

THE HIGHLANDER

CAMP EDITION

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Scout Executive Message

"What's happenin'?" is a classic. We tend to answer, "Not much".

Well, it is important to keep everyone informed on the latest goings on in our council. Let's call it the

straight scoop from the hill. And it's anything but "Not much". It's actually a lot.

We would like start by thanking Congressman GT Thompson for coming out to our 100th anniversary Charter Partner Dinner held in March. Over 70 unit leaders and Charter Organization folks enjoyed an evening of information, discussion, and dinner over how our units can be a better partner with the organizations with whom they are chartered with. The Congressman, an Eagle Scout and father of three Eagle Scouts, gave us some food for thought about strengthening our ties with our sponsors. We recognized some long-tenured units, and we all came away committed to communicate better and work more closely with our Charter Reps and Institution Heads.

Next, let's congratulate our newest Silver Beaver recipients. They were bestowed with the highest award a council can give a volunteer at our Council Recognition Dinner on April 10. They were Gail Sandy of Randolph, Karl Lawson of Cassadaga, Mike Schuler from Bradford, Tom Palz from Bradford, Herb Hern from Lakewood, and Robert Morris from Bolivar. We also had some firsts that evening. We presented our first ever Wm. Spurgeon Award for outstanding service to Explorers. It went to Desiree Coons from Brooks Memorial Hospital in Westfield who runs an outstanding medical explorer post, and has for years. We also presented our first ever Venturing Leadership award to Bob Ellis from Jamestown. Bob has been a proponent of the Venturing program for over ten years and has given much of himself to that program. Lastly, for the first time ever, we presented a new award, created in 2006, the Winthrop Rockefeller Award, to three past presidents of

our council who have given exemplary leadership to the financial stability of our council.

First, David Carnahan who was the first president of the newly formed Allegheny Highlands Council back in the early 70's, a merger of three councils. His visionary leadership set the tone for a smooth transition, and the securing of the now Scout Service Center on Hough Hill in Falconer. Through his leadership in the Carnahan Jackson Foundation, they have provided many grants to help our council with capital projects. He also recently became a 1910 society member for a generous bequest to our council endowment.

Second, John Anderson, who was also a president of our council, and in the late 80's, ran a capital campaign and created our council endowment fund. This was a major undertaking that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars which have generated income for our council ever since. He is extremely supportive of our council in many ways and has always been there for us. He most recently made a very generous donation to our endowment fund, and is managing that to optimize our returns. He was also recognized as a member of the 1910 Society.

And third, David Dawson has been president of our council on two separate occasions, in the 90's and again for three years from 2005 to 2007. He has been instrumental in many projects for our council, including being the driving force for the funding and building of Dawson Training Center at Camp Merz, named after his father who was also a president of the Chautauqua County Council. He has been in the background championing many projects and major gifts that have kept our council vital, and on the move, to include the recent \$100,000 grant from NY State Senator Cathy Young, which funded needed improvements at our Service Center and Camp Merz.

We'd like to continue now with a word of encouragement to celebrate the 100th anniversary in your own way in your community. This is an occasion that deserves a little extra from all of us. We have heard some neat stories, and look forward to hearing yours! We all love scouting and give of ourselves so the kids in our Packs, Troops, Crews, & Posts get all the good our

program has to offer. Help your members celebrate the occasion and earn the patch sets! It is not hard. Many of the requirements fall right into place with what you do already. The requirements are on the front middle of our webpage. There are just 500 sets of the council patches, and they are moving, so don't lose out on this great memento of the 100th.

Now on to our camps. We are continuing to follow our strategic plan to keep upgrading and repairing all of our buildings and program areas. We were just notified that a grant we applied for through Pennsylvania State has recently been approved, and \$30,000 worth of improvements will happen at Elk Lick. The Dept. of Environmental Protection has been expecting us to do improvements to the dam on the pond for over 3 years, and now we can with this grant. This fall, we will be elevating the walls of the dam 18" and building up the earthen wall to that level. This was required of us after the DEP reclassified Cole Creek as a pristine waterway of the Commonwealth. This dam work is all in preparation of a potential 100-year storm to protect resources downstream. Luckily, our grant provides enough to do that AND put three new roofs on buildings in camp. Henry & Hannah cabins will get new roofs, along with the ranger's residence.

Now on to our sewer treatment plant. You might or might not know that we treat our own waste at Elk Lick. Well, remember about the reclassification of the stream? By there having done this (the DEP) put our sewer treatment plant (which was built in 1960 - when JFK was elected) out of compliance. The level of effluent we were putting in the stream was no longer acceptable. We have been running the plant out of compliance for over ten years, keeping it working the best we could. What kept them (the DEP) at bay for all this time was the fact that we ran the plant full tilt for only seven weeks a year. So they kind of turned a deaf ear for quite a while. Then at a meeting with key DEP officials back in early 2009, we were told that, "our file has floated to the top". How appropriately put. We have since done some preliminary studies, and have gone back and forth with them for over a year up until last week. We now have a consent order to rebuild the plant by September 2015, at a cost of \$300,000.

Our council executive board and myself are committed to raising these funds and making this happen. This is a major campaign we are beginning now to find local, state, and federal resources. We have aligned ourselves with appropriate people in the right places that are locking arms with us to help us raise this money. So whatever you are hearing to the contrary, it is just that. We are committed to put our best foot forward for Elk Lick.

We need you, our leaders – to come to summer camp with your boys, both cub scouts and boy scouts, and to support what we do. Running two camps is a serious undertaking, and we need to know you are behind us. Send a loud and clear message to our board

that you and your boys love Elk Lick, and Camp Merz! These camps are all for you!

Thank you for all you do for the boys, and thank you for your continued support and understanding. Things aren't as easy as one time, but if we all work in the same direction, we are convinced that more good will come!

John Wojciechowicz



This year, millions will be able to witness and experience Scouting like never before!

Created specifically for the 100th Anniversary, Adventure Base 100 will tour the country to give people an exciting, hands-on view of the history and future of the Boy Scouts of America.

It started at the Rose Bowl Parade in January and will end at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, this magnificent traveling exhibit will stop in more than 40 cities to share the Scouting experience. Each stop is designed to serve many councils at once. It will be in Buffalo for the Taste of Buffalo, on Saturday, July 10, and Sunday July 11.

Adventure Base 100 will unfold into a 10,000 square foot campus of interactive and immersive Scout-related experiences.

The goal is to bring Scouting to life in a relevant and meaningful way that will connect to current Scouts and Scouters and appeal to people not currently involved with Scouting, but who might be interested.

The campus features a recruitment and registration tent, the "Go Scouting!" Dome – a multi-sensory experience that uses an IMAX-like domed screen, smells, and sounds to make visitors feel like they are a part of the action – a ropes course and zip line experience, traveling Scouting museum, stage, time capsule, VIP tent, green screen experience, Scout store, and sponsor tents. There will also be a virtual component.

Besides the obvious public awareness opportunities, there's a huge potential audience that we can talk to about membership, volunteering, fundraising, and getting our alumni involved with Scouting again.

When people enter the campus, their contact information and other data will be collected. Our hope is to engage them in Scouting beyond the Adventure Base 100 experience.

Volunteers and programming ideas for the campus' stage will be needed, so please contact Kevin Gross at Greater Niagara Frontier Council at Kevin.gross@scouting.org or log onto www.wnyscouting.org/AB100 to learn how you can be a part of something great right here in Western New York!

100th Anniversary Council Patch Collection Update

The center pentagon and three patches are currently available for the set, the Community Service, Alumni, and Friends of Scouting. The Elk Lick/Merz version will be available at the Trading Posts of the camps this summer. The last of the set, the Trails End Popcorn patch will be available this fall from the service center trading post. These are limited, only 500 of each were made. This unique set is a fitting memento of our centennial anniversary and will surely be sought after by collectors forever. Don't miss your opportunity to help your boys have this set.

Celebrating 100 Years — A Shining Light

For the first time in the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the entire Scouting community will join together for a single, nationwide event to celebrate our organization and reflect on what it has meant to millions of America's youth.

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 8 p.m. EST, the Scouting family — past, present and future — will be able to take part, in a special nationwide broadcast. *A Shining Light Across America* will bring the Centennial Celebration Show from the 100th Anniversary National Scout Jamboree in Fort AP Hill, Va. to communities across the country via Webcast and satellite transmission.

As part of this monumental event, scouts, family and friends from across America will gather in venues large and small —to host their own local activities leading up to the Shining Light broadcast. We are encouraging everyone to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the magic that has marked 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America. Members of the entire community at large – Scouts, Scouting volunteers, alumni, families and community supporters – are invited to join in the festivities.

We look forward to shining a light on our rich heritage, on our core values and on our role in shaping America's youth. We hope you will join in the celebration! Just tune in to the BSA website that night! A High speed internet connection will insure a great show for all!

Spring Skill O Ree & Invitation to Adventure

Don't miss out, First up, in the spring the 100th Anniversary Camporee in Angelica, N.Y. on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The events are going to take place in the dark. The boys will be putting their scouting skill to work in the still of the night. It is promising to be an unbelievable experience.

45th Annual Calumet International Camporee

The 45th Annual Calumet will take place on August 20th, 21st and 22nd at Elk Lick Scout Reserve. Come join hundreds of scouts from the U.S. and Canada is one of the longest running International Camporee. There are events for everyone.

Look on the council web page

www.alleghenyhighlands.org for more information.



BSA 100th Coin & Stamp

Go to the US mint website for details on the current availability of the coin, and watch your local post office for the commemorative stamp coming out soon!



BOWLATHON

Ninety-Three scouts attended the kingpin prize night at Allegheny in April! What a great showing, scouts!

Our top three bowling pledge-getters were Troop 739 – Tylor Davis \$354.50, Pack 501 -

Saigg Vitto \$350.00, and Pack 153 - Joshua Martin, \$330.00. Our top three units in this year's bowlathon were: Pack 501 - \$1107.38, Pack 719 - \$915.52, and Pack 153 - \$720.00.

Great job by all!

See you at the lanes next year!

Get into Print Program



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!! To all Cub Scout Packs and Dens, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews & Explorer Posts~

Send us (the service center) a copy of an **article with a photo** and a date that you had printed in the newspaper, school, newsletter, or any other local publication, and we will credit your unit account with \$5!

That's it, it's easy money!

How much money can your unit earn for getting into print? We hope a lot!

The best way to take advantage of this opportunity is to recruit a parent or leader to do this for **all** your activities. We have all the info you need to make this happen. Just go to the Unit Publicity link on our webpage, and the press contacts are all listed, emails, faxes, the works!

Newspapers nowadays PREFER emailed articles and attached pictures. It is EASY.

Join us in telling your community, and the WORLD about the cool stuff you are doing. And you know what? Your boys and leaders are going to love being in the paper, it neat!

Step right up...

If you are not listed below with the articles submitted to us since our last Highlander, you are losing out on the bucks, Bucko!

Units in Print Since Last Highlander...

Crew 160	Boy Scouts, The Resource Center to Host Rummage Sale
Pack 103	Cub Scouts Conduct Community Service
Pack 103	Cub Scouts Win First Place in Klondike Derby
Pack 115	Cub Scout Pack 115 Holds Pinewood Derby
Pack 116	Scouts Raise Money for St. Susan Center
Pack 126	Webelos Create Crafts for Rummage Sale
Pack 276	Partners Against Crime
Pack 276	To Do My Duty, To God and My Country'
Pack 276	Alley Time
Pack 276	Snow Day
Pack 276	Visiting The Past
Pack 422	Cub Scouts Tour Kane Manor
Pack 422	Cub Scouts Hold Annual Pinewood Derby
Pack 617	Curucci's Final-Mayor Names Those Who Helped Him & City
Pack 631	Legislators Honor Scouts
Post 125	Scouts Learn About Police Work
Troop 133	Frewsburg Scouts Mark 100 Years
Troop 103	Eagle Honors 4 Randolph Scouts Earn Prestigious Ranking
Troop 103	Eagle Scout Projects Benefit Community
Troop 276	Eagle Scouts
Troop 410	Will Keesler Honored at Eagle Ceremony
Troop 536	Boy Scout Troop #536 Camp Out
Troop 536	Legion Celebrates Birthday w/Awards Ceremony & Banquet
Troop 536	Camp Out at the Cherry Springs Fire Tower Cabin
Troop 536	Scouts Hold Winter Campout
Troop 536	Scout Upgrades Hydrants
Troop 536	Robinson Becomes Eagle Scout
Troop 617	Congratulations to our Cubs and Boys in T617
Troop 627	100 Years of Scouting - Congratulations!
Troop 739	Scouting News

FYI

We would like to pass on that we have a limited quantity of past years popcorn and bowlathon patches for 2008 and 2009. If you would like to purchase some call the office and talk to Kathy. They are available for \$1.00 a piece while supplies last.



FYI

Watch the Mail in late May for you Buffalo Bills Pre-Season game Flyer. The game this year is set for Saturday, August 28th. Game time is 6:30 PM. Buffalo Bills vs. Cincinnati Bengals



In Memory of Donald Sprawls

Suzanne, Delvin, & Mackenzie Abbey

In Memory of Lawrence Guignon

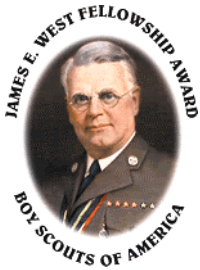
Gail Sandy

In Memory of James Grodecki

Gary Sorenson
Maynard & Maxine McCullor
Mary & Kent Nordwall

**Mail Your Gift: Tribute Fund
Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA
PO Box 261,
Falconer NY 14733**

(A special card is sent to next of kin, and the gift is put in our Council Endowment Fund to perpetuate Scouting)



The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to the council's endowment fund. A payment plan can be set up for anyone wishing to be a James E. West Fellow. This gift must be above and beyond your normal Friends of

Scouting gift. Once the full amount is received, the award will be made. Organizations or individuals may contribute for an award in honor of someone, or in memory of a departed loved one. It is also appropriate for honoring a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster or other leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for so many years.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is an attractive 8-by-10-inch leather-bound certificate personalized with the name, date of gift, and council name. In addition, there is a distinctive lapel pin and an exclusive square knot for the uniform presented at an appropriate time.

We also have a large James E. West plaque displayed at our service center with all of the recipients of this award. While it is a national recognition, the James E. West Fellowship Award is authorized and presented by the Local Council.

The award is named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America who exemplified Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." Scouting today is the "lengthened shadow" of more than three decades of the

farseeing and dedicated leadership of Dr. James E. West.

Lynn R. Sworts, and Mary Lou Sworts have just become our council's 72nd and 73rd James E. West. Our Council President, Herb Hern has challenged the 1400 volunteers of the Allegheny Highlands Council to consider helping us achieve the goal of "100 for the 100th".

In celebration of the BSA's 100th anniversary, he is asking those of you who are able, to consider joining in this exclusive recognition of scouters who wish their gift to work forever to help our council. Remember: your gift will never be spent; just the interest it generates will be used to help us run our council and maintain our camps forever. We are looking for 27 more people to step forward and be a part of this exclusive group. Lynn and Mary Lou are the first of the year 2010.



**Scout Fun 2010
Darien Lake Theme Park
Friday, June 18, -
Thursday, July 2, 2010**

It's playtime again at Darien Lake theme park this summer. Don't miss out on all the Scout Fun during Scout Weeks at Darien Lake. Bring your unit and come experience the fun on the Dark Knight Roller Coaster and many of your favorite fun rides, slides and shows at the Park. There is something for everyone, the highflying Superman Ride of Steel, the Batman Thrill Spectacular, the ever-expanding water park, and for the little ones, Looney Tunes Seaport! Featuring rides that kids and parents can ride together and a fabulous live show starring Bugs Bunny and Friends. So relax, soak up some fun on the pool deck at Crocodile Isle wave pool or play all day in Hook's Lagoon interactive play area. It's all included plus much more in your Scout Week admission! Single day admission tickets are only **\$14.99 per person** (2 and under are free) and are available at the Scout Service Center, PO Box 261, Falconer, NY 14733. Deadline to purchase tickets through the mail is June 25th (but remember to allow time for the mail). You may purchase tickets right up through the last day of the event online at www.GoDarienLake.com, (online tickets cost \$1 more). You can also purchase tickets at the gate for \$18.99 with proper Scout ID. Discounted camping, RV and hotel rates are available; you must contact Darien Lake Accommodations directly at 585.599.2211.

A limited amount of Tickets will be available at the Scout Service Center. So order early and we'll see you at Darien Lake!!!

**Darien Lake Theme Park & Camping Resort
Contact Information
PO Box 91 Darien Center, NY 14040
585.599.4641**

Jamboree Troop 310, Allegheny Highlands Council

Well, 36 scouts and four leaders are preparing themselves for the adventure of a lifetime. Scoutmaster Lynn Smith reports that plans are falling into place nicely, and the troop has gelled and is prepared to see scouting at it's best! They will visit the mall in Washington, DC before they arrive at Fort AP Hill in Virginia for the 8th and last national jamboree to be held at that location. In the future, the BSA jamboree will be at their new facility in West Virginia, which is being developed as we speak. The Jamboree will become the 10th largest city in the state of Virginia for a week. The National Scout Jamboree reflects the true spirit of Scouting—physical fitness, environmental conservation, and national heritage.

Scouts will be rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. They'll experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that await our boys!

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

The Jamboree City Rises Again - At dawn on July 26, 2010, dew on the empty fields shimmers in the growing daylight. And then ... here they come! By noon, throngs of Scouts are carrying gear and tents, and gateways begin to emerge from the empty ground. By dusk, the landscape has been transformed into a bustling city of 18,000 tents, 3,600 patrol kitchens and 43,000 Scouts and leaders. This transformation occurs in mere hours, making Jamboree City the fastest growing city in Virginia, if not the world.

Amid the thousands of colorful tents that will house participants and provide program and support services, there is an infrastructure that provides a safe and secure environment at Fort A.P. Hill. Everything from bus systems, telephone and Internet, to first-aid stations and a hospital, police and fire departments, post offices, food warehouses, a daily newspaper, and retail stores (trading posts and concession stands) provides all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event.

Get ready, scouts, for the 100th anniversary of the BSA, jambo style! God speed, safe passage to and from, come back with great campfire stories!

Hall of Leadership

The nomination time for great scouting mentors to the Hall of Leadership is now over. The National judges will announce finalists soon. Who will they pick? Time will tell.....

100th Anniversary NEWS

LIMITED EDITION | Historic Merit Badges

To celebrate this very special centennial year, four limited edition, vintage-design Merit Badges are being introduced. Be sure to check out these exclusive badge offerings, available during 2010 only! Merit Badge Pamphlets will not be printed for these particular badges. Requirements are online at www.scouting.org/100years and www.scouting.org. The completion of all requirements must take place by December 31, 2010.

Pathfinder



Carpentry



Tracking



Signaler



THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION



The 26th annual Chautauqua County American Legion Scouting Camporee will be held September 24 – 26, 2010 at Camp Merz in Mayville. This year's Camporee will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting in America and will feature games, activities, and demonstrations enjoyed by Scouts over the past century. Registration will be Friday evening beginning at 6:00 PM in the dining hall with a cracker barrel for leaders to be held later that evening. The camp-wide potluck dinner and closing bonfire will conclude Saturday's activities. This event is open to any Scout troop, Explorer post and Venture crew within the Allegheny Highlands Council that is sponsored by an American Legion Post or other veterans' organization. Webelos dens that are sponsored by veterans groups are also welcome to attend and will be able to participate in Webelos-only activities. The price for this year's Camporee is \$8.00 per person with no reservations being accepted after September 10th. All registrants will receive the 26th Annual Camporee commemorative patch. Complete details regarding this event will be mailed to unit leaders shortly. Contact event chairman, Randy Hinsdale, at (716) 763-7738 for further event information.

Welcome to the Eagle's Nest

Troop 656
Benjamin Boberg
SM – Chris Gerwitz

Troop 103
Scott Ring
SM – Jim Kenney

Troop 103
John Ring
SM – Jim Kenney

Troop 276
Michael Embs
SM – Harold Robbins

Troop 422
Joshua Ishman
SM – Robert Ishman

Troop 126
Cory Leymeister
SM – Andy Cesarz

Troop 159
Christopher Park
SM – Richard Harper

Troop 656
Colin Gerwitz
SM – Chris Gerwitz

Troop 177
Zachary Berlund
SM – John Girts

Troop 267
Aaron Stone
SM – Vince Vecchio

Troop 131
Skye Smith
SM – Don Shriver

Troop 103
Tim McLaughlin
SM – Jim Kenney

Troop 103
Nicholas Kenney
SM – James Kenney

Troop 628
Nathan Smith
SM – Dave Falgiano

Troop 276
William Cole III
SM – Harold Robbins

Troop 499
Ronald Schoolmaster
SM – Jim Gates

Troop 427
Mitchell Losey
SM – Denny Galvin



Troop 656
Ryan Hewlett
SM – Chris Gerwitz

A Message from the Registrar/Trading Post

Hello! Now that I have began to settle into things here at the Service Center, I want to thank everyone for their patience as I have been learning my way through the last six months since I started. It has been great getting to know everyone, both over the phone and those who frequent the store. Hopefully I haven't made any mistakes that we haven't been able to be fixed with relative ease and I look forward to getting to know everyone and your needs even better. I have thought of a few things or "tips" that I hope you would welcome to make ordering easier for you and filling your requests smoother for me:

- On any correspondence, this includes Tour Permits, Advancement Reports, etc, please remember your **contact information**. That way if I have a question I can call you quickly.
- And remember, Tour Permits need to be turned in to the office at least 2 WEEKS before the planned activity.
- If you want an order mailed, please **include your address**. I realize all the forms don't have this area on them but it saves a lot of time if you could put the name address, and phone number of the person that that the order should be mailed to.
- Remember Advancement Reports must accompany your advancement order. The online advancements are fun and easy to use. They allow you to record beyond what we require, which provides a complete history of your scouts.
- Phone orders are fine but a fax or email is much better. It lessens the chance of a mistake by it getting written incorrectly or lost in translation.
- Try to plan accordingly. I realize everyone is busy but I need a bit of notice to gather your order and charge it out. Of course mailing time needs to be considered as well, so give yourself and me at least a week please.
- Periodically check your unit's account balance. Accounts in a negative standing cannot be processed until the payment is received or the money must accompany the order. This will slow your order getting to you and may be too late for a planned event. Give a call and I will be happy to tell you your balance.

If anyone has any ideas or questions for me regarding the shop, please don't hesitate to call or email me at boames@bsamail.org

I look forward to continue working with each of you!

Bobbi Ames Registrar/Trading Post Manager

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Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

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