



SCOUTING TRAILS

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Scouts and Scouters,

I recently had an opportunity to watch a 1991 interview of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDQKoM4hG0I&t=3171s>

For those of you too young to remember, Schwarzkopf rose to fame after assuming command of US Central Command in 1988, Schwarzkopf was called on to respond to the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 by Iraqi forces. Initially tasked with defending Saudi Arabia from Iraqi aggression, Schwarzkopf's command eventually grew to an international force of over 750,000 troops. After diplomatic relations broke down, he planned and led Operation Desert Storm, an extended air campaign followed by a highly successful 100-hour ground offensive, which defeated the invading Iraqi forces and liberated Kuwait in early 1991.

During the interview, Schwarzkopf referred to various rules he had learned. Two rules that stood out to me were Rules 13 and 14.

Rule 13 – When place in command, take charge.

Rule 14 – Do what is right.

He explained leaders need to accept responsibility and do something. He also indicated that good leaders know what to do.

How does this relate to Scouting?

The Scouting program has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are character development, **leadership development**, citizenship training, and personal fitness. We (the BSA) are one of the few organizations that focus our attention on developing our youth to be better leaders. We also provide our youth with a code of honor and a set of values to live by. These are called the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

As a young District Executive, I once asked my mentor how to handle a particular situation. His response was priceless and has stayed with me my entire 30+ year career...” Always base your decisions on the Scout Oath and Law, you can’t go wrong.”

As we move this Council forward together, let us all agree to “Do what is right.”

Be safe! We are all in this together.

See you down the trail...

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dana E. Kuhns'.

Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES

APRIL

- 2 C - Good Friday
- 2 RVWC - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed
- 4 C - Easter
- 5 RVWC– Camping and Outdoor Program Committee meeting
- 7 RVWC – Council Commissioner meeting
- 12 OA – Lodge meeting
- 12 I - Ramadan begins at sunset
- 14 AD - Algonquin District Committee meeting
- 16 I - Ramadan
- 17 OA - Lodge Leadership Development
- 19 RVWC – Scouts BSA Roundtable
- 20 RVWC - Finance Committee
- 21 RVWC - Cub Scout Leader Roundtable
- 23 I – Ramadan
- 26 RVWC - Executive Committee meeting
- 30 CDC - Discount Cards final Payment and Card Return
- 30 I – Ramadan

MAY

- 2 OA – LEC
- 3 RVWC– Camping and Outdoor Program Committee meeting
- 5 RVWC – Council Commissioner meeting
- 6 MD – Mohican District Committee meeting
- 7 I – Ramadan
- 7-8 CTAA – CTAA Yard Sale
- 9 Mothers' Day
- 10 OA – Lodge meeting
- 12 I – Eid al Fatr begins at sunset
- 12 AD - Algonquin District Committee meeting
- 13 I – Eid al Fatr
- 15 CTM – Beaver Day at Camp Tri-Mount
- 15 RVWC – Fair Share membership date
- 16 J – Shavuot begins at sunset
- 17 J – Shavuot
- 17 RVWC – Scouts BSA Roundtable
- 18 RVWC - Finance Committee
- 19 RVWC - Cub Scout Leader Roundtable
- 21-23 RVWC – Scouts BSA leader Fundamentals Training
- 24 RVWC – Council Annual Business meeting
- 31 US – Memorial Day
- 31 RVWC - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed

Calendar acronyms:

AD	- Algonquin District	I	- Islamic holiday
C	- Christian holiday	J	- Jewish holiday
CDC	- Council Discount Card	MD	- Mohican District
CS	- Cub Scout	OA	- Order of the Arrow
CTAA	- Camp Tri-Mount Alumni Assn.	RVWC	- Rip Van Winkle Council
CTM	- Camp Tri-Mount	US	- US holiday

LAWSUITS AND THE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY

The number of claims related to historical instances of abuse is heartbreaking, and we steadfastly believe that one instance of abuse is too many.

It is important to know that most claims predate our modern youth protection program, and that Scouting today is safer than ever before. Specifically, 85% or more of the claims allege a first instance of abuse prior to 1990, and 50% or more of the claims allege a first instance of abuse prior to 1974.

Over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization, which are formed by respected experts in the fields of child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. The Rip Van Winkle Council takes these policies extremely seriously, and we remain as committed as ever to delivering Scouting's unparalleled experiences that we have provided to thousands of young people throughout our communities—with safety as our utmost priority.

As part of the Scouting Movement, the Rip Van Winkle Council will continue to have a voice in the BSA's Chapter 11 process through the Ad Hoc Committee of Local Councils. Our Council's specific involvement and potential contribution to the Trust has not yet been finalized—but we are committed to helping equitably compensate survivors of past abuse while ensuring the future of Scouting in our area.

Regarding our Youth Safety Measures

“The BSA's multilayered process of safeguards in place today includes the following measures, all of which act as barriers to abuse: a thorough screening process for adult leaders and staff including criminal background checks; mandatory youth protection training for all volunteers and employees; the prompt mandatory reporting of any allegation or suspicion of abuse to law enforcement; and a leadership policy that requires at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times and bans one-on-one situations where adults would have any interaction alone with children – either in person, online, or via text.

The BSA also offers a 24/7 Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1) and email contact address (scouts1st@scouting.org) for help reporting suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior.

For more information about the BSA's youth protection policies, our commitment to supporting victims, and our efforts to be part of the broader solution to child abuse, please visit Scouting.org/YouthSafety.”

ANN MARROT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Hello, everyone! I am Ann Marrott, the volunteer vice president for development for the Rip Van Winkle Council. My role is to help lead and coordinate the fundraisers that support Council operations – that is, raising the money that helps keep us going! Fees that youth and their families pay each year cover 25% of our Council operations, while 75% comes from the community through fundraising.

We have four major fundraising events each year that not only bring in needed funding, but also attract publicity and attention to the mission of the Council and all the benefits that Scouting brings to youth. These events are:

- Eagle Dinner, recognizing our newest Eagle Scouts.
- Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, which salutes a community member and their contributions to making Ulster and/or Greene Counties a better place. We also hold a silent auction with this event.
- Sporting Clays for Scouting, a day of recreational shooting at Orvis Sandanona; and
- The Kiwanis Club of Saugerties Hudson Valley Garlic Festival, where the Council sells its famous fried garlic wings, fried garlic-parmesan French fries and fried Oreos



I also coordinate the mail fundraising campaigns that go out annually to the Council Executive Board members and to the community at large. For example, did you know that the members of the Council's Executive Board all participate in a Give or Get Campaign where they donate \$2,500 or more every year of their own funds or raise this amount by asking friends, family, or business associates to contribute to the Council? Our mail annual appeal to the community each year raises another \$16,000 through contributions from former board members, long-time supporters of the council who now live across the country, local Scouting enthusiasts, and Eagle Scouts and their families.

I retired from SUNY Ulster 3 years ago as senior vice president for enrollment management and student services after 28 years there. I am now engaged in higher education consulting. I serve on the boards of Ulster Savings Bank and the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration and volunteer with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Program. My husband Dave, an Eagle Scout, and I have two daughters: Catherine is in a biomedical engineering PhD program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and Elizabeth is a sophomore majoring in biomedical engineering/pre-medical track at RPI in Troy.

Although never a Scout myself, I truly believe in the mission of Scouting and am thrilled that Scouts BSA, and Eagle Scout opportunities are now open to girls and young women.

STEWART'S HOLIDAY MATCH PROGRAM

The Rip Van Winkle Council is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a \$1,500 gift from the Stewarts Holiday Match program.

The 2020-2021 Holiday Match program raised over \$1.88 million for local children's organizations! From Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, Stewart's customers impressively donated over \$941,000 to the program. Each individual donation is matched penny for penny by Stewart's Shops. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the funds benefit local, non-profit children's organizations.

Generous customers have helped Stewart's raise nearly \$32 million since 1986.

For more information, please visit the [Holiday Match FAQs page](#).



SAFETY ALERT: CAMPFIRE SAFETY UPDATE

Do you love a great campfire? Please use this safety moment to ensure that the campfire does not burn down your camp. Three key takeaways for you:

1. The use of additives is prohibited—chemicals, accelerants, color-changers, and other flame-enhancing products like Magical Flames™.
2. Ensure the campfire is out cold and completely extinguished before standing down as fire watch.
3. Use an established campfire ring and keep the campfire size appropriate.



A copy of the BSA SAFETY MOMENT - CAMPFIRE SAFETY form has been included in the distribution of this newsletter.

UPDATED YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING MODULES

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.



The National Council has heard your feedback and is now releasing updates to the mandatory online Youth Protection Training to include items such as:

- New mobile friendly design.
- Updates to the certification test to make questions less ambiguous.

The National council will communicate when this new release is available – the target date is June 1st, 2021. It is recommended that anyone who has started the online training prior to this date complete the training as the new versions will cause the loss of any progress in a module.

YOUTH PROTECTION IS REQUIRED TRAINING

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.

Youth Protection training must be taken every YEAR IN THE RIP Van Winkle Council. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of re-charter, the volunteer will not be re-registered.

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/How-to-Guide-for-Taking-Youth-Protection-Training-as-of-5-20-2020.pdf>

Click the image to the right to access the Youth Protection Training.

Please be aware, there are four (4) Youth Protection training modules that are to be taken. We have noticed that some of our volunteers are missing one or more of the



four modules and going directly to the testing module. Without all four modules, you are not considered trained and current.

As advocates and champions for youth protection in the Scouting movement, we encourage you to keep your YPT up to date, stay familiar with the resource documents, and spread the word.

Thank you for your work in sharing the message of safety in Scouting. You make a difference every day, in ways you may never know. Truly, Youth Protection Begins with You.

WHY IS THE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS CLAIM FORM IMPORTANT TO DISTRIBUTE IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT?

Within 24 hours of an incident, it is essential that the Accident & Sickness claim form is distributed by the council to the person who suffered an injury or illness or to the family members of who suffered the injury or illness. When reporting an incident through Riskconnect, check off the field if accident and sickness forms were provided to the injured/sick party or a family member of the injured/sick party. This will ensure the Risk Management team knows the claim form has been provided to the appropriate party. It is crucial to support our Scouts and Scouters with the resources that are available when an incident has occurred. Claim forms are available in section 1 of the Risk Management Notebook at MyBSA.org. Section 1 also provides a more in-depth explanation of benefits and plans from Health Special Risk (HSR). For councils that have Accident & Sickness Insurance from plans other than HSR, consult the instructions on filing claims with the plan administrator.

The Accident and Sickness Insurance Council Plan, administered by Health Special Risk, provides coverage for Scouts and Scouters for medical expense reimbursement in case of death, accident, or sickness within the policy limits. The accident and sickness insurance plans offer limited financial protection for the cost of unexpected medical expenses. These plans and policies are more than all other available sources of medical insurance or other health-care benefits. In the event there is no other primary insurance or health-care plan, these policies generally pay as primary coverage, subject to the plan limits and terms.

A copy of the HSR Accident and Sickness form has been included in the materials distributed in this email.

FAMILIES HAVE REACHED OUT TO JOIN SCOUTING, PLEASE HELP THEM BY FOLLOWING UP ON THE NEW BEASCOUT LEADS

Nationally, there are more than 7,600 leads in the BeAScout.org system awaiting follow-up. Each week, emails are sent to units and council contacts who are designated as registration support. These emails indicate that someone is interested in learning more about Scouting! If you have not already checked on the leads for your council, make sure your teams review and act on this information to help welcome more youth and families into Scouting. To find out more about how to manage BeAScout leads, designate someone as registration support and online registration, visit <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>.

Once families have been connected and signed-up with a Scouting unit, please be sure to communicate to anyone managing BeAScout leads that those leads should be closed out in the system. This helps to ensure progress is tracked accurately.

SUMMER OF SERVICE “KIT” OF MATERIALS LAUNCHING SOON

Summer of Service is an initiative designed to put a focus on what Scouting does best – give back to our communities – so that we can make a positive impact and remind our neighbors of why Scouting matters.

As a reminder, the Summer of Service is designed to be adaptable. Whether you choose to leave it up to local Scouting families to determine whether to participate, or whether you wish to organize larger-scale community projects complete with patches and recognition items, you can get as involved as you would like. There is no set requirement. Rather, our goal is to create an opportunity for Scouting to visibly help our communities after the challenges faced in the past year.

If you choose to get involved, the “kit” of materials will be available to you on the BSA Brand Center to help make the most of the opportunity. It will include logos, curated “service” images, co-branding guidelines, social media posts, branded graphic frame for use with local images, Facebook frames, Zoom backgrounds, website tile ads, large banner artwork, newsletter articles, email templates, recognition banquet program template, doorhanger template, yard sign template, window cling template, 1/4- and 1/2-page ad graphics, report to the [mayor/superintendent/city] template, PR playbook, and FAQs.

These materials will be added to the Summer of Service website (when it goes live) and to the BSA Brand Center.

YOUTH PROTECTION BARRIERS TO ABUSE FAQ UPDATES

Several updates have been made to the [Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#). These updates include answers to the most frequent questions we have received over the last several months including a new section on maintaining program integrity. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these answers and share with your staff. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. Thank you for your attention to this important aspect of Scouting safety.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>

UPDATED SAFE MATERIALS

As you prepare for a Summer of Service, your camp, or Order of the Arrow lodge service projects, you have available two updated risk assessment tools to maintain a [SAFE](#) Scouting experience. The [SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist](#) and simplified [SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines](#) are located in the appendix to the Guide to Safe Scouting.

A copy of the [SAFE](#) Scouting experience, the [SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist](#) and [SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines](#) have been included in the distribution of this newsletter.



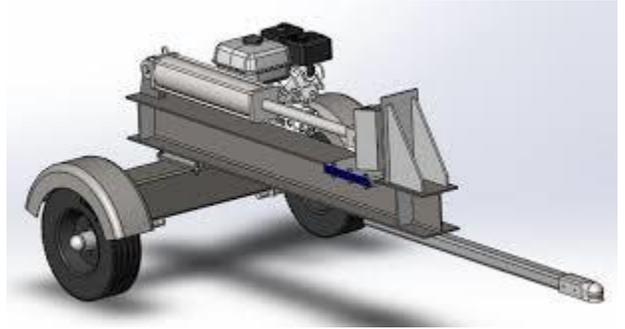
AN UPDATE ON EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES AND CARDS

As a result of the change of our BSA Honorary President, new Eagle Certificate and Card stock needed to be ordered. Earlier this month, Eagle Certificates and Cover Letters have resumed printing and will ship to Councils over the next four weeks, in the order received.

Once the updated Eagle Card stock is received (currently due late March), these will be shipped separately to Councils.

SAFETY ALERT – LOG SPLITTERS

The National Council has recently reviewed several incidents involving log splitters. Both youth and longtime Scouters have been injured. Injuries involved a crushed finger or hand when the ram of the splitter was activated while a second individual loaded the machine.



Below are some lessons learned from these incidents.

Please engage all who use log splitters in a discussion to inspect the equipment, review your council procedures, and

ensure proper training of anyone who will use log splitters to help prevent future occurrences.

- Log splitters are designed for single-person use.
- The recent incidents involved using a second person to load while the operator was at the controls.
- The loader is injured when the ram is actuated by someone else at the controls.
- Each user needs to be trained appropriately and understand and use the manufacturer's recommended personal protective equipment and follow operating guidance.
- Use of power tools by youth, including chainsaws, log splitters, woodchippers, and power saws or mills, is prohibited.

BSA INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - INCLUDING COVID-19 INCIDENTS

Timely notification of serious incidents enables scene investigation, evidence collection, proper notification required under our insurance agreements, and media support. It also helps us to make sure mandatory reporting requirements are met. While the safety of our youth is our top concern, when incidents do occur, we all need to help mitigate other potential impacts.

These Incident Reporting Requirements are linked below. Serious incidents as defined in these requirements will need to be reported to the regional and area director and to pr@scouting.org as soon as reasonably possible, and incident reports will need to be submitted online within 24 hours. Serious incidents include communicable disease outbreaks (COVID-19).

Tools to assist you in setting up and reporting incidents can be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>.

COVID-19 supplemental instructions are here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/covid-19-incidents-exposures-supplemental-instructions/>.

A copy of the Incident Reporting Tool form has been included in the distribution of this newsletter.

WATCH AND SHARE CUB CHAT LIVE!

Cub Chat Live! Is a weekly Facebook Live event sponsored by Scouting magazine and features the National Director of Cub Scouting and/or the National Volunteer Chair of Cub Scouting as they answer live questions about the Cub Scout program.

The event is a Facebook Live event so there is no need to register. To participate all you need to do is be on either the Scouting magazine or Cub Scout Facebook page on Friday at 2 P.M. Central (That's 300PM to us on the east coast.). You can ask questions in the comments section.

All Cub Chat Live! Shows are recorded and can be seen on the Scouting magazine Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/184855717150/135558881488551>

Online reporting is available through the Riskconnect portal available to all councils as well as to volunteers. The process for submitting reports has been streamlined and simplified, so please ensure all staff members review and comply with these requirements.



ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Hey Lodge Members and Unit Leaders – we need your help! We have learned that several youth and adult members of our Lodge are not receiving emails and other communications. If you are one of those please send your name, phone number and email address to douglas.whitaker@scouting.org so that we can update our records. There are lots of things that will be occurring this spring that we would like you to attend including the next Lodge Meeting which will be held by Zoom on Monday April 12th at 7:00 pm. Please watch for an email from Half Moon Lodge # 28. The zoom meeting link for the Lodge Meeting is:

Erwin Lampman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Half Moon Lodge #28 - Monthly Meeting
Time: Apr 12, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83610100619?pwd=a0wvbk12cGc0QUxvN0hUUFRHT0NMdz09>

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ORDER OF THE ARROW - LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lodge Leadership Development is the primary training program for local lodges, providing lodge leadership with the skills needed to plan and run a successful lodge program. The LLD program is designed to equip lodges with the tools to stimulate creative ideas and develop lasting solutions that will enable and enhance growth. This is an excellent time for new members to learn more about the OA, learn what leadership opportunities are available to you and what exciting National programs are on the horizon such as the National Order of the Arrow (NOAC) Conference at the University of Tennessee and OA High Adventure where an Arrowmen can spend a week assisting in projects and have a weeklong program at discounted prices.



Lodge leadership Development will take place on Saturday, April 17 from 900AM to 200PM.

Topic: Lodge Leadership Development

Time: Apr 17, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89853722240?pwd=RFMSW9BZ1hwZy9BRWxONGNtSmFmQT09>

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ORDER OF THE ARROW UNIT ELECTIONS

Scoutmasters ... soon a youth office from the OA Lodge will be reaching out to you regarding holding OA Elections for your unit. These elections can be held virtually or in person – whichever works best for your Troop.

SCOUTS BSA SCOUT LEADER ROUNDTABLE

The next Scouts BSA Scout leader roundtable will be held on Monday, March 15th at 7:00pm. Additional information will be sent out prior to the meeting. Below is the zoom meeting link for the roundtable All Scouts BSA leaders and adults are encouraged to attend.

Topic: Scouts BSA Leader Roundtable

Time: Apr 19, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83375084723?pwd=aBpQVVsSDBKRHhPV1NjR2p0aVhGZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 7508 4723

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CUB SCOUT LEADER ROUNDTABLE

The next Cub Leader Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00pm. Additional information will be sent out prior to the meeting. Below is the zoom meeting link for the roundtable. All Cub Leaders and adults are encouraged to attend.



Topic: Cub Leader Roundtable
Time: Apr 21, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85603776483?pwd=T1VHMUJqdkNVdGhLNGpscDRBT1NIQT09>
Meeting ID: 856 0377 6483
Passcode: 7Kw2EY

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SCOUTS BSA ADULT LEADER TRAINING

May 21 – 23 @ Camp Tri-Mount

Scout Leader Training is an important component of the Scouting Program. We encourage Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Members to attend to learn how to provide an effective program to the youth members of your Troop. Remember what our founder Lord Baden Powell said, *“The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy.”*

We are still working out the details for the weekend training. Currently, our plan is to have a Zoom gathering on Friday evening and have everyone reports to Camp Tri-Mount Saturday morning for the outdoor/over-night sessions. We will wrap up the training sometime early Sunday afternoon.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops to be considered “trained”.

The skills sessions presented in Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills closely follow the Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. By using these skills sessions in conjunction with the Scouts BSA handbooks, trainers can be sure new leaders are

proficient in many of the basic outdoor skills through First Class rank, and gain exposure to the patrol method and numerous teaching methods and learning games. Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, advisors, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.

Registration information will be available shortly.

CAMP TRI-MOUNT NEWS

CAMPMASTERS NEEDED

Campmasters are needed to assist on the weekends at Camp Tri-Mount!! What is a Campmaster? The Campmaster will arrive on Friday evening, check in any units over the weekend, do a walkaround to check buildings and program areas, answer questions from units using the camp and checking them out on Sunday. Where would you stay? As a Campmaster you and your family would stay in the Savatgy Cabin. The cabin has 2 bedrooms, a living room and kitchen as well as a bathroom with shower. We need a folks that would be willing to take 1 or 2 weekends during the year. For more information contact Heath Tong – hatong@aol.com



BEAVER DAY – MAY 15TH

Mark your calendar for Beaver Day on May 15th. This will be the first time since March 2020 that we will have the opportunity to do much needed maintenance projects in Camp. We have projects for all ages and skill sets – from cleaning a campsite – painting – construction projects – electrical – cleaning – landscaping – etc. We need both physical help as well as monetary help or material donations. We have had no income in camp since March 2020 and are asking units to consider funding a project you are willing to do.

Of course, due to the Pandemic, COVID Protocols will be in place. This will include staggered arrivals, “pods” of workers be it family or unit working on their own – Health Readiness Assessment forms and re-check by our Camp EMTs upon arrival.

We will have more details of projects and protocols sent out soon. We are still working with the Health Department regarding number of folks we can have in camp, in a group, etc.

We hope to have the camp open to units soon and we are also having an Eagle event at camp on June 19th so there is lots to do. If interested, please email Doug @ douglas.whitaker@scouting.org and we will get additional info out to you.

2021 CAMP IN A BOX (CIAB)

The final touches to the 2021 Camp Tri-Mount Camp in a Box Program are being done. CIAB weeks will be the four weeks of July. Please watch your emails and the Council Website and the Council and Camp



Facebook pages for more information. If you (your son or daughter) attended last year we will be emailing the announcement to you directly to the email you used last year!!

SILVER BEAVER AWARD

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory of a local council.

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the council, which selects recipients for the following year. This nomination form must be sent to the local council by April 30, 2020. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

The nomination form is included with the additional forms sent with this newsletter.



SPRING CAMPOREE CANCELLED

The Spring Camporee planned for May, has been cancelled. Due to restrictions enacted by the New York State Department of Health, we are not currently permitted to host overnight camping program.