



# The Crater Paper

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## ***Dates to Remember:***

June 2 to 4 - OA  
Ordeal

**June 5 - Roundtable**

**June 10 - Super Saturday**

**June 12 - OA Meeting - Annual Picnic and Elections**

June 18 - Fathers Day

June 19 - District Committee Meeting

June 26 - District Commissioners Meeting

July 3 - **No** Roundtable

July 4 - Independence Day

July 10 - OA Meeting

July 17 - District Committee Meeting

July 24 - District Commissioners Meeting

**July 31 to Aug. 4 - Cub Day Camp**

**August 7 - Roundtable - Recharter**

**Information and Training Night**

### **Crater Links:**

**Heart of Virginia Council**  
[www.relcbbsa.org](http://www.relcbbsa.org)

**Crater District**  
[www.craterbsa.org](http://www.craterbsa.org)

**Order of the Arrow**  
[www.nawakwa.org](http://www.nawakwa.org)

## **Crater Leaders Honored at the Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner held on May 31.**

There was a packed house, plenty of good food, and many door prizes won this night, all mixed with the Scout Spirit we always find at any of our events and meetings.

Because of their heart felt efforts doing what they can for our boys and the District we salute all of the award winners.

We would like to thank the C.H. Moose Lodge for allowing us the use of their hall, and a special thanks goes out to Mary Vinsh who has organized this event for the last 5 years. Thank you Mary for all you do to make this night as special as it is for all of our Award winners, their guests, and the District.

## **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

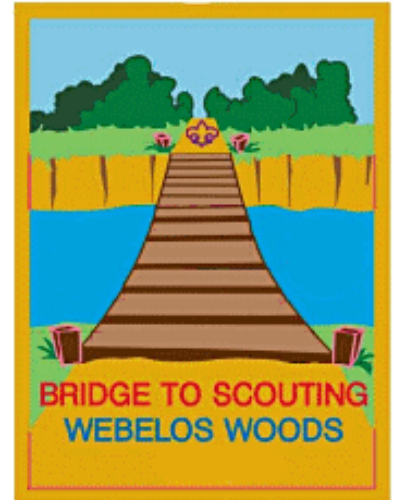
(Note: All Units were eligible for this award and we had 12 out of 54 Units respond to this Award)

# Webelos Woods is coming to the Crater District this Fall

We are looking for a fun way to bring Webelos and Boy Scouts together. The Webelos to Boy Scout transition should include exposure to the overall Boy Scout program, and the Webelos need to have positive experiences with the Troops. **Webelos Woods** will be an educational immersion for the Webelos Scouts, filled with fun and learning along the way. Webelos Woods is an introduction to the basic concepts and workings of Patrols, and their Troops and the many outdoor adventures of Boy Scouting.

Come join us for a fun filled weekend of activities, games, and hikes geared toward introducing Webelos Scouts to what awaits them as Boy Scouts. The events are sponsored by our local Crater Boy Scout Troops just waiting to show your Webelos a great time! Events will begin Friday evening.

**The event will be held Oct. 6 to 8**, coinciding with the Cub Family Camp and Olympics, and the Crater Boy Scout Camp out, with assistance from the OA and our local Troops. (Tigers, Wolves, and Bears will be participating at the Cub Olympics, while the Webelos will be participating with the Boy Scouts.)



This will be an excellent opportunity for Packs to visit multiple Troops in a camp setting, and for Troops, this is also an excellent opportunity for you to welcome potential transitioning Scouts, and to share information about your Unit and the Boy Scouts.

## **Some of the skills training we would like to offer that day are:**

**Camp site** and camping awareness skills, from site choice to set up - with Leave No Trace guidelines, showing how to find a proper camp site location, preparation, set up, recommended personal equipment and clothing, personal hygiene, including cat pits.

**Camp Safety** Axe handling, bugs, snakes, animals, and poison plants, and waterfront safety.

**Cooking** Meal planning and food storage tips, outdoor cooking choices, plus how to properly set up and use a propane stove, Dutch oven stove, a cooking campfire, and cook on it.

### **Fire Building Techniques**

**First Aid:** Reality check on the common first aid treatments they need to know while camping.

**Orienteering** Compass Training and a Course to test your new skills

**Tents** and other shelter types, ways to set up, use of tarps

**Lashing, Knot tying** Build a pioneer type project or have one built that the Webelos can climb.



**Troop and Patrol Organization Ranks and Advancement Eagle Challenge  
Scout Crafts**

**Camp Games** Team building games

**Hiking** and clothing and why weight is important in efficiently packing equipment

**Stargazing**

These are the skills we hope to have available, some may change due to unforeseen circumstances, but we will do our best to bring a full range of activities for your Webelos.

## **We Need Your Troop!**

Build a monkey bridge or other pioneering project; create a model campsite; teach Dutch oven, propane stove, or campfire cooking; lead team building games; develop a compass course; or pick any other event your Troop would like to do. We ask that the event be coordinated with our planning committee and focused on basic Scouting skills, fun and hands-on for the Webelos. **Contact seanhiggins@earthlink.net and visit our link at www.craterbsa.org**

## Coming Events:

**Super Saturday June 10 at 9am, in the Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall.** This a Council-wide coordinated program planning seminar, 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 !

**OA News: June 12 OA Meeting** Come to the Scout Hut on Fort Lee for the **Annual June Election and Picnic.** Your vote Counts so come out and support the Youth members running for Chapter office. Everyone in the OA should plan on being here for this event. There is always a lot of food at this event, you won't go away hungry !

**July 9 - Scout Day at the Diamond** - All Scouts and their Leaders in Uniform will receive a General Admission ticket for \$2, and an invitation to participate in the pre-game Scout Parade, plus family and friends may preorder a ticket for just \$3.50 with orders over 25 tickets (total for all Scouts and Family combined orders). Order tickets before June 30. Make sure you visit [www.rbraves.com](http://www.rbraves.com) for details and order forms. 804-359-4444 for info.



**Monday, July 24th at 7:30pm - Petersburg Generals Baseball Game - Scout night for all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts** the cost for Scouts and Leaders in uniform is FREE, Everyone else is \$4.00 per ticket.



### **Cub Scout Day Camp - July 31 to Aug. 4 -**

Theme "Scouts under Construction" 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.



Information and forms can also be found at [www.craterbsa.org](http://www.craterbsa.org)

If you have any questions contact Gertrud Mott at 733-4632 or [dmothome@highstream.net](mailto:dmothome@highstream.net)

**Gertrud needs Adult Leaders for the Webelos Stations, whether you can work one day or more. If you are familiar with basic Boy Scout skills we need your help. Contact Gertrud NOW, so we can assure all of our Webelos the quality program everyone knows Gertrud always presents for our young Scouts.**

**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.**

The Special Forces will be bringing a group of refugees from Cambodia known as the Montagnard people to North Carolina and **BSA Troop 912 will be collecting clothing, blankets, pots & pans etc.** to take to them sometime in August. **They are asking that other Troops and Packs help them to collect these items.** To learn about this program go to this site at [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/montagnard.htm](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/montagnard.htm)

For more information on how your Unit might help contact Phil Hageric at [hagericp@netzero.net](mailto:hagericp@netzero.net)

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

# Classified Ads - Summer Help Wanted

Did you know that the Boy Scouts of America operates 420 Scout camps, 60 council high-adventure programs, and three national high-adventure bases? Each of these offers opportunities for a variety of summer camp staff jobs. Most Scout camp staff are at least 16 years of age. The national high-adventure programs employ young people who are at least 18 years of age.

This information might be too late for this summer, but it may be something to keep in mind so that your Scout and you could prepare for his opportunity for adventure next summer.

You can find a Camp Staff Application for Camp Brady Saunders and the Cub Adventurer Camp online on our Council Web site in the Saddlebag Link. (You might check there may be some openings?)

The BSA's three national high adventure bases also look for quality staff members.

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, Northern Tier National High Adventure Program, and Philmont Scout Ranch annually seek applications from qualified men and women. Each season, for example, Philmont alone employs more than 700 individuals, from trail-guide rangers to backcountry program staffers to base camp and Philmont Training Center support people. Likewise, Northern Tier and the Florida sea base fill similar seasonal slots. Applicants must be 18 or older; previous Scouting experience and attendance at a high-adventure base are helpful but not required. Get details and applications from each base.

## Why Apply for a Camp Staff Job?

- To spend a summer in the great outdoors where nature prevails
- To acquire experiential education (learning by doing) and new skills that will last a lifetime
- To undertake and fulfill meaningful challenges and to earn the satisfaction of doing a job well
- To be considered for jobs of greater responsibility and to receive letters of recommendation for other pursuits

## European Camp Staff Program:

Through the European Camp Staff program, young leaders from the Boy Scouts of America have the opportunity to learn more about Scouting in Europe by working at a European Scout center.

The aim of the European Camp Staff program is to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and to encourage intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing the individual with a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout center in another country.

All participants in the European Camp Staff program must be between 18 and 30 years of age and must be volunteers registered with the Boy Scouts of America. To ensure that the experience is a worthwhile one, participants should be prepared to commit themselves to work for a minimum of six weeks.

The interested person should obtain a detailed booklet from the Boy Scouts of America's International Division. After reviewing the booklet and selecting a host center, the person should complete the application, have it approved by his or her local council, and return it to the International Division for approval.

Each host center will aim to provide a worthwhile placement for young leaders from the Boy Scouts of America. A major priority will be the full integration of the participant into the Scout center's staff team. The host center also will endeavor to allocate a suitable amount of time for the participant to experience the culture of the host country through a number of social and tourist activities. As a minimum, appropriate accommodations and full board will be provided for the participant for the duration of the placement.

It is the responsibility of the participants to pay their own travel to and from the Scout center. The European Scout region will refund 50 percent of the individual's travel costs. The refund will be made in autumn, once the placement has been completed and the participant has returned home. The BSA provides each participant with camper's accident and sickness insurance.