



# The Crater Paper

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## *Dates to Remember:*

- July 4 - Independence Day**
- July 20 - Cub Leader Training**
- July 31 to Aug. 4 - Cub Day Camp**
- Aug. 7 - Roundtable Recharter Information and Training**
- Aug 10 - Popcorn Kickoff**
- Aug. 14 OA Meeting
- Aug. 17 Fall Join Scouting Kickoff Night**
- Aug. 21 District Committee Meeting
- Aug. 28 District Commissioners Meeting



**One of the best ways of finding out what is going on in our District is attending Roundtable; we hope to see you there!**

**In August, we will be holding special information and training sessions concerning Recharter, Popcorn, and School Night Please it is vital for your Unit to be represented!**

## Stargazing Cub Scouts

When most parents were putting their little ones to bed, Cub Scout Pack 160 from Colonial Heights, Virginia was out learning about the universe and saw planets and stars through the lens of a high powered telescope.

Saturday, May 25th at Sailor's Creek, the local Crewe Astronomy Club gathered with the Cub Scouts. The Astronomy Club led by Kim A. Kenny and his wife Margaret, provided the high-tech "moving planetarium" for a hands-on learning experience.

As the sun began to set, Jupiter was the first "star" to come out to play. Although it looks like a star to our naked eye, it is the most massive planet in our solar system. Even though it is so large, it spins extremely fast which gives it immense gravitational energy. In fact, one day in Jupiter lasts about 10 hours.

Following the ecliptic line, the next "star" that began to shine bright was the planet Saturn. Stargazers had to wait until the sky was completely dark before being able to take a closer look at yet another one of the most massive planets, Saturn.

Other highlights of the evening was the expression on the children's faces as they learned that the earth rotates at 860mph, as well as learning to point out Polaris, otherwise known as the North star, and the Big and Little Dippers.

Kenny's enthusiasm was contagious as he shared his knowledge with the Cub Scouts and adults. There was something for everyone, and not one person walked away without learning something new.

## **Webelos Woods is coming..... We Need Your Troop! Oct 6 to 8 at Albrights**

Build a monkey bridge or other pioneering project; lead team building games; develop a compass course; teach the fundamentals of Scout Safety and First Aid; 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](mailto:seanhiggins@earthlink.net) and visit our link at [www.craterbsa.org](http://www.craterbsa.org)

### Crater Links:

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

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

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

## Coming Events:

There will be **NO** Roundtable, OA Meeting, District Committee or Commissioner's Meeting held in July. All meetings will resume in August.

**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.



**July 20 - Cub Leader Training** - at the Hopewell VFW from 6 to 10pm. The VFW is at the Vet Circle on 15th St. This is a special training session, learn the reasons of how and why we do this for the boys and how to make it fun for everyone. Many Packs have leaders who were unable to attend earlier training, and there may be others moving up into new positions, this will be a great early start for them. Please promote this opportunity to everyone in your Pack. Call or email Butch Andrews with the numbers your Unit will be sending at [CAN-DO2@MSN.com](mailto:CAN-DO2@MSN.com) or 524-0911



### **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 !



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. 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](http://www.craterbsa.org). If you have any questions contact Gertrud Mott at 733-4632.

**Gertrud needs Adults willing to camp out for a night at Day Camp, she will be offering a 50% reduction in the cost for one child's weekly cost if you spend one entire night there.**

**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.**



**August 7 Roundtable** will be an important **Recharter Training Event**. Every Unit needs to have in attendance those who will be responsible for this. HOV Internet Rechartering will be discussed and explained thoroughly. There will be food served, bring a side dish or dessert if you like.



**August 10 - Popcorn Kickoff** - Details will be announced soon - This event will be held at the Petersburg Swim Club, families will be invited. Contact Marcus for more information.

**August 17 Fall Join Scouting Night Kickoff - Recruitment Training and Information Night**  
This is another vital night for all Units to participate in. There will be a tremendous amount of advertising for us this year. School boy talks will be held Sept. 11 and 12, and School Nights will be held Sept. 14 and 19 at each school we cover. Contact Marcus for more information.

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 Hagerich at [hagericp@netzero.net](mailto:hagericp@netzero.net)

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