



TURNING POINT DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES

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KLONDIKE DERBY 2019!

This year's Klondike Derby was hosted by Wakpominee Chapter of the OA. Over 235 scouts, scouters and staff attended. Events included 2-man saw, fire building, sled race, snow snake, bear bag, first aid, ice rescue, biathlon, tomahawks and knots and lashing. This year's theme was based on the movie Maze Runner. The Klondike Committee would like to thank everyone for attending and a special thank you to all those who helped. Didn't make it this year? Plan for next year!



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DON'T FORGET THE SCOUT SHOW AT AVIATION MALL!

Get your unit's displays ready!



The Scout Show, in conjunction with the District Pinewood Derby, will be March 2nd, running from 12 noon to 4 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to show off what Scouting is all about, what is special about your unit and to do some recruiting. All scout units (Packs, Troops, Explorers, Ventures) are invited to participate. Interactive booths are always very popular. Is there an activity your unit can showcase this year? Contact Bob Bingham at alexadam@roadrunner.com with any questions.

ROUNDTABLE *February 19th*

Have you been to Roundtable lately? Do you know what Roundtable is all about? It's supplemental training for all unit leaders. This is an excellent place to pick up hints and ideas to run a terrific program.

February's Roundtable is Tuesday, February 19th at the Trinity Methodist Church in Wilton (Exit 16), beginning at 7:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include Mall Show and Rain Gutter Regattas for Cub Scouts and for Boy Scouts spring activities and what to do with your new scouts.

If you have any questions contact Roundtable Commissioner Dale Dickinson at damajad@roadrunner.com

2018 EAGLE SCOUTS



Eagle Scouts honored at the 2018 Elks Club Eagle Dinner

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TURNING POINT DISTRICT 2018 EAGLE SCOUTS!

Colt Lathrop, Troop 6061
Tyler Lathrop, Troop 6061
Brandon Aschauer, Troop 4013
Daniel Mattison, Troop 4070
Josef Lauren, Troop 4016
Ryan Winkelman, Troop 6002
Ralph Rossi, Troop 6061
Jonathan Marchello, Troop 6013
Matthew Burrows, Troop 6013
William Bellows, Troop 4002
Robert Riley, Troop 6027
Jarrett Slade, Troop 6044
Patrick Dee, Troop 6004
Nicholas Fuller, Troop 6004
Sawyer Allen, Troop 4003
Colin McDonough, Troop 4002
Evan Piscitelli, Troop 4001

Scott Jones, Troop 6002
Connor Ashline, Troop 4016
Karl Burkett, Troop 4001
Ryan Brooks, Troop 6022
Austin Mandingo, Troop 6040
Kadon Lane, Troop 4013
Brian Beyerbach, Troop 6004
Cole Peterson, Troop 4018
Raymond Jones, Troop 6002
Maximus Tetu, Troop 4016
Cordell Smith, Troop 6061
Dylan Baker, Troop 6030
Anthony Perry, Troop 6002
Christopher Rathbun, Tr. 6044
John Andre, Troop 6016
Rylan Pirlot, Troop 6061
Douglas Johnson, Troop 4016



ARE YOU A SUPERNOVA RECIPIENT?

Are you a current or past Turning Point District SUPERNOVA Recipient or do you know someone who is?

The District wishes to create a record of honor and to celebrate these recipients at a future STEM event. If you are a recipient or know of a recipient please contact the District STEM Chair Ira Martin at iramartin@nycap.rr.com.



Exciting things are taking place in Twin Rivers Council for STEM. Twin Rivers has a newly formed Council STEM Committee and great plans for STEM opportunities council wide. Our first priority is facilitating the Nova and Supernova programs throughout our districts. In order to do this, Nova counselors and Supernova mentors are needed. Fortunately, BSA National has created new online training for these roles at <https://my.scouting.org/> Super Nova awards have always required Super Nova Mentors and special forms. Nova awards were traditionally less restricted. National now requires registration as a Nova counselor to teach Nova awards. The Nova awards will still be submitted to council on a standard advancement form. Both positions are a no-charge registration through your troop or district.

The TRC University of Scouting continues to offer classes to help prepare mentors. Information is available at <http://www.trcscouting.org/Event.aspx?id=12655>

Returning classes

- Stem Activities for Dens & Packs
- Nova/ Super Nova for Cub Scouts
- Nova/ Super Nova for Boy Scouts

**Coming 2019* UoF Class Catalog*

- Nova Counselor Classroom Training
- Super Nova Mentor Classroom Training

If you have any questions on the STEM program contact District STEM Chair Ira Martin at iramartin@nycap.rr.com.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



Health and safety should be a key consideration when planning any scout event, no matter how or small. I have been serving as Health and Safety Officer at most Order of the Arrow events at Camp Wakpominee and some district events over the past few years. During that period of time, there have only been minor incidents.

Most of the reported incidents are rolled or sprained ankles, minor cuts and generalized "I'm not feeling good" complaints. Not bad when considering that many of the events have 100+ scouts and adults in attendance with minimal complaints. Each incident is documented with detailed notes and submitted to Council on a First Aid Log.

For events scheduled at Camp Wakpominee, the dining hall is the staging area for the First Aid Station. All event medical forms and a sick bay cot are at the ready. I carry a "med-pac" containing supplies to care for most incidents that may occur. Incidents that are considered serious are treated at Glens Falls Hospital or an urgent care center designated by the parent. Parents/guardians are always contacted when an incident is reported.

The camp two-way portable radios are used at all events. One unit stays at the First Aid Station and one with the medical officer. Other units are placed where an increased possibility of an incident could occur. Work areas are checked to ensure that work and games are conducted in a safe manner. The scouts and adults are given reminders about ticks, hydration, snack/energy bars on-hand, medications and using the buddy system. All know my motto, "If you can't do it safely, don't do it at all."

Tom Sears, Medical/Safety Officer, Troop 6004, Glens Falls

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

The District has begun honoring our scouts who show outstanding leadership skills in their unit. The leaders of Troop 4070, Saratoga, submitted the following information on one of their scouts who fits this category.

Nick Leanza joined Troop 70 in the spring of 2014 and has moved through the scout ranks at a steady pace. He is currently a Life Scout and a Patrol Leader of the Wolves, a position he has held since September 2016. In April 2017 Nick became a Brotherhood member of the OA Kittan Lodge. A few months later Nick attended and completed NYLT training at Camp Rotary then headed off to Summer camp the next day. Nick is a regular at troop meetings, camporees, hikes, canoe trips, service projects, camping weekends and other troop sponsored events. Since Nick joined the Troop, he has grown into a fine young man who lives the Scout Oath and Law daily. He is eager to learn and impart knowledge to others. Nick has a positive attitude which shows in how he approaches scouts, adults and his responsibilities. He listens to other's ideas and suggestions. He is a leader who is respected by both the Scouts and adult leaders in the Troop.

Outside of scouting Nick is a high honor roll student at Saratoga Springs High School where he is in his sophomore year. He is passionate about participating in extracurricular activities including playing trumpet in the Symphonic Band and a member of the Varsity Swim Team. He also serves as President of the high school Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature and Cinema Club. He volunteers as a dishwasher at Café Lena's and works part-time as a lifeguard at the local YMCA. His future plans include attending college and pursuing a career in medicine.

If you have an outstanding scout in your unit whom you wish to honor, please send information and a picture, if possible, to tpdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com.

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY IS COMING!

The 18th Annual District Pinewood Derby is coming to Aviation Mall on Saturday, March 2nd. Each Pack may send up to **5** cars – 3 top place finishers plus Best of Show. All cars **MUST** be made with the official BSA pinewood kit. Please refer to the "District Official Rules". If you have any questions, contact Bob Bingham at 518-793-4014 or email: alexadam@roadrunner.com.

Pack registration fees are \$7 *per racer* which also includes a patch. Weigh-in times are from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Voting for "Best of Show" cars will begin at 12:30 pm. The "Best of Show" winners will be announced after races.

This is a "fun" event for the Cub Scouts -- Sportsmanship and Smiles are a "must".

Please remember that all of the Pinewood Derby helpers are volunteers and will be doing their best.



DON'T KEEP YOUR UNIT'S ACTIVITIES SECRET!

Take advantage of your local media to advertise what your unit is doing. Generally, this is a free service *and* it's a great recruiting tool!

If you have any questions or need help getting started contact Tom Duffy at duffysgf@yahoo.com or 518 366-6163.

UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

Pack 6044 - Granville

Cub Scout Pack 6044 has recently re-chartered with the Granville American Legion. Thanks to the hard work of Emily Jenkins and Stan Fifield, the Pack has a new charter partner to help provide the Scouting program to the youth in Granville and the surrounding areas. In December the Pack held a recruitment night and its first Pack meeting at the Legion. Between the two evenings, 11 new Scouts joined the Pack, adding to their already great Fall membership numbers! With the dedication of the new leadership of the Pack and the support from the American Legion, they are well on their way to more growth in the community, but more importantly, providing a fantastic, well rounded Scouting program to the youth of their area. Congratulations to Pack 6044!



Troop 6004 – Glens Falls

On June 8, 2019 Boy Scout Troop 4 will be holding a gathering for their 100th year of chartering. The troop is chartered to Christ United Methodist Church in Glens Falls. Over the years literally thousands of young men from the area have been a part of this troop. They currently boast 150 Eagle Scouts. They have always been and continue to be a very active outdoor troop. Current scoutmaster Tony Lerkes is looking forward to seeing many old and new faces at the Troop's Jubilee in June.





UNITS WORKING TOGETHER

LIFE TO EAGLE WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 6, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Glens Falls Elks Lodge #81 BPOE
32 Cronin Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

This workshop is for Life Scouts working on their Eagle rank, their families, and their Scoutmasters. Don't be disappointed – learn all the ins and outs of successfully completing the Eagle rank.

Contact Ellen Howe, District Advancement Chair, with any questions. She may be reached at wakadvancement@gmail.com.



Pack 6028, Troop 4024 and Pack 4024 working together to pack boxes for the Adopt A Troop Program.

PACK 6028 KEEPING BUSY!



Members of Pack 6028 participating in Wreaths Across America. Has your unit participated in something special? Why not share with the District. Write a short description and send it along with a picture or two to tpdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com.

WAKPOMINEE ICE OUT CONTEST

Beginning December 21st (first day of winter) and ending March 22nd (first day of spring) Camp Wakpominee is holding an "Ice Out" contest. Anyone attending Camp Wakpominee between the above dates is eligible to enter a guess as to when Sly Pond's ice is out.

To be eligible you may be at Camp with your troop or cub pack on a campout, hiking for the day, ice fishing, helping the ranger, attending Klondike Derby, special events, training or just coming up to visit.

The closest guess by month, hour and minute will be awarded 1st prize and bragging rights till next year!

Prizes are credits at the Wakpominee Trading Post or OA sales.

Winning Guess - \$100 credit
2nd Closest Guess - \$50 credit
3rd Closest Guess - \$25 credit

All entrants will receive a collector's patch. For entry forms see Dan Krueger when you are at Camp.



STRENGTHEN YOUR UNIT WITH A NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR



You have just recruited new Scouts into your unit and now the challenge is to retain them. Although there is no substitute for well-trained leadership and a solid scouting program, a New Member Coordinator can be a game-changer for membership retention as well as future recruitment.

Joining a new Scout unit can be a bit overwhelming and intimidating to both the Scout and the parents. Having the new Scout/parents "fit in" is better off not left to chance. This is where a unit's New Member Coordinator comes in. The NMC forms a connection with new members and their family and helps them become engaged in Scouting so they have a stronger sense of belonging to the unit. Not only should the unit see less 'dropping out' for Scouts but also a larger pool of engaged adults to become future unit leaders.

Anyone who is enthusiastic about Scouting, friendly, helpful and enjoys meeting new people would make a great NMC. We are encouraging all units in the Turning Point District to have a NMC for the new charter year. We are also looking for someone who would like to serve as our District NMC. This individual would act as the 'team captain' for all the unit NMC's in the district.

Strong membership does not happen by coincidence; it requires a concerted effort from many groups. We need to address Scout retention affectively and having a unit/district New Member Coordinator is a great start!

HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES & PICTURES

Is your unit planning an outstanding event? What is special about your unit? 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: April 15, 2019