

Seneca Waterways Currents

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Council News

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EAGLE SCOUT MENTOR DINNER

and College Fair



The Seneca Waterways annual Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner and Gathering of Eagles will be celebrated January 12, 2016. The evening will honor the Eagle Scout Class of 2015.

The event will open with a 5:30 reception that will include a college fair followed by dinner and program at 6:30. This year the presentation will include the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award as well as the 2014 Eagle Scout Project of the Month and Year.

During the event the members of the Eagle Scout Class will be matched with a mentor who can encourage them as they pursue higher education and career aspirations. Scoutmasters, Families, and friends of Eagles Scouts are encouraged to attend this. *(continued on page 2)*

FOS CAMPAIGN STARTS WITH A HIT!

The 2016 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign kick-off on December 2nd at the RIT Inn and Conference Center with keynote speaker former Major League All Star, Bobby Grich. Grich shared numerous stories of his baseball career with the Orioles and Rochester Red Wings as well as his memories of Scouting as a youth.

The FOS goal for 2016 is to raise \$430,000 to help support Scouting activities and events. Leading off the annual appeal is \$103,000 raised at the kickoff event.



L to R: Bobby Grich, Ron Knight, Tom Richards

FOS presentations will take place during the first half of 2016 to ask member families, alumni and business to give their support. It is thanks to everyone's giving efforts that we are able to continue to provide an affordable scouting programs and facilities for nearly 11,000 area youth.

CAMPING KICK-OFF

Jan. 28, 2016 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



You are invited to join us for an evening of information about camping programs in the Seneca Waterways Council. Each of the summer camps will have staff available to answer questions about the upcoming season and talk about exciting program developments.

Information will be available for Massawepie Scout Camps, Camp Babcock-Hovey Summer camps, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, and Eagle Flight. Details will be available about the special week five session at Camp Babcock-Hovey that will feature several specialty camps, partials days, LDS week and more.

Learn about the Massawepie trek center and the three and six day treks available for your units. *(continued on page 4)*

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SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Submitted by David Lippitt



As the Chair of the Silver Beaver Selection Committee I thought it would be important to share some thoughts and explain the process.

The Council will be using the National Nomination Form for 2016. The Form is available on the Council and National websites, from District Executives and from Chris Crittenden at the Council Service Center (241-8580 or christine.crittenden@scouting.org).

All Nominations need to be submitted by March 1, 2016 to Chris Crittenden at the Service Center (Seneca Waterways Council, BSA; 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road; Rochester, New York 14623).

The qualifications for a Silver Beaver Nominee are set forth on the application.
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Nominees must:

- Be a registered Scouter;
- Have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

The Selection Committee will meet at a mutually agreeable date in mid-March 2016 to select recipients. In advance of that meeting, Committee members will be provided with copies of all nominations.

My intent is to have at least one representative from each District participate on the Selection Committee. Each year I plan on having the prior year's recipients sit on the Committee (2015 recipients on 2016 Committee). If a District did not have recipient the prior year I will contact the District Chair to discuss an appropriate representative from the District.

21 STORIES FOR SCOUTS

A 309ft adrenaline rush

On May 13, 2016, crowds will line main street Rochester for the 7th annual 21 Stories for Scouts event.

It's an opportunity for a life changing experience. Challenge yourself to go beyond your comfort zone, push through fears, experience a thrill, and help youth in our urban Scouting program be able to have life changing experiences too through Scouting.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN—so sign up early and begin fundraising!

For \$1,000 anyone 14 years and older can rappel down the First Federal Plaza Building. It's not as hard as it looks....that's raising the money! Set up a personal fundraising page and ask your friends and family to help you reach your goal of descending 309ft from one of Rochester's most iconic buildings...and change your life as well as that of a Scout too!



Based on the number of units registered at the end of 2015, the Council should have seven or eight Silver Beavers to award in 2016. They Council also has a bank of five additional awards which could be accessed if we had an exceptional number of qualified candidates.

In that regard, my philosophy is that we should recognize only candidates that truly meet the criteria for the Silver Beaver award. That could result in awarding less than seven or eight Silver Beavers in 2016 or exceeding that number and using the bank to recognize all deserving nominees.

Finally, I urge all Districts to highly publicize the Award and nomination process to their Districts, and encourage the timely nomination of worthy candidates.

If I can be of any assistance to you, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (585) 813-7305 or dlippitt@rochester.rr.com.

Click the link to download a nominator form [Silver Beaver Nomination Form](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf) or visit http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf.

Eagle Mentor Dinner

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Eagle Scouts and their Scoutmasters are invited to come free of charge. Family and friends are encouraged to attend to support their Eagle Scout (\$40).

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor (\$150) or if you are an Eagle Scout and interested in attending this event please contact Laurie Bauer at 585-241-8526 or email laurie.bauer@scouting.org

SALESMANSHIP MERIT BADGE

WITH THE AMERKS

The Council has partnered again this year with the Rochester Americans to offer a salesmanship merit badge program. Boy Scouts interested in earning the Salesmanship Merit Badge will have the opportunity to do so and enjoy an Amerks game! What a deal!

Scouts would purchase a **3-game package of \$45** which would involve attending the **February 12th, March 5th, and April 9th games** as part of the Merit Badge program.



The Scouts spend the first two games being mentored and learning sales tips and techniques and building their confidence. Their final project would be to develop a sales plan by which they would sell tickets to the **Scout Night game to be held April 9th**. The Scout's unit would receive a \$1.00 per each ticket the Scout sells. A portion of the ticket sales also benefits the Council in providing programs.

Registration opens **January 2, 2016** online at www.amerks.com/bsameritbadge.

Contact Chris Laflair at 585-286-9932 or chris.laflair@amerks.com. The Council contact is Mary Ellen Smith at Maryellen.smith@scouting.org.



SAVE THE DATE:

Amerk's Scout
Night open to all
Scouts and families
is April 9th.

2016 HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS WORLD TOUR

Special Scout Ticket Pricing—2 Game Date Choices!

Scouts can enjoy the Harlem Globetrotters 2016 World Tour at a discounted price & get a special Globetrotters PATCH! Two games to choose from. Attend either the Sunday Jan 31 game at 2pm or Saturday Feb. 6th game at 2pm and save up to \$11.00 per ticket based on seat choices. A portion of each ticket sale benefits Seneca Waterways Council in providing the Scouting program.

DEADLINE to order is Jan 28 for the Jan 31 game and Feb 3 for the Feb 6 game.
For More Information or To Order Tickets: Carl Pavlock – email forms to pavlock@harlemglobetrotters.com or call 800-641-4667 x120 (direct line: 602-707-7021)



Sunday, Jan. 31st and Saturday, Feb. 6th @ 2pm ~ Blue Cross Arena

BOY SCOUT DISCOUNT OFFER ~ SAVE UP TO \$11 PER TICKET!

SCOUT PRICES		No minimum ticket purchase required (prices include all ticket and building fees)		
Seat Location	Regular Prices	Your Prices	Quantity	Subtotal
Sides – Low Rows	\$71.50	\$68.50*	x _____	\$ _____
Sides – Mid Rows	\$56.50	\$53.50*	x _____	\$ _____
Sides – Top Rows	\$43.50	\$40.50*	x _____	\$ _____
Upper Level Sides	\$36.50	\$27.50*	x _____	\$ _____
Corners	\$31.50	\$20.50*	x _____	\$ _____
# OF GLOBETROTTERS PATCHES	FREE		x _____	\$ 0.00
Patches will be mailed from HG office separate from tickets				

MAGIC PASS	\$22.00	\$17.00	x _____	\$ _____
Magic Pass is an 30-minute pre show event from 12:30-1pm (limited capacity. Separate ticket required)				
			Handling Fee	\$ 5.00
*A portion of each ticket goes back to support the Seneca Waterways Council, BSA				TOTAL \$ _____



Select one of the following shows:

- ☐ Sun., Jan. 31st, 2016
☐ Sat., Feb. 6th, 2016

MAGIC PASS: Spend time on the court with the Globetrotters – shooting, trying out ball tricks and photo opportunities! All customers, regardless of participation, must have a game ticket AND Magic Pass for entry. Soft/rubber soled shoes must be worn on court.

☐ Accessible seating requested

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: Thursday, January 28th, 2016 (1-31-16 Game)
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016 (2-6-16 Game)**

Contact Name _____ Troop/Pack _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Phone _____ Email _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

PAYMENT: Visa MC Discover Amex

Card # _____ Expires _____

Billing Address (if needed) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Mail, Email or Will Call (circle one)

Signature _____ All tickets ordered after Wednesday, January 20th will be left in will-call

All tickets are subject to availability. Tickets must be purchased in advance by mail, phone, email or fax. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. No refunds or exchanges. Children under 2 do not require a ticket provided they sit on adult's lap.

To order tickets contact Carl Pavlock
Toll Free: 800-641-4667 x120
Direct : 602-707-7021
Fax : 602-258-5925
Or email your order to:
Pavlock@harlemglobetrotters.com

ROCHESTER, NY

Council Scout Camps

Camp Operations Director: Don DeClerck, 374-5770, don.declerck@scouting.org

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Camping & Program Support: Deborah Swift, 241-8545, deborah.swift@scouting.org

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

THE BEST WAY TO CAMP

It's important to plan early for camp and be prepared for the early bird deadlines. In order to qualify for early bird rates for Boy Scout Camp the unit must register for a campsite by December 18, 2015, deposits must be paid for each Scout and adult by the camp deposit deadline and full early bird payment must be made for each Scout and adult by the early bird deadline. If any of the payment deadlines are missed the early bird price will not apply for that Scout or adult attending camp.

Why does early bird matter? The planning process for camps can be like looking into a crystal ball at times. It is helpful for the camp administration to know how many youth and adults are attending early in the season so that we can secure best rates for supplies because we are able to plan ahead. As we get closer to camp the expenses increase. If you help us out by registering early we want to help you out with the best price for camp.

So please, plan ahead, register early and save money! Please note that registration deadlines have changed from 2015. Please reference the campsite reservation form with 2016 pricing and the council calendar to determine deadlines.

Camp Kick-Off

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Find out about the Girl Adventure Camp, Cub Adventure Camp and improvements to the Cub Scout Adventure Camp program. Also find out about off season program opportunities at each of our camps.

Please let us know if you are planning to join us. Send an e-mail to camping@senecawaterways.org.

TWILIGHT CAMP "CSI" (Cub Scout Investigation)" 2016 is coming! June 20 – 23, 2016 (5:00 – 8:30 each night).

The Council is excited to announce this year's theme for Twilight Camp... "C.S.I. (Cub Scout Investigation)"! Twilight camp is our Council's ONLY "day" camp at night! Twilight Camp takes place at Camp Eastman in Irondequoit each of the four nights, and features several awesome activities (each night) that are Scout fun and Scout friendly!

Naturally, most of the activities this year will be centered around our theme so be prepared to explore and "investigate" the world around us! Each night, dinner will be provided and all campers will be given a camp shirt and patch! The camp staff already have a number of outstanding activities and demonstrations planned for camp this coming June. So dust off your magnifying glass and sleuthing hat and join us for great scouting fun at Twilight Camp!

Information packets and registration forms will soon be distributed at District Roundtables, and you can find out more on the Seneca Waterways Council website in the Camping section. Just look for "Twilight Camp"! Remember, space is limited so please sign up early to ensure your spots! Please contact Ian Smith (Camp Director) at RochLanSmith@gmail.com or Bret Miller at 241-8530 / bret.miller@scouting.org if you have any questions or needs regarding Twilight Camp 2016!

There is plenty of room for help at Twilight Camp! If you or your Scouts would like to participate in making Twilight Camp the best it can be, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Twilight camp is a very fun and rewarding camp experience for both campers and staff. We would love for you to join us!

Important Summer Camp Planning Dates

2016

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| January 8 | – Camp Staff Application Deadline – first round interviews |
| January 28 | – Council Camping Kick-Off |
| March 11 | – Camp Babcock-Hovey Boy Scout Camp Attendance Deposits Due |
| March 14 | – Cub Scout Adventure Camp Early Bird Deposit Deadline |
| March 14 | – Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Babcock-Hovey Early Bird Deposit Deadline |
| March 16 | – Massawepie Scout Camps Attendance Deposits Due |
| March 20 | – Camping Here's How Meeting |
| March 25 | – Cub Scout Adventure Camp – Early Bird Deadline |
| March 25 | – Cub Scout Resident Camp – Early Bird Deadline |
| March 27 | – Massawepie Scout Camps Early Bird Deadline |
| March 28 | – Camp Babcock-Hovey Boy Scout Camp early Bird Deadline |
| April 16 | – Cub Scout Adventure Camp Registration Deadline |
| April 16 | – Cub Scout Resident Camp Registration Deadline |
| April 18 | – Boy Scout Resident Camps (Massawepie & Hovey) Registration Deadline |
| April 27 | – Twilight Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline |

CAMPERSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Executive Board of the Seneca Waterways Council is committed to ensuring that all Scouts that want to attend a summer camp experience are able to do so. The cost of camp that a Scout pays is about half of the true cost of camp. The Council operating budget keeps the cost of camp low so that all Scouting families can attend a camp experience. Think about the cost of a camp hosted by another organization. A local non-profit organization that hosts a week of resident summer camp does so at the cost of \$900 for one week. Without our council operating budget subsidizing our camping programs, our cost of camp would be close to that cost. In addition to keeping the cost low for every Scout attending camp, the council allocated additional dollars to support Scouts that need additional assistance.

A new campership application is being used for 2016. Forms from previous years will not be accepted. The current campership form can be downloaded from the council website under the forms section. Questions about camperships can be directed to camping@senecawaterways.org.

IMPORTANT SUMMER CAMP PLANNING TIPS

Adult Discounts for Boy Scout Resident Camps: New in 2016.... Bring five Scouts to camp and one adult camps free. Bring ten Scouts to camp and two adults camp free. You take the time out of work to make camp happen for your Scouts and we thank you!

Bring a Troop Bonus: If a troop that has not camped at Massawepie Scout Camps or Camp Babcock Hovey in the 2014 or 2015 camping seasons attends camp in 2016 with at least ten Scouts, and identifies you or your troop as a reference, your unit will receive \$200 in your unit account at the Scout Service Center. Excludes new units started after January 2015. Camp is more fun with friends, bring them to camp with you!

SCOUTS CAN ATTEND A SECOND WEEK OF CAMP AT A STEEP DISCOUNT

What's more fun than a week at camp? More than one week of camp! Scouts can attend a second week of camp as a provisional Scout for a very steep discount. Depending on when a Scout registers and pays for their second week of camp the fee could be about 40% less than their first week of camp. All Scouts are encouraged to attend camp for a second week and finish merit badges and keep the adventure going. The discounted second week only applies to Seneca Waterways Council Scouts attending a second week of a Seneca Waterways Council camp. Spend a week at Camp Babcock-Hovey and then spend a

week at Massawepie Scout Camps or spend two or three or four weeks at one of the camps. This is a deal too good to be true. Only 200 spots are available at both camps at this discounted price so make your reservations for your two or more weeks at camp today!

Second week of camp at Seneca Waterways Council's Camps:

Early Bird (paid by 4/27) = \$190
Regular Registration = \$255

Second week of camp at Camp Babcock-Hovey:

Early Bird (paid by 4/28) = \$190
Regular Registration = \$235

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR CAMP STAFF!

Working at summer camp is more than a job, it's an adventure, it's freedom, it's giving back to the Scouting program. If you relate to this, then there's the perfect place waiting for you: summer camp. Each of our three camps are currently accepting applications for seasonal camp staff.

Imagine a job where almost anything is possible:

- Live, play, and work in the great outdoors.
- Go on active adventures.
- Make new friends from all over
- Bank more money than you think — with few expenses.
- Become a child's hero.
- Learn leadership skills.

Camp jobs offer invaluable skill-building, leadership, training, and enrichment opportunities that can't be found anywhere else! Camp experiences allow you to learn and develop skills that will enhance your job marketability. The benefits go far beyond a paycheck, too. Business executives often note that experience as a camp counselor translates into excellent management and personnel skills. College credit can sometimes be obtained from working at camp. Check with your college advisor to see if you qualify.

Camp staff application are on the council website in the forms section. Camp staff interviews take place November through January. Don't miss out on the opportunity.

Cub Scout Camping Promotions

Cub Scouting is about being outside. All Cub Scout Packs should be participating in a summer activity like Twilight Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp or Cub Scout Resident Camp.

December, January and February are great months to hold a camp promotion within your Pack. We have teams of volunteers ready to visit your Pack, talk to the families and get everyone excited about the summer.

Schedule your Pack's Camp Promotion |

in December, January or February to

be ahead of the March 2 early bird deadline!

How do you schedule a pack promotion? Let us know a few dates, times and locations for your promotion. We will review the schedule and make one of your opportunities the best camp promotion you have ever seen.

Contact camping@senecawaterways.org or 585-241-8545 and let us know your dates. Presentation opportunities are limited so be sure to schedule your dates early!

INCIDENT REPORTS

An incident report should be filed if an injury or a near injury occurs at a Scout-ing event..

To file an incident report please locate the Incident Report form at www.SenecaWaterways.org under the Forms section. Print out the incident report and complete the requested fields. Incident reports should be e-mailed to coi@senecawaterways.org.

Once the incident report is received the insurance support team will record the incident and send you a letter with information about secondary accident and sickness insurance and a claim form. The initial accident claim should be sent by the injured party to the insurance company within 30 days of the incident. After filing the claim with the insurance company, all further communication about the incident, such as new medical bills, is with the insurance company.

Do not delay in sending your incident report or submitting documents to the accident insurance company as delays could result in rejection of the claim.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Certificates of liability insurance are available when an organization has requested proof of insurance or has requested that they be added as an additional insured on our general liability policy. In order to write a certificate of insurance we need to know for what the organization is looking.

Certificate of Insurance Request Forms can be found online at www.SenecaWaterways.org under the Forms Section. Please complete the information and include a copy of any agreement with the organization requesting the certificate. The request form and support information should be sent to coi@senecawaterways.org. It may take up to fourteen days for a certificate to be processed.

Proof of Accident and Sickness insurance is often requested by other Boy Scout Councils when using their property. A proof of accident and sickness insurance can be e-mailed to you if you send a request to coi@senecawaterways.org.

BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMPING UPDATE

As your unit works on making their week selection, we are providing a quick chart to help identify the status of each week. It is possible that a week identified as FULL may become available after deposits are due in March but in 2015 we found this to be a rare occurrence.

Massawepie Scout Camps

Week 1 – Space available

Week 2 – FULL

Week 3 – Patrol Cooking available. Dining Hall FULL

Week 4 – FULL

Week 5 – Space available

Week 6 – Space available

Camp Babcock-Hovey

Week 1 (LDS Friendly) – Limited Space available

Week 2 – FULL

Week 3 – Space available

Week 4 – Space available

Week 5 – Specialty Camp (No unit reservations accepted)

In addition, Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs should have received a letter in the mail recently about updates for Boy Scout Resident camps at Massawepie Scout Camps and Camp Babcock-Hovey. There are a lot of positive changes that you need to be aware of, don't get caught by surprise at camp. If you did not receive the letter please let us know!

If you have questions about camping reservations you can reach us at 585-241-8545 or e-mail camping@senecawaterways.org. If you have questions about the camp programs please contact the appropriate camp at their e-mail address: babcock-hovey@senecawaterways.org or massawepie@senecawaterways.org.

As always, thank you for supporting your council camps. We appreciate you camping with us during the summer and in the off season. If there is anything that we can do to help make your unit's experience better at our camps please reach out to me directly at chris.guarniere@scouting.org.

SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL'S CAMP WORK WEEKENDS 2016

Take a break from your career and help prepare our Camps for the summer program. At each of our Camps, ten weekends are designated for volunteers to help in setting up and general maintenance activities. Our Boy Scout Camps are Babcock Hovey located in Ovid, NY and Massawepie, located near Tupper Lake, NY. Our Cub Scout resident Camp is Camp J. Warren Cutler, located near Naples, NY. At each camp projects include setting up tents, building structures and picnic tables, painting, and setting up program areas. An endless list of maintenance projects needs to be completed before the kids arrive. Below is a list of dates and an explanation of what each event entails. All food is provided and lodging is available. This year it is possible that a group of volunteers can make arrangements to take on a project at a different time other than our scheduled times.

MASSAWEPIE

Pre Spring Skills May 13-15, 2016

Spring Skills May 20-22, 2016

At Spring Skills Weekend we prepare Camp for summer occupancy by turning on water and electrical systems. The main objective of this weekend is to prepare for Beaver Weekend.

Beaver Weekend June 3-5, 2016

On Beaver Weekend the Camp is prepared in anticipation of the Scouts arrival. Tents are set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed.

Fall Skills September 30- October 2, 2016

At Fall Skills Weekend we prepare the Camp for winter by shutting down water systems, doing inventory and inspecting the property to formulate our future needs.

CAMP CUTLER

Spring Engineers April 9, 2016

The main objective of Spring Engineers is to prepare the Camp for Red Deer Weekend. Projects and materials are placed in sites and building projects are started.

Red Deer Weekend May 6-8, 2016

On Red Deer Day, Cutler is prepared for the Cub Scouts' arrival. Tents are put up, program areas set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed.

Red Deer Family Day May 8, 2016

This is the day that the scouts and their families come to Camp and help to prepare Camp for the summer. We will have projects for all ages; fun and fellowship will be had by all.

Fall Engineers Oct. 15, 2016

At Fall Engineers the post camp inspection will be done along with shutting down systems for winter. Efforts will be made to evaluate the current list and prioritize.

BABCOCK HOVEY

Spring Raccoon April 16, 2016

Raccoon Weekend June 17-19, 2016

On Raccoon days the Camp is prepared in anticipation of the Scouts arrival. Tents are set up and a large list of maintenance items addressed. Units are encouraged to camp for the weekend and help with Camp projects.

Fall Raccoon November 12, 2016

Sign up today and help ensure that all scouts have an enjoyable and safe summer. For more information or to register, call (585) 261-0835 or e-mail don.declerck@scouting.org.

COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND MEET OLD ONES.

ONLINE FACILITY RESERVATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Seneca Waterways Council is home to three of the best Scout camps in the area. From the Adirondack experience of Massawepie Scout Camps, to Camp Babcock-Hovey overlooking Seneca Lake to the ships, fort, castle and native American longhouse at J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation, there is a camp that meets your unit's program needs.

We are pleased to announce that units can now look view building, campsite and range availability and then book the

facility online. No more calling the Scout Service Center for information about availability that quickly becomes outdated. Real time access to facilities is at your fingertips.

Each unit in the Seneca Waterways Council has been issued a username and password. The Unit Leader and Committee Chairman should have received an e-mail at the end of December with the login details. If you didn't get a login, please contact our Customer Service Representatives who will provide that information for you.

The online reservation system is now live. Payments for reservations are due upon booking. Spaces will only be held with paid reservations.

Instructions on how to setup a reservation will be available in the News section of the council website.

4 GREAT SPACES FOR YOUR NEXT WINTER CAMP OUT



CAMP BABCOCK - HOVEY ALL - SEASON ACCOMODATIONS

In the heart of the Finger Lakes, Camp Babcock-Hovey sits on the Eastern shore of Seneca Lake featuring 282 acres of wooded forests, ponds and streams.



EAGLE LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER



With hotel-like accommodations, this is our most popular space. Amenities include climate controlled lodge with a full kitchen, extra-large conference room, and five full bathrooms. Sleeping capacity for 32, main bunkroom with 14 beds and 6 additional rooms with 3 beds each. 5 full bathrooms add a touch of comfort to a long weekend.



Conference space can accommodate up to 75 people, with ability to split into 3 separate spaces plus an outside covered patio, available folding chairs and tables, and year round easy access parking.



MEMORIAL LODGE



A perfect space for small troops with a heated cabin and three-season kitchenette and bathroom. Sleeping capacity for 10 inside and 4 more in the adjacent lean-to.



PEDERSEN LODGE



This wood-fire heated lodge and covered deck is excellent for any season with its easy access to the camporee field. Sleeping capacity for 24 inside, and space for tent camping behind.



PATROL CABINS



With 4 heated cabins and extra-large covered pavilion this area is a great space to host a comfortable all-season camp out. Sleeping capacity for 32 in cabins and space for camping.



** All building rentals include access to latrines, water, electricity, fire wood, picnic tables and nearby parking.

LEAN-TO CAMPSITES

These 4 unique rustic campsites are a great value with lake views and access to shelter, electricity and latrines. Sleeping capacity for 16-32 people with mattresses and space for tents.



CAMP AMENITIES:



For More Information and
Reservations Contact
Seneca Waterways Council
585-241-8545
camping@senecawaterways.org

Programs and Training

SCOUTING FOR FOOD!



Yes, you read that correct: we are going back to just FOOD!!

We know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night — whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky.

That's the genesis of Scouting for Food, the annual food-collection drive run by the council. It's another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

The dates for 2016's
March 12th and March 19th.

Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags and/or door hangers to let their neighbors know about the drive.

On the second, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice and other nonperishable items. The food is delivered to needy families all throughout the council's borders.

We will be partnering again with **Tops Friendly Markets** for collections in each of their 20 locations throughout our council. **Please save the date, be prepared to help your neighbors in need.**



Any questions, contact us at scouting4food@senecawaterways.org.

MERIT BADGE CORNER

*By George D. VanArsdale
Dean of Merit Badge Counselors*

Once again it is Merit Badge Counselor re-registration time. Expect a letter from the Council Registrar asking if you wish to continue. Please respond as soon as you can.

We expect all Merit Badge Counselors, as well as other Adult leaders, to complete Youth Protection Training every 2 years.

If you expect to re-register as a Merit Badge Counselor, and do not receive a letter, check with Shelley O'Hern [585-241-8552].

BSA now has an e-newsletter for Merit Badge Counselors called "**Counselor's Compass**" designed for merit badge counselors, council and district advancement committees, and related staff advisors. Google "**BSA Counselor's Compass**" to check it out. Any Scouting volunteer or professional may subscribe. Simply send an email to merit.badge@scouting.org and for the subject line put "**SUBSCRIBE.**" Indicate your name, email address, and council in the message text.

Thanks for your past service to boys.



CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

By Alison A. LeChase, Diocese of Rochester

The Rochester Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (RDCCS) is a diocesan committee affiliated with the Youth Ministry Department of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. The RDCCS consists of registered adult representatives within the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs of the seven Boy Scout Councils and two Girl Scout Councils serving within our Diocese.

On February 6, 2016 adults will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the development of our Catholic Youth Ministry. There are several recognitions available for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

For more information on how to nominate an Adult, visit our website at <http://youth.dor.org/catholic-scouting/alechase@dor.org>.

WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is a leadership training course designed for all adult Scouters:

- Cub Scout Leaders
- Boy Scout Leaders
- Varsity Leaders
- Venturing Leaders
- Council / District Leadership
- Scouting Professionals.

The course incorporates the traditions of over 90 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to be successful as a leader in the 21st century.

Wood Badge is more than a classroom, it is hands-on. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage as well as with a vision for the role you will play in its future—the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit at home.

Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful Leadership organizations. The lead-

ership skills learned in this course may be used not only in Scouting, but your personal life as well as the workplace and other volunteer organizations.

Participants will take part in presentations, discussions and activities that explore & advance their understanding of numerous topics in these 5 areas: Living the Values; Bringing the Vision to Life; Models for Success; Tools of the Trade; and Leading to Make a Difference

Earning Your Beads!

The application phase is the participant's commitment to complete, after the course, a series of self-determined written goals called a "Ticket" relating to your Scouting position. Completing the ticket will provide you the opportunity to put into action, your Wood Badge experience & knowledge by implementing the skills learned on course. Application of these skills will also help you achieve success in other aspects of your life...such as your career and at home!

Course Fee & Deadline:

Both weekends (6 full days) attendance is required. The Full Course Fee of \$270.00 is Due by Monday, March 21st. Refunds (-\$75.00 deposit) may only be issued PRIOR to March 21st and MUST be requested directly from the Course Director.

Course Size Limits:

Spots are very limited. Only 48 of the Seneca Waterways Council's 4,500+ Scout leaders can be accepted. In order to ensure you are one of the first 48, register and pay your deposit as soon as possible. There are no minimum tenure requirements. In fact, leaders are encouraged to attend Wood Badge as early in their Scouting careers as they can, preferably within two years of becoming involved. But long-time Scouters will benefit equally.

Accommodations!

Weekend One will be held at *Camp Babcock-Hovey* on beautiful

BSA NORTHEAST REGION AREA 3 & SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL PRESENT:



April 29 – May 1, 2016 **May 21 -23, 2016**
Friday – Sunday **Saturday – Monday**

The learning experience of a lifetime in the setting of Scouting...

Learn about:

- How teams develop
- Providing what your team needs
- Choosing the right leadership style
- Effective communication
- Conflict management
- ... and much more



Learning While Having Fun

Requirements to Attend - Just 4 Simple Steps!

1. Be currently registered at the Unit, District or Council level AND fully trained for your primary Scouting position.
2. Have a BSA Health & Medical Record, Parts A, B & C, which must be completed AFTER May 23rd 2015.
3. Register for the course at the Council Service Center.
4. Email: Carolyn Roorda (Course Director) tar-tan2016@rochester.rr.com and let her know you have registered for the course!!!

Venturing youth 18 to 21 years old, holding a Crew leadership position, may also attend this unique leadership training course.

Where to Register:

Seneca Waterway Service Center – Front Desk
2320 Brighton-Henrietta TL Rd - Rochester, NY 14623
Phone: (585) 244-4210

Course Director:

Carolyn Roorda — 585-734-5666
tar-tan2016@rochester.rr.com

Please contact Carolyn or any Wood Badger with questions or for more information.

Bay Waters District

Chair: Doug Strong

Commissioner: Carl Harder (585) 671-9107, charder@rochester.rr.com

Executive: Bret Miller (585) 241-8530, bret.miller@scouting.org

District Day of Training



**Every boy
deserves a
well-trained
Leader!**

The District Day of Training will be taking place on Saturday, January 16th, 2016 and will feature a wide variety of training event for Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders and Commissioners! Training sessions are scheduled throughout the day and will only run if there are pre-registered participants!

The District Day of Training will take place at the LDS Church in Irondequoit (225 Whipple Lane, Rochester, 14622) and is open to ANY leader in the District and Council wishing to become fully trained in their current position, or who might like to get a leg up on the next scouting year.

Remember, ALL DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS MUST BE TRAINED IN THEIR POSITION STARTING THIS YEAR! Please consider this a great and FUN opportunity to become trained and learn from other scouters! THAT is truly the value of training.

The District Day of Training course offerings and registration forms are available at Roundtables and from your unit leaders. Questions regarding the Bay Waters District Day of Training can be directed to Betsy Foss at 544-1786 .

Klondike Derby (All Council Troops welcome!!!)

Attention all units! The annual Klondike Derby is already in the planning stages! Our Klondike Derby (January 29-31), this year at Mendon Ponds Park, is growing and getting better every year! We hope to have all Boy Scout Troops in the District participating in this awesome, FUN campout that will feature challenging events and hopefully...SNOW!



There is a need for youth to staff and run this event. If there are boys in your units who would be willing to take on a small leadership role and help plan the Klondike or perhaps run an event/activity on Saturday please let us know ASAP! If one Scout from each attending unit would be willing to do this, it would be a HUGE help!

Questions can be directed to: Mark Pulvino at mpulvino@rochester.rr.com

Cub Scout Klondike Derby

Join us for Cub Klondike IV "Fun in the Tundra" on January 23.

In 2015, over 225 Cub Scouts and adult leaders had an awesome time at our Cub Scout Klondike! This year will

January 2016

- 7 FOS Presenter Training & Organizational Meeting (6:15) Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
- 16 Day of Training (All Leader Specific Training / Commissioner Basic Training)
- 23 Cub Scout Klondike
- 29-31 Boy Scout Klondike Derby (Mendon Ponds Park)

February 2016

- 4 Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
- 17 District Committee Meeting

March 2016

- 3 Roundtable/Commissioner Mtg
- 5 Leadership University
- 12 Scouting for Food Drop Off
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 19 Scouting for Food Pick Up

prove to be even more awesome with new events and activities already planned and waiting. Cub Klondike IV will take place at Camp Eastman in Irondequoit.

All Cub Packs are encouraged to make this event your premier winter activity. Registration and gathering is at 9:00 and the day will conclude at 1:00 in the afternoon after you have experienced slingshots, cross country skiing, hobo pie, the building of a life sized log cabin, and much, much more! You and your scouts are guaranteed a GREAT time!

All Council Cub Scouts are welcome to join us at our fantastic Cub Klondike! Hope to see you there!

Black Creek District

Chair: Ethan Crist, (484) 490-2462, ethan.crist@mac.com

Commissioner: Kathy Elliott, (585) 831-1358, kathy.elliott@wegmans.com

Executive: Kirsten Tornatore, (585) 241-8534, Kirsten.tornatore@scouting.org

Rechartering Extravaganza

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our Rechartering Extravaganza a success! Pancakes and sausage were served up with coffee and computers! Commissioners were on hand to answer questions including our outgoing District Commissioner, Chuck Arnold; our District Chair, District Vice-Chair and two young scout assistants cooked up yummy pancakes while our DE answered questions and wore a path in the carpet between the office and our workroom to get whatever we needed.

A total of 16 Charters were handed in that day, and a number of others were finalized with only the need of a few signatures to complete the process. Thank you to all the units who have put in some much effort to get their Re-charters complete.

Roundtable

Substantial effort goes into the planning of Roundtable each month. Our goal is to ensure that we are offering the information that Black Creek District needs to continue to move forward and grow, as well as enable our adult leaders to provide the best Scouting program available to the youth of our community. We are working to keep Roundtable efficient and need your help on a couple of things:

- Please keep us informed of what you need at Roundtable
- Notify me in advance of any announcements you'd like to make at Roundtable
- Unit specific concerns should be saved for the networking time after the meeting
- Attend!!
- Volunteers are needed to keep Black Creek District running, let us know if you or someone you know is able to help!

Grateful Thoughts

It's always good to reflect on blessings we have received, and to give thought to how we can bless others. My Christmas prayer is that you would find both in your lives.

The end of the year brings a close to Popcorn sales, and a start to our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. Candidly, it can be fatiguing to move so quickly from one funding program to another, if we don't reflect on why we're doing it.

As I think about all that I have received through the Scouting program, I'm re-energized to make this great program available to more of today's youth. That, of course, requires money. Money is a necessary component that supplements all the great work of our Black Creek volunteers.

Last year around this time, I sat in the living room of a Scouter that had been a

tremendously influential adviser when I was an Order of the Arrow lodge officer. I had the opportunity to thank him for the way he poured into my life during some critical years. There was a long pause – almost uncomfortable – and then he quietly said, “that’s almost the same thing I said to my former adviser some 20 years ago. There’s a reason we do this.”

There’s a reason we do this. For a young Scout or Crew member to grow in character and confidence. For a young person to develop leadership skills and be a difference-maker. For an adult to look back and say thank you for making a difference in my life. (And to make friends that last a lifetime!).

In this season, let us give thanks, let us rededicate ourselves being difference-makers, and re-purpose to do the things that support the world’s premier youth development program.



Dear Parents,

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Scout Camp—located in northern New Mexico. It covers over 137,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness, has 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps. We have hiked and camped at elevations between 8,500 to 12,442 feet. We have challenged ourselves to climb high mountains with rough terrain and done multitudes of different activities from black powder rifle to rock climbing to blacksmithing to horseback riding. There are so many things to experience and you can choose from 32 unique outdoor trails. This adventure with my fellow scouts has created such lasting memories and lifetime values that it has changed my life forever!

As part of the SWC Contingent, all of our travel plans, transportation and activities have been included. Our Scout leaders and guests have been so relaxed and are really enjoying the adventure. Some of the coolest things were the pre-Philmont activities! We saw the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, then we rode mountain bikes down 14,000ft down Pikes Peak Mtn., and finished off white water rafting on class 4 & 5 rapids.

One of the greatest things about the Contingent is that individual scouts or groups of scouts can join the Contingent. All crews within the contingent are based on groups of 12, 8-10 Scouts and 2-4 adult advisors. Miss you all.



Mail to:

SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL

PHILMONT 2016 CONTINGENT

July 16th-30th, 2016

*Come join the adventure!
Crews forming now for Contingent 2016
Contact: Dave Cheney
david.cheney@scouting.org*

Exploring East

Chair: Jay Dutcher

Commissioner: Matt Hoose

Executive: Eric Israel, (585) 241-8542, eric.israel@scouting.org www.swcexploring.org

December - a time for reflection

With the holiday season upon us, this is a great time to reflect on what we've done in the past year. We have a lot to think about when it comes to this last year. I might suggest one of the things we think about is why we give our time and attention to the Exploring movement. The answer, I think should be the kids!

We have had a great year so far. To date, we have recruited over **100 more** youth than we ended the year with last year. That means you have the chance to change 100 more young people's lives, and the countless other lives they touch. This year saw the conversion of our groundbreaking First Responder Weekend into a full Week of learning for our Police, Fire, EMS and Military Explorers. We have raised more dollars than ever before in the district, allowing us to continue to deliver top quality programs

to our youth. This year also saw tremendous growth in our District Committee, bringing in more adults to help shape the direction of the District and program as a whole. Your efforts are not going unnoticed. Just this week, I received a request from the National Office to have some of our posts help provide information to develop the new set of program help guides to use for new posts across the country. Exploring in Seneca Waterways Council is blazing a trail into a bright 2016!

I ask that we continue to strive to lead the way. While we are reaching more youth than we have in years, we still only serve about 4% of the total youth in our District. This means there are 1000's of youth who are not benefitting from all the great programs we offer. At this time of year, when we are pulled in so many different directions, I ask that you think of all the lives you have personally changed through your involvement in the Exploring program. I thank you for all of your efforts and look forward to

continuing to work with you all to make 2016 an even better year!

Winter Recruiting?

It's never a bad time to start working on your recruiting efforts. The start of the new year is a great opportunity to hold bring a friend events for your post. Give your Explorers a chance to 'show off' in front of their friends and invite new members to join. The cold months are also a great opportunity to host team building events that don't necessarily relate to your post. Maybe it's a night out bowling, or a movie night as a group. Don't be afraid to think outside the box when it comes to recruiting new members. Every opportunity you take advantage of, is 1 more live you have the ability to change.

If you're looking to find out more about ways to take advantage of winter recruiting, and need more ideas or information, please let me know and I'll be happy to help.

Exploring West

Chair: John Merklinger

Commissioner: Joel Kather

Executive: Keith Gomez, (585) 241-8558, keith.gomez@scouting.org www.swcexploring.org

Why should I do a spring recruitment event?

"Membership season" is coming to a close and most units are in the middle of running their program and mapping out the end of the school year. It hasn't snowed yet but we are all ready to hunker down and plot activities for the other side of the winter. But now is the perfect time to run a bring-a-buddy event.

Over the next few months, certain sports seasons end and students schedules change. Maybe a new Explorer

wanted to test things out before they invited a friend. Maybe a student at school was interested, but wasn't sure when to jump in. A spring recruiting event is a great way to get a few more Explorers involved and increase your membership.

Additionally, it's one of the "slow" seasons at the office. There are less evening meetings freeing up Exploring Executives to come out and help handle paperwork.

So get a jump on 2016, pick a date in spring and let's start advertising!

January 2016

14 MCFEA
7pm at Scottsville Fire Dept,
385 Scottsville Mumford Rd.

16 Exploring Banquet & Awards
6pm—location TBD

March 2016

10 MCFEA
Location TBD

Genesee Crossroads District

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Commissioner: Keith Lane, Sr., (585) 465-6643 pklane220@yahoo.com

Executive: Felix Ortiz, (585) 241-8541 felix.ortiz@scouting.org

Note from the District Executive

Hello Genesee Crossroads Leaders! I hope everyone is having a great year, and I am looking forward to the New Year. GREAT NEWS- Our District is moving in the right direction, and we have grown in the areas of membership, manpower, and money. However, we can never have enough help. Genesee Crossroads is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, and passionate individuals who have new and innovative ideas to serve on our District Committee and/or Commissioner Staff or if you know of anyone willing to help our District move forward, please feel free to contact me at the email listed below.

Lastly, if you have changed your phone number or email address it is important to update your information so you do not miss out on great opportunities happening in our district. You can contact Genesee Crossroads District Executive, Felix Ortiz with your updated information.

Journey to Excellence (JTE)

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. If you have issues logging your Community Service, Cub & Boy Scout Camping and Advancement, please call or email me with questions.

Trainings

Genesee Crossroads District is planning Cub Scout and Boy Scout Specific trainings in the upcoming months. Every

leader must be current with Youth Protection Training (YPT). For those who are coming on as new leaders, YPT is designed to help you keep our youth safe from abuse. You will learn the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Guidelines, signs of abuse, and how to report suspected abuse.

More importantly, every leader must be current with Youth Protection Training in order to work with our kids. There is no exception to this rule. So if you are unsure whether you are current and/or have any questions about trainings or need answers, Ursula Seefeld is our Training Chair and she can be reached at GCR.Training.Chair@gmail.com.

Calling ALL Arrowmen & (Arrowwomen)!!

Genesee Crossroads Chapter of the Order of the Arrow is re-starting this year. What's in it for you as a Scouter? Participation in OA provides for Scouting fellowship beyond your unit, and (most importantly) is an outstanding opportunity to help the Scouts in your unit develop their Scouting and Leadership skills as well as a way to recognize exemplary Scouts for their achievements.

Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. The purpose of this Brotherhood of Cheerful Service is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as

January 2016

7	Roundtable/Commissioners Mtg
8	Camp Staff Employment Application Deadline
12	Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner
15/16	Massawepie Adirondack Challenge/Venturing Winter Rendezvous
18	Martin Luther King Day (Scout Service Center Closed)
29-31	Klondike Derby
28	District Committee Meeting

essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.

- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Troop Leaders

Do you have active Scouts who are at least First Class, exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, and have (or will have) at least 15 nights of camping (including 5 nights of summer camp)? If so, please contact me about potential next steps, including the election of youth candidates and the nomination of adult candidates.

Felix Ortiz will be contacting Scouters in the District with more information. For more information or questions please contact Bruce Katz via email at brucek8189@aol.com.

Lighthouse District

Commissioner: Kevin Coughlin, (585) 227-9938 , kmcoughlin@aol.com

Executive: Jon Seiler, (585) 241-8547, jonathan.seiler@scouting.org

Planning Session

The Lighthouse District will be holding a calendar planning session for the 2016 and 2017 year. We invite those that have ideas and looking to be part of the planning team to join us that night. We will have preliminary timeline of upcoming events handed out prior to the night. We will be focusing on our major events throughout the year such as the Rendezvous and the Extravaganza. Please contact the District Executive if you are interested in assisting on the planning team for the upcoming year.

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Our Friends of Scouting campaign kicked off in December, we are asking each Unit to prepare to look at Family Friends of Scouting dates between January and March. The type of events for Family Friends of Scouting presenting opportunities would include a Blue and Gold or a Court of Awards where family and friends can celebrate the achievements of the youth. Start planning a date for the Friends of Scouting presentation.

When planning and preparing for the Friends of Scouting campaign, please let the families know that there will be a speaker there to do a presentation to support Seneca Waterways Council Scouting Program. When you pay the registration fee, those funds go directly to nationals and the council does not receive any funds from that fee. In order to sustain our council and camps, we ask for donations from our family, friends, communities along with many events throughout the year to offset the cost of running the council.

In addition to the Friends of Scouting campaign, it allows for camperships, subsidizes campuses and camp operations. Also, provide service to the service center, training, unit service and recruitment material. The Friends of Scouting Campaign is a crucial role into keeping Scouting alive for the next 100 years! There are many ways that you can provide a pledge to the Seneca Waterways Council which can be done through in person during at an event

such as Blue and Gold, Court or Awards, and others, in person at the council office, online, or mail it in. During the presentation, we ask that you fill out a pledge form. No check or money is needed at this time, but we ask that you fulfill your pledge over the course of the year.

This year we have an anonymous donor who will pledge \$1.00 for every pledge card turned into the office. Please consider the continued support of the Scouting program in our area! Thank you in advance for your generosity and donation.

Cub Scout Winter Fun Day

On January 23rd at the Clarkson Recreation Park, we will be hosting the Cub Scout Fun Day. Check in starts at 12:30pm. Registration is required prior. Please sign up by January 15th 2016.

The fee for the event is \$10 per Cub Scout, \$6 per sibling (6 years and older). All events will be outside! Please plan accordingly to the weather! Registration forms can be found on our district page under the Seneca Waterways Council website at (www.senecawaterways.org).

Greece Summit Day

We are going to be hosting a Greece Summit Day in Greece during the last week in January. We are asking that all of the families, parents, teacher(s), principles, unit leaders, and community members, community partners attend this event. This event is to provide an opportunity to understand, learn how to make scouting grow in the Greece area. This is important for all units to attend this event. The location will be TBD. More information will be on our district website and through our council monthly newsletter Currents.

Spring Recruitment Nights

Each unit should be starting to think about a Spring Membership Plan, before you know it the spring will be here and we will be focusing on spring recruitment.

January 2016

- 6 Roundtable/Commissioners Mtg.
- 12 Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner
- 23 Cub Scout Winter Day
- 29-31 Klondike Derby

February 2016

- 6 Training Day - location TBD
- 10 Roundtable/Commissioners Meeting (**Not 2/3**)

We are focusing heavily on spring recruitment. In order to do so, we are asking each Unit to provide two recruitment opportunities.

We will be having a Greece Central School District Day on Thursday, March 17th; other district areas Spencerport is March 14; Brockport 15. Each unit is expected to participate in these event(s). More details to come!

If there are applications that are filled out, please get them into the service center within 24-48 hours of receiving the applications. Not doing so is disservice to those individuals who fill them out and want their youth signed up right away. Unregistered scouts are not covered by scout insurance when they attend a scouting event. If the applications cannot get to the service center within that time frame, contact your Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner or District Executive.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Please do not wait to make sure their units are trained by the end of the year, this could hold up your charter and/or change your leadership in the unit. Do not wait to get fully trained!

Each youth deserves a trained leader! There is a council wide calendar that is on our district page on the Seneca Waterways Council Website! Got Trained? We are looking at Saturday, February 6th as a Lighthouse Training Day. More details to come!

Race Day! – Save the Date!

April 16th we will be having our Lighthouse District Pinewood Derby. More Information to come!

Roundtable

We encourage all families to attend Roundtable which occurs the First Wednesday of the month at Hilton High School at 7pm.

This is a great way to meet the Scouting community along with being informed to

upcoming events, activities and much more! There is a break out session specifically designed for the Boy Scouts and one for the Cub Scouts.

Looking for new ideas, be able to get more ideas and bring them back to your unit! Each month had a different topic of discussion as well! We invite all to attend!

New for 2015-16 Roundtable

This year we are excited to announce that during the Roundtables (first

Wednesday of the month at Hilton High School cafeteria) throughout the year, each Unit is able to collect Scout Bucks.

At the end of the year at our Lighthouse District Dinner in May. There will be various prizes that will be auctioned off with the Scout Bucks. There are several ways to collect Scout Bucks, one of which is just showing up at Roundtable, and many other ways throughout the year, through activities, events, special occasions, etc.

Mohawk District

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Commissioner: Mel Stickles, (315) 651-8379, mel_stickles@yahoo.com

Executive: Nicholas Newsom, (585) 241-8529, Nicholas.newsom@scouting.org

Family Friends of Scouting '16

The 2016 Mohawk District Family Friends of Scouting campaign will be kicking off as Packs, Troops, and Crews are called to sign up for their presentations between December 2015 and April 2016.

The Friends of Scouting campaign helps fund our Council's programs, camps, and activities. A presenter will come to your unit and ask if you would like to voluntarily pledge a donation to fund the next generation of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. When they do, please consider making your meaningful gift to Scouting.

District Klondike Derby and Polar Panic

The Mohawk District Klondike Derby will be held on January 29-30, 2016 for Boy Scouts and Venturers at Seneca Falls Elks Lodge 2221 W Bayard St, Seneca Falls, NY. The events will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will feature multiple activities to test our Scouts' skills. The Boy Scout Troops of Waterloo are also inviting the adult leaders to take part in the activities to see if they are "Tougher than a Boy Scout."

The Polar Panic Program for Cub Scouts will run concurrent on Saturday, January 31st. Troops 74 and 81 of Waterloo and Crew 7280 of Seneca Falls /Waterloo will host the Klondike Derby for Boy Scouts while Valerie Van Dongen will

coordinate the Polar Panic for Cub Scouts with several Packs.

Webelos will be included in Boy Scout activities. Cost for the Klondike Derby will be \$15 per Scout (including Webelos) and \$7 per Adult. It will be \$7 per Cub Scout for the Polar Panic. A night of camping will also be offered on Friday the 31st for Boy Scouts only and will include a bon fire and cracker barrel.

Save the Date! District Leadership Dinner

All registered adults leaders are invited to attend the Mohawk District Leadership Dinner on March 19, 2016, where the District will recognize those volunteers and units who embody the Scouting spirit through their service and dedication to the movement. **Please mark your calendars now!** Location, menu, and pricing is forthcoming. For more information, please contact Nick Newsom at 585-241-8539, Nicholas.newsom@scouting.org, or visit the Mohawk District website.

To recognize those who go above-and beyond, we are asking all Scouters to submit nominations for the leader awards listed to be presented at the 2016 Mohawk District Leadership Dinner on March 19, 2016. Nominations will be reviewed by the Award Committee and need to be submitted no later than February 15, 2016. Forms and award descriptions are available on the Mohawk

January 2016

- 6 District Commissioner Meeting/Roundtable
- 12 District Eagle Boards
- 27 District Committee Meeting
- 29-30 Klondike Derby
- 30 Polar Panic

February 2016

- 3 Program Planning Conference
- 9 Eagle Boards in Geneva
- 24 District Committee Meeting

March 2016

- 2 District Commissioner Meeting/Roundtable
- 8 Eagle Boards in Geneva
- 19 District Leadership Dinner
- 26 District Pinewood Derby
- 30 District Committee Meeting

District website, Facebook page, and in unit mailboxes. For Veteran's Awards of 20 years or more, please submit to the District Executive no later than January 15, 2016.

Save the Date! District Pinewood Derby

All Cub Scout Packs save the date of March 26, 2016 for the Mohawk District Pinewood Derby. Packs should plan their individual Pinewood Derbies accordingly. Seneca Waterways Council Pinewood Derby rules can be found on the Council website.

Seneca District

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Commissioner: Les Gales, 585-281-9560, lgales@rochester.rr.com

Executive: Chris DiGiacomandrea, 585-241-8535, Christopher.digiacomandrea@scouting.org

Journey to Excellence

Help measure your unit's strengths and weaknesses using the 2016 Journey to Excellence (JTE) Scorecards available at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/awards/journeytoexcellence.aspx>.

There are helpful tools and instructions available right there!

Klondike Derby & Polar Panic

Seneca District Scouts are tough as nails! Come out and join us over the weekend of Jan 29-31 as we brave the winter for our Annual Klondike Derby and Polar Panic! Boy Scouts will spend two nights thriving in the bitter winter weather, while Cub Scouts will come join the Boy Scouts for a Saturday full of fun and exciting winter activities. Troop 55 will be hosting in Veterans Park, Bloomfield this year. Come take on the Challenge and prove that not even a little snow and ice can stop you!

<http://www.senecawaterways.org/events/polar-panic-3/>

<http://www.senecawaterways.org/events/seneca-district-klondike-derby-3/>

Leader Recognition Dinner

Seneca District would be nothing without the generosity of volunteers. Leaders at every level, from the youngest newest Den parents to the season veteran District Committee members spend hours and hours leading young men and women through the Scouting program.

Make no mistake, these volunteers make Scouting the greatest youth organization in the world. Join us on March 19 to honor those who've dedicated their time and energy to the Scouting, whether at the Pack, Troop, Crew, or District level. These men and women are nothing short of extraordinary, and now is our opportunity to thank them for all they have done and all they continue to do. Please contact Liane Richardson (lbr723@aol.com) for more information.

Friends of Scouting

With the turn of the New Year, we begin another Friends of Scouting Campaign. Scouting doesn't sell a "product", nor does it provide a service to be paid for, rather- Scouting is a collection of Volunteers coming together for the same cause- We're parents coming together to help raise each other's children. To do

January 2016	
6	Roundtable
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30	Polar Panic (Cub Scouts)
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19	Leader Recognition Dinner
April 2016	
6	Roundtable

that, it takes a lot of time, knowledge, and support.

Every year, over 7,000 volunteers in the Seneca Waterways Council make pledges to support Scouting. Their pledges go to maintaining the 3 beautiful camps, providing a Service Center for our area, and helping nearly 4,000 Scouts attend summer camp. Without Friends of Scouting, there would be no way for all of us to help young people learn the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Thank you for all of the time, knowledge, and financial support you've provided to the youth of our community.



ACE "SCOUT" REPORTERS NEEDED!

Does your Scout have a curiosity about him? Does he keep asking questions until he has the whole story? Does he like to write, explore, and share ideas?

The Council is looking for Scouts, Venturers or Explorers from each district to be Scout Reporters and help us capture the great stories and photos that units and (individual) Scouts have about their Scouting experience - campouts, Treks, Pinewood Derby races, Klondike Derby races, Merit Badge achievements, Eagle Scout projects and so much more.

Satisfy Communications Merit Badge Requirements. Stories will be shared in newsletters, on the council website, on Facebook, possibly with the local print media too! **And, while this is not a merit badge course, your Scout may be able to satisfy requirements necessary to earn the communications merit badge!** This is a great opportunity to develop writing skills, engage in public speaking by interviewing people, and developing communications skills!

Be A Scout Reporter! Parents and leaders are welcome to become reporters too (but no merit badge!!)

For more details, contact Mary Ellen Smith, Marketing Communications Manager, at maryellen.smith@scouting.org or 585-241-8544.

Towpath District

Chair: Alexander McClean, alex_mcclean1@yahoo.com

Commissioner: Julie Lowry, ezlyacres@hotmail.com

Executive: Michael Catalano, (585) 241-8531, Michael.catalano@scouting.org

Towpath Friends of Scouting!

The 2016 Towpath District Family Friends of Scouting campaign is underway as Packs, Troops, and Crews are asked for their presentations between November 2015 and June 2016.

The Friends of Scouting campaign helps fund our Council's programs, camps, and activities. A presenter will come to your unit and ask if you would like to voluntarily pledge a donation to fund the next generation of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. When they do, please consider making your meaningful gift to Scouting.

Roundtable Reminder

All adult leaders in Towpath District are invited to attend the monthly District Roundtable at the Kreag Road LDS Church (460 Kreag Road, Pittsford). Roundtables are the first Thursday of every month, starting at 700PM. For more information on our Roundtable year, please contact the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Charles Profitt, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Kip Webster, and District Commissioner Julie Lowry.

Merit Badge University

The Towpath District Merit Badge University will be held on February 20,

January 2016

- 7 District Roundtable/District Commissioner Meeting
- 14 District Committee Meeting
- 30 Cub Scout Winteree

February 2016

- 7 District Roundtable/District Commissioner Meeting
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 20 Merit Badge University

2016 at the Rochester Institute of Technology in partnership with the RIT Alpha Phi Omega Chapter. Scouts are invited to sign up for Merit Badge Classes for the day and learn from experts in their fields. You never know which Merit Badge will spark a life-long hobby or career!

Turning Point District

Commissioner: Patrick Fox (585) 544-8974 foxmouse@aol.com

Field Director: Nicole O'Connell, (585) 241-8568, Nicole.oconnell@scouting.org

Turning Point had a great fall recruitment season, and we are always happy to welcome new Scouts into the program! With the addition of the new schools and program sites, Turning Point is able to reach even more students in the Rochester City School District. For a full list of our units and where they

meet, check out the Turning Point Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/TurningPointDistrict. We are always updating our Facebook page with new events and exciting information, and you don't want to miss out!

Turning Point is still hiring program aides to run our units in the Rochester

City School District sites. If you are interested in learning more about being a program aide, please contact the Turning Point District Executive, Nicole O'Connell, at (585) 241-8568 or nicole.oconnell@scouting.org.

What's In Your Summer 2016 plans?

Mark your calendars now!



DARIEEN LAKE
Scout Days
June 10 - July 1, 2016



Seabreeze
AMUSEMENT PARK®
Rochester, NY
Scout Days
June 23 - July 3, 2016
(not valid June 25)

Summer Thrills! Twice the Fun!

Watch for more details on ticket pricing early in 2016

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: SAVE THE DATE!

20th Annual Scout Sleepover at Frontier Field



For additional information, contact Kevin Lute
(585) 454-1001 ext. 3046 or email KLute@RedWingsBaseball.com

Saturday - June 25, 2016 - 7:05pm
Rochester Red Wings vs. Louisville Bats (Cincinnati Reds)
Featuring Post Game Fireworks!

VENTURING WINTER RENDEZVOUS 2016 IS COMING!

Join the Seneca Waterways Council VOA (Venturing Officer's Association) for its Winter Rendezvous at Camp Cutler. You'll have fun in the powdered snow, while completing requirements toward earning your Ranger Award!

The weekend will feature four "classes" all geared toward meeting some Ranger Award requirements as well as a cook-off competition between the participating Crews! In addition, there will be lots of FUN in the snow (hopefully) including a snow snake competition, sledding and a campfire.

The VOA has been working hard and is excited to present the Winter Rendezvous to all of our Council Venturers this coming January. Come join us for two nights of camping (in a lodge), or just one night if you prefer.

If camping in the winter isn't your thing, just join us for the events and activities on Saturday!

We'd love to see you there! Please see advertisement on this page and Registration Form on Page 17.

Venturing Event Dates

January 15-16

Venturing Winter Rendezvous
(Camp Cutler)

January 21

VOA Meeting and Venturing
Roundtable

February 18

VOA Meeting

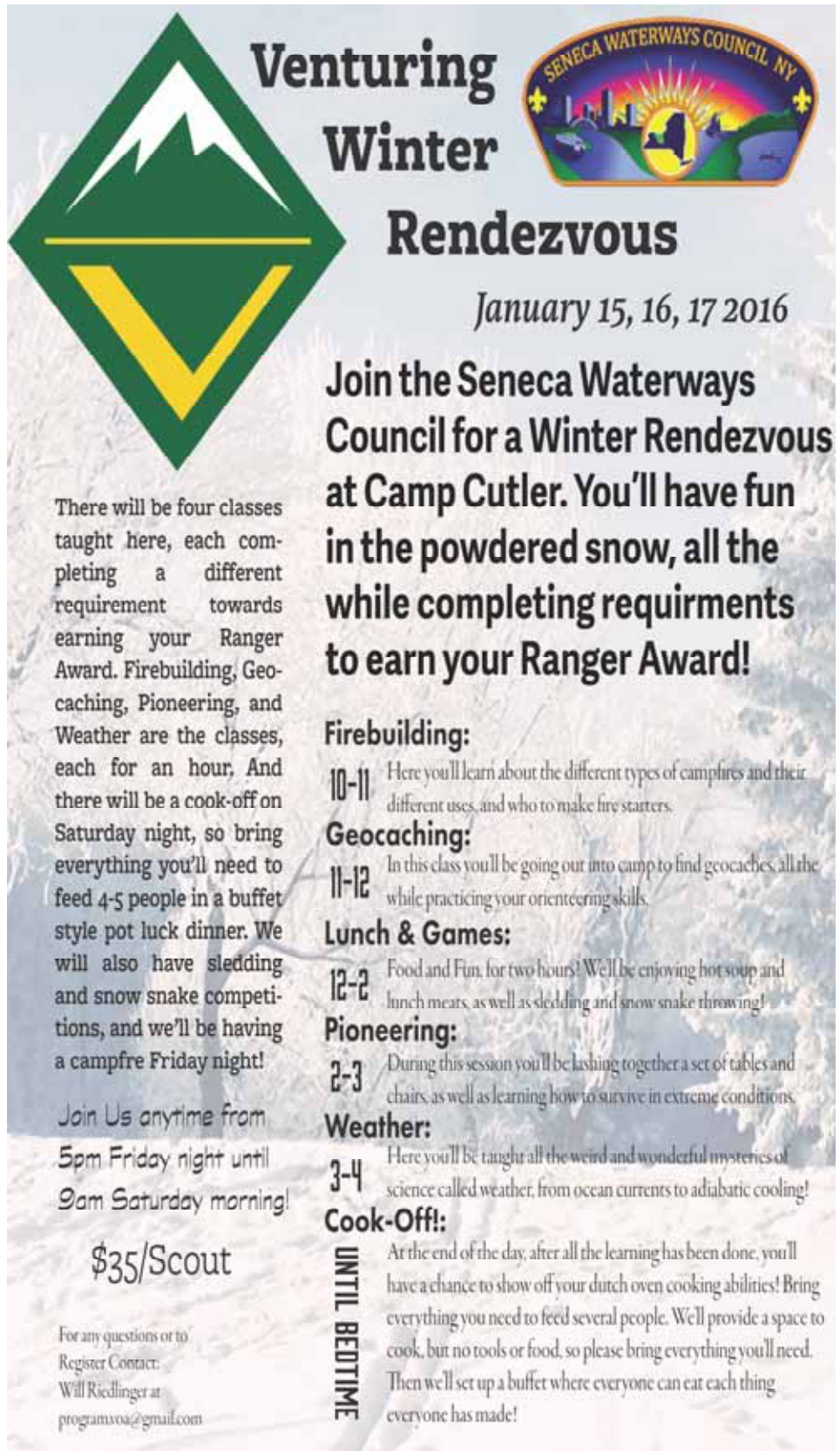
March 5

Leadership University

March 17

VOA Meeting and Venturing
Roundtable

Venturing Officers Association
Meetings/Roundtables
are at 7:00pm



Venturing Winter Rendezvous

January 15, 16, 17 2016

Join the Seneca Waterways Council for a Winter Rendezvous at Camp Cutler. You'll have fun in the powdered snow, all the while completing requirements to earn your Ranger Award!

There will be four classes taught here, each completing a different requirement towards earning your Ranger Award. Firebuilding, Geocaching, Pioneering, and Weather are the classes, each for an hour. And there will be a cook-off on Saturday night, so bring everything you'll need to feed 4-5 people in a buffet style pot luck dinner. We will also have sledding and snow snake competitions, and we'll be having a campfire Friday night!

Join Us anytime from
5pm Friday night until
9am Saturday morning!

\$35/Scout

For any questions or to Register Contact:
Will Redlinger at
programavoa@gmail.com

Firebuilding:
10-11 Here you'll learn about the different types of campfires and their different uses, and who to make fire starters.

Geocaching:
11-12 In this class you'll be going out into camp to find geocaches, all the while practicing your orienteering skills.

Lunch & Games:
12-2 Food and Fun, for two hours! We'll be enjoying hot soup and lunch meats, as well as sledding and snow snake throwing!

Pioneering:
2-3 During this session you'll be lashing together a set of tables and chairs, as well as learning how to survive in extreme conditions.

Weather:
3-4 Here you'll be taught all the weird and wonderful mysteries of science called weather, from ocean currents to adiabatic cooling!

Cook-Off!:
UNTIL BEDTIME At the end of the day, after all the learning has been done, you'll have a chance to show off your dutch oven cooking abilities! Bring everything you need to feed several people. We'll provide a space to cook, but no tools or food, so please bring everything you'll need. Then we'll set up a buffet where everyone can eat each thing everyone has made!



**Venturing
Winter**

Rendezvous

January 15, 16, 17 2016



Sign Up

Crew # _____

Leader In Charge _____

Leader's Phone # ____-____-____

Leader's E-mail: _____

of Male Venturers ____ x \$35 each = \$ _____

of Female Venturers ____ x \$35 each = \$ _____

of Male Adult Venturers ____ x \$35 each = \$ _____

of Female Adult Venturers ____ x \$35 each = \$ _____

*All Checks are to be made out to
Seneca Waterways Council*

Account #1-6801-991-20

Total \$ _____

Return to: Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta TL Road, Rochester NY 14623

We can't wait to see you all there!