West Wind District Announcements
March, 2013

Re-Chartering

Thur. Mar. 21 Charter Turn In
Save yourself a trip to Haverhill office. Turn in you unit's charter from 7 – 8 pm at the LDS Church, 70 Concord Rd. Billerica MA. Need Help? Come and there will be someone to help you out!

Training

Sat. Mar 16 Wilderness First Aid (Knox Trail Council)
See http://www.ktc-bsa.org/Training/index.htm

Sat. Mar 16 Leader Position Specific Training (Northern Light District)
For more information contact Harvey Ing at harvey.ing@verizon.net or http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1192737

Wed. Mar 20 Merit Badge Counselors Training
This is the required training for any adult to become a Merit Badge Counselor. The training is hosted by Troop 77 Chelmsford and will be held from 7 – 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 25 North Rd Chelmsford.

Fri. Apr. 5 – 7 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Training (IOLS) (Daniel Webster Council)
Outdoor required training for SM & ASM. To register go to the council calendar at www.nhscouting.org.

Sat. Apr. 6 Adult Leader Training (West Wind District)
Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (8 – 4) (http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1291041), Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (8-noon) (http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1291043) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd., Chelmsford. Register on-line via doubleknot, for more info contact Mark Marotta at marottas5@verizon.net

Sat. Apr. 13 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (Great Eastern District)
Outdoor required training for SM & ASM. For more information contact Wendy Ward at wardwl@yahoo.com or see http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1270874

Sat. Apr. 13-14 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (West Wind & Northern Light District)
Outdoor required training for SM & ASM. For more information contact Mark Marotta at marottas5@verizon.net or see http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1192741

Fri. Apr. 19 – Sun. Apr. 21 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (Nashua Valley Council)
Outdoor required training for SM & ASM. For more information see http://www.nashuavalleybsa.org/cm/index.php/adult-training-2/90-intro-to-outdoor-leadership-skills.

Sat. Apr. 20 University of Scouting (Daniel Webster Council)
Bow High School from 8 – 3:30. For more info see council calendar at www.nhscouting.org

Wed. Apr. 24, Sat Apr. 27 Leave No Trace Trainer (Nashua Valley Council, Lancaster MA)
This is required training for those who wish to fill the new Leave No Trace Position of Responsibility in their unit. This course is taught by a Leave No Trace Master Educator. The first session will be Wed. Apr. 24 (7 – 9) at the Nashua Valley Service Center, the second session Sat. Apr. 27 (9 – noon) will be at Camp Wanocksett. For more information or to register contact Nashua Valley Council

Apr 26 – 28, May 18-20 Wood Badge

This is the ultimate Adult training and is being offered at Camp Resolute, Bolton Ma. For more information and to register see: www.centralmawb.org

Fri. May 3 – Sun. May 5 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (Knox Trail Council)

Outdoor required training for SM & ASM. For more info see http://www.ktc-bsa.org/Training/index.htm

Sat. May 4 Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) Training (Great Eastern District)

To register see http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1189161. For more information contact Wendy Ward at wardwl@yahoo.com

Jun 23 – 29 Brownsea II

This is youth leadership training for Boy Scouts age 14 – 16 who will be their unit's future leaders. For information and to register see http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1288291

National Youth Leader Training NYLT (Knox Trail Council Aug 4 – 9) (Boston Minuteman Council Aug 11 – 16) and (Yankee Clipper Council Aug 18 – 24)

This is leadership development training for Boy Scouts and Venturers. See the various council websites for information and registration. For YCC info see: http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1287755

Activities, Events, Etc.

Wed. Mar 13 Boy Scout Roundtable Planning Meeting

All persons interested in assisting in planning the April Roundtable meeting are invited to attend the planning meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd, Chelmsford at 7:30 pm.

Thur. March 21 Eagle Board of Review

Eagle Boards of Review are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. To schedule an Eagle Board of Review contact Jim Shea at JEShea@gmail.com

Mon. Apr. 1 West Wind District Committee Meeting

West Wind District committee meeting will be from 7 – 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church 170 Old Westford Rd in Chelmsford. All scouters are invited to attend. For information contact the District Chairman, Dave Schuh at schuh@schuh.org.

Thur. Apr. 4 West Wind District Commissioners Meeting The West Wind District Commissioner's staff will meet on Thur. from 6:30 – 7:15 pm prior to the start of the Roundtable. All commissioners and those interested in becoming a commissioner are invited to attend. For more information contact Tom Kubik at tom.kubik@infor.com

Thur. Apr. 4 West Wind District Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtables

Roundtable is a fun filled evening that provides information to make your scouting experience that much better for everyone involved. All Scout leaders are encouraged to attend the Cub Scout and Boy Scout monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30 – 9pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 70 Concord Rd, Billerica MA. Come and get the latest ideas and information.

Sat. Apr. 13 Scout Orienteering Competition

The New England Orienteering Club invites all Boy Scouts to its semi-annual Scout Orienteering Competition at Hale Reservation, Westwood MA. For more information and to register see www.Scout-O.org or contact Bud O'Leary, the meet register, at budoleary@comcast.net

Mon. Apr. 15 Minuteman March to Concord
The re-enactment march to Concord will depart from Chelmsford Center at 4:00 am and hike the five miles to Carlisle Center, rest, join the Carlisle Minutemen for a musket salute and remembrance ceremony, then hike the last five miles to Concord. Those scouts who complete the march will be eligible to receive the Chelmsford to Concord patch. For more information or to let know the number of scouts, parents and leaders who will be taking part contact the Chelmsford Minuteman Company Captain John Greenwood at 6thmiddlesex@gmail.com and Jim Curley at jcurley12@comcast.net.

Sat. Apr 20 Scout Day at the 2013 Aleppo Shriners Circus
The Circus will be held at the Shriners Auditorium (Exit 39 off Rt. 93) 99 Fordham Rd, Wilmington and starts at 10 am. Scouts and Leaders in uniform, family members are eligible for a group discount rate of $5 per person. This is only available by having a leader pre-order the tickets for your group by calling 1-800-777-0013.

Fri. Apr. 26 – 28 West Wind District Boy Scout Spring Camporee
Theme for the spring camporee is Serious Emergency Services and it will be held at Tewksbury Hospital, Livingston Street. Are you prepared for a hurricane, tornado, blizzard, flood, N'oreaster? This camporee will be working on emergency preparedness and performing search and rescue exercises. Learn how you as a scout, can help in an emergency and prepare your family. For information contact Eric Kuegler at erk@kueglers.org

Fri. Apr 26-27; Sat. Apr 27 - 28 Museum of Science Cub Scout Camp In
For information contact Sam Plouffe at splouffe@bsamail.org or see the YCC Calendar

Sat. May 11 Webelos Woods
The Order of the Arrow are sponsoring a day long event for Webelos at Lone Tree Scout Reservation. To register see: http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1253137. If you have any questions contact Matthew Lacy at malacy@bsamail.org.

Wed. May 23 West Wind District Dinner, Meeting & Elections
Save the date! The Dinner will begin at 7 pm.

Memorial Day Weekend – Horsemanship Merit Badge
Troop 83, Dracut has booked reservations for the Horsemanship Merit Badge at Crimson Acres in Orange, MA. The cost is $125.00 for the weekend (includes food) and they will camp on the farms front lawn and cook their meals. Scouts will need to attend two meetings prior to the weekend trip, complete the prework, and the weekend to earn the Merit Badge. If you would like to reserve one of the nine available spots, contact Valerie Carey at 978-682-6165 or carey.james@comcast.net

Sat. Jun. 8 Scout Strong Hike for Youth Fitness
Hiking teams from packs, troops and scouting families, participate in a 5 or 1.5 mile hike where each participant solicits pledges to hike. The pledged money will be divided among the unit, council and to cover event costs. Registration and more info will be posted on the council website shortly.

Sat. Oct 12 – 14 Mass Jam
A weekend gathering of Boy Scouts and Venturers from 10 councils at Barnstable Fairgrounds. For more information and to register see www.massjam.org

Notes & Notices

Readyman
The West Wind District held another successful Readyman Event for WEBELOS this February. 112 WEBELOS successfully earned their Readyman Activity Badge preparing them to be safe on a bike, respond to a crisis, call for help, and be brave in an emergency. Thanks to all who joined us for the morning.

Friends of Scouting - FOS

The Friends of Scouting program is a way for our community to support the Scouting program. The family Friends of Scouting portion of the program is where volunteers visit each unit annually to ask families to consider financially supporting the Scouting program in our council. The money raised from the Friends of Scouting program stays within the Yankee Clipper Council to keep the Scouting program going in your local area.

The true cost of Scouting is greater than the $15.00 registration fee or the dues that your pack, troop, crew, team or post may require, and even greater than the fee charged for camp. Activity fees and camping costs, for instance, are kept low so that all youth can experience the fun and excitement of the Scouting program. The true cost of support the council provides for each child is approximately $200.00 annually.

Family FOS helps make the following resources possible: quality camping facilities, training for leaders, monthly roundtables, professional support and guidance, and a service center with resources. When compared with the cost of many other programs that young people join, Scouting is relatively inexpensive. Your participation in the Family FOS program is critical for the continued success of Scouting.

The goal of the West Wind District this year is to get 100% unit participation. As of March 1st, the district has scheduled 56% of the units. The Packs in the District have been having their Blue and Gold Banquets and presentations have been going well, only 13 Packs are not scheduled for a presentation at this time. The season for Troop Courts of Honor is coming up, and at this time only 17 have not scheduled their presentations yet. Presenters have been doing a great job, but we could always use more. Thanks to everyone who has helped in this effort, and it is not too late to get involved. If you want to schedule a unit presentation, or if you feel you can contribute as a unit presenter, please contact Jerry Cross at jeromepcross@yahoo.com.

Advancement –West Wind District's Newest Eagle Scouts (Pending National Approval)

It is with great pleasure and pride that the West Wind Advancement Committee has recommended to National BSA the following Scouts for the Rank of Eagle during the month of February 2013:

James Aronson	Troop 49, Tewksbury
Stan Dancewicz	Troop 56, Wilmington
Chris Danieli	Troop 75, Chelmsford
Bradley Krueger	Troop 81, Chelmsford
Jonathan MacKinnon	Troop 56, Wilmington
Dan O'Brien	Troop 30, Billerica
Sean Regan	Troop 77, Chelmsford
Jonathan Yeh	Troop 79, Andover

We offer our congratulations and applaud their achievement. Well Done!

Training Awards for Adult Leaders in Units

The Adult training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for *tenure*, basic and continuing *training*, and successful *performance* in their leadership role. Please note that the Cub Scouting awards have undergone major changes. Check out the table below to see the changes. Scouters who have begun to work on the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Awards will still be able to earn them as long as they are completed before their discontinued date. The progress record forms and all the new requirements for all of the Adult Leader Training Awards can be found at: http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx (located about half way down on this link).

Old Leader Award	Date Discontinued	New Leader Award
Tiger Cub Den Leader Award	December 31, 2012	Den Leader Award
Webelos Den Leader Award	December 31, 2012	Den Leader Award
Cubmaster Award	December 31, 2013	Scouter's Key Award
Pack Trainer Award	December 31, 2013	Scouter's Training Award
Cub Scouter Award	December 31, 2013	Scouter's Training Award

For questions or to submit a progress record for one of the Adult Leaders Awards contact Jim Ramsdell at jdramsdell@verizon.net. To receive one of these awards at the District Dinner, please submit your progress record to Jim Ramsdell or the council office by April 25th, 2013.

Spark Plug Award

Units are encouraged to look within and see if they have a registered Adult leader who is the "Spark" of their unit and nominate them for the Spark Plug Award to be awarded at the District Dinner. Nomination Criteria is 1.) someone who is instrumental in making a unit activity a tremendous success by demonstration outstanding leadership, 2.) continuous demonstrations of exemplary leadership at unit meetings and activities, and 3.) performs above and beyond the normal expectations of a leader in their position. (Only one nomination per unit!) Nomination forms are available at the District Roundtable meetings. Nomination deadline is April 30, 2013. If you have any questions contact Roy Corbeil at roy.corbeil@gmail.com

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that is given to a Scouter at the District level. It is awarded to an adult volunteer for service to youth in the District. To nominate someone, complete the form located at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf and turn it into Jim Ramsdell (jdramsdell@verizon.net). Turn in all District Award of Merit nominations to Jim Ramsdell or the council office by April 15th, 2013.

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

To nominate an individual for the Silver Beaver Award please see the nomination form at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf and submit it to the council office by April 30th, 2013.

Re-Tree-It Pruning

If your boys participated in the Re-Tree-It service project in 2010 or 2011 their tree may be ready for its annual pruning – and winter is the time to do it. While American Elms are known for their naturally occurring vase-like form, they can be healthier and more attractive with a little help. Pruning allows the elm to develop a single primary trunk by removing the weak or secondary branches early in the growth cycle. Please invite an arborist (or tree warden) to speak to your Scouts or review http://dandelyons.net/District/RTI10/9_Things_to_Know_About_Trees.pdf and EDGE train them to prune their own tree. Contact Elmer Lyons at elmer@dandelyons.net for more information.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Please drop off old cell phones in collection box located outside Cub Scout Roundtable. With every phone donation, approximately $25 in calling minutes is donated to an active duty soldier to call home. Information about the program can be found on the District Website or www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Saturday District Service Projects/Scout Ranger Programs at Lowell National Park Service
Boy Scouts and Venturers have opportunity to do service on Saturdays (April-Early Summer) at our local NP and earn BSA National Public Lands Day Emblem and NPS Scout Ranger Certificate or Emblem. The NPS Scout Ranger program requires 5hrs service/education for the Certificate and 10 hrs service/education for the Emblem. The program includes time spent at *any* national park service learning about their program as well as performing some service. Details to go out in April Edition requesting sign ups for specific activities/dates. POC: Cathy Jewell dcwavelength@verzion.net.

Scouting for Food (SFF)
Pantries need your assistance! If time's an issue, a single Unit Collection could be the simpler way to go.
Contact Cathy Jewell dcwavelength@verizon.net for doorhangers for March Roundtable.
Submit SFF Patch Order Form (www.yccbsa.org/districts/westwind/Service/index.php) and payment to council in time for April Roundtable pick up.
For your convenience, part of Patch Order Form is a "JTE Worksheet" for service project data entry. Be sure to enter data in time for Service Charter Requirements. *As a reminder, No Outdated Food, Dented Cans or Opened Food to be delivered to pantries.*

Eagle Required Merit Badge News – Cooking MB Required as of 1/1/14
Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required in order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. All scouts must fulfill this requirement no matter what rank they are as of Jan. 1, 2014 with the exception of a scout whose only requirement is to have his Board of Review for his Eagle Scout rank. (A revised Cooking MB is due out this summer.)

Sustainability Merit Badge – New Alternative to Eagle Required Environmental Science MB
Upon its release during the summer of 2013, the Sustainability merit badge will be available as an option with Environmental Science as an Eagle-required merit badge.

To Host a West Wind Life to Eagle Scout Session
Contact Jim Shea at jeshea@gmail.com to sign up your troop to host a Life to Eagle Scout training session.

To Host a West Wind District Merit Badge Counselor Training Session
Contact Chris Ferraro at asmtroop56@comcast.net for your troop to host a Merit Badge Counselor training session.

West Wind Cub Day Camp
"Go West, Cub Scout" will be the Cub Day Camp theme for August 19 – 23, 2013. Save the dates for lots of fun! The Camp Director will be Andy LeClair, Camp Administrator Cheryl Storm, Program Director Dave Henry, Medical Officer Celia Dancewicz. At Lone Tree, the Outpost Camp Director will be Tom Catyb, Outpost Program Director Diane Catyb, and Outpost Camp Administrator Angela Rzeszut.

Log Unit Service
Service documentation is required for Journey To Excellence (JTE). To log a units "service hours" go to www.scouting.org/awards and have the following information available: your unit id#, # items collected, # total youth, leaders, other adults, and # total hrs worked. Contact Cathy Jewell at dcwavelength@verizon.net, 978-250-0749 for assistance.

If you have information regarding religious opportunities for scouts contact John Cuddy at John.Cuddy@yahoo.com

Adult Religious Recognition
Plan now to recognize your adult leaders with an Adult Religious Recognition for outstanding service to youth through both their church and national youth-service agency. Adult awards are not earned like youth awards. An outside party must nominate an adult to receive an award by submitting the required application, letter or recommendation and resume of activities. For more information see contact John Cuddy at John.Cuddy@yahoo.com or see http://www.praypub.org/promotional_adultnomination.htm

Order of the Arrow Elections
Troops will be contacted soon to schedule an OA election. If you have any questions or want to schedule your unit's election please contact: Zachary Sneeringer, Unit Elections Chairman or Justin St. Louis, Elections Inductions Sachem at unit.elections@oa158.org

Need supplies from the Scout Shop? Order them and have them delivered at the next Roundtable Meeting.
Follow these steps and pick up you scouting supplies at the next Roundtable meeting:

1.) Place your order by sending an email to the Yankee Clipper Scout Shop at yankeeclipperscoutshop@scouting.org (24 hours or more in advance of the Roundtable meeting).
2.) Attach your unit advancement paperwork to your email if badges, pins etc. are being ordered.
3.) Call the scout shop (978-685-0684) with your credit card number
4.) Pick up your order at the next Roundtable

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