



SCOUTING TRAILS

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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

TO: Rip Van Winkle Council Volunteers and families
FROM: Dana E. Kuhns
DATE: May 15, 2023
SUBJECT: An Important Message from Rip Van Winkle Council.

Dear Scouting Family—

I am reaching out to share some news. As you may already be aware, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) exited bankruptcy last month.

The BSA's financial restructuring process comes to an end with the overwhelming support of more than 85% of abuse survivors involved in the case and is set to establish a compensation fund for survivors currently valued at \$2.4 billion, with the opportunity for additional contributions by numerous other parties. We are sincerely grateful for all survivors, whose bravery, patience, and willingness to share their experiences has moved us beyond words.

The Rip Van Winkle Council remains committed to delivering our nation's foremost program for character development and values-based leadership training in Ulster and Green Counties. Our council provides countless experiences for young people in our area each year. We are looking forward to an enriching year of programming, including the Spring Camporee at Camp Tri-Mount we just held and the and our upcoming Weekends at Tri-Mount short-term camping programs in August.

Thanks to your support, the Rip Van Winkle Council is well positioned to continue serving our community for generations to come. For more information on the national organization's exit from bankruptcy, please visit www.BSArestructuring.org. For information on how Scouting is safer today than ever before, please visit www.scouting.org/youthsafety and watch the video.

Yours in Scouting,

Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-1)

UPCOMING CALENDAR

May	Subject
15	RVWC – Cub Scout Leader & Scouts BSA Leader Roundtable
16	RVWC - Finance Committee
18	RVWC - Commissioner Huddle
20	CTM - Beaver Day
24	CTAA – Camp Tri-Mount Alumni Association meeting
25	J - Shavout begins at sunset
25	RVWC - Annual meeting / Executive Board meeting
26 to 27	J - Shavout
29	US - Memorial Day
29	RVWC - Council Service Center closed
30 to 6/2	BSA - National Annual meeting - Atlanta

June	Subject
1	RVWC – Training Committee
2 to 4	OA – Spring Ordeal Weekend
2 to 4	OA – Spring Fellowship Weekend
4	OA - Lodge meeting
5	RVWC – Camping and Outdoor Program Committee
8	RVWC – Advancement Committee
9 to 11	OA – Section Conclave
10	RVWC – Cub Scout Fishing Derby
14	RVWC – Council Recognition Dinner
15	RVWC - Commissioner Huddle
19	US – Juneteenth
19	RVWC - Council Service Center closed
19	RVWC – Tee it up for Scouting Golf Tournament
20	RVWC - Finance Committee
22	RVWC - Annual meeting / Executive Board meeting
21	RVWC - Program Kickoff
29	RVWC – Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

BEAVER DAY – MAY 20th

Mark your calendar for Beaver Day on May 20st. This will be the first time this year 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., etc. We need both physical help as well as monetary help or material donations.



If attending, please let us know so we can have an accurate count for lunch!

COUNCIL LEADER'S ROUNDTABLE – MAY 15TH

Our next Leader Roundtable will be Monday, MAY 15TH at 700PM on Zoom.

Topic: **RVWC Leader Roundtable**

Time: **MAY 15, 2023, 07:00 PM** Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89057893143?pwd=Q2xvR0lyZUFvWm9nbHhEMFNiNG1oUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 5789 3143

Passcode: 7A68K5

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,89057893143#,,,,*656380# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 890 5789 3143

Passcode: 656380

TOP CHEF OF THE MOUNTAIN CAMPOREE

The 13th point of the Scout Law is...A Scout is hungry!

We had great weather and a wonderful event! To those who attended, THANK YOU! Those who did not attend...you missed out. Great food, great program, and great camaraderie.

A big **THANK YOU!** goes out to all who staffed the event!

The only thing that would have made the event even better is some vegetables for dinner!



Below are the results of the Ax-uracy (Ax-Accuracy) competition from the 2023 RVW Camporee. After an ax-iting time, with no ax-idents, here are the ax-tual results:

- Overall highest score for a Patrol: Eagle Patrol -Troop 195
- Overall highest score for a Troop: Troop 195
- Highest score for each unit
 - Troop 8: Micah Copeman
 - Troop 36: Jackson Paulding
 - Troop 42: Cameron Schelling
 - Troop 72: Holden West
 - Troop 195: Logan D'Anci
- Scout with the overall highest score: Logan D'Anci: Troop 195 with a perfect score of 30/30

Congratulations to all participants and this year's winners. See you at next year's Camporee. Also don't forget to do a good turn daily, or as I like to call it, random ax of kindness!

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 May 31, 2023. 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.



Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-2)

COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER AND YOU ARE INVITED!

The Rip Van Winkle Council will be hosting the Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, June 14. This year's selection for the Silver Beaver will be presented along with other awards and recognition.



Dinner Specifics:

Wednesday, June 14

5:30PM - Gathering

6:00 PM – Dinner

St. John's Roman Catholic Church

12 Holly Hills Drive

Woodstock, NY

Fees:

\$30.00 – Single

\$45.00 – Couple

Catered by Joe Beez of Kingston

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

DEADLINE TO RESERVE IS June 1, 2023.

Food is not being prepared on site. Walk-ins are **NOT** permitted.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-3)

PLEASE NOTE – RVWC OFFICE CLOSURE



The Rip Van Winkle Council office and Scout Shop will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. The office and Scout Shop will re-open on Tuesday morning at 10:00AM.



**CLASS OF 2022
EAGLE RECOGNITION DINNER
and EAGLE SCOUT REUNION**

Thursday, June 29, 2023 • Diamond Mills, Saugerties
6:30 P.M. – Gathering & Reunion
7:00 P.M. – Dinner

Dinner R.S.V.P. before June 20th.

- Life Sponsor for \$1400 Includes VIP table of ten for dinner, and full page ad in printed Commemorative Program Journal
- Star Sponsor for \$1200 Includes table of ten for dinner and half-page ad in printed Commemorative Program Journal
- Table Sponsor for \$1000 Includes table of ten for dinner
- Individual tickets for \$100 each.
- 2020 or 2021 Eagle Scout Parents tickets for \$50 each.
- College/High School Eagles tickets for \$50 each

We will be honoring the Eagle Scouts from the Class of 2022 as well as our own Outstanding Eagle Scout Awardee, Heath Tong.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-4)

WOOD BADGE 2023

The \$325 Early Bird pricing for GHVC's Wood Badge ends on **May 31st**. It will be a \$25 savings. The full price is \$350 after the 31st.

FROM THE SCOUTMASTER

Greetings My Wood Badge Friends and Family,

When I took Wood Badge, it lifted my spirits and made me a better scouter. It expanded my understanding of my role in scouting and helped to make my unit stronger. I have no doubt that it did the same for all of you.

Please help me in spreading the word that registration for the Greater Hudson Valley Council 2023 Wood Badge course, 10-388-23, is open. The 5-day course will be held Aug. 25-27 & Sep. 30-Oct. 1.

Please let your unit leaders know and encourage them to sign up soon and attend, so they, too, can experience this mountain top experience, form bonds of friendship, and have lots of fun along the way!

Your unit leaders can access the registration through the GHVC website (training resources, calendar, or button on the home page). The registration page has more information, as well.



Outstanding
Eagle Scout
Awardee:
Dr. HEATH A. TONG
CLASS OF 1978



WOOD BADGE

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

John Graesser

Course Director
Wood Badge | 10-388-23
914-443-5172 | jdgraesser@gmail.com



Lighting the Way



WOODBADGE AT MASSAWEPIE

Our team is kicking off our course on Saturday March 18 with our Orientation at the Museum of Play with the Staff Development Meetings to follow. Our vision for the course is **Serious About Fun Since 1919** so this location is perfect.

The course is the first at Massawepie Scout Camps near Tupper Lake and our first summer course. We are doing a Destination course meaning its 5-days in a row so you can drive or fly in and experience an immersive Wood Badge Course at a truly spectacular camp at the perfect time of year, August 20-25 and then head back home recharged with all you have learned and experienced.

We have 11 participants signed-up so far. We have 37 spots left. If you have scouters in your units that want to sign-up for our course, I'd recommend doing it soon.

Registration is easy to find just go to WoodBadgeSummerCamp.org to sign-up. Scholarships are also available. Just have them give me a call and we will work it out. Dillon Constable 585-350-8773



Recruitment. I'm happy to travel. If you have an event like a Scouting University, an important Round Table, a key training event that you would like me to attend, please ask. Myself or one of our team would be happy to come out to present, or answer questions.

Please don't hesitate if you have any questions about our course!

Serious about fun since 1919

Dillon Constable

Course Director, 10-397-23
585-350-8773

WOOD BADGE
Destination Course
MASSAWEPIE

CAMP TRI-MOUNT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED

Greetings, CTAA Members past and present,

As we emerge from the difficulties of the past few years, it is time to revive and reinvigorate the Camp Tri-Mount Alumni Association. To that end, the CTAA will meet (via Zoom) at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. I've attached the meeting agenda, current bylaws (v.2007), and a proposed change to the bylaws.

Topic: CAMP TRI-MOUNT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
Time: May 24, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86934188180?pwd=ZHN1d0FOMW1HdytQQzhMME8xcis3dz09>

Meeting ID: 869 3418 8180

Passcode: VT1unc

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Meeting ID: 869 3418 8180

Passcode: 778840

In preparation for the May 24th meeting, I'm asking you one question; What does the CTAA look like going forward? I leave this question intentionally vague to avoid biasing your response. "Be Prepared" with your ideas and suggestions.

As we must update and rebuild our membership database, please forward this email to anyone interested in the CTAA. Also attached is a member information update form.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on May 24th.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Mitzel

Rip Van Winkle Council BSA Volunteer

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-5, AI-6, AI-7, and AI-8)

STEWART'S HOLIDAY MATCH PROGRAM

The Rip van Winkle Council is happy to announce it is the recipient of a \$1,500 gift from the Stewart's Holiday Matching Gift program.

The 2022-2023 Holiday Match program raised over \$2 million for local children's organizations! From Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, Stewart's customers impressively donated over \$1 million 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 us raise nearly \$34 million since 1986. For more information, please visit the [Holiday Match FAQs page](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

TEE IT UP FOR SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT THE

RIP VAN WINKLE COUNCIL, BSA

Funds raised will be used to support the Scouting programs in Greene and Ulster Counties

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The Rip Van Winkle Council will be hosting the annual **TEE IT UP FOR SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT** on Monday, June 19, 2023, in Greene County.



Specifics:

Monday, June 19, 2023
Thunderhart Golf Course
Freehold, NY
\$125 per person
\$500 per foursome (includes breakfast; lunch; cart; and course fees)

Are you interested in helping to organize the tournament or bringing a foursome?
For more information, send an email to dana.kuhns@scouting.org or call the
Rip Van Winkle Council office at 845-339-0846

Register your foursome early!

Foursome name*: _____

Contact person*: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Cell*: _____

Email*: _____

* - Required information

Make checks payable to:

“Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA”

Mail registrations to:

**Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA
1300 Ulster Avenue, Suite 107
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Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-9)

**RIP VAN WINKLE
COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER**

HOURS

Monday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Tuesday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Wednesday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Thursday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Friday 10:00AM to 6:00PM

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

845-339-0846 – Phone

845-339-1168 - Fax