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Troop Committee Training

Troop Committee Challenge, the training course for troop committee members, is now a fun, interactive and challenging online experience.

To start your training, visit the BSA Online Learning Center at <http://olc.scouting.org>. The Challenge will take about an hour to complete, and it can be taken individually or with a small group.

Upon completion of the Troop Committee Challenge, a Scouter can print a certificate of completion. This training will be recorded on the Scouter's training record.

2007 BOY SCOUT GOLF CLASSIC



Join the inaugural golf classic scheduled for May 23rd at Historic Country Club of Virginia's Westhampton Course, 11:30 a.m. check-in & lunch, 1p.m. shotgun start. Various sponsorships opportunities including: Hole Sponsor - \$500 and for the Team Sponsor - \$1,000. Please contact Charley Tinsley, 204-2618 for more information.

Friends of Scouting Dinner!



The Friends of Scouting Dinner on February 8th was a big success. Over 720 supporters from central Virginia gathered at the Greater Richmond Convention Center for the Heart of Virginia Council's signature fundraising event. The dinner was the catalyst to raise over \$660,000 toward a goal of \$1,225,000 for 2007.

Thank you for your Contributions!!!

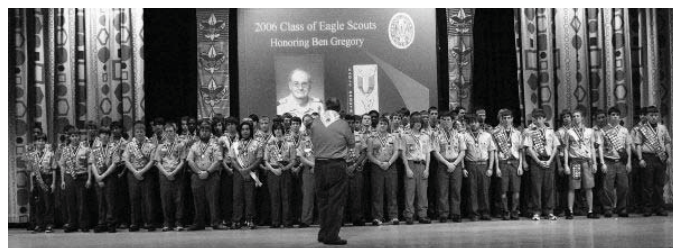
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Scouts Report to the Commonwealth



On February 7, Scouts from Virginia gathered at the state capitol to present a Report to The Commonwealth, highlighting the contributions of Scouting in service to Virginia families. This event is organized annually to allow Scouting youth and adult representatives from the 9 Boy Scouts of America Councils serving Virginia to update the elected leadership on the successes of the Boy Scouts of America. Some 25 Scouting delegates representing Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Learning for Life programs participated in the Report. Pictured here with Scouts is Lt. Governor Bill Bolling.

Recognition GALA



The Recognition Gala held on February 27th was a great night for Scouting. Eighty Eagle Scouts, representing the over 300 young men who earned Scouting's highest award, were recognized for their achievement. The Eagle Class was dedicated to long time Scout leader and Junior Leader Training Director Ben Gregory. Over 300 people were in attendance to celebrate the good things that are happening in Scouting.

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Additional News



Discovering Virginia – 1607 Cub Scout Summer Camp



Don't be left out of the fun and excitement planned for this summer. Weeks are starting to fill up and if you want to attend make sure that your leadership has placed a hold a spot for your pack to attend. Make sure that at least one leader or parent from your pack attends one of the upcoming Camp leaders orientations planned for this month. If you or your unit has someone attending Cub Scout POW WOW then have them sit in on the Cub Camp program session. This will fulfill the camp leader's orientation requirement. Or we hope to see you at Cub Adventure Camp at the Camp Dinning hall on Saturday, March 17th starting at 9:30 am. This session is good for those leaders that have never been to the Cub adventure Camp before. Please RSVP the Council office by calling or stopping by letting us know if you or your unit plans to have someone attend on the 17th. We look forward seeing you all this summer.

DAY CAMP

The year 2007 is a very historic year for Virginians. This year marks our 400th anniversary and to celebrate this monumental achievement, Day Camp will revolve around the history of the past 400 years. The theme for this year is Scouting Virginia: 400 Years. This theme will allow each district day camp the flexibility of historic periods and events. Whether it be the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Great Depression, or the Colonial Period each day camp can pick how best to offer the program. These camps will allow your son be one of the first explorers to Jamestown, sit next to the signers of the Declaration of Independence or The Constitution, and many more historic things. These camps will be fun, exciting, and educational. Be sure to mark your calendars for these exciting camps. Crater District's Camp will be held: July 30-Aug 4. Cardinal's camp is going to be held June 18-June 22; Battlefield's June 18-June 22; Arrohattoc Aug 7-11; and Huguenot Trail July 23-27.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GIFT TO
SUPPORT SCOUTING!**

POW WOW– University of Cub Scouting

What is the University of Cub Scouting? It is a fun filled, idea extravaganza! University of Cub Scouting provides the opportunity for all Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, WEBELOS Leaders Assistants, Pack Committee Members, Commissioners, and Den Chiefs to learn and share new ideas. Our goal at the University of Cub Scouting is to give you the tools to create an excellent Cub Scout program for your boys. This Day of Training is being held in conjunction with the Commissioners College. This year we are again offering over thirty different courses from Academic Awards to Youth Protection. Also, two all day courses will be offered this year, WEBELOS Leaders' Training and Den Chief Training. There is something of interest for everyone! For more info or to register please go to www.scoutingvirginia.org to access the registration form and class listing. For fees and other information please go the website.

2007 CUB ADVENTURE CAMP HOLD-A-SPOT

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MEHERRIN



2006 Quality District

District Chairman:
Currently Vacant
District Commissioner:
Currently Vacant
District Executive:
Geoffrey Angle 434-390-0466
(geoffangle@yahoo.com)

MARCH

- 1 ROUNDTABLE NIGHT, 7PM SOUTH HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 8 CUB LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING (NOT CONFIRMED! CALL DONNA MOSELY!)
- 16-18 ORDER OF THE ARROW SPRING ORDEAL
- 17 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FUNDRAISING DINNER, FARMVILLE
- 17 DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Recharter

Packets have gone out, and everyone should have received theirs by Friday, February 16th (some had to be mailed). If a unit has not received their packet for some mysterious reason, contact your DE *immediately*. Likewise, if there are Rechartering issues, contact your DE.

Basic Leader Training

Due to setbacks caused by foul weather, we have tried to reschedule our training dates for February 22nd, and March 8th respectively. Do not miss this opportunity to have your unit leaders officially brought up to date by a Wood Badge-trained Cub Roundtable Commissioner. Contact Donna Mosley (434 210-1723) for the most up to date information in this regard.

Rare Eagle from Victoria

It was a source of enormous pride to see Eagle Scout Robert McDaniel, family, and former Scoutmaster, honored in front of a captive audience of more than 800 distinguished guests at the Friends of Scouting Fundraising Dinner on February 8th, at the Richmond Convention Center. Scout Executive Brad Nesheim expounded on what an unusual event earning all 121 Merit Badges is for a Boy Scout, an accomplishment so rare that he had only heard of one other Scout doing the same in his 30-year career. No other Scout has preceded Roberts task in the past 15 years at the Heart of Virginia Council, *if ever*. Please be sure to congratulate Robert if you should see him, or more importantly, ask for his advice on how his incredible work could be repeated! Look for more on Robert in February's back issues of Blackstone's Courier-Record, or the Kenbridge-Victoria Dispatch.

Local Friends of Scouting Dinner

The Key 3 of the Weyanoke District have worked hard to provide a local fundraising event that can appeal to local area Scouters. On March 17th, we will host a dinner in Farmville to supplement the Richmond dinner, in order to meet our district's annual fundraising goal of \$13,000. Our guest speaker will be former Vietnam War correspondent Jim Kincaid. We are currently recruiting those who would like to be Table Hosts for the dinner, and also those who simply would be interested in attending so as to support our Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Scouters. All interested parties should contact DE Geoff Angle ASAP, space is filling quickly!

Program

There was gold in them thar' hills! We had an excellent Klondike Derby at the end of January! Hats off to Tom, Jose, and the rest of Chapter 60 Order of the Arrow. Thank you also to our guests from the Arrohattoc District, who gave us an adrenaline-filled auction, and the most inspiring prose from the frozen North heard this side of the Mississippi! A warm thanks to our adult volunteers who manned our various stations, who hauled firewood, and all the other "invisible" activities who made this a success! There are already whispers in the woods about what to expect for our young Scouts next year, especially the competition against Troop 7454's time at bucking logs with the crosscut saw!

Order of the Arrow

Finally yanked off his boat, Chapter 70 Advisor, Ranger Andy Gaul can be reached at 434 447-8944, or email at lgmouthbass1@hotmail.com.