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Operation "Redemption for Relief"

Got cans?



On Saturday, March 19th 2005, Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scouts Troops, Venture Crews and Sea Scouts Ships, will be collecting redeemable cans and plastic bottles Council wide to raise funds for Tsunami Relief. The money raised from this project will be used to purchase Shelter Boxes, a project of Rotary International. Visit www.shelterboxusa.org for more about the Shelter-Box program. Each box costs \$900. Our goal is to be able to purchase 12 Shelter Boxes totaling \$10,800. We need to collect at least 216,000 cans Cape wide. Mid-Cape Redemption Center in Yarmouth and the Mashpee Redemption Center will be helping out as well. Flyers and collection bags will be provided. **Contact your unit representative for info.**

Message from the Scout Executive Where does the time go?

When a boy joins Cub Scouting as a Tiger Cub he has already lived about 1/3 of the time that he will with his family.

Assuming that he joins at about 6 years of age, there are only 12 years left until he will be off to college, the military or some other path in pursuit of his life's ambition.

The time goes too quickly. Scouting can provide a means to maximize what time we do have to spend with our children. Thank you for taking the time, not only for your own children, but for all of the others whose lives you touch.

Yours in Scouting,
Mike Riley

Chuckwagon Derby

May 7, 2005, Camp Greenough



Howdy, Buckaroos!

Almost time to git goin' and hit the dusty trail on the biggest, best Chuckwagon Derby of all. This is the heads up to all units to start thinking **FUN**. The first formal meeting for all Mayors and Staff will be **Sunday February 27 from 2-4 PM** at the Council Office.

Be a Mayor and run a City! Come camp with your unit and show off all your skills! Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships! Come one...come all!

At least one new event will be added this year – *The Chuckwagon Cup!* It's part of the *Sail Into Cub Scouting* recruiting drive this spring. And there will be special recognition for wagon teams with new boys...also for 75th Anniversary decorations on wagons!

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You requested it: Popcorn is back for the Spring

Increased profits! Earn 35% of the retail price.

Take order period: February 27 to March 27
 Place orders for Take Order by March 30
 Popcorn will be distributed on April 9.
 Show and Deliver and Show and Sell period:
 April 9 to April 30
 Money due to the Council by May 6.

A great way to earn some extra money for Summer Camp fees, National Jamboree expenses, or other programs.

More info: www.scoutscapecod.org or (508) 362-4322.

To reserve your COPE time, contact raiken@bsamail.org or (508) 362-4322.

Wilderness First Aid

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

Got email?

Want to get your newsletter faster?
 Please let us know your email address
 Simply sign up online
 via www.scoutscapecod.org

Annual Council Recognition Dinner

Monday, March 7th, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

Yarmouth Senior Center, Forest Rd., South Yarmouth.

Dinner will be provided by Dave's Ribs of Harwich: Barbeque Ribs, Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$15 per person.

The program is our annual event to recognize all of the volunteers who provide the scouting programs to our 2000+ youth members. The evening culminates in the presentation of the prestigious Oscar, District Award of Merit, and Silver Beaver awards.

And, introducing: *The Bud Evans Memorial Award*. In memory of long time Board Member Harry "Bud" Evans, it will be given annually to one or two board or council committee volunteers, whose contribution to scouting has been primarily at the Council level, rather than in a District or Unit position.

Come one and all!

Register online at www.scoutscapecod.org
 Or via (508) 362-4322.

Publication Deadlines

May/June 2005: Materials due April 15, 2005.
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Klondike Derby, Feb 5th.



The 2nd time's the charm as the Klondike Derby took to the woods with nine teams on February 5th, after too much snow two weeks earlier.

Governor Chuck Coleman wishes to thank all those who supported the event, including city staff, support staff, the Order of the Arrow, and in particular Troop 44 Scoutmaster Bob Bilo-deau who groomed the trails with his snowmobiles the night before. Bob also had his machines on site on Derby Day to ferry in equipment for city mayors, and as emergency transport out of the woods.

1st place, Troop 39, sled 1

While the scores were very competitive and close, Troop 39, sled 1 took top honors, 2nd place went to Troop 44 Sled 2, and 3rd to Troop 83-1. Mayors awards in skill areas: Skagway Leadership Reaction: 50-1. The Tinker preparedness and Spirit: 39-2. Beartooth Pass lashings: 44-1. Burwash Landing fire building, 44-2. Frostbite Falls COPE: 42-1 and Chilcoat Pass compass: 54-1.

Sail into Cub Scouting

Organize a Pack Regatta between March 15 and April 15, 2005 and promote New Member Sign-up.

You can pick up boat kits and school flyers one week before the event. If your unit can turn in New member applications by April 22nd, you'll get all the boats for free. Participating units will be recognized at the Chuckwagon Cup Races on May 7th.

More information: www.scoutscapecod.org





Training
For more information,
www.scoutscapecod.org

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, five Scouters gathered in the meeting room of the Council Service Center.

Participants in Teetontkah I course: Donny Benoit (P54), Mark Byrnes (T36), Melissa Clayton (T76), Bob Meaney (T75) and Oscar Ramirez (P59) were mesmerized by staff members Roland Hatch (T36), Russ Van Norman (T52) and Bob Phillips (Commissioner).

Next sessions: March 5 at Orleans Fire Dept at 8AM and **April 9** at the Falmouth Fire Dept. HQ at 8AM. It's only \$25 and comes with lunch! The main entrance to the Fire Dept. is on King St (behind the Quick Lube Service Center.) Overflow parking on nearby business parking lots.

Sign up NOW as registration will be limited to 25.

Note: Change of date

The Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills course (Teetontkah II) originally May 21 & 22, now rescheduled for June 11 & 12 at Maushop Lodge at Camp Greenough

More info: Bob Phillips at ranger-bob_02664@juno.com

Powder Horn

An exciting new training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Boy Scout adult leaders, Commissioners, Camp Leaders, Professional Staff, District and Council Leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities.

It's a Two-weekend course, three full days each weekend:
August 26-28, 2005 At Camp Squanto, Plymouth, MA
September 16-18, 2005 At Camp Greenough, Yarmouth, MA

More info: Jeff Stranger, Assistant Course Director



OA news

The OA election season is underway, with the goal of visiting each Troop in the Council with an election and camp promotions team by the end of April.

Spring Ordeal Weekend: May 20-22nd at Camp Greenough. Scoutmasters can schedule an election by contacting Lodge Advisor Bill Monroe williams.monroe@comcast.net or (508) 428-0838, who will have the appropriate election team call you back to confirm time and place.

Scoutmasters can assist the Lodge by having the Troop OA survey you received in January ready for election team, as well as the dues collected (\$10 each) for all current OA members in the troop.

The Pioneer Patch is back!

To earn the patch for 2005, any scout only needs to do the following: Participate in both Spring and Fall Pioneer Project Service Days (April 30 and October 15) or participate in one of the service days and give four hours of service to the camp during a pre-approved unit service project.

For more info or to schedule a unit "good turn" contact Bill Monroe at williams.monroe@comcast.net



Message from the President

Question for all the Moms, Dads and Scout Leaders

Time is such a valuable thing and "free time" so scarce, why do you and how do you find the time to be involved in Scouting? Someone asked me that the other day, and I answered, "How much TIME do you have, because my reasons are many and my answer may take a while?" I became a grandfather last year, and looking at my grandson I realized what a blessing he was and how blessed I was. A life of limitless possibilities awaits him.

I was reminded that the day I was born, I was the blessing in my parents life. They helped me believe that I could do anything I dreamed of and planned for. I learned early in life that many people were helping me, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, clergy, and Scout leaders. They all wanted me to be all I could be. They helped me develop a "CAN DO" attitude. Because of my Scout Motto, to "Do a good turn daily". I was put on notice that I was expected to be a blessing in the life of others.

It's just a hunch...but I'll bet that ALL of you didn't get involved in Scouting to teach cooking, camping, hiking, orienteering, building bird houses and Pinewood Derby cars. You prioritized your lives to be a blessing in the life of a boy. You know that Scouting (when it is done by the book) is the best method to develop great character and values in a young man. You do that by being an example to him and showing him that he is to be a blessing in the lives of others if his life is to be truly successful and purposeful.

Our Council has committed itself to be a blessing in the lives of those who are suffering greatly from the tsunami. Our Cans campaign will help purchase Survival Shelter kits for the hurting victims. The Council receives nothing but the knowledge that we are being what Scouts have always been ...

HELPFUL, FRIENDLY AND KIND. To the men and women who are leading this effort, thank you on behalf of the Council for your leadership and example. I'm much obliged.

Raymond L. Hebert, President

Camp Master Corps to Kick off March 18th, 2005

Scouters are welcome to sign up for a weekend or two each year as Camp Master. Stay in the newly renovated Camp Master Cabin (former Nurses Lodge) and host those units who are camping for the weekend.

Camp Masters are also encouraged to provide some simple program (Dutch oven demo, compass game, first aid class, etc) on Saturday, or lead a simple service project.

The Camp Committee is going to a new quarterly schedule this year. Next meeting: March 8 at 7pm at Maushop Lodge. Anyone interested in taking an active role in maintaining the camp property is welcome to attend, including potential Camp Masters. To sign up for a weekend or for more information, contact Camp Committee Chairman Bill Monroe at williams.monroe@comcast.net or (508) 428-0838.

Boats and Totes

Watch closely and you'll see the new white Isuzu stake body truck working around camp, bringing in boats and materials for the new and improved Waterfront scheduled for a Grand opening on Chuckwagon Weekend! Both truck and boats are thanks to generous benefactors to scouting. Anyone wishing to be part of the team building the new waterfront is urged to attend the camp committee on March 8th at Maushop Lodge (7pm).

Commissioner's Corner



IMAGINE

There's an old saying that goes something like, "Need something done? Ask the busiest person you know." Certainly among the volunteer Scouters in the Cape and Islands Council that is true and so it seems that writing a help-wanted ad in the Council Newsletter is a bit like singing to the choir. Those of us who read the newsletter have already answered the ad.

I know that many of our units have been functioning without benefit of a unit commissioner, and it seems we could use volunteers in many capacities. With the increasing demands placed on our leaders and dwindling numbers of volunteers to serve as assistants, I thought I'd try a new approach to recruit individuals to provide unit service.

Wanted: Adults with positive outlook who are willing to:

- Adopt an attitude of helpfulness
- Keep promises
- Be diplomatic
- Be a model of Scouting ideals
- Become trained
- Have fun working with both adults and youth
- Work with two or three units in your community to:
- Check in at least once a month via phone, email or (preferably) unit visits
- Listen to what unit leaders have to say
- Offer encouragement and support
- Be available to offer suggestions for improvement and help with problem solving
- Encourage participation in district and council events and training

Position offers no salary but HUGE benefit package!!!! Interested parties should contact Jo-Ann Ferris at 508.896.7614 - joferis@capecod.net or Council Service Center: 508.362-4322.

I ask each of you to think of people you know - past Scouters, family members, neighbors, co-workers, church members, folks with limited Scouting background but a sense of commitment and willingness to learn, who might fit the bill for this ad. Please feel free to copy and distribute. Thanks!

Jo-Ann

Introducing Amy Zahn, New Lower Cape Commissioner

For the past 16 years, I have had sons who were active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. In the last 13 years, my duties as a volunteer have included Asst Den Leader, Den Leader, Asst Cub Master, Committee Chair, Merit Badge Counselor, Committee Member, and Unit Commissioner (Mohican Council-Akwesasne District).

I would like to grow our Commissioner Staff. Commissioners are in place to improve the health of the units they serve, while promoting a strong Scouting Program. Additional Unit Commissioners would make everyone's job a little easier. Perhaps you know someone?

My purpose is to help all the units in the lower Cape have a successful program. Call or email me to let me know how your Unit is doing. I would like to hear from each of you!

Amy M Zahn, Lower Cape District Commissioner
508-760-3378 or amy-zahn@intuit.com

Scout Calendar

March 2005

2. Upper Cape District Committee and Commissioners
3. Martha's Vineyard District Committee
5. Scoutmaster Specific Training, Orleans
5. Museum of Science Camp-in
6. Catholic Religious Awards Ceremony, Fall River
7. Council Annual Recognition Dinner
8. Properties Committee
12. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Finals, Cape Cod Mall
14. Upper Cape Roundtable
19. Operation Redemption for Relief
22. Executive Committee
25. Good Friday (Council Service Center closed)
26. Easter Sunday

April 2005

2. Venturing Leader Basic Training @ Greenough
4. Upper Cape Roundtable
6. Upper Cape District Committee and Commissioners
7. Martha's Vineyard District Committee
9. Scoutmaster Specific Training, Falmouth
9. Baloo Training
17. Isaac Davis Camporee
18. Patriots Day (Council Service Center closed)
26. Executive Board
27. Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

Check out the web site: www.scoutscapecod.org

Friends of Scouting (FOS) 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 at (508) 362-4322.