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Jun 16 - Three Rivers Dist Fishing Derby
Jun 21 - NNJC Recognition Dinner •

"Three Rivers District" - Our New Name

This message was broadcast on Sep 19:

"Three Rivers District" is the name that received the most votes at the Sep 13 Roundtable.

Earlier this year, the Northern NJ Council consolidated its previous nine smaller districts into three larger ones. Ours was given the temporary name of "Eastern" with the understanding that we would select a permanent name we like better.

The eponymous rivers are the Hudson, Hackensack, and Passaic.

The name "Three Rivers" has some history. It was coined in 2006 by a former District Exec named Cleveland Glover as the name of an award to be given to Scouters and parents for above-and-beyond contributions. The caption was something like, "Just as the three rivers have sustained our cities, so have your contributions sustained our Scouting program."

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"Three Rivers" Has Been Used Before Feedback from some old-timers

From Al Bentley:

There is more history than you know. I am an Eagle Scout from Wayne's Packanack Lake Troop 104, part of the old Alhtaha Council (class of 1958 I think).

Here is a copy of a few patches on my old patch shirt. *[Al attached a photo of three different years' patches from his council's "Three Rivers Camporee".]*

In some ways history would seem to want to give the name to the new "Northwest District," but "Eastern" got it first. Anyway, your view of three rivers is much more expansive, always bigger and better. If I recall correctly, the three rivers of the Alhtaha Council were the Pompton, the Pequannock and the Ramapo.

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From Dan Chazin:

It's also the name of a passenger train that was operated by Amtrak from New York to Chicago via Pittsburgh from 1995 to 2005. *[Dan supplied a link to Wikipedia and another to his own personal travelogue. The names of the rivers are not given, but candidates are Ohio, Susquehanna, Delaware, and Hudson.]*

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From a sports fan:

Three Rivers Stadium was the home of baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates and football's Pittsburgh Steelers during the three decades of 1970-2000. •

Words of Welcome from our District Exec

Lex Leonard is one of three DEs assigned to work with the Three Rivers District. He sent this note on Sep 22:

Hello my fellow Three Rivers Scouters,

Lex Leonard here giving you KUDOS for a great beginning. I'm really glad at how things are working out with our new consortium. The chemistry between us couldn't be better. Our meetings have been quite impressive. I've never experienced such a large and harmonious Roundtable. Our commissioners' meeting gave me much confidence that our new district is in the hands of truly dedicated and learned commissioners.

And our first event as Three Rivers, The Gateway Camporee, was fantastic! I had a great time getting to know my new constituency and the venue was fascinating -- I recommend it as a periodical destination.

Regardless of the DE assigned to your community, always remember not to hesitate to ask me for anything. I'm here to help you perpetuate our movement as much as possible. Need flyers? Hit me up. Need anything from Council but don't want to travel to the office? Hit me up. Need answers? Hit me up. It's my pleasure more than it's my job.

Thank you,

Alex "Lex" Leonard

District Executive for Three Rivers District

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Three Rivers on Facebook

This note from TRD Webmaster Eric Dlugolz

Check out the new Facebook site for the Three Rivers District including pictures from our very first camporee!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Rivers-District/278249668869087?sk=wall>

Gateway Camporee (Sep 16-18)

Scouts from six troops attended, making a total of about 100 after adding adults and staff. Sessions were offered for the Oceanography and American Heritage merit badges, with about 40 Scouts signing up for each.

A police helicopter set down on the helipad for boys to check out, but its timing was bad, landing as it did while a merit badge session was in progress. However, there was plenty of time to look over the vintage planes and to participate in a fun hands-on demonstration of remote controlled model planes, including one that was jet-powered.

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A note from organizer Peter Hilaris:

It was a great weekend of camping and activities. Thanks to all for the teamwork. If anyone still wants to order a quality polyester T-shirt, please let me know how many and what size. Order on the larger size for these type of shirts.

Peter
HilarisPB@aol.com

PS: My pictures are on Facebook. •

Webelos World Conservation (Oct 1-2)

Total attendance: 134

Some 45 Cubs from 7 packs attended the 8th annual Webelos World Conservation weekend at Camp Alpine. From the start, the chief organizer has been Ken Hesse, who proposed the idea as his Wood Badge ticket project. He explained that he considers the Conservation Award to be one of the most important that the Cub program offers.

In addition to the Cubs, 25 Boy Scouts from four different Scout troops also attended, and Ken put them to work. Half the Cubs were assigned to the "Forester Den," and were guided along a nature trail by a handful of Boy Scouts. The other half were assigned to the "Naturalist Den," and had their own Boy Scout guides and their own trail to follow. After lunch, they swapped.

The program had some additional sessions, one before walking the trails, and two afterwards. The "before" session was led by Mark Wrightington, who went over the 6 Leave No Trace guidelines with all the Cubs present. For the "after" sessions, the Forester Den went off to the woods to create a brush-pile habitat, while the Naturalist Den stayed behind to work on the Outdoorsman knot requirement. Then they swapped.

After supper, all attendees gathered for a traditional Scout campfire, with each pack or troop contributing a song or a skit. Ken was pleased with the turnout and also with the weather -- there was a heavy rainstorm late Friday night and a second rainstorm late Saturday night, but none during the day while the program was running. •

Bayonne Pack 19 Beef & Brew (Oct 15)

This message was broadcast on Aug 12:

Bayonne Pack 19 Beef & Brew Dinner

Sponsored by Parents of Cub Scout Pack 19

Join us in a night for all you can eat.

Saturday, October 15th, 2011

From 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center

39 East 22 Street

Bayonne, NJ

Beef tenderloin, pasta Bolognese, French fries, olive & pickle tray, salad, coffee, tea, dessert, and door prizes.

Ticket donation \$40

Limited Seating

All proceeds will be donated to Cub Scout Pack 19

Must be over 21 to attend

For tickets and table reservations contact

Al Faccioli

201-970-1728

3and8fan@optonline.net •

Walk for Wishes Fund-Raiser (Oct 16)

This walk is special to the Scouts

This article was provided by Mark Wrightington:

"Walk for Wishes" is the annual walk-a-thon run by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, taking place at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on Sunday, Oct 16.

I know this is not a true Scout event, but it is an organization that is near and dear to my family, and I thought it might fall under the "Community Service" umbrella.

Each year since my son passed, we have organized a team called "Harold's Heroes." On any given year we have had between 112 to 244 walkers, which included a number of Scouts and Scouters. To date we have raised just shy of \$90,000.

I'd like to invite anyone who would like to join or support our team to do so. Or consider starting your own team.

For information: www.WalkForWishesNJ.org

Or: Cynthia Carway: 800-252-9474,
CCarway@wishnj.org.

Thanks
Mark Wrightington

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From their website at <http://nj.wish.org/>

Our mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. Fulfilling a child's wish provides a joyful and meaningful experience that benefits both the child and the family.

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Scouts Assisted at a 9/11 Memorial Service

This information was provided by Mark Wrightington:

Responding to a call from Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan, Scouts from two different troops participated in the Bergen County 9/11 Memorial ceremony at Overpeck Park in Leonia.

Boys from Palisades Park Troop 379 and Ridgewood Troop 5 were present to escort families to their seats, distribute programs and water, and assist in the laying of flowers at the foot of the memorial for each name read. •

District First Aid Rally in Kearny (Nov 16)

This message was broadcast on Sep 21:

Kearny Troop 2 will host a First Aid Rally:
November 16, 2011 (Wednesday)
6:30 PM
Lincoln School gym
Beech Street, Kearny

To Scoutmasters:

This event is a great target for your weekly program. Spend some time at each meeting running your Scouts through first aid essentials, stressing that

they will soon be competing against other troops in the district.

Here's how it worked last year.

1. Each Scout troop selects its space on the gym floor, say, 10 feet by 10 feet. A big troop must break up into smaller patrols. 5 or 6 is a good number for each group. One Scout is designated to be the Patrol Leader.

2. Scoutmasters and other adult leaders volunteer to act as judges. Each is assigned randomly to monitor one patrol (but not his own unit). Each judge is given an answer sheet to help him evaluate performance.

3. One or two adults sit at the 9-1-1 table. When it's time to "go for help", that's where to go.

4. First whistle: Each PL is given a written "scenario" that describes a mishap resulting in one or more injuries to the "victim". He and his patrol read it and discuss. One Scout is selected to act as the victim.

5. Second whistle: Start! The PL takes charge and directs his patrol in the action each Scout should take to help the victim. At some point he briefs a messenger who goes to the 9-1-1 table. The messenger describes the injuries and describes what his patrol has done so far and what it intends to do.

6. Third whistle: Stop! The judge goes down his answer sheet checklist to ensure that everything that should have been done, was done, and was done properly. He computes a total and turns it in to the organizers.

Last year there were 4 scenarios. The awards were handed out around 9:30 PM, followed by a closing and dismissal.

What to bring:

2 strong staves (hiking sticks)
1 blanket
1 bucket
6 splints (minimum)
12 cravats (minimum)
Eye protection

Gloves (1 pair per member)
Gauze rolls (2 minimum)
Sterile pads (3 and 4 inch)
Mouth barrier device

Contact:

Dave Lagerstrom, mortsregal@gmail.com •

Training Information for NNJC and Districts One stop shopping

The Council's "Training" web page is now a good place to go for answers to most of your training-related queries. From the www.NNJBSA.org home page, click on the picture of the "Trained" sleeve patch.

The topmost link opens a calendar showing all training sessions run by the Council and the three districts. You should feel free to attend a session run by another district if its date and location are convenient.

A second link tells which courses an adult Scouter has to take in order to wear a "Trained" patch. Needless to say, BSA National frowns on the spoof patches you sometimes see, such as "Untrainable", "Overtrained", "Potty Trained", etc. (see article at the end of this newsletter).

A third link sends you to the ever-growing selection of on-line training sessions that National has posted, all of them quite good and professionally done. A record is kept of each one you complete, which can come in handy, such as when you apply for a Local Tour Permit.

A fourth link has a quick description of various course contents. For example, you might wonder what "BALOO" training for Cub leaders is all about.

A fifth link tells about other patches and awards that an adult leader might be entitled to wear in addition to a "Trained" sleeve patch. •

It's Easy to Sell Popcorn via E-mail

NNJC Popcorn Advisor Mike Wirth sent this reminder on Sep 27:

Selling online is a great way to supplement your face-to-face sales and reach your goal faster! Just log into your account, send a few e-mails to friends and family, and track your online sales.

When your customers make purchases online, their orders are shipped directly to them, so you don't have to worry about delivering product.

Don't forget about these online selling benefits, too!

- All online sales between Aug 1 through Oct 29 count toward your Scout Rewards!
- 70% of every online sale goes back to your unit and our council in your name

Happy Selling!

Mike Wirth

Senior District Executive

Northern New Jersey Council

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Here's a How-To guide for selling via e-mail that was prepared for last year's sale. Except for the dollar amounts cited for "Military" orders, all the other information is still valid:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=84616> •

Sign Up to Lead a Jamboree Contingent

This message was broadcast on Oct 4:

The 2013 National Jamboree is less than 2 years away. Registration is open online at the Bechtel Summit website. Our Northern New Jersey Council will be sending 8 Troops, and 3 Venturing Patrols.

Please spread the word to your district unit leaders and ask them to apply using this form:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100950>

Each provisional Scout troop will have a Scoutmaster, two adult Assistants, and one 18-21 year old 3rd ASM. The SM and 1st ASM should be Wood Badge trained, and the 3rd ASM should be an Eagle

Scout. The Venturing patrols will have two adult leaders.

Interested leaders should fill out the application and mail it to Steve Leonardi at the Council office. Interviews will be conducted starting in mid September.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mike DiGiaimo

NNJC 2013 Jamboree Committee

digi5@optonline.net •

New Eagle Scout: Charlie Bates

Fred Creswick of the TRD Advancement Committee sent this note on July 23:

Congratulations to Charlie Bates, the newest Eagle Scout in Hoboken Troop 146. Congratulations also to his Scoutmaster, Norman Kasser.

Charlie's Eagle project was a blood drive which focused on securing a location, extensive promotion, pre-screening, and contacting donors on the day of the drive. Charlie will attend Villanova in September.

District Chair Pat Stamato and I represented our district during Charlie's Eagle Board of Review. •

Eagle Scout Joe Wraga

Fred Creswick of the TRD Advancement Committee sent this note on Aug 10:

Joseph,

Congratulations on attaining Eagle Scout today with Secaucus Troop 222. You are truly deserving of being called Eagle Scout! Job well done!

Your excellent Eagle Scout service project was "Schmidt's Woods Cleanup," which included clean-up of the park, pavilion, and pathways; removal of graffiti in the children's playground, planting of a half dozen trees, and replacement of tree identification markers.

Fred also sent a note to the T222 unit leaders and Troop Committee:

Thank you for your dedication to Scouting and supporting Joseph, an excellent Eagle Scout, and all Troop 222 Boy Scouts. You make a difference.

...And new Eagle Scout Joe Wraga sent back this reply:

Thank you all very much for everything you have done for me! It's a huge honor and I will make you all proud! •

"Chess" Merit Badge Introduced Counselors Are Needed

Fred Creswick of the TRD Advancement Committee sent this note on Sep 8:

The Chess merit badge was introduced on Sep 7, 2011. We need Merit Badge Counselors. Please review the requirements and use the official application form for counselors. Links are:

Requirements:

[http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/~link.aspx?_id=3D6C404290DD42AAAA807DAB493F620B&_z=z](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/~/link.aspx?_id=3D6C404290DD42AAAA807DAB493F620B&_z=z)

Merit Badge Counselor application form:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/docdownload.aspx?ID=6120> •

Three More New Merit Badges

In case you missed this announcement from last May...

Robotics: There are 7 requirements, including building your own robot and attending a competition (or at least being very familiar with a competition).

Inventing: There are 9 requirements, including actually inventing something useful and building a prototype.

Geocaching: There are 9 requirements, including getting a cache's location from a website and then finding the cache itself. You can also create your own cache and register its location. •

Upcoming TRD Events

Some dates firm, others to be determined

This heads-up was broadcast on Sep 15:

The Three Rivers District Activities Committee published this unfinished work-in-progress in order to give units a head start in planning their 2011-12 program calendars. Expect additional details later as they are finalized.

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Cub Scouts: Mark Wrightington
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CUB SCOUT EVENTS

Date	Event
30-Sep / 2-Oct	Webelos World Conservation Weekend <i>(Troops accompany Webelos)</i>
5-Nov	Cub Scout Activity Day
27-Dec	HFW Bowl-A-Thon <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
21-Jan	Tiger Tumble <i>(Tigers Cubs Only)</i>
February (TBD)	Scouting Anniversary Window Display Competition <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
March (TBD)	Pinewood Derby
March (TBD)	Skit-O-Rama
April (TBD)	Gold rush / Pirate Quest
April (TBD)	District Swim Meet <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
27-29 Apr	Council Weboree at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco <i>(1st-year Webelos only)</i>
6-May	Rocket Derby
May (TBD)	Scout mobile
May (TBD)	A Touch of Summer Camporee <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
16-Jun	Fishing Derby <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>

BOY SCOUT EVENTS

Date	Event
16-Sep / 18-Sep	Camporee <i>(Webelos invited for the day on Saturday)</i>
16-Nov	First Aid Rally in Kearny
19-Nov	Merit Badge Fair
27-Dec	HFW Bowl-A-Thon <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
28-Jan	Klondike Derby
18-Feb	First Aid Rally
February (TBD)	Scouting Anniversary Window Display Competition

April (TBD)	District Swim Meet <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
May (TBD)	A Touch of Summer Camporee <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>
16-Jun	Fishing Derby <i>(Open to all units CS, BS, Teams and Crews)</i>

[Editor's note: The December 27 Bowl-a-Thon was renamed to "HFW" to honor Harold Wrightington, a Scout who passed three years ago.] •

Performances by the OA Dance Team

This message was broadcast on Sep 24. The OA Dance Team will perform at your event (applications through Nov 15):

Lenapehoking Lodge IX Dance Team

Attention Unit Leaders:

The Medicine Wheel Dancers of Lenapehoking Lodge IX is accepting dance requests. Requests will be accepted Sep 15 - Nov 15, 2011.

Please note that requests do not guarantee a reservation. Requests are not first come, first served.

For a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100593>

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The Medicine Wheel Dancers

Lenapehoking IX's dance team, The Medicine Wheel Dancers, is about 50 years old and has survived 3 mergers.

The style of the dance team has always been Fancy Dancing. The team is the only dance team in the country that performs the Hoop Dance as a Team Dance. Members of the dance team in the early 70's developed the dance into its current style, where team members perform the dance using 15 hoops. Most dancers in the country use only 6 to 8 hoops.

Throughout its history the dance team has competed in national competitions and has placed 9th out of 40 Teams that competed in the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference. 15 members of the Dance Team have competed in Fancy Dance competitions throughout the years. 2 of our members have made

it to the top 10 and one of our members won 3rd place in the Fancy Dance. Most recently, team member Keith Wlosek placed in the top twenty in Fancy Dance competition in the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Locally the Team has won several first place finishes at conclave competitions. The team continues to perform throughout the metro area with a busy schedule of 20 to 30 shows a year, where it brings the joy and excitement of Indian Dancing to members of the community while at the same time demonstrating a small part of the Scouting movement.

The Medicine Wheel Dancers routinely perform at:

- Blue and Gold dinners
- Troop Courts of Honor
- Crossovers
- Girl Scout Court of Awards
- Service clubs
- Church, community and civic organizations

The performances run approximately 25 minutes. The performances consist of various dances from North American Indian Tribes. Some of the dances are:

- The Belt Dance of the Pueblos
- The Spear and Shield Dance
- The Eagle Dance
- The Hoop Dance of the Northern Plains Indians

Cameron Ameye, Dance Team Youth Advisor

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Cameron.Ameye@gmail.com

Jose Jerez, Dance Team Advisor

201-798-7294
Hokuma99@msn.com •

OA-Sponsored Tour of Floodwood

This message was broadcast on Sep 15:

Scouts and Leaders!

Here's a great opportunity to take a weekend trip to

FLOODWOOD MOUNTAIN SCOUT RESERVATION

September 30 - Oct 2, 2011

Meet Friday (9/30) at the NNJC Oakland Service Center by 5:30 PM and return home on Sunday (10/2) around 4:00-5:00 PM.

Whether you have been to FMR before or have never been -- plan to go! This trip is open to Scouts, and adult leaders even if you are not a member of the Order of the Arrow. Ideally youth OA members from troops should attend and then report back to their units about Floodwood. Floodwood Foundation members are welcome too!

If interest is large enough, the Lodge may offer Brotherhood for eligible Ordeal members of the Lodge. Think about sealing your membership in the Lodge at FLOODWOOD!

Transportation will likely be provided depending on the interest. There may be a small fee to cover the cost of food and/or a possible side trip to the Wild Center and/or the Adirondack Museum on Sunday.

Please send an e-mail to Scott Lamb if you are interested. SLamb01@hotmail.com •

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (Oct 21-23)

This message was broadcast on Sep 29:

Part 1 on Oct 13: Mandatory planning meeting: on Thursday, Oct 13, 7:00-10:00 PM. NNJC Service Center in Oakland.

Part 2 on Oct 21-23: Weekend campout at Camp Lewis. Arrive Sat Oct 21 at 6:00 PM, depart Sun Oct 23 at 3:00 PM.

What: This course is hands-on experience for adult leaders to learn the basic Scout skills that are required for a boy to become a First Class Scout. It will also focus on methods of teaching and coaching older Scouts who will teach these skills as leaders in your troop.

For: Old and new Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and for Webelos-2 Den Leaders and parents who are planning to be Boy Scout leaders. Also Troop Committee Members, or any registered adult you can think of whom you need to join your

team to deliver a great outdoor program for the boys.

Fee: \$25. Food will cost extra and will be determined based on the menu chosen by your patrol at the Thursday night meeting.

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Space is limited to the first 42 paid participants. Registration and fee are due in Oakland by Oct 13, 2011. Register on-line (with or without payment), or do it by mail, or be a walk-in for the Thursday meeting.

Contact: Al Hacker, Course Director 201-991-4097
PapaBearT2@aol.com
Ian Meades, Staff Advisor 201-677-1000 x36
Ian.Meades@scouting.org •

NNJC Philmont Contingent (Oct 19)

This message was broadcast on Sep 28:

NNJC Philmont Contingent July 13-27, 2012 2012 Crews Now Forming!

Join us for a kick-off meeting at the Council Service Center on Oct 19 at 7:30 PM

The cost will be \$2,200* per person, to be paid as follows:

Deposit at Registration:	\$100
Due by Sep 15, 2011:	700
Due by Nov 15, 2011:	700
Due by Jan 15, 2012:	700

	\$2,200

*Additional fee may be imposed to cover any incremental airfare expense above \$550 budgeted •

Friends of Camp Turrell Fund-Raiser

This message was broadcast on Sep 24:

Hi All, Now that summer is over and the dark days of winter are ahead, we can start planning on making Camp Turrell a better camp for next year.

You can start by joining Friends of Camp Turrell. This organization is a group formed by Camp Turrell alumni, some of whom go back to the very opening of the camp. Our goal is to raise funds, seek material donations, and volunteer our time to improve Camp Turrell. If you would like to be included in our mailing list, please respond to this e-mail. We promise we limit our mailings to only a few per year.

For a flyer about our annual beefsteak dinner:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100590>

This is our prime source of fundraising. Please come and enjoy a fun-filled evening on Nov 4. See the flyer for details and contact information. Please pass the flyer around your troop. We promise to keep the speeches to a minimum and the beef piled high!

Also, if anyone is interested in sponsoring a bench at the fire ring, there are a few more left. For a flyer with details:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100591>

We all hope your Scouts enjoyed their stay at Camp Turrell this year. Let's make next year even better.

Dave Tosi
Secretary, Friends of Camp Turrell
tosidg@gmail.com •

Patriots' Path Winter Camping (Jan 14-16)
Operation Zero 2012 high adventure for older Scouts
Next-door Patriots' Path Council broadcast this notice on Sep 25:

Operation Zero 2012 Registration is now available online

Join your fellow adventurers this January at Operation Zero -- a high adventure winter camping expedition. This year's extravaganza will be held Jan 14-16, 2012 at Sabattis Adventure Camp in New York's Adirondack Park. Operation Zero sells out every year, so be sure to register soon so you will not be disappointed.

Operation Zero is open to all Boy Scouts and Venturers at least 14 years of age. Adult advisors are welcome too. Round trip bus transportation is included for New Jersey units. Free, mandatory winter camping training will be held on Nov 19, 2011 at Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, New Jersey.

Operation Zero Highlights

- Snow Shoeing
- Winter Tracking
- Snow Games
- Ice Climbing (fee)
- Sledding
- Curling
- Snowmobiling
- Build and sleep in Quinzhees
- Dog Sledding
- Ice Fishing
- Snow measured in feet
- Trained winter guides

For more information:

www.operationzerobsa.org.

Here you will find videos, pictures, fees, color flyer, online registration and lots more. This year, all registrations are done online.

If you still have more questions, please call PPC Camping Director Andy Zilnik at 973-765-9322 x235. •

A Walk-a-Thon for SIDS (Oct 9)

This message was broadcast on Sep 28. SIDS is "sudden infant death syndrome":

We are holding a walk on October 9 at Liberty State Park and are looking for a Boy Scout troop to help out with water stations and route marshals. Please e-mail me if you are able to help out so last minute.
jocelyn@cjsids.org

The event is "CJ Strides for Babies" and more information can be found at
www.StridesForBabies.com/lsp

Best,
Jocelyn Inglis, MSW
Director of Development & Marketing

CJ Foundation for SIDS
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www.cjsids.org

Save the Dates!

October 9, 2011- CJ Strides for Babies, Liberty State Park

December 4, 2011- Taste of the Holidays •

Spoof Patches for Scouts

For those who think that the Scouting movement takes itself too seriously, try the Streamwood Company of Easley, SC (Yes, the same state where National's catalog sales center is located).
www.streamwood.net

Streamwood has lots of serious items for serious collectors, but they also have a menu entry called "Spoofs/Neat Stuff". How about an interpreter strip that announces your ability to speak Brooklynese? Or a goofy looking Buffalo for your Wood Badge patrol emblem? Maybe a Commissioner's Knot with a rescue-knot bowline instead of the more usual square knot that honors you for rescuing a failing Scout troop. There's also a nice assortment of special merit badges for adults, such as Cat Herding, Coffee Drinking, and Disoriented.

You can also offer your Scouts the opportunity for some out of the ordinary patrol names and emblems: Some favorites are "Goth Patrol", "Flaming Marshmallows", and "Holy Cows". •

A Death - Jeffrey Ai at Age 12

Kearny Cubmaster Pete Greb sent this note on Sep 12:

We have lost one of our Scouts. Jeffrey Ai died peacefully at Overlook Hospital on Monday Sep 5. He was only 12 years old. Visiting is on Sunday 3:00-7:00 PM at the Armitage and Wiggins Funeral Home, 596 Belgrave Drive, Kearny. Monday's wake will begin at 11:00 AM and the Buddhist funeral service will begin at 12:00 noon. Cremation will follow.

Born in Newark, Jeffrey was a lifelong resident of Kearny NJ. He was a student at the Washington

School in Kearny. He loved the Yankees, Pokemon games, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, Legos, Nintendo, and Wii/DS. He was a proud member of Cub Scout Pack 305 and Boy Scout Troop 305 in Kearny. He leaves behind his parents, Junfeng Ai and Zhen (Lily) Li; his stepbrother Charles Ai, and a loving family in China. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Valerie Fund, c/o the funeral home would be appreciated. •

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Event Details

Oct 1-3 - NNJC Training: Wood Badge (2)

Camp Lewis at 7:00 AM
Rockaway, NJ
Mike Sass
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Oct 6 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Oct 11 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable

Westwood United Methodist Church
Corner of Bergen St & Kinderkernack Road
Westwood, NJ, 7:30 PM
George Simoni
GSimoni@aol.com

Oct 13 - NNJC Training: Scout Outdoor Skills (1)

Required indoor planning meeting
7:00-10:00 PM
NNJC Council Service Center
25 Ramapo Valley Rd., Oakland, NJ
\$25 fee, plus cost of food for the weekend
Ian Meades 201-677-1000 x36
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Oct 14-16 - Newark Archdiocese Retreat Weekend

Ross Dock under the George Washington Bridge
Hold-a-site reservation: \$25 per unit
Fee: \$20 per person
Checks to: CYO Youth Center
499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny
Gabe Feltz 201-998-0088

Oct 16 - "Walk for Wishes" Fund-Raiser

Liberty State Park, Audrey Zapp Drive
Jersey City, NJ
Registration - 8:30 AM
5K Run Start - 10:00 AM
Walk Start - 10:05 AM
Mark Wrightington
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Oct 19 - Council Philmont Trip Kickoff Meeting

NNJC Council Service Center, 7:30 PM
25 Ramapo Valley Rd.
Oakland, NJ 07436
Geoff Chellis, 973-857-3954
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Oct 20 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners

North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
Sal Bellomo
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Oct 21-23 - NNJC Training: Outdoor Skills (2)

Weekend campout
Camp Lewis, Rockaway, NJ
Starts Sat Oct 21 at 6:00 PM
Ends Sun Oct 23 at 3:00 PM
(See Oct 13 planning meeting, above)

Nov 3 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Nov 8 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
George Simoni
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Nov 16 - Three Rivers Dist First Aid Rally

Lincoln School, 101 Beech St, Kearny
7:00-9:30 PM
Dave Lagerstrom
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Nov 17 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners

North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
Sal Bellomo
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Nov 19 - Three Rivers Dist Merit Badge Fair

St. John the Evangelist RC Church

St. John's Conlon Hall

18 N Williams St.

8:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Gerry Beatty

GPB64@aol.com

Dec 1 - Three Rivers Dist Committee Meeting

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.

Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM

District Chair Pat Stamato

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Dec 3 - NNJC Training: BALOO for Cub Leaders

Camp Glen Gray

200 Midvale Mountain Rd

Mahwah, NJ 07430

Registration at 8:30 AM

Start at 9:00 AM

\$20 includes registration, patch, handouts, lunch

Rich Curran, 201-819-6850

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Dec 3-4 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ

\$52.95

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Dec 13 - Three Rivers Dist Roundtable

[Location to be announced]

7:30 PM

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Dec 15 - Three Rivers Dist Commissioners

North East Region Scout Museum

Behind American Legion Post # 170

33 West Passaic Street

Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM

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Dec 27 - Three Rivers Dist Bowl-a-Thon

[Details to be announced] •