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COUNCIL AIMS AT RECOVERY AFTER FLOOD HITS CAMP—WORK DAYS VITAL

Contrary to the —Leave No Trace ideals, Mother Nature left as much as 3’ of flood waters and rubble, then plunged temperatures at Camp Lavigne late January. Flood waters reached the base of the climbing tower, and while it did not gain entry to the dining hall, shower, pool or Wise Memorial Lodge, the Quartermaster’s Hut/Trading Post were badly flooded and then temperatures dropped, leaving frozen muddy water and silt in great quantities. There was also erosion damage around bridges and the roads and parking lot. Three campsites lost platforms; Pioneer, Frontier, and Harmon, which had been found scattered around camp. And the bridges to Greystone will need work. There are numerous photos on the council website at www.columbiamontourbsa.org. Click on the left hand link —Camp Lavigne flood photos to see the aftermath.

The next scheduled work day is April 10 from a.m. to 4 p.m. We are in need of volunteers, 14 years and older. The major areas to be worked will be the roadways, general camp cleanup and replacing tent platforms. We are asking for adults with carpentry tools to help with the platforms as well as earth movers, front-end loaders and dump trucks to help with roads and general debris. The May 1—100th Anniversary Council Good Turn Day was to be at the council office but it may now have to be split between the council office and camp. More details will be available later. —Not to worry, summer camp will open on time, states **Marcel Cinquina**, Scout Executive.



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SPRING INTO POPCORN & PEANUTS!

This spring we are offering two products: Trail’s End® Popcorn and Virginia Diner® Peanuts. Now, there are two easy ways to earn money to help your Scouts pay for camp. Scouts can earn 34% commission to put towards their summer camp when they sell on their own and units earn 36% commissions toward camp, projects, activities or whatever. All monies go toward the Scouting experience, so Go Nuts for Scouting through peanuts and popcorn. Orders began February 8 through March 10 and are due by 5 p.m. March 11. For more information, please call Wendy at the Scout office at 784-2700.

CUB OLYMPIC WINNERS

Congratulations to Pack 6 for being the overall winner of this year’s Cub Winter Olympics. We also recognize these Scouts in their age groups: Age 6—**Blake M.** P6, **Jake S.** P22, **Brandon S.** P44; Age 7—**Zechariah H.** P50, **Ben B.** P139, **Jordan W.** P4; Age 8—**Tim M.** P379, **Colin H.** P6, **Isaac W.** P4; Age 9—**Alec M.** P6, **David B.** P51, **Dean L.** P379; Age 10—**Noah McG.** P17, **Cole W.** P44, **Austin M.** P6; and Age 11—**Tyler H.** P6, **Joey W.** P88, **Jake J.** P4.

MOTORCYCLE RUN BENEFITS FLOODED CAMP

The 4th annual Camp Lavigne Motorcycle Benefit Run begins at the council office on Sunday, April 25. Registration is opened from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$15/rider. Rides depart between 10-11 a.m. and, after a scenic ride through several surrounding counties, ends at Camp Lavigne, where a chicken barbecue lunch will be served from noon -2 p.m. Autos are welcome. Proceeds benefit Camp Lavigne. We are asking for help from Scouts (14 yrs. and older) and parents to set up, tear down, food preparation and serving. Those interested can contact the council service center. They will be needed on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Flyers can be picked up at the council service center to be placed at local businesses.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EAGLES

The following Scouts have obtained the rank of Eagle Scout: **Mark H.**, T33/Riverside; **Daniel I.**, T47/Danville; **Brian L.**, T379/Wapwallopen; **Matthew M.**, T139/Danville; **Nevin R.**, T37/ Danville; **Christopher C.**, T33/ Riverside; **Michael G.**, T67/Catawissa; **Michael C.**, T9/ Berwick; **Derek B.**, T61/Main Twp, and **Jonathan McJ.**, T33/Riverside. **Mark H’s** project was to build a 12’x16’ deck with an open air canopy with integrated bench seating at Hess Fields/Robbins Trail in Danville. **Daniel I’s** task was to install a flagpole and Do Not Enter and Handicapped Parking signs at the Montour-Delong Fairgrounds in Washingtonville. **Brian L’s** venture was to build and place three benches on concrete footers and landscape at the Old River Church Cemetery in Wapwallopen. **Matthew M’s** endeavor was to restore and refinish the Madden Cemetery by fixing a fence, cleaning up brush, and straightening headstones. **Nevin R’s** plan was the restoration of the Old Derry Presbyterian Cemetery. **Christopher C’s** undertaking was to build and install cubby storage units for St. Peter’s United Methodist Church in Riverside. **Michael G’s** project was to repaint the meeting rooms at the Catawissa Senior Citizens Center. **Michael C’s** mission was to install a cement picnic table, two shade trees, and mulch the grounds at the Orange Street Elementary School. **Derek B’s** plan was to build two handicapped accessible picnic tables and a bench seat that acted as a barrier to protect against falls, for the EOS Therapeutic Riding Center in Bloomsburg. **Jonathan McJ’s** endeavor was to build and install a wheelchair accessible nature trail, with signs, at Camp Victory in Millville.



THE LIST OF QUALITY UNITS

Packs 6, 17, 20, 24, 37, 43, 44, 50, 51, 71, 88, and 379. **Troops** 7, 9, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 33, 39, 44, 47, 50, 51, 61, 67, and 379. **Crews** 7, and 47.

Note: units need to do the paperwork whether they achieve their goals or not.

SHOW-N-DO AT SPRING CAMPOREE

The 100th anniversary of the BSA is an opportunity to educate Scouts, leaders and the community-at-large about the history of the Scouting movement (where we have been), to see where we are today (*Celebrating the Adventure*) and to imagine where Scouting will be in the future (*Continuing the Journey*) by exhibiting the basics of the Boy Scout program. And while the May 21-23 event, held at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, will be an extraordinary camping weekend for Boy Scout troops and Venturing Crews, Saturday will be a day-long teaching opportunity from the troops and crews to show the community visitor their Scouting skills through exhibits and Cub Scout specific events are also planned. The goals of the exhibits are to showcase a skill by including these comparisons: how it was used by those Scouts who came before, compare it to how it is used by those of us today, and how it may be used by those Scouts yet to come. There will be two sessions during the day, staffed by Scouts; from 9 a.m. to noon, and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will also be in the Industrial Arts Building, a Scout Memorabilia display with many items from the Columbia-Montour Council collection open from 1-4 p.m. Saturday evening will be a traditional campfire with songs, skits, and cheers, along with the Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony. But the entire day will be an educational demonstration of Scout skills in the tradition of Baden-Powell who said, —Scouting is a game with a purpose!!

CABELA'S TO GIVE GIFT FOR 100TH

For many years, the BSA has relied on Cabela's legendary quality and enormous selection for their outdoor adventures. Currently, most Scout troops receive an entry level discount (up to 10%) from Cabela's and they are extending an additional savings for our 100th anniversary. Now through December 31, 2010, councils, troops, packs, crews and individuals may call, fax, or email to receive up to 25% discount on camping merchandise and accessories.

Here's how to get started:

- Go to www.cabelas.com or use a catalog and build your order.
- Once you're ready, call toll free, fax, or email to:
 - ⇒Phone: 1.800.753.3219
 - ⇒Fax: 1.888.249.4596
 - ⇒E-mail: businessdevelopment@cabelas.com
- **NOTE: This offer is not available through the internet or Cabela's retail locations.**
- Use Reference Account No: **47827207** when placing order.
- Remittance: For this program, Cabela's will accept checks or credit cards.


Receive additional savings on taxes and shipping when placing your order by requesting an in store pick up at your local Cabela's. For more information, contact a program Rep at the toll free number listed above.

The above program excludes all firearms, accessories and ammunition

KLONDIKE RESULTS

This year's Klondike Derby was a cold but successful event. —Mushing! to the top of the sled race was T39's Troublemakers. In second place was T17's Crane's Critters and third place went to T20's Spartans. The Derby winners were T61 Wolverines, followed by T17's Crane's Critters, T50's Falcons, T58 Lightning Bolts, and T17's Road Kill Patrol. Congrats to these winners and to the OA's Adam Folk, Paul Gregorowicz and Dave Folk for running the Klondike Derby.

IN AND AROUND SCOUTING

- **The office will be closed on March 1 until 3 p.m.** for a Staff Planning mtg.
- There will be a **Life to Eagle Seminar** for Scouts who intend to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in the next 365 days held on March 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the council service center. Call 784-2700 to reserve a seat.
- There will be an Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Webelos Leaders (if they need the outdoor training for their Webelos Leader Training Knot). Prep Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010 @ 7 p.m., Scout Service Center. Course Dates: Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12 at camp. Cost will be \$15. Contact John Conrad with Questions or the Council Service Center
- Cub Leader Specifics will be held at  Cub Skill Weekend, May 15 at Camp Lavigne from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$4 and registration deadline is May 10. No walk-ins. Only these courses will be offered: Den Leader (included Wolf & Bear), Webelos Den Leader, and Cubmaster.
- Camp Leaders' Mtg will be held on Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at the council service center for all leaders with units attending summer camp. This includes Webelos Resident Camp. Q&A session, Guidebooks and handouts, and final merit badges will be discussed. Don't miss this important meeting.
- In 2011, Columbia-Montour Council will send 24 youth and adult leaders to Philmont in two crews. Philmont offers older Scouts and Venturers a true —Mountain Top! experience as they backpack through the foothills of the Rockies in northeastern New Mexico. Each year, Philmont sells out, so your best chance at obtaining memories that will last a lifetime is to *quickly* contact the council service today and put down the \$100 deposit. Co-ed crews are encouraged.
- All-You-Can-Eat breakfast, Saturday, April 17 (trout season opening day) at Camp Lavigne. Cost is \$8. Reservations preferred but walk-ins welcome. Call 784-2700.
- Something new was added to the Youth Protection Training- online version. Taking the —Quiz! does NOT qualify you as taking Youth Protection unless you sat in on a course with a qualified facilitator from the council.
- National BSA unveiled The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve as the new site for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, future jamborees, a national high-adventure base and other innovative programs. The Summit is located on 10,600 acres near Beckley, West Virginia.
- Silver Beaver nominations are due to the council office by April 15.
- Campership application packets are available in the council for those families needing assistance with camp fees. These three forms are to be completed by both the unit leader and the Scout family and submitted by March 31 to the office.
- The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting for crew leaders, assistant crew leaders, and enumerators. Call the toll free number to be scheduled for a basic skills test: 1-866-861-2010 or visit their website for more information: www.2010censusjobs.gov.
- Alpine Mountain Scout Days, in conjunction with Minsi Trails BSA, March 13 & 14. Come as a pack, patrol or troop as all skill levels are sure to enjoy the winter sports activities for the entire family. There are varying rates for snow-tubing, lift, lessons, and rentals, so call Justine at 570-595-2150 with questions or to register.



VENTURING PIRATE WEEKEND SEEKS BURIED TREASURE

Venturers, come to camp on April 23-25 and join the adventurous pirates on their quest for fun and treasure. We will assemble on Friday evening and begin with a get-together and select our events for the next day. Saturday's events will include firing muskets, climbing the cliffs, playing in the rigging, zipping to another ship, navigating with a compass and other activities. Along the way we'll gather clues to find the buried treasure. Lunch will be quick and easy. Dinner will be a surprise buffet prepared by the advisors. The evening will feature a pirate reenactment followed by a Pirate Holiday and end with movies. The cost is \$30 and will include all meals and a patch. For more information, contact council at 784-2700. Registration forms will be available soon.

POW WOW TAKES FLIGHT

By definition, a pow wow is, —a one-day training conference for Cub Scout leaders. In reality, it's a BLAST! For new leaders who need Basic Training, take Track A. It starts at 8 a.m. and goes through the morning with leader specific training and in the afternoon is the blue and gold banquet and pow wow (games, crafts, mini Olympics, tips and program helps). Track A costs \$15. For those leaders who are trained in their registered positions and need a pow wow for the training award, take Track B. This section starts at 11:30 a.m., then meets up with the participants from the morning session at the banquet and pow wow (see above!). Track B costs \$12. The pow wow is being held on March 6 at First Presbyterian Church, Market Street in Bloomsburg. Registration deadline is February 26. Contact the council office if you have questions.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD 1910-2010

Since 1910, the ideals of Scouting have guided young men to perform "service to others and to the community." The Scout slogan states that we, —*Do a Good Turn Daily*. Today, the BSA continues their Good Turn efforts through *Scouting for Food*, which was first conducted in 1988. Our council campaign is launched on or around Saturday, March 13, when Scouts distribute notices to area residences in the form of a door hanger. The Scouts return the following Saturday, to collect bags filled with donated non-perishable items. *Scouting for Food* contributions will be distributed to the food banks, pantries, and kitchens in our communities.

DEN CHIEF TRAINING 3/6/2010

Boy Scouts or Venturers wishing to serve as Den Chiefs are to attend this training session on March 6 at First Presbyterian Church in Bloomsburg. The training will be from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and you are to bring a bag lunch and **your den chief handbook**. Cost is \$6 payable to the council office prior to March 1. Registration forms are available online. Note: You must be 13 years or older and, if a Boy Scout, have earned 1st Class rank in order to attend.



EAGLE CLASS OF 2009 DINNER

Eagle Scouts, along with their Scoutmasters, will be our guests at the annual Eagle Scout Dinner on Monday, March 15, at the Bloomsburg Fire Co's banquet hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The cost for families and guests is \$20. Please R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, March 8. If you wish to sponsor a Scout for this dinner, please send it to the council office by March 8. **The council office will be closing at 3 p.m. on March 15 to prepare for this event.**

8TH ANNUAL FIRST AID CHAMPIONSHIPS

Troop patrols are brushing up on their first aid procedures in preparation for the championships to be held at the Bloomsburg Town Park on Saturday, March 13. The event is a chance for Boy Scout patrols to showcase their learned skills and applied knowledge of first aid, to a series of "hands-on" first aid challenges and scenarios. They will be judged according to their skills and abilities in first aid, safety, emergency preparedness, orienteering, shelter building, pioneering, and communication situations. The top 10 patrols will receive a prize, with the championship patrol having its name and troop number inscribed on a plaque, mounted in the council office. Units have been issued information concerning the event and anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the council service center.



BUS TO NATIONAL JAMBOREE!

One of the greatest experiences any person can have is to be part of the National Scout Jamboree. Happening once every several years, this event brings Scouts and Scouters from all corners of the world. On Saturday July 31, Scout enthusiasts, BSA members, and parents have the opportunity to go on a bus trip, departing from **old** Giant Parking Lot, Bloomsburg Rt. 11 at **4 a.m. Saturday** morning and returning early **on Sunday**, August 1.



The cost of the trip is \$50 per person-due by June 25, which includes your bus ride only, although admission into the Jamboree is free. Snack bars are available at the Jamboree, or you can pack a lunch or dinner. Souvenirs are on sale and there are numerous chances to trade Scout memorabilia (adult to adult, youth to youth!). We will stay for the large "arena show", weather permitting.

Because of the lax itinerary and due to the fact that council is not providing adult supervision for youngsters, we require persons under the age of 18 be accompanied by an adult. Family considerations can be addressed if need be; just please let us know.

At this time, we have enough interest for one 55 passenger bus but you need to get your money in to reserve your seat. If we see enough interest for another bus, we will try and reserve one. So reserve your seat ASAP!

PINEWOOD DERBY

The race is about to start for council's pinewood derby championships scheduled for March 27, at the Central Middle School's gymnasium. Registration fee is \$4.00/racer. In order to keep on schedule, please adhere to the timetable: Webelos 1 and 2 – weigh-in between 8:30-8:50 a.m., with the race beginning at 9 a.m.; Bears and Best of Show – weigh-in between 10:00-10:20 a.m., with the race beginning at 10:30 a.m.; lunch break is noon to 1 p.m.; and Tiger and Wolf weigh-in between 1:00-1:20 p.m., with the race beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please contact your Cubmaster for rules of eligibility and general rules of conduct. Cars not meeting derby rules of eligibility will be disqualified. Registrations need to be into the council office by March 22. See you at the checkered flag!



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TRADING POST NEWS

- Incoming camp staff members are encouraged to give their uniforms a careful once-over as they are representatives of the council and Scouting. Shop the trading post soon to complete the ensemble before leaving for staff week.
- Now available in the trading post are the 2010 National Scout Jamboree CSP and back-patch. These items will make a nice addition to any collection and will support our Jambo contingent.



CALENDAR

All meetings are at the council service center unless otherwise noted.

March

- 1 Council Service Center closed until 3 p.m.
Area B Commissioner—6 p.m.
ACCs—7 p.m.
- 2 Cub Scout Roundtable—7 p.m.
- 3 Ex Committee—7:30 a.m.
- 6 Life to Eagle Seminar
CS POW WOW w/ Cub Specific Trng
Den Chief Trng.
- 7 OA Business Mtg.—6:30 p.m.
- 8 Area A & C Commissioner
- 9 Ex Board—6:30 p.m.
- 11 Spring Product orders due to council by 5 p.m.
Scouting for Food drop-off
First Aid Championships, Bloomsburg Town Park
- 14 Camp Leaders' Mtg.—2 p.m.
- 15 Office closes at 3 p.m.

- Eagle Dinner, Bloomsburg Fire Co. hall —6:30 p.m.
- 16 Camping Committee—6:30 p.m.
- 18 Marketing Committee—5:30 p.m.
- 20 Scouting for Food bag pick-up
Area 5 Membership Summit
- 26 Spring Product pick-up
- 27 Council Pinewood Derby, Central MS gym
- 30 Activities Committee—6:30 p.m.
- 31 Campership forms due
Eagle Board—6:30 p.m.

April

- 2 Office closed, Good Friday
- 6 Cub Scout Roundtable—7 p.m.
- 7 Ex Committee—7:30 a.m.
- 10 Work Day—8 a.m.-4 p.m., 14 yrs. & older
- 12 All Commissioner Mtg.—6:30 p.m.
- 13 Ex Board—6:30 p.m.
- 15 Marketing Committee—5:30 p.m.
- 16-18 OA Spring Fellowship Wknd, Camp Lavigne
"Trout Fishing" Breakfast, Camp Lavigne—6-9 a.m.
- 20 Camping Committee—6:30 p.m.
- 23-25 Venturing Weekend
- 25 Motorcycle Run
- 27 Office closes at 3 p.m.
Distinguished Citizen Dinner
- 28 Eagle Board—6:30 p.m.
- 30 Early Bird camp fees due

Looking Ahead: Council Good Turn Day, 5/1; Annual Mtg, 5/11; Cub Skills Wknd, 5/14-16; Show-N-Do, 5/21-23; Alumni Dinner @ Industrial Arts Bldg, 5/22; Office Closed 5/31; Council Dinner, 6/8; Pre-Jamboree campout, 6/18-20; Camp Staff Week, 6/20-25.