

The Crater Paper

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Dates to Remember:

Mar. 6 - Roundtable
Mar. 11 - Pow Wow
March - 13 - **OA**
Chapter Meeting
Mar. 8 - Council
Recognition Night
**Mar. 18 - B.S. Leader
Basic Outdoor
Training**
Mar. 17 to 18 - **OA**
Winter Ordeal
Mar. 20 - District
Committee Meeting
Mar. 27 - District Com-
missioners Meeting

April 1 - ***District
Pinewood Derby***
April 4 - Roundtable
April 7 to 9 - **OA**
Merit Badge Weekend
April 9 - Cub Fun
with Son
April 10 - **OA**
Chapter Meeting
April 16 - Easter
April 17 - District
Committee Meeting
April 21 to 23 - Wood
Badge 1st weekend
April 24 - District Com-
missioners Meeting

Crater Links:

Heart of Virginia Council
www.relcbbsa.org

Crater District
www.craterbsa.org

Webelos Klondike Derby

This was our 10th Anniversary for the Webelos Klondike Derby, and the weather was perfect, cold and snowy, the way the Klondike should be, and all through the Derby the Scout Spirit was felt.

We had 10 Patrols traverse the trails of White Bank, and our Station Masters did an excellent job of testing the boys skills. They helped bring to our Webelos an educational experience in a fun and challenging environment.

Art Faithful, at Forestry, who has assisted bringing this event together every year, was up to his usual shenanigans, he gave the boys a chance to sample exotic fare from antelope and alligator, elk and bison, to name a few.

Chris Foreman who has been with us for 5 years, does an excellent job not only testing and showing the boys knots, but teaching them how and when to use them.

Butch Andrews taking the lead in the Orienteering Station, helped the boys appreciate what they are able to do with a compass in hand.

TC Hobbs tested the boys mettle at the Athlete Station.

Scott Childers took the boys through Traveler, and their map routing skills.

We had a special appearance from Pattie Richardson, who everyone knows as our Day Camp Nurse, she tested the boys and their Readyman skills.

Matt Dimmock took the boys on the Arrow of Light Trail, and tested their knowledge of Nature.

Patrizia Smith, and Sandra Daul checked the boys Citizenship Skills, and flag folding abilities.

Cecil Smith had a great fire building experience for the boys, with a string and water balloon, to see if they could burn the string before the balloon burst.

All the patrols did great, and when it came time to tally the scores

Pack 185 and Pack 186 who entered as one Patrol won 1st place.
Pack 924 and Pack 150 (Web 2) tied for 2nd place.
Pack 135 came in strong at 3rd place.

Other Packs that participated were 178, 917, 140, 150 (Web 1), 160, and 902.

Our Popsicle bridge destruction brought the usual excitement, and we are always searching for ways to make this as fair as we can to all. There were many great designs and concepts this year, and Pack 150's bridge won with holding on to the most weight before breaking.

We want to thank all the Station Masters, all the leaders and adults who attended, and all the boys who came prepared, showing their Scout Skills and Scout Spirit.

Cub Scout Day Camp - Theme "Scouts under Construction" July 31 to Aug. 4 at Richard Bland College in Petersburg. **Games - Crafts - Skills - Nature - Sports - Challenge - Fun !**

Early registration now through June 9, includes T-Shirt; Late registration June 10 to July 22 T-Shirt not included. Cost is \$60 per Scout for the week; or \$15 per day (does not include T-Shirt). Adults are free.

All Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos attending must be registered with your Pack.

Each Pack or Den that sends Cub Scouts or Webelos is absolutely required to provide one adult over age 21 for every 1 to 8 Scouts each day. No Scout will be allowed in Day Camp without supervision!!!

Adults may bring their own non Scout children, fee is \$15 per day or \$60 per week if over age 3. If a son is 6 to 10 years old he must be a registered Scout to attend.

BSA requires medical forms, and health history for all participants - scouts, non scouts and adults. No one will be allowed in camp as a participant without a completed form.

Your Pack should have received your packet of information and forms, refer to that for more specific information. That information and forms can also be found at www.craterbsa.org , if you have any questions contact Gertrud Mott at 733-4632.

2006 Cub Adventure Camp - Summer Resident Camping for Cubs and Webelos is all about the lore, the excitement, and the world through the eyes and imaginations of 7 to 10 year old boys. Make your Pack's plans for attending this summer, Camp fee is \$100/pp.

10 Sessions to choose from, don't delay most sessions were sold out by April 15 last year. Cub sessions are 3 days and 3 nights running from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday morning and/or Wednesday afternoon to Saturday morning. Sessions begin on June 25th and end on July 29th.

Now is the time to get your Packs Hold-a-Spot fee paid to ensure you get the week you want. Hold a spot is \$10/pp.



Announcing the Heart of Virginia Council Camporee to be held October 12 - 14, 2007

This event will focus on both the 400th Anniversary of Virginia, and the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts beginnings in England under Baden Powell. This will be a combined event for Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, and Explorers, with activities for all. Information will be released shortly, so mark your calendars now, and be ready to participate in this historic event.

Unit Leadership Award

Do you have an outstanding Leader in your Unit you feel should be acknowledged for the great job they are doing?

Get your nominations entered so they may be praised at our District Awards and Recognition Dinner June 7, and show how much your Unit values their contributions.

Nominees must be approved by your Unit Commissioner, and submitted by March 31.

You may at the same time submit your entries for the **District Leadership Award**, and the **District Award of Merit**.

Mail all submissions to: Lowell Flickinger 134 Hollyberry Lane Prince George, Va. 23875 (862-3271)

Coming Events:

POW-WOW 2006

The University of Cub Scouting

Location: Benedictine High School, Richmond Virginia

When: Saturday, March 11, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

You must pre-register for the event by 5:00 p.m., on Friday March 3, 2006 to avoid a late fee.

District Pinewood Derby April 1 -

Will be held at the Moose Lodge in Colonial Heights. Registration begins at 9am Inspections begin by 10am Derby begins at 10:30am.

Contact Tammy Bartlett at
stonemotorexpress@isp.com



April 7 - 9, 2006 CRATER DISTRICT MERIT BADGE CAMPOUT AT ALBRIGHTS

Over 20 Merit Badges to choose from

For more information contact:

Mr. Hagerich at hagericp@netzero.com or Mrs. Little at thomas.d.little@lee.army.mil

Super Saturday June 10 at the Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall is a Council-wide coordinated program planning seminar and Leader resource and information trade show. This is a great opportunity to learn how to plan a great year of Scouting, and to pick up and share tips about running your Pack, Troop, or Crew. This is an adult only program with the only exception being Venture Crew presidents. Besides all the information you will be given, you will also receive a Program Guide, Calendar Book, Planning Materials, and LUNCH. All for only \$2- A REAL DEAL !

Buckskin 2006 - Training of the youth leaders of a troop is important in helping the individual Scout and the Troop to grow. The HOV Council and the BSA have developed a week long training experience that has proven very valuable in the training of your junior leaders, and your troop is invited to participate.

In order to attend a Scout must be at least First Class, 13 years of age and currently filling a leader position or destined for one in the near future. This is a camp setting, so it is important that the Scout has skills in hiking, camping, and cooking.

Buckskin stresses 2 areas to benefit your Troop: (1) Scout craft skills and how they can be passed on to other members of the Troop and patrol, and (2) the Skills of Leadership that will make your junior leader more effective in his job.

The course is scheduled for August 6 through August 12 at Camp T. Brady Saunders and the cost is \$190/scout and includes all meals, and program materials. To help with advance planning you should reserve a spot for your Scout (s) with a \$90 deposit no later than May 12. If you have any questions call Robin Rush in the Council Office at 504-204-2644.

Crater District Pinewood Derby - April 1 - This event will be held at the Moose Lodge in Colonial Heights.

There will be 2 Races going on here. The First will be the District Class where the winners of your Packs Pinewood Derby have a chance to compete against winners of other Packs. There will be trophies for overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, and Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions in each Rank (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos).

The second race will be an open event, where any boy (with the exception of the District Racers, you can not enter both races) can participate. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place medals awarded for this competition as well.

Registration will begin at 9am, Inspections will begin by 10am. There will be a practice track set up, so you may fine tune your vehicle, but once inspected, it is left alone until race time. Race begins at 10:30am. There will be a boy/family charge of \$2.00 to help defray the costs of the awards. Refreshments will be offered at a minimal cost.

Dads can race too !!! Just for Fun !!!

Be a STAR - A Scouter That Attends Roundtable !!!

The Pamlico Sea Base

This East Carolina Council facility, located on the Pamlico River south of Washington, NC, has a nationally accredited BSA high adventure outdoor program developed to provide Boy Scouts with an exciting opportunity to experience challenging and rewarding aquatic programs on the coastal waters of Eastern North Carolina.

The **Sea Kayaking program** affords a premiere high adventure experience on the North Carolina Outer Banks. Throughout the course of a week your group will carry all of your food and supplies needed in your kayaks. A Sea Base staff guide will instruct the crew members in advanced outdoor skills. They will also learn skills essential for sea kayak safety such as paddling techniques, self-rescues, group rescues, navigation, and much, much more. The crew will also gain insight into the rich history of the North Carolina coastline.

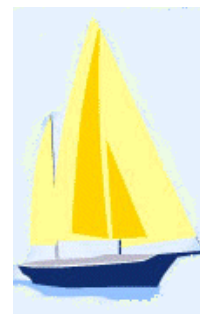


Traveling where few are able to go, crewmembers will have access to almost 80 miles of untouched or deserted beaches along the Cape Lookout National Seashore and Crystal Coast of North Carolina.

They do not require any prior experience or training as a prerequisite to attending a kayak trek. Upon arrival your designated staff guide will provide you with kayak instruction. This program is open to all who wish to discover a unique and challenging high adventure program for Scouting.

You have the ability to plan your own trek before arrival or they will listen to your needs and wants and plan a trek for you accordingly. Groups of 12 or more costs: \$300pp 1 week, under 12 \$375pp.

Participants in the **Sea Base Sailing School** will spend the week receiving intensive hands-on training while personally manning a variety of small sailing vessels on the historic Pamlico River. Their goal is that, by the end of the week, each participant will feel confident enough in their ability to handle a sailboat alone, and to feel comfortable renting or purchasing a vessel for their personal use. In addition, each participant will have the opportunity to become certified as a **US SAILING Small Boat Sailor** upon the completion of the program.



The first three days will involve learning and practicing the basics of sailing and small boat handling. Subjects covered include the rules of the road, knots, weather, piloting and helmsman ship, and boat maintenance in addition to the BSA guidelines for safe boating.

By Wednesday evening you will have a chance to put your newfound confidence in your nautical abilities to work. Your instructor will introduce you to the skills necessary to race sailboats and provide you with the opportunity to run a course against your classmates.

On Thursday, your class will chart a course and sail to one of the Sea Base's nearby historical and recreational locations.

By Friday morning, participants will be tested in order to qualify for certification as a US Sailor.

The Sea Base Sailing School is an in camp program. Participants will live at the Sea Base waterfront facilities for the duration of the week. This is not a trek program and participants will not be sailing on overnights. The Sea Base facilities will include a Shower house, Conference center, sleeping quarters with cots, and recreational activities including horseshoes and volleyball courts. To help make your stay full of diverse activities the Sea Base staff will work with the Camp Bonner Staff to sign-up your group for twilight activities that you may choose to participate in. Group fee (12 or more) costs: \$275pp.

New !! The OLD SALT TREK:

Finally! A summer camp just for adults. The Old Salt Trek is a sea kayaking trek just for adult leaders only. \$275pp You can enjoy this as just a fun trip for your Leaders or you can combine it with Leader Training of your choice.



www.pamlicoseabase.org