



The Crater Paper

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Dates to Remember:

Aug. 7 Roundtable Re-charter Information and Training

Aug 14 Popcorn Kickoff

Aug. 14 OA Meeting

Aug. 17 Fall Join Scouting Kickoff Night

Aug. 21 District Committee Meeting

Aug. 28 District Commissioners Meeting

Sept. 5 Roundtable

Sept. 8 to 10 OA Ordeal

Sept. 11 OA Meeting

Sept. 11 to 13 School Boy/Talk Rallies

Sept. 14 School Night

Sept. 18 District Committee Meeting

Sept. 19 School Night

Sept. 25 District Commissioners Meeting

Sept. 30 Popcorn Pick Up

Oct. 6 to 8

Cub Olympics, Webelos Woods, & Boy Scout

Camporee at

Albrights

Oct. 14 Owl Training

Oct. 21 Cub Leader Training

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!

Race to Scouting.....It's Coming Fast

Cub Scout recruitment will be a little different this year. There will be three major components, School Night for Cub Scouting, a Postcard invitation program, and a recruitment through our chartered partners.

School Night for Cub Scouting will be conducted on two nights this year, Thursday, September, 14th and Tuesday, September, 19th. Every elementary school in the Council is being asked to open both nights and all School Night Coordinators and Packs are being asked to recruit new boys on both nights. This is a big change from the past and one that will create excitement and synergy. If a family cannot sign up on the 14th, they have a second opportunity on the 19th.

Every Pack is being asked to work with their Chartered Partner in October and contact potential new members and invite them to a special Pack recruitment event. Information will be sent out in church bulletins and on flyers in Sunday schools.

Finally, every Cub Scout will invite three friends to their Special recruitment event or a special Pack meeting, using a postcard provided by the Council.

Cub Scout recruitment is crucial to membership growth in the Boy Scouts. 95% of all Boy Scouts come from Cub Scouts.

Please make fall recruitment a priority as your Pack conducts it's annual planning, make sure you have Pack representation at the Aug. 17 Kickoff Night!

Webelos Woods is coming..... We Need Your Troop! Oct 6 to 8 at Albright's

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 and visit our link at www.craterbsa.org

Crater Links:

Heart of Virginia Council
www.hovbsa.org

Crater District
www.craterbsa.org

Order of the Arrow
www.nawakwa.org

Coming Events:

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 14 - Popcorn Kickoff - 6 PM - Battlefield Park Swim and Racquet Club in Petersburg All Unit Popcorn Kernels and Unit Leaders should attend this meeting, if unable to attend please send your Unit Representatives. Contact Marcus for more info.

August 17 Fall Join Scouting Night Kickoff - Recruitment Training and Information Night at WUMC in Col. Hts. (Same meeting place as Roundtable) This is another vital night for all Units to participate in. Your Pack needs to be represented here so that all information can be passed on to your Unit. There will be a tremendous amount of advertising for us this year. School boy talks will be held Sept. 11, 12, and 13. School Nights will be held Sept. 14 and 19 at each school we cover. Contact Marcus for more information.

Oct. 6 to 8 Cub Olympics, Webelos Woods, and Boy Scout Camporee

For the Cubs - Tigers Wolves, and Bears - Fun, Games, Fishing, and Scout Skills.

For the Webelos - Time to See and Learn what Boy Scouts is all about. Boys and their Parents will have a chance to interact with many different Troops, to see how they operate, activities they pursue, and learn some of the many adventures that lay ahead of them on the Boy Scout Trail.

For the Boy Scouts - This is a great way to show potential transitioning Webelos the organizational skills and fun your Troop has camping. Your youth Leaders will have a chance to show off their knowledge as they teach the basic scout skills needed in Boy Scouting.

Information packets will be sent to all Units, forms (once posted) and more info can be found at www.craterbsa.org.

Come out and join us for a weekend of family camping, or spend the day with us on Saturday.

Oct. 14 Crater District OWL Training - Cub Scout / Webelos Outdoor Leader Training

Oct. 21 Cub Leader Specific Training - Watch for information concerning these Training Events

An old man visited his doctor for help with a problem:

'Doc, I don't know what's wrong, but I pass gas all the time. It's weird because they are silent and odorless, but they keep coming out. In fact, I've passed gas about 6 times just sitting here. What can I do?'

The doctor replied, 'Here, take one of these pills every morning and then come see me in a week.'

A week later, the old man came back to the doctor and he was upset. 'Doc, those pills didn't help - they made it worse! I'm still passing gas, but now they stink something fierce!'

The doctor replied, 'Calm down, sir. Now that we've cleared your sinuses, we can work on your hearing.'

You Might Be A Wood Badger! If you've ever been driving at 60 MPH and suddenly slammed on the brakes because you thought you saw a Patrol critter at a yard sale...

You Might Be A Wood Badger! If you raise your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting...

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

The Young American Award

First presented in 1968, the council-level award is given to young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 to highlight publicly the importance of their excellent achievements and service to their community, state and nation. The council-level Young American Award consists of a plaque to be awarded at an appropriate council ceremony. The council office typically extends the application process in September to appropriate council units and community youth-serving organizations, which then submit nominations on behalf of their young adult constituents. Recipients are not required to be a member or a participant of a local council unit or program.



The council can give as many as they choose of the council-level Young American Award plaques.

The council then submits its one best application as their national award nominee. The national-level award consists of a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000. Deadline for applications received by the national office is January 2

Nominations can be made by Boy Scout troops, Explorer posts, Venturing crews, Learning for Life groups, individuals, and other community youth-serving organizations that share the same program objectives.

Applications are not carried over, any previous application can be updated and resubmitted through the local council office.

Qualifications:

- Student - Any student age 15 to 25 as of June 1.
- Accomplishments - Has achieved outstanding accomplishments in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, and science.
- Service - Has been involved in service in their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.
- Scholar - Has maintained an above-average scholastic grade point average. Provide a copy of both your high school and college transcript with application (college transcript only if graduate student).

Recommendations—You must provide with the application a minimum of three letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, group, school, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, business leader, civic leader, or other community leaders.

Council Deadline: Turn in application to local council office with letters of recommendation and current school transcript no later than December 1.

For more information go to <http://www.scouting.org/awards/youngamerican>

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

For more information on how your Unit might help contact Phil Hagerich at hagericp@netzero.net

The William T. Hornaday Award

Think of It as an Olympic Medal Bestowed by the Earth

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Many of the requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Many former Scouts have become leaders in conserving our environment and protecting it from abuse. Right now Scouts are involved in learning about environmental problems and actively working to make a difference.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning about natural resource conservation and the environment. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, Adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

There are several different Hornaday awards. (The gold badge and gold medal are for adults.)

The William T. Hornaday **Unit Award** is awarded to a Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew of five or more Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Venturers for a unique, substantial conservation project. At least 60 percent of registered unit members must participate. At least 60 percent of the registered unit members must participate. These units may be nominated, or they may apply to their BSA local council for recognition.

The William T. Hornaday **Badge** is awarded, upon approval of the local council, to a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer for outstanding service to conservation and environmental improvement.

The William T. Hornaday **Bronze or Silver Medal** are granted by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer for exceptional and distinguished service to conservation and environmental improvement.

The William T. Hornaday **Gold Badge** is by nomination only and is awarded by the local council to an adult Scouter. The nominee should have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the education of youth on a council or district level for significant conservation efforts for a period of at least three years. Nominations are made to the local council.

The William T. Hornaday **Gold Medal** is by nomination only and is awarded to an adult Scouter. It recognizes unusual and distinguished service in natural resource conservation and environmental improvement at the regional, national, or international level. Nominations must be approved by the Hornaday Awards Committee and by the Conservation Committee of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. Any recognized conservation/environmental organization may submit a nomination. The award includes the gold medal, a certificate, and an embroidered square knot

Organizations and individuals unaffiliated with Scouting may be nominated for the **Gold Certificate**.

For more information go to <http://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday>



Thank You to Gertrud Mott and to all her volunteers for bringing to us another successful week of Cub Scout Day Camp. Our Cub Day Camp is truly one of the best in the nation, and that is because of the year round thought and effort Gertrud puts into this event.