



The Crater Paper

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Dates to Remember:

May 1- Roundtable
May 6 to 7- Cub Fun with Son #2
May 6 to 8 - Wood Badge 2nd Weekend
May 8 - OA Meeting
May 14 - Mothers Day
May 15 - District Committee Meeting
May 20 - Spring Roundup Info Meeting
May 22 - District Commissioners Meeting
May 29 - **Memorial Day**
May 31 - **District Recognition Dinner**
(This is a date change!)
June 2 to 4 - OA Ordeal
June 5 - Roundtable
June 10 - Super Saturday
June 12 - OA Meeting
June 18 - Fathers Day
June 19 - District Committee Meeting
June 26 - District Commissioners Meeting

Crater Links:

Heart of Virginia Council
www.relcbasa.org

Crater District
www.craterbsa.org

Order of the Arrow
www.nawakwa.org

Crater District Leader Awards

We are pleased to announce the following list of our Award Winning Leaders:

District Award Of Merit - Patrizia Smith Pack 150, Troop 912
Susan Kitchens, Troop 912
Angel Velazquez, Troop 912

District Leadership Award -

For Cub Scouts	Cyril "Jay" Allen, Troop 912
For Cub Scouts	Sabine Allen, Troop 912
For Boy Scouts	Art Faithful, Troop 178
For Boy Scouts	Robert Richard, Troop 178
For District	William "Bill" Vaughan, Troop 922
For District	Charles "Randy" Leedy, Troop 175

Newly created this year, and newly named for the Outstanding Leader in your Unit you felt should be acknowledged for the great job they are doing:

Heart of the Unit Award - John Best, Pack 178
Rusty Spain, Troop 178
Doris Blevins, Troop 924
Kim Adams, Pack 924
Kathy Daily, Pack 160
Lisa Potter, Pack 910
Eddie Collins, Troop 900
Karie Ghammashi, Pack 912
Donald Kitchens, Troop 912
Chaplain James Palmer, Jr., Pack 100
and Faith Palmer, Pack 100
Doyle Wilding, Troop 177
Donna Wells, Troop 175

(Note: We had 12 out of 54 Units respond to this Award)

District Awards and Recognition Dinner May 31

Come One, Come All, to our Annual Leaders Recognition Dinner, **held this year 6:30pm at the Colonial Heights Moose Lodge**, we ask that you bring a side dish, all the Leaders from your Unit, and all the Scout Spirit you have so we can recognize our own, in the fashion they deserve.

There will be lots of good food, and many door prizes awarded as well, so get your group together, and come on down !!!

Please RSVP to Mary Vinsh the number of persons from your Unit expecting to come this night. Reply to vinsh@erols.com or 804-861-8548

The Crater District Pinewood Derby was held April 1 at the Moose Lodge in Colonial Heights. There you found the excitement that surrounds this event, with Cubs and their families anxiously awaiting their turns and the results.

The heats and scores captured on a laptop, were projected onto a screen so all could see and follow the results. There were 2 tracks set up with electronic timers, one wooden for the District winners class, one aluminum for the Open class of racers.

The event went well with the organizing group only having a short time to prepare for it. We would sincerely like to thank Tammy Bartlett and Charles Montpetit from Pack 150 for spearheading the organizing, and Donald and Kathy Dailey from Pack 160 for assisting in the race and the use of the Moose Hall.

There are many more who assisted in the race and we thank you all for helping, and we thank all of you who came to race, we hope to see you again next year !

District Winners:

1st Place: Ty Eldridge, Pack 135
 2nd Place: Patrick Davis, Pack 150
 3rd Place: Brandon Frankchok, Pack 923
 4th Place: Quentin Dailey, Pack 160

Open Class Winners:

1st Place: Kevin Napier, Pack 150
 2nd Place: Logan Knupp
 3rd Place: Greyson Bartlett, Pack 150

Order of the Arrow - Karakona Updates:

The District Merit Badge weekend was a great success!

19 troops and over 200 scouts and scouters braved the threat of severe weather and scouts received many merit badges, including one scout that earned 7 badges! Thanks to all the volunteers, scouts and scouters who made this event a weekend to remember!

Youth members that wish to run for Chapter office at the June election and picnic must submit a letter signed by a parent acknowledging that the member has permission to run and understands the obligation and responsibilities associated with holding an office in the Chapter. The youth member must also submit a letter to the Chapter Advisor, Ralph Orr detailing his wish to run for office, the specific office he is running for and what he will bring to the position and speak with the Advisor about the position. These items must be completed/turned-in no later than the May 8 Chapter meeting to be eligible to run for office.



Haven't paid your 2006 dues? Dues forms are available at www.nawakwa.org "Your Brothers Need You!"

Heyyy!!! I don't mean to bug you but I need your help here !

I write about things I find that might be interesting and informative for you folks, and try to keep the calendar up to date with all the activities I am aware of. Please..... If you have something you would like to submit, about Scouting in general or from your local Unit, or if you have a suggestion for something you would like to see on here? Send it to me.....

Generally, the earlier I get your submission in a month, the easier it will be to get it in the next months edition. Want a monthly or semi monthly bi-line, send in your ideas?

Send any comments, submissions, or suggestions to me at seanhiggins@earthlink.net

Coming Events:

Cub Fun with Son at the Cub Adventure Camp

May 6-7 Cost is only \$40 per couple

This HOV Council Spring Adventure Camp event isn't a family campout, it is designed for a boy and his parent (Mom or Dad) to come and have a great time together. The Camp will do all the cooking too!

Cubs have the opportunity to race almost anything that rolls, floats, flies, runs, or even crawls. Bring your own or build it there. They will have pinewood derby races, rain gutter regatta races, bicycle races, sack races, you name it.

Try one, or two, or try them all. Everyone will be a winner. A workshop with tools and helpers will be available for Cubs and parents to tune up or build their racer from scratch. You must pre register for this event, contact your Unit leader or Council Office for more information.

If your Unit would like to sponsor a Spring Round-up

Contact Marcus immediately for more information !!!

This will be done on a Unit basis, if you want to schedule a spring school night, now is the time to be included, this is an excellent way to grow your Unit by inviting new boys to enjoy all the summer activities you have planned !!!

Need Community Service time? Poplar Grove National Cemetery is asking any interested Scout or Scouting Unit to come out and assist putting up flags on **Friday May 26 at 5:00pm.**

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Super Saturday June 10 at the Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall is a Council-wide coordinated program planning seminar, and a 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 !

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. For more info and forms go to www.craterbsa.org or contact Gertrud with any questions at 733-4632.

We are also looking for those who can help set up for this event the Friday and Saturday before. Those who have been there know the tremendous effort it is to ensure all the stations and tents are set up, so please..... Come out and help Gertrud and her crew.

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

A Hobo Pack Feast

(They don't have to taste as bad as they sometimes look.)

Ingredients: Steak marinated in your favorite sauce cut into small cubes, pieces of mushrooms, onions, peppers, tomatoes, pineapples, whatever you enjoy.

Equipment: Roasting Sticks, a good cooking fire, and tongs to remove the packs from the fire.

Instructions: At home, alternate ingredients as you slide them onto the stick, make 3 or 4 kabobs for each Hobo Pack, season to taste, then wrap loosely in aluminum foil. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

This by itself is a great meal, but you might also enjoy some baked potatoes in their own foil packs (start them earlier of course), throw in some corn on the cob in their own foil packs (add a little water to the corn). Roast everything over the fire until cooked and have a bit of cheese and butter ready to finish the potatoes and corn. Did someone say salad??

If that Dutch oven was working at the same time, your cobbler or biscuits would be done by the time you're ready for them, and after your meal all you would need is a good place to take a nap.

From the "It Could Happen" file:



Webelos Woods is coming to the Crater District this Fall

There has been a lot of interest in this event, so much so it has even been moved up a bit. This is an educational immersion for the Webelos Scouts, filled with fun and learning along the way. An introduction to the basic concepts and workings of Boy Scouts, Patrols, Troops and their activities.

For Troops, this is an excellent opportunity for you to welcome potential transitioning Scouts, and to share information about your Unit and the Boy Scouts.

This camp is designed with these aims in mind:

* Help Webelos Scouts understand Boy Scout values, procedures, methods and skills. * Encourage the transition of Webelos Scouts by showing them the fun Boy Scouts have. * Encourage young men to learn from and teach each other using the "boy led" philosophy. * Encourage friendships among various packs/troops. * Learn new skills !

We need your Troop and your Scout's skills to help present this program which is now in its development stage. This event will be held Oct. 27 to 29, coinciding with the Cub Family Camp and Olympics, and the Crater Boy Scout Camp out, with assistance from our local Troops.

Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders If you would like to be part of the planning process for this event contact me at seanhiggins@earthlink.net

Casting Calls

Survivor - Think you've got what it takes to Outwit, Outplay, and Outlast all others?

Amazing Race 11 - Think you have what it takes to race around the globe and come in first?

Apply now, just go to www.CBS.com download the application form, and film your 3 minute video.

Amazing Race applications and video need to be in their hands by June 2,

Survivor is June 16, so you better get working !