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Message from the Scout Executive

If you follow the book, you will be successful

While preparing for the annual "Town Meetings" where program outlines for the coming year are presented, I was reviewing the new Den Leader's Packet, given to each Cub Scout Pack.

The packet contains an overview of how a Pack is organized, 3 months of Program Helps, and the Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Training program on CD. In just a few pages, the BSA has outlined the Cub Scout program and provided the basic tools to help the new Den Leader get off to a good start.

If we follow "the book," we will conduct a good program and be successful.

"The book" provides proven plans and techniques for Den, Pack and Troop meetings. Meetings that are planned "by the book", using Cub Scout Program Helps or Troop Program Features, are sure to be fun and interesting for the scouts and make them want to come back for more. Following "the book" also ensures that we are delivering the purposes of scouting to our members: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

This applies to all levels of scouting. Books have been written for training, commissioners, summer camp, activities, and the Executive Board. Let's all endeavor to follow "the book" this year. It will provide direction and purpose for all and ultimately a better program for youth.

Yours in Scouting, *Mike Riley, Scout Executive*



Scouting Community Breakfast Friday, October 1st, 2004 7:00 a.m. Christine's Restaurant, Dennis

Honoring Rep. Thomas N. George

Breakfast donations \$25 to benefit the program. Sign up forms are available on the web, or send an email to dhallise@bsaemail.org to reserve your spot.

We hope to see you there.

Harwich Salute to Scouting Friday, October 8th, 2004 7:30 a.m.

**Cranberry Valley Golf Club. 183 Oak St. Harwich, MA
Honoree to be announced**

Full Breakfast Buffet for \$30-\$35 per person donation and gratuity
Early reservations suggested. Seating limited to 100 attendees
For more information contact CAPT Seth J. Hudak, USCGR (Ret.),
508-430-0580

Caribbean Weekend for Boy Scouts, Crews and friends September 10-12, 2004

Please bring a friend to this event, he or she has to be at least 14 and completed the 8th grade.
Cost is \$25.00 per person for this all-inclusive fun weekend.

Nov 5-7: Turkey Shoot Weekend for Webelos, Scouts, Venturers.
Webelos Dens, please plan to camp with a Troop Saturday night with Shooting events on Sunday morning. Troops, venturers and adults can start camp on Friday night. Scouts with shooting competitions on Saturday. Law enforcement and Sporting Club demonstrations are planned. Pre-registration required.

Summer Season 2004 at Greenough was the busiest in recent memory, with record numbers attending both Cub Scout Day Camp and Maritime High Adventure. Coupled with hosting several non-scouting groups, a summer cross country race, two weeks of girl scout camp and a newly revitalized COPE Course, you have a summer full of fun, adventure and learning scouting values. New COPE Director Steve Purcell is now accepting unit reservations for both high and low COPE on Fall Weekends. Details at Council Office.

**Take out your running shoes for the
Second Tenderfoot 5K Run
October 30th, 2004
Followed by Frightfully Fun Family Day**



National Jamboree in Fort A.P. Virginia July 25 - August 3, 2005.

There are still a lot of positions available on Staff for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, the only way Venturers can attend the Jamboree. Both men and women over 16 may apply. You can download the applications from www.scouting.org via the Jamboree section.

Positions needed: Air Rifles, Archery, Biathlon, Buckskin Games, Trapshooting, Action Alley (Low COPE Course), Confidence Course (High COPE Course), Pioneering, Rappelling.
Dates available: July 21, 2005 through August 3, 2005.



Training dates

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster
(Teetonkah I)
Oct 9, 2004, Camp Richard, Nantucket.

Outdoor Leadership (Teetonkah II)
Oct 30 & 31, 2004 , Maushop Lodge & Nauset, Camp
Greenough

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster (Teetonkah I)
February 7, 2005, Council Service Center

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster (Teetonkah I)
March 5, 2005, Lower Cape location to be announced.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster (Teetonkah I)
April 9, 2005, Upper Cape location to be announced.

Outdoor Leadership (Teetonkah II)
May 21 & 22, 2005, Maushop Lodge & Nauset, Camp
Greenough



Message from the Council President

When my two children were very young, one of our favorite activities was a trip to the local orchard for some serious apple picking. It was a great time to laugh, connect, teach, and learn.

I remember telling them of the story of John Chapman, born 9/26/1774 in Leominster, Mass. To history he is known as Johnny Appleseed. Across the land he went planting apple trees for the settlers who would follow him. What an interesting vision! He lived by the Golden Rule. John was a practical businessman who lived his life in the Christian faith. He believed that any fool could count the number of seeds in an apple but only God knew the number of apples in one seed.

So what do apples have to do with Scouting? Well, we are about to start another Scouting Program year. As you are reading this newsletter you, your unit committee, and your Scouts are in the midst of planning your activities for 2004-05.

The time we spend as Scout Leaders is both a gift and a calling. It may not seem so right now but when you look back on these days you will agree with me.

Right now you have some choices to make. What kind of Scout leader are YOU going to be? Will YOU take full advantage of all the resources and training that YOUR Council offers you? Are YOU willing to share the knowledge and wisdom you have with other Scouters?

Are YOU going to help the youth in your care see the deeper meaning of the Scout Oath and Law? Are YOU going to help them discover that these "principles" are the foundation for a full, rewarding, generous and meaningful life? Will YOU discover that the true value of Scouting doesn't lie in colored threads sewn onto pieces of cloth?

We at the Council are here for you. Everything we do has one and only one purpose – to see to it that YOU have all the help you need to inspire the young people in your care.

Please partner with us. Take all the training. Go to the Roundtables, shed some stress and share in the Vision. Offer your leadership to a Council sponsored activity or committee. Don't just pick apples this fall, PLANT SOME SEEDS.
Sincerely Yours, *Ray Hebert*

New Look for Tiger Cubs: Hear Them Roar!



Effective August 1, 2004, the official Tiger Cub uniform will be the blue shirt worn by all other Cub Scouts. An orange neckerchief with navy blue trim, Tiger Cub cap, Tiger Cub Neckerchief slide, and Tiger Cub immediate recognition kit worn on the right pocket will designate their program.

The changes are intended to further strengthen the relationship between the Tiger Cub Dens and the Pack.

It's almost Popcorn Time!

This year's popcorn sale will see a major change in the sale dates. The changes were suggested by units for three reasons:

1. Take advantage of better weather, early October
2. Take advantage of more daylight into the evening before daylight savings time begins.
3. Schedule delivery of the popcorn before Thanksgiving.

2004 Popcorn Sale Dates

Wednesday, September 15, Popcorn Training,
6:30 PM at the Council Service Center
Saturday, October 2, Sale Begins
Sunday, October 24, Sale Ends
Monday, November 1, Orders Due in Office

Gone home... Harry "Bud" D. Evans, Jr.

Bud was active in Scouting on the Cape, serving in a variety of positions, including Executive Board and provisional Scoutmaster at Camp Greenough. Prior to moving to the Cape, he was Scoutmaster at West Point. A well-known artist, Bud was very generous with his talent donating paintings for charity auctions for the Council and other organizations. He also designed many of the Camporee and other event patches in the 70's and 80's.

OA update: Fellowship weekend at Camp Greenough, September 24th through September 26th.

All Order of the Arrow members, young and old, should plan on attending. Arrive 7pm Friday Sept 24. Depart 11am Sunday. Camp on Nauset Hill. Adults and others unable to Camp out can stay in Maushop Lodge. Registration details at Council Service Center.



The MYSTERY of a Unit Commissioner

Last year, the mystique surrounding Commissioners really hit home on a personal level. I have been very active with my units for over 20 years, serving in various capacities as needed, but mostly as a unit commissioner. Our Troop committee signed up to do training last year and was unable to name their commissioner! Everyone knew me, knew that I'm always around, but didn't know my "official" position.



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I thought a little quiz might be fun, a way to get the new year started and take the first step toward clearing up the "Mystique of the Unit Commissioner."

True/False:

- *I know the name of my unit commissioner.*
- *A unit commissioner is someone sent by Council to spy on my unit.*
- *My unit commissioner is a big help. I can turn to him/her when I have questions or need to bounce an idea off someone*
- *A unit commissioner's only job is to help with charter renewal.*
- *My unit commissioner explained the difference between belt loops and pins to our committee and leaders*

Answers:

1. If you don't know the name and phone number of your unit commissioner please contact me so I can introduce you.
2. Believe me – no one is spying on your units. We all want units to succeed and offer the best possible program to our members. Your commissioner should be the liaison between your unit and the Council office. A lot of that information that used to come through us, is now handled via our web site, newsletters and email but your commissioner is still a great resource for program questions and planning.
3. Your unit commissioner **should** be a part of your team – someone you can count on for support and guidance. Commissioners exist to help units succeed. They are your staunchest ally, willing to help in any way they can whatever the question or concern.
4. Unit commissioners DO help with charter renewal and provide guidance to help you attain Quality Unit status but you shouldn't see him/her just at charter renewal time. Your UC should be at your school sign up night, pack meetings, Courts of Honor, Blue and Gold Banquets, committee meetings as needed. He/she should be checking in via phone or email to see how things are going, if there's anything they can do to help. In short, you should think of your commissioner as a kindly uncle or aunt or your best friend.
5. Commissioners should be familiar with all aspects of the Scouting program and be available to you as a resource.

I hope this quiz has introduced the role of the commissioner staff. It was meant to begin an understanding of the partnership between units and their commissioner, whose role is to provide **outstanding service** to their units. This service is based on a philosophy of friendliness and is intended to ensure that GOOD Scouting is happening in the lives of the youth members in the units they serve. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Scout Calendar

September

- 1 Upper Cape District Committee & Commissioners
- 2 Martha's Vineyard District Committee
- 6 Labor Day, Scout Service Center closed
- 10 Caribbean Weekend, Camp Greenough
- 13 Roundtables
- 13 School nights for Scouting
- 14 Properties Committee
- 15 Popcorn Training
- 20 School nights for Scouting
- 21 Executive Board
- 23 Cub Scout Leader Training & Owl Orientation
- 24 Order of the Arrow Fellowship Weekend

October

- 1 Dennis Community Breakfast
- 2 Popcorn Sale begins
- 4 Roundtables
- 6 Upper Cape District Committee & Commissioners
- 6 Cub Scout Leader & Troop Committee Training
- 7 Martha's Vineyard District Committee
- 8 Harwich Salute to Scouting Breakfast
- 9 Scoutmaster Training
- 9 Merit Badge/Advancement Weekend
- 11 Columbus Day, Scout Service Center closed
- 12 Properties Committee
- 12 Cub Scout Leader & Troop Committee Training
- 15 Cape Cod & Islands Scouter deadline
- 16 Outdoor Webelos Leader & BALOO Training
- 19 Eagle Scout Boards of Review
- 19 Executive Board
- 24 Popcorn Sale ends
- 29 Venture Leader Basic Training
- 30 Tenderfoot 5K
- 30 Frightfully Fun Family day
- 30 Intro to Outdoor Leadership Training

Check out the web site for complete information. www.scoutscapecod.org



Powder Horn by Tim Millar

On two 3-day weekends in May and June, Cape Cod & Islands Council joined with Narragansett and Old Colony Councils to conduct a training program designed to give Venturing and Boy Scout Leaders hands-on exposure to activities and resources that enable successful completion of the Venturing Ranger Award as well as enhancing High Adventure programs.

The course included instruction in the eight Ranger Core requirements – Land Navigation, Leave No Trace camping, Communication, Conservation Project Development, Emergency Preparedness, Cooking, First Aid and Survival. In addition, the Ranger Elective subjects were highlighted as well, including Mountaineering, Backpacking, Outdoor Living History, COPE, Cave Exploring, Physical Fitness, Life Saver, Ecology, Fishing, Plants and Wildlife, SCUBA, Equestrian, Shooting Sports (12-gauge trap, black powder, pistol and rifle), Watercraft (sailing, canoeing and kayaking) and Expedition Planning.

The earned Powder Horn silver insignia represents an exciting opportunity for Scouters to kick High Adventure up a notch!

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Trekking Cape Cod

How much of Cape Cod can you explore in four days? Just ask the Scouts who came from Colorado, Vermont, New York, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. These crews of six to eleven people, including adult leadership, started out with a local guide at Camp Greenough, hopped on bicycles and took off on a great camping high adventure.

For a full report by Guide Tim Millar, go to www.scoutscapecod.org

October 8-11 Advancement Weekend Nantucket, hosted by Troop 97

Instruction in Scout Ranks as well as Merit Badges (communications, first aid, fingerprinting, and computer science). Adult leader Fast Start and Basic Essential Leader Training is available for adults.

The cost of the event is \$20, which covers three nights camping, cracker barrels, patch, and a Sunday evening buffet. Limit for attendance is 150-175 people. The opportunity is offered in-council until mid August and then out of council.

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