



TURNING POINT DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES

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Summer 2018

OUR COUNTY FAIRS

Saratoga County Fair

The Turning Point District and Mohawk District collaborated on an exhibit at the Saratoga County Fair in July. This was a great opportunity to spread the word about Scouting, get contact information for potential new member families, and to give fair participants the opportunity to do fun Scout "stuff".



Scout Booth at Saratoga County Fair



Our Cubs at the Fair

Washington County Fair

Turning Point District will have a booth at the Washington County Fair again this year. Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Both Scouters and Scouts are needed. If you can help please contact District Commissioner Frank Mihalek at luvdecabe60@nvcap.rr.com.



This is another great opportunity to get the message of scouting out to the general public. Time slots include: Thursday, August 23rd, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 24th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and two slots on Saturday, August 25th, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All those manning the booth should be in Class A uniforms.

SUPER SATURDAY TRAINING!

Keep your ears open for information on Turning Point District's upcoming **Super Saturday Training**. Training for Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members and Scout Leader Specifics will be included. All your unit adults can complete their position training in one fun day.



Additional Trainings coming up are: BALOO and IOLS.

Details will be shared once all specifics are in place.

***A trained leader is
an informed leader!***

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YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING



REMINDER --- All scouters and adults working with scouts must complete the new Youth Protection Training by **October 1st**. Any one not meeting this deadline will be unable to register or work with the scouts. Training is available online or in person. Check the Council/District calendars for more information.

SUMMER EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

TURNING POINT KICK-OFF

August 21, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 PM Camp Wakpominee



Every summer Turning Point District "kicks-off" the program year with an important gathering at Camp Wakpominee. Attending this event is a great way to get back into the swing of things. All the latest news on Scouting in Twin Rivers Council and Turning Point District is shared at this meeting. At the least, Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs should plan on attending.

To make things a bit more fun (you can never have enough fun in Scouting!) we make this a pot luck dinner event. The District will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, drinks, condiments, and paper products (plates, cups, utensils, etc.). You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

New this year will be a tour of the changes and improvements made at camp. If you wish to participate in this tour please meet at the Camp Office by 5:30 p.m. Ranger Dan will be your tour guide. The tour is expected to last no more than an hour.

If you have any questions please contact District Chair, Joe Lehet at jlehet@yahoo.com or 518 793-7464 or District Executive, Erica Marion at Erica.Marion@scouting.org or 518 281-3889.

We hope to see all Turning Point Unit Leaders on the 21st!



25th ANNUAL WAKPOMINEE GOLF CLASSIC

August 17, 2018

Queensbury Golf Club

Lake George, NY

Are you a golfer?? Add this to your calendar. The Wakpominee Golf Classic will be celebrating its 25th year in 2018. This year's event will be held at the Queensbury Country Club, 907 Route 149, Lake George, NY. As we did last year the event will be shared with the Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls. Registration is open until August 15th. Go to the Turning Point page of the Twin Rivers Council website to register.

For questions or more information contact Beth Bush at 518-681-1608.



AND FOR THE FALL

The Biggest Event of the Year!



TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL FALL CAMPOREE 2018

Save this date - September 28-30, 2018 - for the Council Fall Camporee. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are all encouraged to attend. Activities include games, competitions, exhibits, entertainment, fireworks, Giffy's BBQ, Scouting museum, fellowship and optional overnight camping for Cub Scouts.

The Camporee will be held at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 129 Grand Street, Altamont, NY. Costs are: for Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers - \$25; for Cub Scouts - \$20; for adults \$15. Optional Giffy's BBQ - \$12 per ticket. More information should be forthcoming on the Council website.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

"The only problem with the Boy Scouts is there aren't enough of them." – Will Rogers

"Scout Me In" . . . means Count Me In! The *Scout Me In* campaign is our slogan for welcoming new youth into our program. In conjunction with this initiative, the Twin Rivers Council website has pulled together resources for your recruiting activities. Where do I find it . . . on the left side of the Council's main page, click on the "Scout Me In" logo.

Family Scouting has come to our District with the ability to register girls into our Packs. The process to be approved is simple. Key Pack Leadership (Chartered Partner Representative, Cubmaster and Committee Chair) should discuss Pack viability to become a family

scouting Pack. Then contact District Executive Erica Marion indicating your interest. She will guide you the rest of the way. Even if you don't plan on specific recruiting of girl Cubs, "Be Prepared" if you do get a group interested. Troops of girls can start in February 2019. If your Chartered Partner and current Troop leadership is thinking about starting a linked Troop of all girls, it's not too early to start that planning. Contact Erica Marion or John Koch to get your planning underway.

Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends not only on having new members join the unit, but also on

engaging youth and their families in the unit experiences so that they feel *Welcomed* and want to stay. The role of the *New Member Coordinator* is to ensure that both *keys to success* take place. Learn more about this vital unit function at <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership/hub/councils/new-member-coordinator>. Think about an adult in your unit who would be great in this role.

Thank you for all that you do as volunteer Scouters!

*John Koch, Membership Chair
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FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAIR



We Need Your Help!

In the last issue of the *Turning Point District News & Notes* we initiated an article featuring a district Scout who has performed exemplary duty as a leader and role model for others around him/her. Cameron Woodard from Troop 2 in Glens Falls was our first honoree. We asked unit leaders to submit the name of a Scout who has shown outstanding leadership to be recognized in this issue. Unfortunately, no name was submitted.

As a unit leader for many years, I know your plate is full and the last thing I want to do is to add one more thing to it. We need to look at leadership recognition as an investment of time as opposed to an expenditure of time. The youth that we take time to recognize is an investment that will reap future dividends for all. I would like to recognize **two** Scouts in the Fall issue, so please submit a name. If you have a Scout who you think deserves special recognition, just let us know. You can email Mary Dickinson at tpdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com or Joe Lehet at jjlethet@yahoo.com.

Joe Lehet, District Chair

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer season! Summer Camp is coming to a close and I'm sure everyone gained a lot of knowledge and had a lot of fun. I spent a great deal of time at Wapakominee this year, saw many old friends and made many new ones. Julie and the entire staff do a wonderful job at WAK. I hope to get a visit to Rotary in this summer.

Our Unit Commissioners had a chance to see their units at camp. I visited many and will be recording the visits as soon as possible. UC are reminded to enter their visits and if not completed, to get the detailed assessment done asap.

We are looking forward to our "Welcome Back" picnic at Wapakominee and hope to see many unit leaders there.

This fall I would like to visit units when the Unit Commissioner visits, so please let me know when you have visits scheduled.

Our new DE, Erica Marion and Membership Chair, John Koch are planning several recruitment events for the fall. Details will be forthcoming.

If I can be of assistance to you or your units please contact me at 518 461-5567 or luidacape60@nycap.rr.com. If I don't know the answer I will find it for you.



*Frank Mihalek,
District
Commissioner*

FROM THE OA



This summer the Wapakominee Chapter OA hosted ice cream socials at Camp Wapakominee each Tuesday evening of summer camp. All OA members, regardless of Chapter or Lodge, were welcomed.

Kittan Lodge sent a contingent of 40+ youth and adults to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second-largest event. Over 8,000 Arrowmen from across the nation gather both in person and virtually for an inspirational, unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure and fun! The 2018 NOAC was held at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Kittan Lodge will be attending the Northeast Region Conclave in Vermont the end of August. Conclave is the premier area OA event where Arrowmen from across the region gather for an unforgettable experience packed with adventure, fellowship, food and dynamic training from experts. Any Arrowmen interested in attending may check it out at <http://www.ne3b.org>.

The Wapakominee Chapter meets on the first Thursday of the month from October through May at the Church of the Messiah, 296 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY. The September meeting will be on the **second** Thursday so as to not conflict with the beginning of school.

Nancy Ciccolella, Chapter Advisor

HIGHLIGHTING OUR UNITS

Pack 6028 – Lake Luzerne

Pack 6028 was re-established in 2017 and has grown to 24 scouts and 7 leaders. Although they are a fairly new group their scouts are busy with many activities including community service, outdoor events and ceremonies.



*Roadside Clean-up
on River Road*



Inman Pond Hike



Arrow of Light Ceremony

Troop 4024 – Wilton

Below are pictures of Troop 4024 camping at old Camp Saratoga for the Town of Wilton Bicentennial.



HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES & PICTURES

Is your unit planning an outstanding event? Are you going to the Council Camporee? Are you hosting a unique recruiting event? What about a community service project? Take pictures and write a short article about your event. Submit your information to Mary Dickinson at: tpdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2018