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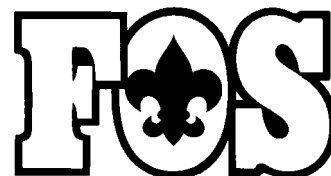
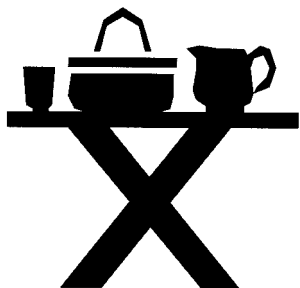
From around the district

WOW, What a winter! The Klondike at ELSR was our largest ever, THANKS TO TOM GREER and all the helpers. Winter Cub Fun Days, Council Pinewood Derby and the Bowl-a-thon were all big hits too. Many thanks to all our Scouters that made all these activities happen. Now that winter is finally over and spring is here, it's time to think about camping and the great outdoors. **This year more than ever** we need all of our packs and troops to signed up to attend Cub Resident Camp, Parent/Pal Weekend and Summer Camp. Our Summer Camp attendance is vital to our **camp's** existence and boy's experience. Lots of Scouts are taking advantage of the discounts offered by having a camp promotions/presentations and Early Bird and Group discounts. Are you one of the many? Let our District Committee know if you have a Scout with a special need, we will do everything to get him to camp and make it the best experience ever.

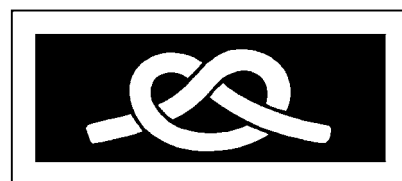
Western Gate Picnic

Western Gate's Appreciation Picnic is set for June 8th at Shinglehouse's Town Park. The fun begins at 6pm with dinner at 6:30. Bring a dish to pass, and tableware. Fun will be had by the whole family!!! We'll have lots of great news on camp, plus the \$1,000 FOS patch set should be in. There will be games for

all with plenty of Auction Items. Scouters are encouraged to bring door prizes. The park is across from the Elementary School. It's 3 miles south of SR417 and SR49 Junction in Ceres. It has a nice playground, pavilion and grills.



Well we are in full swing of our 2010 FOS campaign. We are over halfway (**\$24,000**) to attaining our goal. This year's goal is \$36,000. Many of our packs have helped by allowing FOS presentations at their Pack meetings and I would like to thank them all. In order to reach our goal this year we will need **everyone** to help! If your unit would like to become a pacesetter unit please call or email your Todd to schedule your presentation. In our community campaign, kudos go to Robert Morris (Vice-Chairman Finance), Kevin Kranock, Shawn Metcalf, Doug Cashing and Earl Strait, plus many more for working within our communities and businesses to help make it all happen for our FOS campaign. With all this help, I know we will hit our goal. Don't forget: The \$60 FOS Patch will complete this year's 100th Anniversary set. Thanks to everyone that is a "Friend of Scouting!"



Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Our annual recognition dinner provided a great time of fellowship and recognitions. This year's dinner was April 10th, 2010, at the Allegany American Legion, Post 892; the auxiliary prepared dinner. Tom Palz and Robert Morris were awarded the Silver Beaver Award from Western Gate District. This year the District Award of Merit was presented to Keith Dart, Pack 501, Smethport, PA, Paul Schoolmaster Troop 499 Bradford, Pa. and Dan Hinz, Troop 631 Portville, N.Y. This is the highest award that can be awarded by the district. It is for outstanding service to youth in and out of scouting. Other recognitions went to Tom Greer, Keith Dart and Chris Pistner for activities leadership. Various Spark Plugs and V.I.P.'s were handed out to Unit leaders throughout the District. Thank you all for being such great scouters!



Webelos where are you????????????

Where are your Webelos headed? This year the District will be calling all lost Webelos. We need to give every boy a chance to be a Boy Scout. Boy Scout Leaders make sure you have some outdoor events scheduled; remember boys don't join scouting to sit at a table. All boys 11 and older are eligible; they don't need the Arrow of Light.

CAMPOREE'S are a coming!!!!!!

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 dark of night. It is promising to be an unbelievable experience. Secondly The 45th Annual Calumet is August 20th, 21st and 22nd at Elk Lick Scout Reserve. Come join hundreds of scouts for the U.S. and Canada is one of the longest running International Camporee. There are events for everyone. Last but not least, Western Gate's fastest growing activity is open to Scout's from all over, The Western Gate Civil War Camporee. It will be held September 11th, 12th and 13th, in Angelica. This year the re-enactors will be camping in town. They will camp along Main Street with the battle re-enactment happening in town as well. We are working on a special Trail's End Popcorn event for Friday Night. See ya there.

Celebrating 100 Years — A Shining Light

For the first time in the history of the Boy Scouts of America, we will be bringing the entire Scouting community 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. We at the Western Gate will be gathering in Olean (hopefully War Vets Park) starting at 4:30. We will have food and drink available for purchase. At 7:00pm, we will parade up to JCC to watch the broadcast. Please be in Uniform, bring Flags and lights. So, pick a leader and lets go!! It would be nice to hear from those coming

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Hi from your District Commissioner, Rick Price



It is hard to believe that our first quarter has already gone by. Time has a way of going to fast. Before we know it, the Spring Camporee in Angelica will be on top of us. Plans are going well for this camp and a great big thank you to all of the people involved in the

planning and those working staff. Chris Pistner has gone beyond on this program and I for one, am very excited to be involved! I hope that everyone got their early registration in intimaie to get the special patch.

A quick reminder to all about our monthly meetings in Olean at the Knights of Columbus Building, 1st Wednesday of the month is Roundtable, the 2nd Wednesday is the District meeting, and the 3rd Wednesday is the District Commissioners meeting. These meetings are were we come together to plan program, review past events, and encourage each other through fellowship. Please try to avail yourself for this part of our program, you can and do make a difference. I would like to extend this invitation to all of the leaders in Western Gate District.

Summer Camp is also fast approaching. Make sure we have taken advantage of all of the discounts that have been offered. Remember, you as a leader will spend more hours with your scouts during Summer Camp, than you do throughout the rest of the year in normal meetings. This is where you can truly encourage your pack, troop, or crew and create those memories that last a lifetime.

Until the next time we share the campfire, bright skies, easy trails, and good slumber.

YIS,
Rick

Fall Program Launch Picnic

All Western Gate Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Assistant Scoutmasters, Scoutmasters and Western Gate Committee Members, mark August 25th on your calendar. The location will be Shinglehouse Twp Park, and will start at 6:30pm. This is a must attend event!

This is the night to have your School Night scheduled, pick-up the new year's program materials and get revved up for the new year. Please bring a dish to pass, plus tableware. This is the most important meeting of the



year so please don't miss it. We will have prizes and awesome stuff for all. Units attending will have first choice of School Sign-up Nights.