



The Crater Paper



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Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 1 to 7 Popcorn Money Due
- Dec. 2 Recharter Turn- In**
- Dec. 4 Roundtable
- Dec. 11 OA Meeting
- Dec. 16 Crater Christmas Party**
- Dec. 18 District Committee Meeting
- Dec. 22 & 23 OA Service Project
- Dec. 25 Christmas**
- Dec. 27 District Commissioners Meeting



- Jan. 8 Roundtable
- Jan. 13 FOS Kick-Off
- Jan. 15 OA Meeting
- Jan. 19 to 21 Winter Camporee - BS Klondike Derby**
- Jan. 22 District Committee Meeting
- Jan. 27 Patrick Henry
- Jan. 29 District Commissioners Meeting

Crater Links:

Heart of Virginia Council
www.hovbsa.org

Crater District
www.craterbsa.org

Order of the Arrow
www.nawakwa.org

Scouting for Food

Thank you Joe Vinsh!

For coordinating another successful Scouting for Food campaign. The food banks of central Virginia depend on Scouts, their largest food contributors, to make their operations possible.

Have you got that Holiday Spirit yet?

Our Crater District Christmas Party will be held Dec.16, 6pm at the Moose Lodge in Colonial Heights. You need to RSVP to Marcus the names and numbers in your Unit planning on attending **Adults only Please !!!**

December 18 - District Committee Meeting -

This is where the plans are made for the activities within our District. **Be part of the solution** — Join us for District Committee Meetings. Creativity and efficiency are the watchwords! The Committee meets every third Monday at 7:00 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Petersburg. We are also in the process of building our membership on District Sub-Committees. If you are interested in serving on the District Committee, please contact Cecil Smith. Strength through numbers!



Boy Scout Winter Camporee and Klondike Derby

The 2007 Boy Scout Winter Camporee will be held **January 19 to 21 at Albright's**. This Winter Camporee will be a fun chance for your troop to participate in cold weather camping. Let's all remember how much fun it was in the ice storm of 2004. Sign-up now to reserve a spot, and start talking with your Scouts about cold weather camping!

Klondike Derby for the Webelos

Ready for the challenge and the fun, is your Patrol's Popsicle Bridge built to specifications? This years Derby will be held **February 17, 2007 at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights**. Go to www.craterbsa.org and click on the Resource Link to find our site under District Activities.

Earn an extra point for your Webelos Register by Feb 1!

One of the best ways of finding out what is going on in our District is attending Roundtable;

we hope to see you there!

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

Coming Events:

Public Speaking Merit Badge Toastmasters is again hosting the Patrick Henry Public Speaking Skills Program **for Scouts 12+** Jan. 27, Feb. 3 & Feb. 10. Patrick Henry is an event conducted annually by the Toastmasters to help Scouts earn the Communications and Public Speaking Merit Badges.

Call Kerry Baker at (804) 204-2612 or **Email:** kbaker@bsaemail.org to sign-up now.

Boy Scouts or Venturers interested in working on either the **Ad Altere Dei or Pope Pius XII Catholic Religious Emblem**, please contact Mrs. Orr. Sessions are to start in January. You must have completed 6th grade, have been in Boy Scouts for at least 6 months and be Catholic. For more info please call Kathy Orr @ 452-4152 or email rkorr724@adelphia.net.

Feb 3 - Cub Leader Specific Training highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of the Cub Scout program and is designed to give position-related information to all adult Leaders. This will also go into greater detail on youth development, boy behavior, program planning, activities, and the purposes of the program. **All new Cub Leaders should attend.**

Feb 24 - Boy Scout Leader Specific Training Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

March 3 POW WOW is a Cub Scout leader's Learning extravaganza! This is a fun-filled experience where Leaders increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting. **Commissioner's College** offers the complete training program for all Commissioners. Interactive course participation will provide participants with a wealth of knowledge to help units succeed.

March 23 to 25 American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Wilderness First Aid course conducted by American Red Cross for Scout Leaders only. Cost is \$60 and is held outdoors at Albright Scout Reservation. **Contact Info:** Pat Meadows (804) 745-7552 Email: wsilgi@cs.com

April 13 to 15 Wood Badge Part 1 ; May 05 to 07 Wood Badge Part 2

April 28 American Red Cross Basic First Aid and CPR Course \$25 at the Council Service Center for Scout Leaders Only **Contact Info:** Pat Meadows (804) 745-7552 Email: wsilgi@cs.com

May 19 Cub Scout fun with son Saturday, Chance for Cub Scout and parent to have an exciting weekend of fun and adventure at the Cub Scout Adventure Camp.

The Council and District have lined up many Training events throughout the year, still some Leaders may not be able to attend. There are other opportunities to give new Leaders a helping hand until they have a chance to get to an official training session. There are Leader help books, videos, and even online training, this information should be passed on to every current Leader. **Check out these sites for online training opportunities: www.hovbsa.org and www.scouting.org. While you are there check out the Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection Training, and the Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities.**

Webelos Woods

After much discussion it seems that May 5, 2007 will be our best alternative date to hold this event. We are asking for any input, from both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders.

This event will be for this years Webelos and this years Bears, and we will also be able to offer this as a program for those Webelos who have just crossed over into Boy Scouting. Your Unit does not have to camp out to attend but there will be Camping available May 4 to May 6, 2007.