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Doing a Good Turn Daily

With Scout Anniversary Week February 6 - 12 2005, it would be nice if each unit would organize a Good Turn Project. One that could make a big impact in the local community is a blanket or food drive.



The following Food Pantries need food.

- Cape Cod Council of Churches, Dennisport MA, 508-394-6361
- Salvation Army, Hyannis, MA, 508-775-0364
- Pilot House, Hyannis, MA. Jeff Stranger can deliver, 508-364-3172
- NOAH Shelter, Hyannis MA can use Blankets, coffee, sugar, tuna. Please call Jeff Stranger at 508-364-3172 to arrange delivery of goods to the shelter..

As we sit home nice and warm tonight, please let us not forget the homeless and people who have to make a decision between heating the house and buying food.

I encourage each scouting unit to organize a food or blanket drive in there area and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Jeff Stranger, 508-364-3172 or jstranger@comcast.net

Chuckwagon Derby May 7th, 2005

Celebrating 75 Years of Cub Scouting!

Howdy! Calling all Mayors

The Chuckwagon Derby is a Cub Scout-based, Council-wide event! Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships can all play a part to make this a Super Fun Day for our Tigers, Cubs and Webelos! In addition to the Derby itself, Packs and their families are welcome and encouraged to camp for the weekend.

Each Cub Scout Pack that wishes to camp must have a BALOO trained adult leader who will be staying with the Pack. The next BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Training) will be held on Saturday, April 9th at Camp Greenough.

Packets to Cubmasters with unit registration forms, information sheet for leaders on the wagons and information to reproduce for parents (cover letter, directions to camp, recommended overnight camping gear, dashboard cards, patch design. Health form and Permission slip) will go out soon.



Message from the Scout Executive

A Christmas Present for the Council

You can see one of Scouting's very special benefactors in a recent Mayflower Place ad. It shows the trainer next to the pool and a resident swimming. That swimmer is Esther Wallace, formerly of Harwich and a retired physical education professor from UMASS Amherst. She's passionate about swimming and boating.

Esther drew quite a crowd the first time she went swimming in the Mayflower Place pool, because she was doing flip turns at the end of each lap!

Esther is also passionate about youth development. Besides her career as a teacher, while in college she worked summers as a swimming instructor at a Girl Scout camp and then for a Salvation Army camp. In the past few years she became acquainted with the Cape Cod and Islands Council and has been supportive of our annual fundraising efforts. I see her in church on most Sundays. She usually greets me with "Michael, how are the Boy Scouts of America?" to which I reply, "Great!" (Because we are!)

After visiting Camp Greenough and discussing some of the needs at the waterfront, Esther has made a gift of \$15,000 for following:

- Repairs and improvements to the swimming area dock
- Purchase of 5 pedal boats
- Purchase of 6 Kayaks
- Purchase of rescue equipment
- Improvements to the boathouse and new kayak storage.

The Cape Cod and Islands Council is thrilled to receive such a wonderful gift. In recognition, we will be naming the waterfront area the "Esther Wallace Aquatics Center". Most improvements will be complete in time for the Chuck Wagon Derby where we will conduct a ceremony to officially recognize Esther and her generous donation

Thank you Esther!

Yours in Scouting, Mike Riley

We anticipate that all units running a City and/or camping last year will be back this year, so start thinking of how to make Chuckwagon a really exciting time for everyone!

We are looking for new ideas, new City themes, new activities for any of the ten Stations. Previously we have had: Scout Knowledge, First Aid, Fire Building Safety, Equipment Inspection, Knots & Ropes, Disability Awareness, Patriotism, Obstacle Course, Tools, Fishing, and Water Safety.

A planning meeting for Mayors, Staff and others interested in helping is planned for Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 PM at the Council Service Center. So let's get everyone started down that ol' dusty trail.

For more information, contact Tim Millar (508) 432-3142, hmillar@comcast.net



Training
For more information,
www.scoutscapecod.org

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific (Teetonkah I)
February 5, 2005, Council Service Center
March 5, 2005 Orleans Fire Department
April 9, 2005 Falmouth Fire Department

Cub Scout Leader Specific
February 5, 2005, Camp Greenough

BALOO
April 9, 2005, Camp Greenough

Cluster Council Powder Horn Course
August 26-28, 2005,
Camp Squanto, Plymouth, MA
Sept 16-18, 2005, Camp Greenough



OA news

Abake Mi-Sa-Na-Ki Lodge of the Order of the Arrow hosted its annual SPL Summit at Maushop Lodge the first full weekend of January with training for lodge leaders on Saturday and offering Junior Leader Training skills to troop leaders on Sunday.

The sessions were well attended and many troops are making plans to offer their own day long training, using the skills and materials obtained over the weekend.

OA Dues Reminders: Scoutmasters have received a Troop OA inventory sheet and are asked to collect dues from all OA members and forward to the Council Office as soon as possible. This could be a task for the Troop OA Rep, a leadership position in the troop appointed by the scoutmaster. Questions about dues and the OA rep program can be directed to the Lodge Advisor at williams.monroe@comcast.net

Camp Greenough News

The December 26 storm changed the landscape at Greenough considerably, bringing down dozens of trees and limbs. Work parties will be organized on Saturday afternoon of Klondike Weekend (January 22nd) to help clear away some of the debris. Adults with chainsaws and other woods tools should see Camp Ranger Dave Bibeau for assignments and a safety briefing before beginning any work.

Stonehearth Outdoor Learning Opportunities (SOLO)
Wilderness First Aid
16-hour weekend certification course
Camp Greenough on May 14-15, 2005



With humor, skill, & inventiveness, this class teaches what you need to know when conventional aid is more than a few hours away.

Tell Scouts (16+) and other Scouters about this great opportunity. Register ASAP -- maximum class size is 30
More info and sign up via www.scoutscapecod.org



Message from the Council President

I am much obliged

Now that we the holidays are over, I find myself more grateful than ever for a very successful fiscal year for the Council.

Hundreds of wonderful Friends of Scouting have stepped forward in a true spirit of stewardship to ensure our Councils ability to serve the families of Cape Cod with a quality Scouting Program.

At the Orleans Salute to Scouting Breakfast I had the honor and privilege of presenting Sid Snow the Distinguished Citizen Award for his Outstanding Service to the people of Orleans.

During my remarks I spoke of my Scoutmaster Joe Hammerstrom. He made his Eagle Scout rank around 1915. He was a John Wayne kind of character. He was a police officer in the Town of Shrewsbury, Mass. He was one of my first heroes.

He had a unique way of saying thank you ... He would tip his hat and say "I'm much obliged." Unlike the phrase "thank you" which has a "now we're even" sort of connotation... the phrase "I'm much obliged" has an implied continuity of "I owe you one". It reminds me of my own Eagle Court of Honor where I heard the Eagle pledge and the Eagle charge for the first time... to give back to Scouting more than it has given me. I am reminded of my Scout Oath of duty to God, Country, neighbor and self.

I believe that all of us who participated in Scouting have all benefited from our experiences and in many ways WE ARE MUCH OBLIGED. When you become a Scout, much more is expected of you. Every Scout in order to join has to take an Oath. A simple "thank you" is the least one can say. More is expected of a Scout.

A Scout takes the Oath of Duty to God and Country, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout Law to keep himself physically strong mentally awake and morally straight.

So as we begin a New Year and some of us are making New Year's resolutions I ask you all to join me in bringing back Old Joe's way of expressing your gratitude to your fellow Scouters and Friends of Scouting in the Community. They make the Scouting Movement possible and for this... we ARE all much obliged.

Yours in Scouting, Ray Hebert, President

COPE Weekends

Bookings for spring time COPE weekends are in demand, thanks to Director Steve Purcell and his crew offering intro classes to the SPLs. COPE pricing and availability information can be obtained at the Council Office via raiken@bsamail.org or (508) 362-4322

Deadline for Nominations for Upper Cape Recognition and Silver Beaver Awards February 4th, 2005

For nomination forms, please go to www.scoutscapecod.org Please submit Upper Cape nominations for Oscar and District Awards of Merit to Dick Aiken, via fax at (508) 362-4323. Send Martha's Vineyard nominations to Bonnie Trapp (tel. 508-627-4669). The Upper Cape Awards will be presented at the Council Recognition Dinner on March 7th. Lower Cape Recognition Dinner will be January 24th. Details about the Awards in the next newsletter.

Commissioner's Corner

New Year – New Perspective

The beginning of a new year is always a good time for reflection, re-evaluation and of course – resolution, so I did some research and after reflection came up with a new perspective on the role of commissioners. We continue to be friends, representatives, “doctors”, teachers and counselors to our units but I’d like to share some other thoughts for consideration.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary lists empower and enable as synonyms for commission. Our goal is to empower and enable our units to provide the best Scouting experience possible for their members.

The word commission comes from the Latin – commissio, the act of bringing together. Surely we are working together with our units to ensure the ideals of Scouting reach their members. We are also working to bring our units together to make a strong Council. Our goal should always be to bring people together.

I also thought about commissioning in terms of a piece of art or furniture.

- When an individual commissions a piece it is created especially for their vision. When we commission a unit, it is being created in the vision of the BSA.
- The artist gets to know as much as possible about the client - what makes them unique and their ultimate goal and imagining for the finished product. As commissioners we get to know as much as possible about the units we serve – what makes them unique and their goals for the finished product.

The artist and the client work as a team to figure out the best way to make the vision become a reality that is beautiful in the eye of the beholder and able to withstand the test of time. Similarly, commissioners work as a team with their leaders to build strong and vibrant units that uphold the beliefs and principles of Scouting – a movement that has withstood the test of time.

Let's all resolve to work together to make 2005 a successful, prosperous and productive Scouting experience for all.

Jo-Ann

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.
Jo-Ann Ferris, Council Commissioner
508.896.7614 or via email at joferris@capecod.net



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

The Cape Cod and Islands Council Contingent to the National Jamboree is looking to pre-sell its tents, which will be used only at the Jamboree itself and during one pre-jam campout. High quality name brand dome tents in 2 sizes will be offered at discounted prices. For more information contact Assistant Scoutmaster Milan Toombs at mtoombs1954@msn.com



Eagle Scouts

A record number of Eagle Scout Board of Reviews was held in recent months. Profiles of recent Eagles are now on the web at



Scout Calendar

January 2005

8. OA Leadership Summit
9. Upper Cape Roundtable
10. Properties Committee
11. Upper Cape Charter Roundup
17. Martin Luther King Day (Scout center closed)
23. Klondike Derby Camp Greenough
24. Lower Cape District Awards and Recognition Dinner
25. Executive Committee meeting

February 2005

2. Upper Cape District Committee and Commissioners
3. Martha's Vineyard District Committee
5. Cub Scout Leader Training @ Camp Greenough
Scoutmaster Specific Training (Teetonkah) @ Service Center
6. Scout Sunday/Start Scouting Anniversary Week, our 95th Year.
7. Lower Cape Roundtable
8. Properties Committee
8. Scouting anniversary Day
9. Ash Wednesday
16. Lower Cape Charter Roundup
21. President's Day (Scout center closed)
22. Executive Board meeting

March 2005

2. Upper Cape District Committee and Commissioners
3. Martha's Vineyard District Committee
5. Scoutmaster Training @ Orleans Fire Department
5. Museum of Science Camp-in
6. Catholic Religious Awards Ceremony
7. Upper Cape Annual Recognition Dinner

Check out the web site: www.scoutscapecod.org

Friends of Scouting campaign for 2005



FOS enables Cape Cod & Islands Council to continue providing direct and indirect service to our chartered partners, adult volunteers and our registered youth members in Scouting.

Thank-You Gift for contributions of \$25 or more

Many families are new to Scouting and even some of our veteran parents know little about what it takes to support unit programs. Presentations to our families and volunteer leaders provide the Council the opportunity to tell the Scouting story and enable them to make informed choices in how they would like to support Scouting on the Cape and islands.

The 2004 presentations were a great success. We'd like to reach the 2005 goal by the end of April. The key to success is participation. Family presentations take place at unit (pack, troop, crew and ship) regular meetings or special events, such as Blue and Gold dinners, Courts of Honor. Every unit (pack, troop, crew and ship) is asked to put FOS on their schedule and give our presenters the first ten minutes to speak with Scout families and unit leaders and allow them to make up their own minds.

Lower Cape District unit leaders or committee chairs may call Barbara LaBonte at (508) 896-6716 to schedule a presentation. On Martha's Vineyard, call Bonnie Trapp at (508) 627-4669. Upper Cape District and Nantucket units may call Dick Aiken at the Council Service Center via (508) 362-4322.

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Upcoming Events
Stay tuned for more information and check out the web site at www.scoutscapecod.org

March 12: Cub Scout Derby Day
April 17: Isaac Davis Camporee
April 27: Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner/
Eagle Recognition

**What are you doing this weekend?
Try Venturing.**

For more information about Venturing Crews in your area please contact Steve Purcell at 508-477-6074 or Jeff Stranger 508-364-3172 or jstranger@comcast.net

Free Web Site Software for Scout Units

Decision Design Corporation, a leading custom software development firm in Illinois, announced the release of a custom website software product available for free to any Boy Scout Pack or Troop in need of a website.

The website is database driven, making it very easy to customize a website for any Pack or Troop in need of a site. The site template reflects all BoyScout website standards for colors and logos.

For contact info), see
<http://www.decisiondesign.com/DecisionDesign/Us/News.asp>.

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Want to get your newsletter faster?
Please let us know your email address so that we can start sending you the Cape Cod & Islands Scouter via email.
It will get the information to you faster and cheaper! Simply send an email to dhallise@bsamail.org

In Memory of Jordan Altieri, who died in the Dennis fire, Pack 78 started the project **Get Alarmed**, a home fire safety awareness project. For more information: contact Sue Peterson, suep12369@hotmail.com.

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