



The Heckawee Herald

The Newsletter of the Three Rivers District

Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

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District Annual Meeting (Feb 7)

This message was broadcast on Jan 7:

DATE and TIME:

February 3 at 7:30 PM

AGENDA:

Elect a slate of Members-at-Large

Elect the District Chair

Vote to recommend a District Commissioner

ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

District Members-at-Large

Council Members-at-Large residing in the district

All unit Chartered Organization Representatives

LOCATION:

One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.,
Hackensack, NJ •

Time to Schedule Family FOS Presentations

This message was broadcast on Jan 7:

Have you scheduled your unit's FOS presentation yet? This is a chance for a family to show how much they appreciate what Scouting has done for their son. Please give them this opportunity to show their support.

Contact District Field Director Steve Leonardi to schedule a presentation. Someone from the district

will come to your unit and explain to parents how the donations they make will be put to good use, such as maintaining and upgrading the Council's summer camp properties – plus lots more!

Steve Leonardi, 201-677-1000 x36
Steven.Leonardi@scouting.org •

Time to Recharter Your Unit for 2013 **Most Three Rivers units do it in January**

Once a year every unit must renew its charter with National and with its sponsoring organization. Step 1 must be done using National's on-line system, where you make additions, deletions, and corrections to your roster. Step 2 is to print the final roster and have it signed by the sponsor ("chartered organization") and Scoutmaster or Cubmaster. Step 3 is to give it to your District Exec along with a check to cover all fees.

The Council posted some helpful information:
[http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/
ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=7286
&orgkey=945](http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=7286&orgkey=945)

Earlier this month District Exec Oliris Ramos prepared one packet for each active unit and sent an e-mail asking for someone to come to Oakland or to a Roundtable to pick it up. She said, "As a last resort, we can arrange a meeting point or I can drop it off at your home or work place."

The packet contains your unit's new access code, which changes every year. You can then start on Step 1 using this link to the on-line site:
[https://scoutnet.scouting.org/uhrs/
ui/home](https://scoutnet.scouting.org/uhrs/ui/home)

Click on "First Time User!"

Translation: "This is the first time I'm using my new access code." You can do some work, log out, then log back in later as "Returning User."

In addition to the normal fixes, such as correcting spelling errors and noting changed addresses or phone numbers, Scoutmasters can use the "promote" feature to add new Webelos into the troop and to convert 18-year olds into Assistant Scoutmasters.

The on-line system will also compute the rechartering fee for you. **IGNORE THIS NUMBER** and recalculate it yourself using the worksheet on the NNJC web page. The problem is our New Jersey "insurance surcharge." Instead of the on-line figure of \$15 per person, the correct amount is \$20 per person, plus an extra \$40 for the unit (up from \$20 last year). Then add on Boys' Life subscriptions at \$12 each for the year. Note that some people don't have to pay a fee, such as the head of the chartered organization (priest, rabbi, president, etc.), Tiger parents, and "Scout parents."

If you used the on-line system to add any new adults or youth, you still have to submit the usual application forms to make them official, and include those forms with the other rechartering paperwork. For adults, also attach a copy of their Youth Protection certification. If your unit is applying for the Journey to Excellence Award, include that as well (see following article)

The requirement for Youth Protection Training

YPT certification for adults is mandatory. A summary page will come up during the on-line processing and tell you which adults it thinks are not certified. Also watch for adults whose certification is older than 2 years. Contact them now and tell them to log into MyScouting.org and sit through the training, which takes about 45 minutes.

Why January?

When NNJC was formed in 1999, it asked all units to shift their expiration date to January in order to make things easier for the Registrar and his staff. National introduced on-line rechartering in 2005, first making it optional and then mandatory. •

"Journey To Excellence" Unit Award **This is the second year for the JTE award**

This award is a feather in the cap of any unit that earns it, giving you bragging rights and a new streamer for your flagpole.

The award may be earned at bronze, silver, or gold levels based on a point system. For example, a Cub pack that schedules 3 outdoor events earns 75 points, 4 earns 150, and 5 events earn 300 points. A

Scout troop earns 50, 100, or 200 points for scheduling 4, 7, or 9 camping trips. For both packs and troops, a total of 1,600 points gets you the gold award.

To earn the award, units earn points by showing good numbers for new boys recruited and old boys retained. There must be a good program for indoor meetings, outdoor events, service projects, good leadership, and good finances.

Cub packs have a "leadership planning" requirement that says, "By May 31, the pack committee either recruits or confirms pack and den leadership for the next [school] year." Luckily, selecting a Den Leader for next September's non-existent Tiger Den is not included, since a footnote specifies unit position codes "CM", "DLs" "WLs" but omits "TL" that is, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, but not Tiger Cub Den Leader.

Service projects should be scheduled with the results recorded into the "Journey to Excellence" website. Note that all units are encouraged to use this site, even those not planning to earn the award. In their public relations, National likes to tell how many millions of man-hours Scouts have spent doing community service.

To earn the award, obtain a copy of the "Scorecard" form, fill it out, and turn it in with your other forms when you recharter your unit.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

Caution: Download from "2012" not "2013"!

The site also contains a set of helpful Excel spreadsheets that can assist in doing the calculations. •

Start 2013 by Recruiting

This message was posted by Al Saint Jacques of the NNJC Service Center print shop.

RECRUITING (It's not JUST for September):

Fall sports have ended, and it's now a good time to recruit new Scouts! Is your pack having a holiday party, open house, or other recruiting event? Do you need flyers to promote it? Send me an e-mail with the information needed to print up some flyers:

- Your contact information
- Event information (place, date, time)
- How many flyers you need

Alfred.SaintJacques@scouting.org •

Hurricane Thank-You Follow Up

The Council broadcast this Thank-You on behalf of Leslie Sonkin on Dec 27:

As we get ready to close down our Donations Intake for Hurricane Sandy victims, I'd like to extend sincere note of thanks to the packs, troops and crews of the Northern New Jersey Council for their compassion and generosity regarding the donations for the families that were devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

The outpouring of support and contributions have made a difference in many lives, and I have never been more proud to be a volunteer member of this organization.

Thanks again!
Leslie Sonkin
Relief Effort Organizer •

Cub Scout Activity Day (Nov 10)

This information was provided by event organizer Gordon Beattie:

We had over 130 participants in addition to the staff provided by Troop 139. The energy and excitement expressed throughout the day was so gratifying! Both Cubs and parents really found the day to be one of quality, fun, and learning.

Our objective was to provide a hands-on experience for Cubs and parents while also providing extra information to the adults so that they can provide quality experiences for their units. The Council's BALOO training sessions cover some of the same ground, so we like to think of this event as "BALOO Applied" or "The BALOO lab."

Many thanks to the Scouts of Troop 139 for their extraordinary effort in making the 2012 Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Day a success! Cubs were divided

into five groups, and each group went through a rotation of five stations. Scouts at each of the stations passed their knowledge on to each group as it came through. They clearly demonstrated their competence and enthusiasm for sharing their God-given gifts of experience and talent with others in Scouting.

1. Knife Handling, Fire Starting
2. Knots, Tents
3. CPR, Camp Promotion
4. Map & Compass, Lantern Lighting
5. Camp Tech, High Tech

Patches will be available at the December or January Roundtable.

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[Editor's note] After the event, Gordon sent an extra thank-you note to everyone who assisted. It started with, "I want to apologize for the way lunch started," and went on to list an unusual number of unforeseen glitches and snafus, such as vehicle problems and personal emergencies. He passed on thanks to some 10 people who managed to keep things on track, and ended his note with, "They are wonderful [people] who find a way to be committed to the program and what we all are trying to do! All of this shows that we are many parts...but all one body." •

District Bowl-a-Thon (Dec 28)

A good turnout at three different locations

Some 232 Cubs, Scouts, and parents put on their bowling shoes at the District's annual HFW Memorial Bowl-a-Thon. Unlike other events that take place in a single location, the Bowl-a-Thon is unique in that participants have a choice of three, whichever is more convenient. However, start times are staggered in order to allow organizer Mark Wrightington to drive from one to the other in order to monitor all three. The locations were Montvale, Elmwood Park, and (new this year) Union City.

The numbers: 31 different units signed up, representing 23 different towns. The total of 232 was down from last year's 265, with most of the decrease at the Elmwood Park location. The 14 who came to

the new Union City location were not enough to make up the difference. Mark's best guess is that turnout suffered because the event was run on a Friday just prior to a long weekend.

Union City: New this year was the addition of Union City, as part of the Activities Committee's ongoing effort to encourage more participation from the units in the southern portion of the large Three Rivers District. Mark was very pleased with the cooperation given by the owners of the Bowl Rite lanes, who are accustomed to hosting much larger group events. When the day was over, they offered to also host any local Scout unit that might want to run its own bowling event during the year.

A memorial fund-raiser: The HFW Bowl-a-Thon was named to honor the memory of Mark's late son, Harold F. Wrightington, who was a Cub and Scout and loved to bowl. Harold was 12½ when he passed away in 2008, having reached First Class with Palisades Park Troop 379. Mark estimated that about \$1,700 was raised in Harold's honor. •

Trainers EDGE (Feb 2)

Where trainers train other trainers

This information taken from the Council website:

NNJC Trainers Edge

You are invited to enroll in the Northern New Jersey Council's Trainer's EDGE Course!

The Trainer's EDGE is a required course for Wood Badge for the 21st Century and National Youth Leadership Training staffs. The purpose of the Trainer's EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer and is meant to supplement the practice that is offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development. You will have the opportunity to give several presentations during the day.

The course is scheduled as follows:

- Date: Sunday, Feb 2nd, 2013
- Location: Little Falls Civic Center
- Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Uniform: Class A
- Cost: \$25, includes lunch (no charge for NYLT)

Pre-course preparation: Please prepare a 10 to 12 minute presentation on any topic from any BSA material. Your presentation should allow you to demonstrate the skills of a trainer. You will receive constructive feedback on your presentation from the other participants.

The course is limited to the first 30 participants. First priority is being given to Wood Badge staff.

Contact: Robin Caiazzo, 201-650-3864
rscaiazzo@aol.com

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Editor's note: The "EDGE" acronym stands for "Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable." It's the 4-step teaching method that Scouts and leaders are always expected to use when teaching a skill. Boy Scouts must use the EDGE method as one of the requirements for reaching Tenderfoot, and again for reaching Life Scout. By the way, "EDGE" is trademarked, so it's actually EDGE™. •

Window Display Competition (Feb 3-9)

This message was broadcast on Jan 1:

Three Rivers District Scout Anniversary Week Window Display Contest

All packs, crews, and troops are asked to put up a display in a public place, preferably a local storefront window. Entries will be judged and the two best of each (2 troops, 2 packs, 2 crews) will each win a gift card.

Submit photos to either judge:
MarksMadness331@aol.com

Or
RWLil710@gmail.com

Deadline is Feb 2. Be sure to include the location of the display and contact information for your unit.

At the first World Jamboree in 1920, Lord Baden-Powell presented the "Scout Cup", to Scotland for having the best display. We honor that tradition, as we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting, by conducting the 2nd annual Three Rivers District Window Display Contest.

Each unit may develop a display of their choice, based on the skills and resources of the unit. The display should ideally be a "window display" in a local business. However, a library, town hall, school, church, or other public site may also be used. The display must be in place for the entire Scout Anniversary week of Feb 3-9.

Units are free to develop their own unique methods to present their information. However, each display must include the following elements:

- Unit Information:
 - Troop/Pack Number
 - Contact Person - phone and e-mail
 - Meeting location, day, time
 - How old is the unit (tenure)
- Chartered Organization name
- Your Troop/Pack flag
- American flag
- Information about advancement (Tiger to Arrow of Light, Tenderfoot to Eagle, etc.)
- Information about activities your unit participated in (Pinewood, Klondike, Philmont, Floodwood, Conservation Weekend, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded for displays that best represent Scouting. There will be 1st and 2nd place gift cards for Cubs, Scouts, and Venturing, for a total of six. Winners will be announced at the February Roundtable.

The Contest Committee will select 5 finalists for each unit type and then determine the winners. The tiebreaker will be the unit that submitted first.

The Window Display Contest is an excellent way to show your unit's "Scout Spirit", commemorate Scout Anniversary Week, and recruit new members.

Start planning your display now -- it's never too early to be prepared! •

Scouter of the Year Award Dinner (Feb 8)

This message was broadcast on Jan 4:

Don't Miss the 11th Annual
Northeast Region Scout Museum's
SCOUTER OF THE YEAR DINNER

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=120126>

Honoring Three Rivers District's Scouter of the Year Eric Dlugosz

Friday, February 8, 2013

7:30 PM

American Legion Post 170

33 West Passaic Street

Rochelle Park, NJ

Price: \$35 per person

Includes all you can eat beefsteak dinner, french fries, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, door prizes.

For tickets: Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777

NersMuseum@aol.com •

District Tiger Tumble (Jan 19)

This message was broadcast on Dec 30:

3 Rivers District presents the 9th annual Tiger Tumble

WHERE: Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School

WHEN: Saturday, January 19, 2013

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

FEE:

\$5.00 per Tiger Cub (on or before Dec. 31st)

\$10.00 (after December 31st)

(no charge for adult Tiger partners)

Link to a flyer:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=113310>

Come join the 3 Rivers District for a morning filled with lots of family fun and laughs.

- The Tiger Tumble is for "NEW" Tiger Cub Scouts (1st Grade) only.
- The program is designed to give the boys and their adult partners a fun introduction to the Scouting program.
- Every Tiger Cub participating will receive a commemorative patch.
- Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by their adult partner to participate.
- Tigers should wear their Scout uniform.

- Sneakers are required for everyone entering the gym.

Online registration available at:

<http://www.nnjbsa.org/event/1203632>

Just as with many Scout events, there are multiple stations, which may include:

- Rubber Band Guns / Cork Guns
- Archery
- Marble painting
- Donut Eating (with a string attached)
- Calf Roping
- Paper Stomp Rockets
- Fishing
- Scooter Races
- Raingutter Regatta
- Commemorative slide

For additional information, please contact either:

Mark Wrightington: 201-944-9191

Steve Leonardi: 201-677-1000 x36 •

Recognitions for Troop/Pack/Crew Adults They show up as "knots" on your uniform

The best Scout units ensure that their adult leaders also receive recognition, such as presenting them with National's "Training" awards and "Key" awards:

Training Awards

Den Leader Training Award

Cub Scouting Training Award

Boy Scouting Training Award

Varsity Scouting Training Award

Venturing Training Award

"Key" Awards

Cubmaster Key

Scoutmaster Key

Coach Key

Advisor Key

Also: "Commissioner" Awards

There are 9 awards for Commissioners, ranging from the "Unit Commissioner Key Arrowhead Award" up to "Distinguished Commissioner Service Award."

Rich Curran passed on this "secret" of how to earn the award and its knot for your uniform: "All you have to do is fill out the application and turn it in! It's that simple!" More precisely, you download the form from National's website, check the check boxes, ask your Committee Chair to sign, and then turn it in to Rich (see below).

Finally, decide when to make the presentation. Possibilities are a Court of Honor or Blue-and-Gold banquet, during a District Roundtable, or during the fancy District Recognition Dinner in April.

New this year: "Unit Leader Award of Merit"

This award requires the unit's Committee Chair to submit a nomination to the Council, which approves and processes the award. Submit the nomination to Rich, who will forward it to the Council. There are only 7 requirements, and, with one exception, most well run units should be able to meet them easily. The exception will be a Boy Scout troop aiming to meet this requirement:

5. Effectively use the advancement method so that at least 60 percent of the unit's youth have advanced at least once during the last 12 months.

National's "Scouting Forms" website

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx>

Unit Leader Award of Merit

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards_Central/UnitLeader.aspx

District Awards and Recognition Chair Rich Curran

RichCurran@verizon.net •

Scout "Knots" as Awards and Recognitions

Scout "Knots" are small cloth badges that adult Scouters can sew onto their uniform shirts. They go just above the left breast pocket and are analogous to the award ribbons that servicemen or policemen wear on their uniforms. Each badge has the same embroidered square knot, but they come in different colors so you can tell what the award was for. For example, an Eagle Scout knot is red-white-and-blue. One exception is a simple overhand knot representing the District Award of Merit.

Why bother? One response came from Bill Evans, who supervises square knots as part of his job as Director of Youth Development. He said, "It's an

opportunity to symbolize the dedication of our volunteers." Bryan Wendell, writing in Scouting magazine, added, "To earn a coveted square knot, Scouters must demonstrate continued leadership and service to the program's ideals."

Another response came from TRD's Training Chair Warren Dressler, who passed on this anecdote about BSA Regional President Hab Butler, the featured speaker at the upcoming Wood Badge Dining Out event. Warren did a quick review of Butler's accomplishments, called him "an awesome guy," and said, "He has enough knots to reach his shoulder if he wanted. This summer someone asked him why he wore the knots." Butler's response was, "I never used to wear the square knots until I was at a Jamboree and was told, 'You really should wear them. It will give you credibility when you're talking to people who don't know you.'" •

OA Elections

Three changes to the election process

The Order of the Arrow is an honor organization within Scouting, and election into the OA is a great way to give recognition to the best Scouts in your troop. Adults are also eligible. Three changes were recently announced.

1. Troops and crews should now request an election using the Council's website. The end result will be an OA election team coming to the troop's weekly meeting to handle the entire process.
2. The eligibility requirements for adults have been changed with an eye towards increasing adult membership. The unit committee may nominate one adult for every three youth elected (rounded up).
3. The unit committee may also nominate the Scoutmaster or Varsity Team Coach without regard to the one-third limit.

Request an election from the Council's OA website:
<http://www.oalodgeix.org/>

Details about changes to adult eligibility:
<http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=119202>

At a recent meeting of the Three Rivers District Committee, Training Chair Warren Dressler announced that our OA Chapter had conducted 16 elections during 2012. Because there are over 80 Scout troops, Warren hoped to do better in 2013. •

Scout Ski Days (Feb 22, 23, 24)

Accommodations also available for overnights

This information taken from the NNJC website:

SCOUT SKI DAYS 2013

Open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers, Families and Friends

Belleayre Mountain Ski Center

Highmount, NY (about 2 hours from Mahwah, NJ)
February 22, 23, 24 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

Lifts operate 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost \$35 per person / per day (prior to Feb 15)

Cost \$37 after Feb 15

Add \$10 for a group lesson for any level

Rentals are available:

Skis, boots, poles - \$23 per person / per day

Snowboards, boots - \$23 per person / per day

Bus rides available Saturday:

Online registration only

\$25 per person

Depart from Paramus 6:00 AM, return 6:30 PM
(details to be announced)

Cheap overnight accommodations available

Friday night and/or Saturday night

(Cost in addition to above lift tickets and rentals.)

\$30 per person / per night

\$35 after Feb 15

Stay in local firehouses or parish halls in Margaretville, NY, about 15 minutes from the mountain.

Bring a sleeping bag and pad, and sleep on the floor. Cost includes supper and a cold breakfast hosted by a local Scout troop at a nearby church hall.

Motel accommodations also available

Local hotel and other lodging information can be found on the Belleayre Region Lodging and Tourism website:

<http://www.catskillhighpeaks.com/index.php>

We suggest the following:

Starlight Motel, Big Indian, NY

Margaretville Motel, Margaretville, NY

West Wind Motel, Fleischmanns, N Y

Register online for Ski Days, rentals and overnight arrangements!

Questions: Mike Wirth

Michael.Wirth@Scouting.org •

Scout Ski Weekend at Shawnee (Mar 8-10) **Budget weekend thanks to a local Scout troop**

Stroudsburg PA Troop 105 has been running this weekend as a fund-raiser for over 20 years partnered with Shawnee Mountain Group Sales. Shawnee offers a nice Scout discount for rentals, lift tickets, breakfast, and lunch, while Troop 105 provides bare bones lodging on the gym floor of the local Salvation Army -- plus a home-cooked Saturday supper.

Last year it worked out to about \$110 per person for two days of skiing and two nights' lodging.

Some history: One of the Troop 105 Assistant Scoutmasters was on the Ski Patrol at Shawnee Mountain and invited Scouts from his troop to come skiing. Gradually they extended the invitation to take in more and more Scouts. When it got too big for the troop to handle, Shawnee management volunteered to take care of the rentals, lift tickets, and meal tickets, while Troop 105 handled lodging and meals.

Shawnee likes the Scout weekend because it allows them to extend their season by one extra week. Girl Scout troops are also invited, and siblings and other family members are all welcome.

Shawnee Mountain Group Sales:

http://www.shawneemt.com/groups/contact_group_sales.html

Troop 105 Committee Chair Clare Madeira:
Clare5374@gmail.com
<http://t105ski.tripod.com/overview.htm> •

Merit Badge Fair in Edison NJ (Feb 9,10)

This message was broadcast on Dec 24:

Mattameechen District Merit Badge Fair (The largest East of the Mississippi!)

Central NJ Council
February 9 at 8:00 AM
February 10 at 8:30 AM
Herbert Hoover Middle School
174 Jackson Ave
Edison, NJ 08817
Early bird: \$21 per day (includes lunch)
Details:
<http://www.mattameechen.org/events.htm>

American Heritage	First Aid
Art	Genealogy
Aviation	Geocaching
Camping	Hiking
Chess	Law
Cinematography	Music
Citizenship in the Community	Personal Fitness
Citizenship in the Nation	Personal Management
Citizenship in the World	Pets
Coin Collecting	Photography
Collections	Plumbing
Communications	Reading
Cooking	Robotics
Dentistry	Scholarship
Dog Care	Scouting Heritage
Electricity	Scuba
Energy	Search & Rescue
Family Life	Weather
Fingerprinting	Wood Carving

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Regional Jewish Committee on Scouting in New Jersey (Mar 10)

The Northeast Region of the JCoS (Jewish Committee on Scouting) will next meet:

Mar 10 (Sunday)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Info Age (Camp Evans)
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ
Fee: \$36 (includes kosher breakfast and lunch)

(Wall is a few miles inland from the Jersey shore, closest to Belmar, NJ.)

The program this year will be focused on the Jewish Program starting as Tigers and ending as adult leaders. What programs do we have available; how to administer these programs; differences in location dos and don'ts; recruiting for committees and locating Jewish Scouts. We will also take into account all input from our program survey that was sent out recently and from past conferences.

Who Should Attend: Scouters from all over the Northeast Region (and beyond) associated with Dens, Packs, Troops and Crews with Jewish Scouts, all members of Council JCoS committees, potential new unit sponsors and Scout Professionals interested in increasing council membership.

Conference Tracks will include sessions on marketing/public relations, major events, education, outdoor activities, Cub Scout themes, JCoS Chair's topics, and a best practices session to allow Scouters to share their ideas and programs that have worked well in their Councils.

Conference Chair: Alan Grossman
AlanG@optonline.net •

Scouts Show Knowledge about Gun Safety

Father Dave Stump brought this CNN news blog story to our attention:

Two Oregon boys settling in to watch a showing of "The Hobbit" as part of a 7th grade outing discovered a loaded gun as it fell to the floor when one of them pulled down his seat. They made the right move by leaving the gun untouched and notifying one of the adults who notified the police.

The story quoted one of the boys as saying, "I'm a Boy Scout and [we] took a hunter safety class. One of the rules is that you treat all guns as if they're loaded." As it turned out, the semi-automatic pistol was indeed fully loaded with a round in the chamber. CNN Journalist Jack Maddox ended his post with "We forward our compliments to two smart seventh-graders."

Link to the full article:

http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/20/boys-make-the-right-move-with-loaded-gun-in-theater/?hpt=hp_t3 •

A Death – Herb Bieri

Leslie Sonkin passed on this information:

I am so sad to report the passing of longtime friend and Scouter Herb Bieri yesterday. Herb was 97 years young and instrumental to the success of units in Bergen Council and then Northern New Jersey Council.

He was at No-Be-Bo-Sco's 85th Anniversary celebration this summer, looking and sounding as chipper as always -- an amazing, amazing man -- he will be missed, but he will live on in the Scouters whose lives he touched -- including mine... Rest in Peace, Herb.

Viewing: Wednesday 1/2 at Blackely Funeral Home on Broad Ave in Ridgefield: 2-4 and 6-8

Funeral: Thursday 1/3

Link to a lengthy obit posted on NorthJersey.com:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/northjersey/obituary.aspx?n=herbert-r-bieri&pid=162078239&fhid=4360#fbLoggedOut>

An extract from the obituary:

Scouting was an important part of Herb's life, and he was involved in scouting for 85 years, serving as a Scoutmaster and member of the Commissioner staff. He received his Eagle Scout award in 1932, which was awarded to him by Admiral Byrd. •

The Three Rivers District Organization

Key People

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District Vice-Chair for Development

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Event Details

Jan 3 - TRD Committee Meeting
One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
District Chair Pat Stamato
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Jan 6 - OA Lodge Banquet
Paramus Elks Lodge at 2:00 PM
200 Route 17 North
Paramus NJ 07652
\$20 per person
Lodge Chief John Homler
lodgeixchief@gmail.com
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Jan 8 - TRD Roundtable
Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
Bill Severino
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Jan 10 – Eagle Scout Dinner
Mayfair Farms
481 Eagle Rock Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
Reception 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM
Karen Niemann, 201-677-1000 x32
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Jan 12 – Wood Badge Dining Out
William Paterson University
1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ
8:00-11:00 AM
\$25 per Wood Badger
\$20 per Non Wood Badge Guest
\$10 per Child
Joel.Lieberman@scouting.org

Jan 17 - TRD Commissioners
North East Region Scout Museum
Behind American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
Sal Bellomo
Scoutmaster379@gmail.com

- Jan 19 - TRD Tiger Tumble
 Palisades Park Jr/Sr High School
 1 Veterans Plaza
 Palisades Park 07650
 \$5 per Tiger (\$10 after Dec 31), partners free
 MarksMadness331@aol.com
- Jan 26 - TRD Klondike Derby
 Campgaw Mountain County Reservation
 Mahwah, NJ, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 \$9 per person (includes patch and soup kitchen)
 Allen Sterk
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- Jan 31 - TRD Training for Cub Leaders
 One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
 Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
 Sign-in:6:30 PM, start:7:00 PM, finish:10:00 PM
 \$5, register in advance, pay at the door
 Biff Van Kleef, 201-280=8313
 BVKBeaver@yahoo.com
- Feb 2 - TRD Training for Scout Leaders
 [to be announced]
- Feb 2 - NNJC Training: Trainer's EDGE
 Little Falls Civic Center
 19 Warren Street
 Little Falls, NJ 07424
 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$25 includes lunch (no charge for NYLT)
 Robin Caiazzo
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- Feb 7 - TRD Annual Meeting
 One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
 Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
 District Chair Pat Stamato
 PStamato@aol.com
- Feb 8 - TRD Scouter of the Year
 American Legion Hall, 7:00 PM
 33 West Passaic Street
 Rochelle Park, NJ
 Price: \$35
 Ed Quinn. 201-845-7777
 NERSMuseum@aol.com
- Feb 9-10 – Liberty Science Center Camp-In
 Liberty Science Center
 Liberty State Park
 222 Jersey City Blvd in J.C.
- \$55 per person
 Eric Chamberlin, 201-677-1000 x10
 EChamber@bsamail.org
- Feb 12 - TRD Roundtable
 Holy Name Medical Center
 Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
 Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
 7:30-9:00 PM
 Bill Severino
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- Feb 12 - OA Chapter meeting
 7:00-8:00 PM
 See Roundtable, above
 Kevin Dolce
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- Feb 21 - TRD Commissioners
 North East Region Scout Museum
 Behind American Legion Post # 170
 33 West Passaic Street
 Rochelle Park, 7:30 PM
 Sal Bellomo
 Scoutmaster379@gmail.com
- Feb 22,23,24 - NNJC Scout Ski Days
 Bellayre Mountain Ski Center
 Highmount, NY
 Lifts operate 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
 \$35 per person (friends and family too)
- Mar 2 - NNJC Cub Leader Pow Wow
 Westwood Regional High School
 701 Ridgewood Road
 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$30 includes breakfast snacks, lunch sandwiches
 Twp. of Washington, NJ 07676
 Geoff Garlick, 201-956-0152
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- Mar 7 - TRD Committee Meeting
 One Bergen County Plaza on Hudson St.
 Hackensack, NJ, 7:30 PM
 District Chair Pat Stamato
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- Mar 8 - Scout Day at the Circus
 IZOD Center at Meadowlands Sports Complex
 Special Scout price \$21 (includes a Scout patch)
 A portion of the \$21 goes to NNJC

Tyrone Manning, 201-677-1000 x34
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Mar 10 - OA Trade-o-Ree

Guardian Angel Church, 9:00-2:00 PM
East Allendale Ave.
Allendale, NJ
General admission is free
Ed Quinn, 201-845-7777
NERSMuseum@aol.com

Mar 12 - TRD Roundtable

Holy Name Medical Center
Teaneck Rd & Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ, 7:30 PM
7:30-9:00 PM
Bill Severino
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Mar 16 - TRD Pinewood Derby

Elks Club Lodge, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
200 Route 17 (North), Paramus, NJ
(Behind Raymour & Flanigan Furniture)
\$5 per car
Ernie Sprance, 201-836-1371
Racemaster@optonline.net

Mar 21 - TRD 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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Mar 16-17 - Battleship NJ Overnight

Camden waterfront, Camden, NJ
\$55 per person, registration closes March 7
Eric Chamberlin
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