Congratulations to all the recipients of the Rockland District Service to Scouting awards!

District Award of Merit: Michael Caivano
District Award of Merit: Warren Collins
District Chairman's Award: Karen Breslow
District Commissioner's Award: Richard Sarubbi
Lifetime Achievement Award: Linda Pallack - District
Lewis J. Freeman Award: Charles Blaha - District
Larrie Goetz Award: Anne Martel - District
Spirit of Scouting Award: James Schweiker - Troop 2033
Service to Youth Award: James Finlan - District
Young Scouter of the Year: Joseph Ruotolo
Eric Huss Award: Michael Stewart - Troop 2033
Camp Bullowa Paul Bunyan Award: Robert Steuerman
District Achievement Award: Brian Colton
District Achievement Award: Michael Peterson
District Achievement Award: Richard Pineiro
District Hidden Hero Award: Christine Alia
District Hidden Hero Award: David Damo
District Hidden Hero Award: Jason Fox
District Hidden Hero Award: Kenneth Lang
Eagle Support Award: Edward Klouda - District
Eagle Support Award - Community: Rockland County Marine Corps League
District Eagle Scout Project of the Year: Joshua Hinkley - Troop 2021
Council Eagle Scout Project of the Year: Christopher Walsh - Troop 2002
Charter Org Representative: Melissa Grau - Pack 2055
Lamplighter Award: Dana Carpenter - Pack 2001
Lamplighter Award: Mark Cronin - Troop 2061
Lamplighter Award: Shana Dunbar - Pack 2002
Lamplighter Award: Stuart Hanebuth - Pack 2055
Lamplighter Award: Richard Marsh - Pack 2146
Better make room on your bookmarks bar. The BSA has refreshed and retooled a pair of online resources for Scouts BSA volunteers.

The first is the Program Resources page. Think of it as your quick-start guide to Scouts BSA. Here, you'll find a collection of links for starting a Scouts BSA troop, helping Scouts earn merit badges, guiding youth leaders toward more effective troop meetings and more.

The second is the Program Updates page. This one’s for both newcomers and veterans, and it’s where the National Scouts BSA Committee posts the latest information on any changes to the program. If there’s a new program initiative, updated requirement or any change to Scouts BSA printed material, you’ll find it there first.

Feel free to stop reading here and explore the pages for yourself. If you’d like a little more info on what you’ll find at each one, keep scrolling.

Scouts BSA Program Resources page
• Link: https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/
• Who it’s for: Adult volunteers, parents and Scouts
• Why it’s useful: It’s a list of official resources to help your Scouts BSA troop be the best it can be.
• What’s there:
  • A checklist for a new Scoutmaster who might be unfamiliar with Scouts BSA
  • The main page for family Scouting, which is the BSA’s initiative to welcome all members of the family into all Scouting programs
  • A one-page, customizable document you can use at parent orientation
  • A troop resource survey, which lets you learn the skills of each troop parent to identify potential merit badge counselors and volunteers
  • The latest requirements for every merit badge
  • The complete script for an orientation for new Scout parents
  • Resources to help you plan better troop meetings
  • Information on the National Eagle Scout Association, which is essentially an alumni group of those who have earned Scouting’s highest honor

Scouts BSA Program Updates page
• Link: https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-updates/
• Who it’s for: Adult volunteers, parents and Scouts
• Why it’s useful: It’s a single place where you’ll find the latest updates or changes to Scouts BSA materials.
• What’s there:
  • New or updated language for Scouts BSA printed materials, such as the Scouts BSA Handbook, Scouts BSA Requirements book or a merit badge pamphlet
  • Updated requirements for merit badges or ranks
  • Information on new Scouts BSA initiatives or opportunities

Congratulations to Rockland’s Newest Eagles

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Here’s a Simple, Smart Way to Remind Yourself of the Scout Law at the Office

April 8, 2019 Bryan Wendell Inspirational Stories 15 Comments

The values enumerated in the Scout Law stay with you for life. But even the most faithful follower of those 12 points needs a reminder from time to time.

That’s why Joel Sampson, who became an Eagle Scout in 1987, printed a small copy of the Scout Law and tacked it to the walls of his cubicle at work.

The list is directly in his field of view — above his office phone and next to his monitor.

“I put it there for a constant reminder of the person I want to be and should be,” Sampson says. “We all fail at times, so it is a continual work in progress.”

What a great reminder to have always in view while you return a call to that pessimistic coworker, reply to emails from unhappy customers or read through those heated posts you saw on social media.

‘A reminder and guide’

Sampson’s Scout Law printout is a lot like Sampson himself: humble and understated.

He doesn’t tell coworkers he’s an Eagle Scout, unless the topic comes up in conversation. But he acts like an Eagle Scout every day, helping others solve their problems without expecting anything in return.

This trend continued when he decided to display the Scout Law at his desk. Sampson simply typed those 12 words into a Word document, hit print and cut it out with scissors.

He didn’t need a frame, fancy font or even a title at the top saying what the words signify. The list means something to him, which was the whole point.

“It serves as a reminder and a guide,” he says. “Unbeknownst to me, it serves as an example to others as well.”

A meeting with his manager

Anyone who visits Sampson at his office at Verifone in Lincoln, Calif., can see the Scout Law on his wall. It’s right where his coworkers sit when they visit his cubicle.

But Sampson wasn’t sure whether anyone had actually looked at the list until one day when his manager stopped by.

“He leaned over me to point at the list,” Sampson says. “Going one by one, he pointed out which ones he was pretty good with and which ones he needed to work on. We all have some we are better at than others.”

The values of the Scout Law aren’t just words Scouts can use. They apply to anyone who wants to be a better person.

That’s why Sampson doesn’t see his Eagle Scout award as the end of a journey.

“Learning these points does not stop at Eagle,” he says. “It is a lifelong journey. The journey to Eagle is the preparation for the lifelong journey to be that person of character and integrity.”

Print your own Scout Law

You could go really simple and just write down the 12 points and post them in your office.

Or you could take Sampson’s approach and copy and paste the list into a word processor.
What was the first Scout troop in the United States? The answer isn’t so simple

March 28, 2019, Brian Wendell

There were Boy Scout troops in America before there was the Boy Scouts of America.

A handful of Americans, having heard about or witnessed first-hand an exciting new program called “Scouting” in England, wasted no time bringing that idea to our shores.

By 1909, a year before the BSA was founded, Scout troops had sprouted in Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Oklahoma. These pre-BSA troops modeled their program after Robert Baden-Powell’s Scouting program in England. They had handbooks and uniforms shipped to them across the Atlantic.

When the Boy Scouts of America was officially founded at 11:03 a.m. on Feb. 8, 1910, most of these unofficial troops made it official with their very own BSA charter.

But which troop was the first in existence? That’s a surprisingly difficult question to answer. The BSA, like most members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, doesn’t formally recognize a “first troop ever.”

This mystery might never be solved, but diving into everything we do know about these early BSA troops is both fun and fascinating.

A newly uncovered letter from 1940 — the year the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 30th birthday — offers some excellent insight into this subject.

The letter from the BSA

The letter was written by George W. Ehler, who was serving as assistant to the Chief Scout Executive in 1940, in response to an inquiry from a man named O.D. Sharpe.

Sharpe wrote the BSA headquarters — then in New York City — to ask which troop was the first organized under the Boy Scouts of America.

Ehler was the right person to ask. He was in charge of BSA registrations in 1940, making him the go-to guy for questions about Scouting history.

But Ehler’s response likely wasn’t what Sharpe wanted.

“After several years of experience with these inquiries and claims, I came to the conclusion that it was not possible from any accepted record to determine which was the first Troop.”

Keep in mind when this letter was written: Nov. 12, 1940.

If, as Ehler writes, “it was impossible to make a definite decision as to the first troop” 30 years after the BSA was founded, I can’t imagine the picture has become clearer in the eight decades since.

One troop stands out

Ehler wrote that, in his view, all troops formed in 1910 had an equal claim at the title of “first troop ever.”

Somewhat contradictorily, though, he singled out a troop as having “the best showing toward this claim.”

He identified that troop as, simply, “the Troop in the Y.M.C.A. at Springfield.” But that only adds to the mystery, because Ehler identifies neither the state nor chartered organization of this Springfield troop. There are cities and towns called Springfield in more than half of all states in the country.

My guess is he’s talking about the YMCA at Springfield, Mass., known at the time as the YMCA International Training School. (This is where, in 1891, James Naismith invented basketball.) That’s my guess because it’s the Springfield most associated
with Edgar M. Robinson, a forgotten member of Scouting’s “founding fathers.” Robinson, a YMCA executive, helped get the BSA through most of its first year without a stumble.

Scouting’s Founding Fathers

What other sources say

Wikipedia lists a number of claimants for the first troop in BSA history, and many of these were formed before the BSA was officially founded in 1910.

But anyone can edit Wikipedia, and none of these claims could be verified by any BSA records I could locate.

I scoured the archives of Scouting magazine, too, but that didn’t provide much clarity. When talking about early troops, my Scouting magazine predecessors used qualifying phrases. One troop is “said to be” the first in its state, Scouting magazine wrote. Another is “one of the first in BSA history.”

As I mentioned, if the head of registration for the BSA couldn’t identify a singular first troop in 1940, I don’t expect to have much luck now.

40 troops that lasted from 1910 until at least 1976

A separate document, published in February 1976, offers even more interesting data. It’s a news release that lists 40 BSA troops that were in continuous operation, without a registration lapse, from 1910 until at least 1976.

In the release, the BSA reiterates that “it is impossible to pinpoint the first American Scout troop.”

These 40 troops have “a continuous, formal tie to those early days, when Chicago businessman William D. Boyce, prompted by the help he received from a young man in England, brought the Scouting program to the U.S.A. and incorporated the Boy Scouts of America.”

Here’s the list. Two things to note:

1. Information like the council name, chartered organization and Scoutmaster was current when the document was published in 1976.
2. It’s possible that some troops not listed might have been in continuous operation from 1910 until at least 1976. This list is based on BSA’s official records available in 1976.

East Central Region
- Troop 309, Chicago
  - Chicago Area Council
  - 1st Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: Ernest E. Childs Jr.
- Troop 1, Indianapolis
  - Crossroads of America Council
  - Tuxedo Park Baptist Church
  - Scoutmaster: Patrick M. Cobb
- Troop 3, Indianapolis
  - Crossroads of America
  - Irvington Presbyterian Church
  - Scoutmaster: Robert J. Gelarden
- Troop 2, Detroit
  - Detroit Area Council
  - Fort Street Presbyterian Church
  - Scoutmaster: Albert Thomas
- Troop 1, Parkersburg, W.Va.
  - Kootaga Area Council
  - American Legion Post #15
  - Scoutmaster: Paul Polsey

North Central Region
- Troop 2, St. Louis
  - St. Louis Area Council
  - Pilgrim Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: David Anderson
- Troop 301, Webster Groves, Mo.
  - St. Louis Area Council
  - 1st Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: Marion C. Skouby

Southeast Region
- Troop 1, Paducah, Ky.
  - Four Rivers Council
  - Grace Episcopal Church
  - Scoutmaster: Danny Middleton
- Troop 3, Nashville, Tenn.
  - Middle Tennessee Council
  - East End United Methodist Church
  - Scoutmaster: Robert C. Ramsey

Northeast Region
- Troop 1, East Hartford, Conn.
  - Long Rivers Council
  - 1st Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: Leroy Spiller
- Troop 3, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
  - Boston Council
  - Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: Woodbury Morrison
- Troop 2, Cambridge, Mass.
  - Cambridge Council
  - North Congregational Church
  - Scoutmaster: Edward J. Benoit
- Troop 1, Leominster, Mass.
  - Nashua Valley Council
  - 1st Unitarian Universalist Church
  - Scoutmaster: Michael E. Young

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Troop 16, Danvers, Mass.
- North Bay Council
- Maple Street Congregational Church
- Scoutmaster: Michael W. Smith

Troop 603, Malden, Mass.
- Minuteman Council
- 1st Baptist Church
- Scoutmaster: George H. Burgess

Troop 17, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
- Norumbega Council
- Church of the Redeemer
- Scoutmaster: John W. Reading

Troop 1, Hingham, Mass.
- Old Colony Council
- Group of the Citizens
- Scoutmaster: Herbert Muscato

Troop 42, Norwood, Mass.
- Old Colony Council
- 1st Congregational Church
- Scoutmaster: Paul Thompson

- Mohegan Council
- 1st Baptist Church
- Scoutmaster: John T. Heffernan

Troop 2, Bloomfield, N.J.
- Tamarack Council
- Presbyterian Church on the Green
- Scoutmaster: Stanley Politowicz

Troop 59, Collingswood, N.J.
- Camden County Council
- Tatem Shield American Legion Post #17
- Scoutmaster: James Scott

Troop 13, Montclair, N.J.
- Essex Council
- Union Congregational Church
- Scoutmaster: Thomas McDermott

Troop 7, Newark, N.J.
- Essex Council
- Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: Herman F. Seeger

Troop 1, West New York, N.J.
- Hudson-Hamilton Council
- Trinity Reformed Church
- Scoutmaster: Kenneth A. Glockner

Troop 505, Jersey City, N.J.
- Hudson-Hamilton Council
- United Reformed Church
- Scoutmaster: Richard J. Hunter

Troop 2, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
- Westchester-Putnam Council
- Men's Club of the 1st United Methodist Church
- Scoutmaster: Perrin Smith Jr.

Troop 3, Paterson, N.J.
- Passaic Valley Council
- Eastside Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: Ferdinand Miller

Troop 1, Unadilla, N.Y.
- Ottschodela Council
- Freedom Lodge #324
- Scoutmaster: Thomas W. Jones

Troop 1, Schenectady, N.Y.
- Schenectady County Council
- 2nd Reformed Church
- Scoutmaster: Herbert J. Roes

Troop 1, Babylon, N.Y.
- Suffolk County Council
- Christ Church Episcopal
- Scoutmaster: David L. Williams

Troop 2, Amityville, N.Y.
- Suffolk County Council
- 1st United Methodist Church
- Scoutmaster: Charles Dequillenfeldt

Troop 4, Lewistown, Pa.
- Juniata Valley Council
- Men's Barraca Class of United Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: William D. Johnston

Troop 4, Ardmore, Pa.
- Valley Forge Council
- 1st Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: Charles Dequillenfeldt

Troop 16, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.
- Valley Forge Council
- St. Asaphs Episcopal Church
- Scoutmaster: Nuel Bardwell

Troop 63, Lansdowne, Pa.
- Valley Forge Council
- Fellowship Bible Class of the 1st Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: Robert Dongan

Troop 1, McKeesport, Pa.
- East Valley Area Council
- Central Presbyterian Church
- Scoutmaster: Allen G. Filson

Troop 1, Providence, R.I.
- Narrangansett Council
- Broad Street PTA
- Scoutmaster: Robert Carvalho

Troop 20, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Greater New York Council
- New Utrecht Reformed Church
- Scoutmaster: Alphonese DeLeo

Troop 1, Flushing, N.Y.
- Greater New York Council
- Dads Club of Troop 1, Flushing Inc.
- Scoutmaster: Michael F. Roberti

Troop 2, College Point, N.Y.
- Greater New York Council
- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School
- Scoutmaster: John Spero
Congratulations to the recipients of Hudson Valley Council Awards for Service to Scouting in 2018, acknowledged at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 7, at the Cronomer Valley Fire Company in Newburgh:

**Council President’s Dedicated Dozen:**
- John Gain
- Herb Rinkel
- Billie Waterton
- Anne Martel
- Michael Peterson
- Richie Pineiro
- Greg Fildes
- Joe Geraci
- Ed Harvey
- Chris Eachus
- Courtney Grogan
- Jim Gucciardo

**Order of the Arrow Founders’ Award:**
- Robert Reicher
- David Horton

**James E. West Fellowship Award:**
- Ryan Smith

**Boy Scouts of America Honor Medal Recipient:**
- Scott Schnalzer

**Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award:**
- E. Ramapo Central School District Family Resource Center

**Trail’s End Popcorn Scholarship Recipients:**
- Jayden Green
- Jack Alfaro
- Thomas Ayasse
- Joey Lopez
- Jack Cohen
- Zachary Lebiednik
- Max Caivano

**NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Service Project:**
- Christopher Walsh

**Venturing Leadership Award:**
- Karen Zollinger
- Kathy Decker

**Distinguished Service Medal**
- Michael Davidson
- Michael DiDomizio
- John Graesser
- Donald Kellam

**Silver Beaver Award**
- Jessica Brighton
- Deacon Peter Haight
- William Van Pelt
- Sharon Masciovecchio

**Commissioner Award of Excellence:**
- Don Schreck

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January 21, 2019

It is the recommendation of the Hudson Valley Council that Scott Schnalzer be considered for a National Lifesaving Award.

Upon witnessing a skateboarder colliding with a vehicle in a dark, rainy intersection, Scott remained calm and took control of the situation. He ventured into the intersection, potentially putting himself in harm’s way, to stop oncoming traffic and directed other cars to block the roads. This prevented the injured youth from being hit by another vehicle and made sure everyone would be safe.

Scott calmed the youth, who was trying to move, and convinced him to stay still. Scott used the first aid skills he learned in Boy Scouts and Venturing, and honed as a volunteer with his local ambulance corps, to treat the youth’s injuries which included a severely broken leg. He kept the youth warm and stayed with him until help arrived.

Once the care of the youth was passed to the paramedics, Scott assisted by providing information to the police. He also spoke with the driver of the vehicle to help calm and assure him.

For his actions on November 9, 2018, the Hudson Valley Council submits the nomination for Scott Schnalzer to the National Court of Honor.

Yours in Scouting,

Amy Dick                                      David Horton
Advancement Chair                        Council Executive
Hudson Valley Council                    Hudson Valley Council
E. Ramapo CSD Receives Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scouting Service Award

On April 7, 2019, the Family Resource Center (FRC) of the East Ramapo Central School District (ERCSD) was honored with the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scouting Service award at the Hudson Valley Council’s recognition luncheon. The FRC is a place where families can go to find support, seek information, participate in programs, access services and provides an opportunity to get to know other parents and children. In this capacity, the FRC helps to coordinate events specifically for the students of ERCSD. In addition, the FRC has been involved with Scouting for the past 4 years and was instrumental in the forming the following “Learning for Life” Scouting units in East Ramapo:

- Explorers Club at Kikiat Elementary School: The concentration of the Explorers Club is for 6th grade boys and girls - who would be interested in exploring careers in “STEAM” – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. FRC was responsible for coordinating career professionals to speak to students with the hopes of encouraging future STEAM professions. The Center’s goal was to foster and encourage the students to their fullest potential.

- Lion Scout program at the East Ramapo Central School District – Early Childhood Center (ECC) designed to introduce kindergarten-aged Scouts and their families to the fun of Scouting.

- Pack 2004: The FRC has had an impact on the ScoutReach program in East Ramapo by identifying the Rockland Omega Community Development Foundation (ROCDEF), Inc. to sponsor a traditional Scouting unit in the District to compliment the existing Scouting initiatives throughout East Ramapo.

Scouting Service Awards

The new Scouting Service Award recognizes adult volunteers who have earned one of five different awards, each celebrating a leader’s dedication to a special segment of Scouting:

- **Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award**, established in 1979, recognizes outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds – that is in fulfillment of Dr. Young’s dream of justice and equality for all. Young was the executive director of the National Urban League in the 1960s. At the 58th National Annual Meeting of the B.S.A, he challenged Scouters to tackle “unfinished task of making real the dream of justice and equality” for American youth. The famed Civil Rights leaders once said: “Every man is our brother, and every man’s burden is our own. Where poverty exists, all are poorer”. He spearheaded the drive for equal opportunity for African-Americans in U.S. government and industry who was honored for his work with the Medal of Freedom – the nation’s highest civilian award. As a recognition for people who have spread the Scouting program to youth from rural and low-income backgrounds, the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award is available to volunteers of any race, income or level in the Scouting program. To have a nomination considered, submit the name of a worthy Scouter or organization to your local Council. The national screening and review process for the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award can take up to 60 days. The mission of a Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award is to celebrate community resources in support of the Scouting program for at-risk youth and further provide experiences that develop self-esteem, character values and life skills.

- **Asian-American Spirit of Scouting Service Award** honors an adult or an organization for bringing Scouting opportunities to Asian-American youth

- **American Indian Scouting Association Grey Wolf Award** honors an adult for bring Scouting opportunities to American Indian youth.

- **The ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award** honors an adult or an organization for bringing Scouting opportunities to Hispanic/Latino youth.

- **Special Needs Scouting Service Award** honors an adult (volunteer or professional) for bringing Scouting opportunities to Scouts with special needs. Unlike the other awards mentioned above, the Special Needs Scouting Service Award can be earned.
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cowboy Meatballs  (Boy Scout Dinners)

1 pound ground beef  
½ cup rice (cooked)  
5 red potatoes  
1 large onion  
3 carrots  
1 cup mushrooms (fresh sliced)  
¼ cup butter  
1 tablespoon worcestershire sauce  
2 cloves garlic (minced)  
1 sprig fresh rosemary (chopped or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary)  
add kosher salt, pepper, homemade BBQ Sauce, store bought BBQ sauce  
8 ounces can tomato sauce  
½ can tomato paste (3 oz)  
½ cup brown sugar  
to taste spicy mustard  
add heavy duty tin foil (or double up regular)  
add parchment paper

INSTRUCTIONS
Wash and partly peel the potatoes. Half, then fourth them, making them bite sized. Par boil them for about 4 minutes, just so a fork can poke into them, but still firm. This will help them cook quicker in the foil. Cut up onions and carrots. Separate potatoes, onions, mushrooms and carrots into their own bowls. Set aside.

Mix in a large bowl worcestershire sauce, garlic, and a few shakes of salt and pepper. Add ground beef and cooked rice, combine with hands. Roll mixture into about 1.5”-2” meatballs. Be careful not to pack the meatballs too firm, because if you do, the meatballs will dry out and be tough. This will make about 5-6 meatballs, depending on how big you make them. Make the BBQ sauce by combining all of the ingredients together. Mix together softened (not melted!) butter and rosemary with a spoon.

Now it's time to assemble! Tear off about 24” of tin foil, and just about the same amount of parchment paper. Lay the parchment paper inside the tin foil, and put the onions, carrots, potatoes and mushrooms on top of the parchment paper. Add the meatballs, and spoon on a couple tablespoons of BBQ sauce, then top the whole thing off with a few dollops of rosemary butter! Sprinkle generously with salt. Fold up the foil, making sure it's completely sealed around all the edges so no steam can escape.

When you are ready to cook your tin foil dinners, make sure the coals and fire are really hot! You don't want to place your dinners directly in the flames, but off to the side in a nice hot nook, with possibly some hot coals on top. After about 30-40 minutes open them up to check and see if the meat is done. If it is, great! Of not, try ten more minutes! Serve with the extra BBQ sauce.
The Cub Scouts of Pack 2146 in Sloatsburg and Tuxedo have partnered with the local American Legion to send care packages to military service members who grew up in our towns. We adopted five service members, enough for each den to “adopt” one each month, collecting useful items for them and then working together to package them. It’s a great activity to encourage loyalty (helping out our heroes from our hometowns), helpfulness (offering words of encouragement and small comforts from home), and reverence (respect for the military’s purpose and efforts that allow us to enjoy Scouting here in our country). The Pack plans to send military care packages to these and other service members as a regular community service project and partnership with the American Legion. We also enjoyed a visit by Jonathan Kruk, professional story teller, author, educator, and Eagle Scout, who weaved tales about strong character across different lands. This was a highlight of our Blue & Gold Banquet, aptly themed, “Scouting Around the World.”
UNIT NEWS

BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 25

Troop 25 from Suffern has been very busy getting outside this winter! They had a great family weekend at their annual Villa Roma scout trip. Tubing, skiing, skating, swimming, bowling and cooking together were all on the agenda. A few of the scouts attended the Hudson Valley Scout Ski/Board Day at Bellayre Mountain and earned their snow sports badges.

On a sunshine filled morning led by some of our newest Eagle Scouts, Troop 25 trekked over 5 icy miles through Harriman State Park as part of their requirements working toward their hiking badge. They stopped to cook lunch and snacks along the way. The troop rounded out the winter with a fun overnight weekend at Camp Bullowa. From fire building to team building, cooking dinner and breakfast and campfire stories, it was a weekend for all to remember. It was also the first overnight for some of our new scouts who proved they are already on their way to becoming great scouts! As the warm weather approaches, the troop looks forward to more fun adventures this spring!

TROOP 33

Troop 33 has had a busy winter. Several of our scouts participated in going to Scout Sunday and experiencing and learning about various religions. Our scouts braved the winter weather and successfully participated in cooking camp outs, skiing and sledging through the Klondike. And with the weather warming up we have gone hiking and also worked on all of our scouting skills on a recent overnight. Several of our scouts also participated in Merit Badge College.

We are looking forward to many new adventures coming our way this spring and summer and sharing these moments with a few new scouts that we have added to our troop.
Troop 79 had an active winter with many traditional favorites such as the district’s Klondike / Iditarod weekend, our patrols proudly finishing with scores high enough to earn eagle! The boys got to “blast” bridges they strategically built with Popsicle sticks, measuring “pounds of force” and competing in overall strength. We even got parents and siblings in on the winter fun with a family day of tubing filled with laughs and camaraderie! The Troop attended both Pack 79’s and 46’s Blue & Gold Ceremonies and with great pleasure welcomed (12) new scouts that “crossed-over”. Our new scouts jumped right in with a wide variety of activities ranging from scouting-basics to old-school fun. We had an eye-opening knife skill & care demo (presented by Pack 46’s Cubmaster & knife expert Lloyd Poholsky - thank you LP), a ninja-climbing night at High Exposure and a classic winter-cabin-camping weekend at Bullowa (Rah-Rah). As we say goodbye to March and our emergency-preparedness theme, we move onto April and our citizenship theme. We look forward to our weekend in Washington DC and our mock-elections that will follow! The Troop also was honored to receive an invite to West Point’s annual Camporee. Yes, the Troop will return after (3) action-packed days on the last Sunday of the month, and our leaders not missing a beat, will head straight to the District Award Dinner. This year (4) of our own will be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments: Sherri Caivano our “Unit Hidden Hero”, Michael Caivano earning the “District Award of Merit”, Emanuel Giachetti who pulls double duty as both the Pack 79 Cubmaster and a Troop 79 ASM is being awarded the “Cub Scout Achievement Award “, and last but clearly not least, Michael Davidson winning at both the district and council levels - not only will he be named “Scoutmaster of the Year”, but he will also receive the “Distinguished Service Medal”. Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you to ALL of our volunteers! We could not do it without you!
UNIT NEWS

BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 97

In December, Scouts from Troop 97 continued a beloved annual tradition at the Nyack Men’s Home. The residents look forward to our scouts visit every year. Their house was decorated, trees trimmed, carols sung and it wouldn’t be complete without a visit from St. Nick with presents for the residents. Scouting doesn’t care about the weather! Troop 97 scouts and leaders embraced the cold, participating in the Klondike Derby and Iditarod as part of council events. Braving the cold, a group of intrepid scouts traveled north to New Hampshire to the AMC Mt. Cardigan lodge. Frigid weather did not stop a small group of hikers from journeying to the High Cabin and spending the night on top of the mountain. In February, the troop traveled to Ski Windham for a day of downhill skiing, in spite of some questionable weather, a great time was had by all. Upcoming events include our annual Pancake Breakfast (May 4th), canoe trip, a bike hike and more.

Scott Schnalzer earns the National Lifesaving Award

On November 9, 2018 Scott witnessed a skateboarder colliding with a vehicle in a dark, rainy intersection, Scott remained calm and took control of the situation. He ventured into the intersection, potentially putting himself in harm’s way, in order to stop oncoming traffic and directed other cars to block the roads. This prevented the injured youth from being hit by another vehicle and made sure everyone would be safe. Scott calmed the youth, who was trying to move, and convinced him to stay still. Scott used the first aid skills he learned in Boy Scouts and Venturing, and honed as a volunteer with his local ambulance corps, to treat the youth’s injuries which included a severely broken leg. He kept the youth warm and stayed with him until help arrived. Once the care of the youth was passed to the paramedics, Scott assisted by providing information to the police. He also spoke with the driver of the vehicle to help calm and assure him.

VENTURE CREW 97

It has been a busy year, so far, for Crew 97. We started off by going to Klondike. We made a very sturdy sledge and were able to stop at every town. It took a lot of effort, but that paid off in the end!
Then, we went to the Poconos for a zip-lining campout. We spent all day high in the tree tops zipping through the forest and over ponds. After a full day of fun, we came back to the campsite and made a delicious dinner of macaroni w/four cheeses, grilled chicken, fresh salad and a dutch oven blueberry cake. The weather was great for zip lining and we want to go back again very soon.
Most recently we had a very successful recruitment night, as more kids in our area learn how exciting it is to be part of a Venture Crew.
Cub Partner Camping Weekend
Camp Bullowa
August 3 - 4, 2019

Cub Partner Weekend is a great time for Cubs, Webelos and their parents and leaders! This is an opportunity to explore the various summer time program areas at Camp Bullowa. Cubs and Webelos are invited with a parent. Webelos may come as a Den with at least two adults.

Fun Schedule:
- Arrive 10:00 am
- Set up your tent
- BB Gun shooting
- Archery shooting
- Lunch
- Swimming
- STEM
- Dinner
- Trading Post
- Scout Skills
- Camp Fire
- Cracker Barrel
- Lights out
- Sunday
- Morning Hike
- Breakfast
- Climbing Wall

Included:
- T-shirt
- Camp Patch
- Meals
- Guided schedule
- Laughs, Smiles & Fun!

Important:
- Costs:
  - $50 per Cub & Partner
  - $25 per additional person
- Register by 7/28
- Times:
  - 8/3 arrival - 10:00 am
  - 8/4 departure - noon
- Rain or Shine event

Items to Bring:
- Tent
- Sleeping bag/mat
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Bathing suit/towel
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Personal Items
- Medication

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Summer Day Camp

Camp Bullowa

Be part of our team at our Boy Scout nature camp in Stony Point, NY. We offer our day campers a fun filled day of activities and we are looking for some top-notch counselors to join our team.

Positions Available:

- Medic
- Nature Director
- Art & Craft Director
- Sports Director
- Climbing Wall Instructor
- Lifeguards
- Scout Skill Instructor
- Counselors
- CITs
- Merit Badge Counselors
- Volunteers

Interviews will be held:

When: February 16, 2019
Time: 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Camp Bullowa
15 Franck Rd
Stony Point, NY

To schedule an interview contact:
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dandecker217@yahoo.com

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Special appearances from:

Rockland County Fire, Police and Medical Departments,
Military Units, Relief Agencies, Environmental Groups,
Utilities, K-9 and Drone Units, Search and Rescue Teams,
Climbing Tower, Archery Range, Rifle Range, Pushmobiles, and more!

Register today at:

http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/event/rk-spring-camporee-2019/2498758

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Disaster Preparedness Training by NY Air National Guard
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CUBS ARRIVE ON 18TH
Cub Scouts build your ultimate emergency vehicle push mobile and enter the race.
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