

Two Lakes District

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Message from the District Chairman

Spring has finally arrived, time has come to shake off those winter cobwebs and get that "out" out of Sc"out"ing. Scouts love a surprise, think of ways to get them outside for their meetings. What about a surprise orientation course around your meeting area, or a hike in your community to visit historical sites, a surprise visit to a fire station for a Den meeting. What do your Cubs need to finish off their rank awards or their arrow points before the end of the Scouting year and they move onto their next rank? These are all things you can do outside. It's time to start the final push for the summer camp experience. Campsites are filling up fast; so don't let your Scouts miss out this summer. If your Troop isn't going and a Scout from your unit wants to go, ask other Unit leaders if your Scout could go with them so they don't miss out of the experience as well as the advancement they could do at Camp.

It's time to think about wrapping up our Friends of Scouting campaign by the end of June. Did you realize that it costs over \$100.00 per Scout to keep our Council going strong? Did you know that all the money received for registration of adults and scouts goes directly to National and none of it stays here? If you have been working FOS cards in our community, please follow up and make sure they are finished. If we all pitch in and get it wrapped up we can commit more of our time developing a better program for our Scouts.

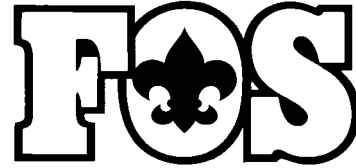
A special congratulations to Terresa and Ken Berlund from Troop 177 (Celeron) and Jim Kenney from Troop 103 (Randolph) who are the Two Lakes District Award of Merit recipients for our Centennial year. This is the highest award a volunteer can receive on the District level. We thank them for all the extra help they have given to the District as well as to their community.

Do you have your calendar marked for the following events?

May 21-23rd Adventure Camporee, May 31st - Memorial Day Parades, June 4th - 6th Leader Training, June 9th District leader Picnic Camp Gross, June 12th - CS Olympics in Randolph, June 19th - Beaver Days at the two camps.

We will also have a Scout display at the Chautauqua County Fair the week of July 26th through August 1st. We are looking for units who would be willing to go for a day and have a live display at the fair. If your unit would be Interested or want more information please contact Chuck Chasler, Wayne or myself.

Hope to see you and unit "out " and about in your Scouting program!!!

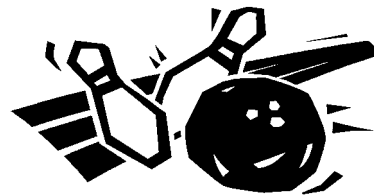


Wow, great news to report! We are ahead of last year this time with all our Friends of Scouting gifts. We're not at goal yet, but at the time of this printing we are over **65%** of the way there, great job to all that have pledged to support our Council! In the family campaign thanks go out to all the Pacesetting units, Packs 115, 116, 126, 173, 177, 217, 219, 246, 252 and Troops 131, 177, 252, 267. If your unit would like to join us as a Pacesetting unit schedule a presentation with Wayne and someone from the finance committee will be glad to schedule a presentation with you. I would like to thank all the workers who have helped with this campaign so far this year and are well on their way to raising \$1000 to become a proud member of the presidents club, Dave Thomas, Gail Sandy, Sally Lawson, Robert Hawkins, Paula Pattison, Tom Kelly, Greg Juul and Chuck Begert, Chuck Chasler. They should be receiving their limited special boarder set of our 100th anniversary patches for becoming president's club members. If you haven't made your pledge for 2010 helps us to reach our goal and join all of us as a "Friend of Scouting". Thank You!

Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome all the folks from the American Red Cross of Chautauqua County. Chuck Chasler and Fran Heath will be working with the scouts from Dunkirk High School ROTC program to cross the bridge with disaster preparedness Crew. The training is underway let us hope they never have to use but will be glad they did if their called upon. They are also looking to having some fun, like only scouts can. So howdy from our district Crew 240!

Bowlathon Report



Wow! What a great turn out again this year! 19 Packs, 6 Troops, and 1 Crew. All our scouts had a great time. In total they raised over

\$12,000 for scouting. Some 36 scouts went to "King-Pin" prize night in Allegany by raising over \$100 each. The district would like thank all the parents, leaders and our 2 district King Pins, Kathy Pool & Mary Lou Barlow they made this such a great event for all. Thank You!

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District Executives' Corner

Well, spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. It's been a busy winter with all the 100th Anniversary Blue and Golds and all the Eagle Courts of Honor. We had 19 Eagles in our district alone! Our district became a Quality Centennial District. Way to go Two Lakes! We couldn't have done it without all the hard work and great scouting of so many of you. Congratulations to all the units that also became Quality Centennial Units. Our scouts will surely reap these rewards. We are also well on our way to becoming a Quality Centennial District again this year. The number of scouts in our district has increased from last year and we have had more in attendance at our winter activities. I'm confident that we will continue to increase attendance at our spring activities as well, like the Camporee in Angelica and the Cub Olympics in Randolph. But the best part of all this is more boys are attending summer camp!!!! That's where we can really make a difference in a young scouts life.

Our 100th anniversary is in full swing and many of you have taken advantage of some of the commemorative merchandise. Don't forget our council has a commemorative set of council patches that your scouts can earn. This is a once in a lifetime chance. Keep your eyes open for more displays like the ones at the Chautauqua Mall & Frewsburg. Special thanks go out to Dave Guignon, Gail Sandy, and Marty Nelson for sharing some of their memorabilia with us. You too can set up a display in your community; let's show everyone that scouting is alive in Chautauqua & Cattaraugus counties. Our Scouting year will end with the school year in June with a picnic at Camp Gross in Cassadaga. We will be celebrating reaching our Friends of Scouting goal as well as giving away a full campership to one of our two camps. Bring you "Baloo Buck's & Greenbar Bill's" and maybe you can help a scout go to camp for FREE.

I hope to see many of you this summer I will be camping at Elk Lick from mid June through end of August again. Stop by and have a slushy with me! See ya at the campfire!

Senior District Executive

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Roundtables

Great things start with planning, and planning starts at roundtable!! It's been great to see so many of you at roundtables this year. We will end our year with our "Out with a Bang Picnic" at Camp Gross on Wednesday, June 9th. The picnic will be a "bring a dish to pass" along with your own table setting. The district will supply hotdogs and hamburgers. We'll fire up the grills at 6 PM. The whole family is invited. We will have prizes for everyone and a Chinese auction to use all your Baloo Bucks and Greenbar Bill bills. One of the prizes will include a full campership! The auction will start at 7:30. Bring your appetite, bring your family and bring your Scouting Spirit to the "Out with a Bang Picnic." See you there!



Two Lakes Commissioner's Note

Greetings Commissioner's:

First off, I'd like to congratulate all of you for a job well done helping your units attain Quality Centennial status. Great Job!!! Sometimes we forget to say that.

A great time to remember to say that is when you are helping a unit with a Charter presentation. Let them know that you think they are doing a GREAT JOB! Secondly, I would like to say thank you to all of you that are sharing your unit visits with me. Dale, our Council Commissioner is glad to hear so many of you are visiting your units. Third, I would like to welcome our newest Unit Commissioner, Chris Deering from Sherman. She will be helping packs 124 & 159 as well as troop 159. I know those units will be in good hands with a commissioner like Chris helping them along the way. And last but not least I have changed my email address for scouting to chuckchasler@gmail.com. This will allow me to focus on your questions and to help me as my role as your District Commissioner. Do not be afraid to drop me a note how my staff of commissioners or myself might be able to help your Pack, Troop or Crew in anyway. Thank you and I hope to see you around the scout program.

Yours In Scouting

Chuck

Scouts at the Fair

Scouting will be on Display this Centennial year at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds during the County Fair to be held July 26th to August 1st. The fair has donated a campsite to the BSA and we need troops to set up a model site with boys and show the folks what scouting is all about. If your troop is interested in a one day commitment to set up a site, (tents, boys, scout activities, etc.), contact Chuck Chasler at chuckchasler@gmail.com. For more information on the Chautauqua County Fair go to www.chautauquacountyfair.org



Two Lakes District Corn Roast / School Night Kickoff and The Race To Cub Scouting

It will soon be time to think about school, and that means School Nights to Join Scouting. The Two Lakes

District is planning the annual Corn Roast to help Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts prepare for their fall recruiting. The Corn Roast will be held at the Merritt Estates Winery on King Road in Forestville, Wednesday, August 25th.

Reservations for the corn roast are due by August 20th. Come with a couple of school night signup dates in mind for your unit so that district personnel can be scheduled to help with your unit signups and promotions. You can call or email the Service Center at 665-2697, servicecenter@alleghenyhighlands.org. More details will be forthcoming.

Thank you and we hope to see you there.