



# The Crater Paper

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### **Dates to Remember:**

Jan 8 Roundtable  
 Jan 13 FOS Kick-Off  
 Jan 15 OA Meeting  
 Jan 18 Council Maintenance and Property Committee Meeting  
**Jan 19 to 21 Winter Camporee - BS Klondike Derby**  
 Jan 22 District Committee Meeting  
 Jan 27 Patrick Henry  
 Jan 29 District Commissioners Meeting

### **Feb 3 Cub Leader Specific Training**

Feb 3 Patrick Henry  
 Feb 4 to 10 Scouting Anniversary Week  
 Feb 4 Scout Sunday  
 Feb 5 Roundtable  
 Feb 8 Scout Anniversary  
 Feb 10 Patrick Henry  
 Feb 12 OA Meeting

### **Feb 17 Webelos Klondike Derby**

Feb 19 District Committee Meeting

### **Feb 24 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training**

Feb 26 District Commissioners Meeting  
 Feb 27 Council Recognition Gala

### **There was egg nog for everyone !**

The Crater District Christmas party was held Dec. 16 at the Moose Lodge in Col. Hts, and it simply was a very nice evening enjoyed by all. Dinner, Dancing, Fellowship, and Karaoke.... It was a fun evening, with plenty of good food and drink. We have a great bunch of Leaders, and this is one of the Districts ways of showing us their appreciation for the work we do all year. The camaraderie found at any of our Leader events is always very evident, and this night was a pleasant time for all who attended. So next Christmas, when you see the date for this party on the calendar, plan on attending, you will be glad you did. **Thank you to Donald and Kathy Dailey, and also Loretta Pulley for helping to arrange the evening, and the CH Moose Lodge for allowing us the use of their facilities.**

### **Unit Insurance**

Please be aware that the Council has renewed the Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy for all of our youth and adult members and participants for the calendar year 2007. This policy is through Health Special Risk, Inc. and is effective Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2007. This is the second year of this program being available to all of our units and members. This coverage is provided by the Council for all Tigers (and Tiger parents), Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Varsity Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers, Learning For Life participants and all adult leaders. **This is a supplemental policy to help with out of pocket type expenses for any injury incurred to, from or during a scouting meeting or activity or camp. (Our council office assists with filing the claims).** Each unit at the time of their charter renewal will pay \$2 per person in the Unit to help defray the expense of this accident and sickness policy and the general liability insurance through Boy Scouts of America. The council spends nearly \$15,000 annually for this accident and sickness policy and \$18,000 for the liability insurance at this time. **Units no longer need to carry their own insurance policies, but you do need to be sure that your Chartered Organization carries insurance that covers your equipment and meeting facilities.**

### **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)

### **Boy Scout Winter Camporee and Klondike Derby**

**January 19 to 21 at Albright's.** This is a great chance for your troop to participate in cold weather camping. 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!

**Contact Charlie Vance at [cgvance@juno.com](mailto:cgvance@juno.com)**



## 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@bsamail.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.

**Jan 15 OA Meeting** 7PM at the Ft Lee Scout Hut. Come and learn all you ever wanted to know and more about Global Positioning Systems (GPS) with a presentation and discussion to be given by Charlie Vance. The use of GPS is now listed as an alternative task for the backpacking merit badge and may expand to the Hiking and Camping merit badges. Mark your calendars also for **Feb 12** the Chapter will have as its guest Marv Johnson, who makes and sells bows and arrows. For those Arrowmen getting ready to seal their Brotherhood, training will also occur during this meeting. Spread the word!!!

**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.**

**Klondike Derby for the Webelos Feb 17** at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Ready for the challenge and the fun? Is your Patrol's Popsicle Bridge built to specifications? Go to craterbsa.org for a link to our Info site. **Earn an extra point for your Webelos Register by Feb 1!**

**Feb 24 - Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters Specific Training** The Training Patrol has been formed, and all Boy Scout Leaders, Committee Members, and Webelos Leaders are urged to attend this important Training opportunity. This event will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights, registration begins at 7:30am and the program will be 8am to 5:30pm. There will be a \$5 fee, bring your own bag lunch, drinks, and snacks. **Contact Chuck Smith at cws3.smith@usa.net** for information and pre-registration for this event. Scouters are considered fully trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

**March 10 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 31 District Pinewood Derby** at the Colonial Heights Moose Lodge. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. Racing starts at 11:00 Lunch will be available at a nominal price, along with drinks. If any Pack has another track that can also be used there can be more racing options available. Contact Kathy Dailey from Pack 160 at CHMOOSE1783@yahoo.com

**April 20 - 22 CRATER DISTRICT OA MERIT BADGE CAMPOUT AT ALBRIGHTS** Over 20 Merit Badges to choose from! This is a great event for all Boy Scouts to earn their badges. Newly transitioned and older Scouts both have several options here. Contact Phil Hageric at hagericp@netzero.net

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