crossed over last year enrollment this year has been steady as boys look to join the pack, which has about 50 currently.

For more information on joining those interested can contact Burdick at 508-347-9759.

Bruce Sutter, the den leader for second-year Webelos, led the Crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies, which highlighted attributes



Webelos from Pack 161 show the Boy Scout sign shortly after the crossing over ceremony held March 20.

the Scouting program seeks to promote such as wisdom, courage, self-control and hope.

Sutter congratulated the boys on their "significant achievement" and noted the Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout honor that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

Alec Thompson, a Star Scout and Webelos Den Chief, welcomed the boys officially by

removing their Cub Scout neckerchief and hat once they crossed over.

Sutter noted the boys had graduated from the pack and "are ready to continue their Scouting journey."

The eight boys are: Aaron Alden, Dylan Cloutier, Logan Melican, Jimmy Reyes, Chris Sutter, Brayden Burdick, Jesse Fimian and Ben Ouellette.



**MASSASOIT DISTRICT**

**PINEWOOD DERBY RACES ON TRACK**

Our Third Annual District Pinewood Derby, held at the Charlton Street Elementary School in Southbridge on February 21, was a great success. Over 125 Cub Scouts and family members from 9 different Packs attended this popular event. The participants had the opportunity to meet and compete with boys their own age from throughout the district. The boys rooted for their cars and had a great time cheering their Pack mates on to victory.

This year's winners:

- Tigers – Timothy Taudel P161 (1), Dennis LeBlanc P165 (2), Ryan Bonja P161 (3)
- Wolves – Phillip Johnson P118 (1), Cody Lavolette P142 (2), John McCabe P165 (3)
- Bears – Alexander Richard P118 (1), Sean Burke P138 (2), Tyler Cierpich P165 (3)
- Webelos 1 – Matt Duvall P148 (1), Devin McCabe P165 (2), Josh Lariviere P239 (3)
- Webelos 2 – David LeBlanc P165 (1), Jacob Howard P165 (2), Keith Drolet P118 (3)
- Overall – Alexander Richard P118 (1), Matt Duvall P148 (2), David LeBlanc P165 (3)



The newly refurbished district trophy went to Alexander Richard's Pack 118. Congratulations to Pack 118 and to all the boys and Packs who won and participated – they were all winners!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with this event. Special thanks are in order to Jon Koblich and his helper Don White for once again bringing their track and running the races. We would like to thank the Charlton Police Explorers for their fine work keeping an eye on the pit area. There were no carjackings on their watch! We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Michelle Southall for arranging for the use of the school and for providing the backdrop, camera, and supplies for the racing pictures. We are grateful to the Southbridge Public Schools for allowing us to use the school and for providing custodial services.



Our next Cub Scout Event is the Council Chuckwagon being held on May 9 at Treasure Valley. Mark your calendars and plan to join us with your chuckwagons for a great day full of western-themed activities.

***EB Flatts Camp Fundraiser Leftovers...***



Glenn Sullivan of Holden, Jefferson Pack #46 opens his wallet for the cause, and a spaghetti dinner.



Above, Steve Georgian says, "I'll be your server today." Below, Scott Conner drains another 10 pounds of spaghetti.



The Houles are a scouting family from Grafton. Brian, is a scout leader, Mom, Irena is a den leader, Liam and Benjamin are scouts.



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## Friends of Scouting in Hassanamisco

The FOS Family campaign is going strong in Hassanamisco. We've been having a ball all across the district!

The participation of every unit in the district is the key to having a successful campaign and raising funds for the Council's operating budget. Many of our units have already scheduled their presentations - we thank them! If your unit has not scheduled a presentation yet, please contact your FOS District Chair, Diane Lagor at nanastouch@charter.net or at 508-365-3143.

If you missed the FOS presentation for your unit, do not despair! Just go to the Mohegan Council website at www.mohegancouncilbsa.org and click on "Support Scouting" on the left side of the page. That will take you to Friends of Scouting where you can download a pledge card or you can make a secure donation right from the website.

Thanks to all Hassanamisco families for showing your support of scouting. With your help, we can continue to deliver the Scouting promise to the scouts of our area.

## Troop 110 hits the woods



Above left, The Scouts build a massive snow fort. Above right, Just like breakfast at home.

On a recent February weekend, 15 boys from troop 110 and their leaders traveled up to the Monadnock region in New Hampshire, for their annual cabin in the woods trip. The troop stayed at Camp Wanoosset, at the base of Mt. Monadnock. The boys enjoyed the overbearing heat of the wood stove as well as building snow tunnels, and a trip into Jaffrey for a bite of pizza. In between the hikes and compass course, the boys kept busy listening to music and playing endless games of skip-bo.

When asked what his favorite

part of the trip was, first class scout Tim Borne replied, "the cots...I really love sleeping on them. In fact, if you don't breathe through your nose, you can't smell how awful they are." "I'm pleased at how the trip went," replied scoutmaster Scott Despres. "Every thing ran smoothly and everyone left with a big smile on their face. They brought a TV to watch movies and they all had so much fun they never even took it out of the trailer to watch it. It was great to see the entire group of boys working together to make a giant snow fort

with tunnels in the piles of snow." Although the weather was bitter cold, everyone made it through the weekend.

Right after the boys returned from the cabin, they changed into their bathing suits and headed to The Whittin Community Center in Whitinsville to join Pack 108 in its annual pack swim. The warm pool was a perfect ending to a chilly winter weekend. And the Scouts are definitely looking forward to their next trip: three days at the nations capital, Washington D.C., in April.

## 2009 Klondike Derby: Fun with a purpose

This year's Klondike Derby was another in a series of very successful winter events. Nearly 400 Scouts and Scouters gathered at Treasure Valley in February - they represented fourteen troops and six packs - all but one of our troops and a very healthy representation from our packs.

Mother Nature was immensely cooperative. The day was cool, but clear, with the sun making an appearance in the late afternoon. A very hefty amount of snow on the ground provided great cover for the sleds moving along the trails.

The Boy Scout and Webelos portion of the Klondike included ten Stations covering many traditional Scout skills and teamwork games. At one of the stations, Scouts were challenged to build a fire and burn a

string but only with the fire wood they gathered at the Valley during the Klondike. Due to the Asian beetle problem and the ban on bringing in outside firewood into Treasure Valley, this could have been one of the more difficult stations. However, most Patrols rose to the challenge with great success. Patrols were also tasked with planning and cooking a hot lunch for themselves while on the trail and were scored on their performance and preparedness.

At the end of the day, the Patrols were rewarded with an opportunity to blow off steam in a new event: a District-wide sled race on Browning Pond. This proved to be one of the most exciting parts of the Klondike!

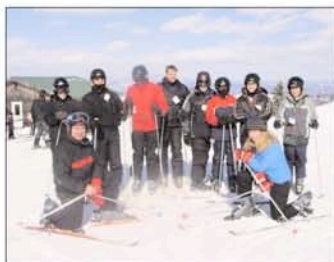
Cub Scouts enjoyed their own

program of several outdoor games, lunch and a hike along the Klondike Trail to watch the Boy Scouts. Another highlight of the day was singing a rousing song to thank those who prepared lunch!

The Klondike Derby highlighted good sportsmanship, hard work and healthy scout spirit by ALL Scouts and Scouters in Hassanamisco District. In the station competitions, Troop 247 of Upton took 3rd place, Troop 132 of Upton scored 2nd place and Troop 109 of Millbury claimed 1st place and the District Trophy. Above and beyond the competition, all Scouts had a great day filled with challenges and outdoor learning experiences. Leaders and Scouts felt this was one of the best advertised and therefore well attended

events in recent history. Several commented that they really enjoyed the sled race at the end of the day. Station volunteers mentioned their appreciation for the hot lunch that was delivered to them.

Rich Cole and Kris Harackiewicz of the Hassanamisco District Activities Committee want to acknowledge Diane Lagor, Harold & Phyllis King, Ranger Joe Morengo, as well as kitchen staff John Bartosiewicz, Ron Harris and Ernie Vaillancourt for their valuable help and support. Special thanks go out to Troops 106, 107, 109, 110, 131, 132, 273, the District Commissioner staff and Pachachang Lodge 325 for volunteering to run stations at this year's Klondike and to Brian Anders, District Commissioner and pack adults for running the Cub Scout event.



Troop 107 and Crew 1800 Hit the Slopes

Troop 107 and Venture Crew 1800 were invited for a weekend of skiing at Gunstock by Assistant Scout Master Jerry Sjogren. After spending a night at the Sjogren family lodge in Wolfboro, New Hampshire, Troop and Crew members alike enjoyed a great day of skiing. Mr. Sjogren together with Assistant Scout Master Bert Engval and adult leaders helped ensure that everyone had a safe and fun weekend.

### New Eagles

155	132	107
Casey	Parker	Shane
Bliss	Mitchell	McGlone
01/29/09	02/13/09	02/15/09
155	107	147
Matthew	Scott	Daniel
Haas	Leblanc	Skebos
01/29/09	02/15/09	03/04/09



Troop 132 Aids Historical Society

Upton Boy Scout Troop 132 recently helped out at the Upton Historical Society. There were a total of 13 scouts at the museum, divided into separate groups. One group organized the scout pictures, one group read through stacks of news-papers, cut out articles and pasted them into scrapbooks, while one scout scanned the cemetery records onto a computer. Another group also cleaned all the glass and wood of the display cases there as well. Barbara Burke is the co-rator of the museum and president of the Historical Society. She spoke to the scouts about the museum and the importance of maintaining historical artifacts and documents. According to Troop 132 reporter David O'Brien, the Scouts of Upton Troop 132 strive to perform one community service activity a month. You can read more about the Upton Troop 132 Scouts at www.UptonScouting.org.



## HASSANAMISCO DISTRICT

### Pack 150 celebrates Blue and Gold

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District Unit Commissioner Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Millbury Baptist Church located on Main St and start at 6 PM. District Committee meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Millbury Baptist Church located on Main St in Millbury and start at 7:30 PM. District Roundtables take place the second Monday of every month at the Millbury Federated church on Main St in Millbury. The meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM.

#### Important Dates

April 24-26  
Trail to 1st Class

May 1-3  
Council Camporee

May 5th  
District Committee Unit Commissioner

May 7th  
Council Annual Meeting

May 11th  
District Roundtable

May 14th  
Council Character Counts Breakfast

May 29-31  
Family Camp

June 2nd  
District Committee Unit Commissioner

June 15  
District Program Launch and BBQ



Front Left to Right: Jared Nigro, Michael DeFazio, Robert Knowles, Mac Elliott, Jacob Carlson. Middle Left to Right: Pack 150 Committee Chair and Den Leader Kelly Macjowski, Nathan Martel, Logan Philbrick, Cole Macjowski, Pack 150 Den Leader Susan Martel, Troop 155 Assistant Scoutmaster Andy Myers and Troop 155 Scoutmaster Lyle Hamm.

On Saturday, March 7, Cub Scout Pack 150 of Northbridge celebrated its annual Blue and Gold Banquet at St. Peter's Church Hall. Forty five Scouts and an additional 130 family members and Scout leaders were in attendance. The evening included a bridging ceremony for Cub Scouts advancing to Boy Scouts, a family style pasta dinner, and a historical weaponry demonstration provided by Guard UP! of Burlington.

The Arrow of Light Ceremony, for the Webelos II Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts, was the focus of the banquet. The Arrow of Light is the highest honor that can be earned as a Cub Scout. This badge and the religious emblems are the only Cub Scout insignia authorized to be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a scout graduates into a troop. To obtain this award, these scouts met a number of requirements,

including completion of activity badges, participation in camps, hikes and Boy Scout activities, the memorization of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the commitment to live by these principles.

The badge contains the Arrow of Light symbol which is made up of an arrow pointing the way to a good life. A rising sun symbolizes the constant new challenges provided by scouting and by life itself. The rays of the sun represent the seven virtues of scouting: wisdom, courage, self control, justice, faith, hope, and love. Living by these virtues can lead to a happy life. The badge was presented to each scout by their parents. The scouts, in return, presented their parents with a gold colored pin with the same symbol.

This meaningful ceremony recognizes the determination of these scouts, with thanks to their families and den

leaders who have supported them on the trail of Scouting. Pack 150 gives special recognition to their Den Leaders Kelly Macjowski and Susan Martel for their dedication and years of service to the scouts.

The Arrow of Light ceremony was followed by a bridging ceremony to cross the scouts into Boy Scouts. Each scout was presented with a mahogany walking stick to guide them on their journey. With the assistance of Troop 155 Scoutmaster Lyle Hamm, Assistant Scoutmasters Andy Myers and Burt Bliss, and scouts Andrew Belanger and Alex Benoit the following scouts crossed over to join Troop 155: Jacob Carlson, Michael DeFazio, Mac Elliott, Robert Knowles, Cole Macjowski, Nathan Martel, Jared Nigro, and Logan Philbrick.

### 10 presented highest award at Pack 106 Blue & Gold

Nearly two hundred people attended Cub Scout Pack 106's annual Blue & Gold Dinner in February. Ten boys received the Cub Scouts' highest honor the 'Arrow of Light' and joined Boy Scout Troop 107. These boys worked tirelessly and energetically over the years to complete the necessary requirements in Cub Scouting to officially become Boy Scouts. This year's dinner theme was 'American ABC's', and the hall at St. James Church was decorated in patriotic colors of red, white, and blue with many flags, maps, balloons and other symbols of America. Special guests included: Betsy Ross, George Washington and Uncle Sam.

This year's Blue & Gold Dinner would not have been possible without the help of many individuals and organizations in Grafton and the surrounding community. Many thanks to: Charlie Bolack, Grafton News, for allowing Pack 106 to borrow two beautiful 12' x 18' flags,



Congratulations to Grafton's Pack 106 Arrow of Light Recipients Alex Crolais, Max Cruz, Tristram Fritchey, Brendan Gallagher, Christopher Hardy, Michael Sarkis, Matthew Skowronek, Bradley Smith, Nathan Smith, and Daniel Whitney.

for allowing the Pack to borrow several costumes, for donating 75 American flags for table centerpieces, and for leading the crowd in a rousing rendition of God Bless America; to Grafton Little League for allowing the Pack to borrow hunting which was used to decorate the hall; to Mike Bartosiewicz for the delicious dinner; to Brownies and Girl Scouts from Troops 30236

and 30260 for serving the meal; to Father Ray Goodwin and Deacon Nick CaraDonna and to St. Mary's Church for their continued sponsorship of Pack 106; to Father Hanlon and St. James Church for hosting the dinner; and to Staples, Dunkin Donuts, Stop & Shop, and Price Chopper for their generous donations.

Special thanks as well to

retiring volunteer leaders, including: Cubmaster Grant Fritchey, Committee Chair Judy Sarkis, and Den Leader Kristine Hentschel for their support, dedication and involvement with Pack 106 for many, many years. Congratulations to Steve Pope, Pack 106's new Cubmaster and Steve Puopolo, the new Committee Chair.



## HASSANAMISCO DISTRICT

### Pack 132 goes ice fishing, camps at Museum of Science

On February 1, an unseasonably warm winter day, Cub Scout Pack 132's Den 10 and a few friends and family spent the afternoon ice fishing on Pratt Pond. The group accessed from Kivanis Beach and set up base about 150 yards from shore. The Scouts were taught how to drill holes, check depth, and bait their hooks with live shiners. Once the traps were set to fish, the Scouts were introduced to the Abstracts, or rules and regulations regarding fishing in Massachusetts. The Scouts listened attentively to the information and soon saw their first flag which resulted in the first of three large pickerel landed that day.

In addition to ice fishing, all enjoyed music, conversation, and a cookout. As expected of a large group of young boys and girls, there was lots of playing in the snow, running, and fun -- a great time was had by all!

Upton Cub Scout Pack 132 wrapped up its February vacation week with the grandest of all sleepovers - at the Museum of Science! The Museum played host to a number of Cub Scouts throughout New England for a night filled with the excitement and adventure of learning through sci-



Pack 132 enjoys a warm winter day ice fishing at Pratt Pond. Inset, Pack 132 at its overnight adventure at the Museum of Science.

ence. The well-planned evening included museum-guided activities, self-directed activities and several shows as well complete access to the entire Museum of Science.

The 12 Scouts arrived with their sleeping bags and pillows (and a few air mattresses for the adults!) and proceeded to explore the museum before their official welcome by the Museum's enthusiastic overnight staff. The Scouts were then split up by Packs to attend various scientific workshops throughout the museum. Pack 132 spent the early evening exploring the applications of math in science with activities on probability, grouping and spatial relations. Following a quick snack, the campers then chose from a number of

exciting activities spread throughout the museum including dominos, building their own Rube Goldberg machines and experimenting with the science of sound. The evening culminated in a Lightning Show in the Museum's Lightning Theatre which left the boys oohing and aahing over the demonstrated power of lightning.

Then it was midnight and time to bed down in the Pack's designated area - which included a tank full of turtles and snakes! Pack 132 was thrilled that they were given the 'privilege' of 'sleeping with the snakes' but the evening took its toll and the sleeping bags were soon filled with slumbering scouts.

Bright and early at 6:45 am, the

deary-eyed parents woke the sleepy scouts and, after a quick breakfast (and several cups of coffee for the adults!), it was time to visit the planetarium for an out-of-this world show of stars and constellations. The scouts wrapped up their morning with an OMNI Theatre show about skydiving before dashing off to continue exploring the museum for the rest of the morning on their own.

"We've done a lot of fun things with the Pack this year," said parent TJ Sullivan, "but this was, by far, the best event." His sentiments were echoed across the board by the other parents. "I can't wait to go again next year," said Wolf Scout Chris Mucci. "This was the most fun ever!"

### Making a Splash

What do you do when its snowing outside and the weatherman calls for an additional foot of snow? If you are a member of Pack 108 or Troop 110, you go swim-ming of course!!!

On Sunday, March 1, over 40 Scouts, siblings and parents from Pack 108 and Troop 110 got together for a joint swim at the Whitin Community Center.



### Pinewood Derby Big Success at Grafton Pack 106

Everyone had a terrific time at this year's Pinewood Derby. This is an annual event where the scouts construct and race their own car made out of pine, with the condition that no car can weigh more than 5 ounces. The Hall at St. Mary's in North Grafton was packed with 45 excited Cub Scouts and their families. The derby track is computerized, and races are often decided by a mere hundredth or thousandth of a second! New this year was the projection of race results onto a wall for all to see. This proved to be a useful addition, as hearing the announcements above all the cheering can be difficult! The second race of the night for Parents and Siblings was also a big success with another 22 cars entered in that race. Thanks to everyone in Pack 106 who had a hand in pulling together this most memorable event!



### Troop 273 fills winter with fun

Troop 273 has had many exciting experiences in the last several months.

The first weekend in January the troop traveled up to Mount Snow, Vermont for two days of skiing and snowboarding. It was a chance for some outdoor physical activity and for boys who had never skied to enjoy learning a new winter sport.

In February the troop participated in the District Klondike Derby at Treasure Valley. Teams pushed their sleds throughout the course participating in various skill related stations, learning to problem solve and work as a team to accomplish a task. One of the most exciting events was the sled race at the end of the day which was won by the Flying Eagle Patrol. Also in February the troop traveled to the Whitinsville Community Center for an evening of swimming. Some of the boys spent part of the evening working on skill requirements. The rest of the evening was spent playing water sports games. The evening ended with competitions to see who had the best belly flop, smallest and largest splash, and the longest underwater swim across the pond. Winners will be announced at the next Court of Honor.



Troop 273 hitting the slopes at Mt Snow. Below right, Chase Jordan looks on as his first fire burns while his Troop Cheers him on. Below left, Troop 273 assembles for swim games at The Whitin Community Center.

The past weekend the troop traveled to Treasure Valley for a winter campout. While the nights were cold, the daytime temperatures were perfect. The boys worked on skill requirements for rank advancement. They also helped clean up debris and brush at the High Mesa campsite, some of which was burned in the weekend camp fire. Some patrols continued to hone their cooking skills and Coca Cola chicken was the highlight of the Saturday evening meal as well as the American Idol, Troop 273 style, competition.







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