



Arrohattoc Drumbeat

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R E S T I N P E A C E

MacDonald "Mac" Drane

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you news that our beloved scout volunteer MacDonald (Mac) Drane passed away last night. Please keep Mac's family in your thoughts and prayers. Mac and his wife Ann had just attended last Thursday's Council Recognition Gala. This news comes as a shock but shows all of us that every day we live on this earth is a gift. Mac was a gift to us all and to the many scouts he touched on his life journey. Arrohattoc will miss him greatly but his legacy will live on in each of our hearts forever.

MacDonald Robertson DRANE Jr.

DRANE, MacDonald Robertson Jr. USCG (Retired), began his new journey in spirit March 26, 2011. He was the son of the late MacDonald R. Drane Sr. and Florence Drane. He is survived by his wife, Anne Shade Drane; three sons, MacDonald (Heather), Cary (Ellen) and Wade (Taryn) Drane; eight grandchildren, Mac, Alex, Christian, Kevin, Andrew, Nicholas, Taylor and Parker; sister, Gordon Derr (William); brother, Richard Drane; and many friends in the Boy Scouts and military communities. An educator and community leader, he dedicated his life to guiding young men to become Eagle Scouts over the past 50 years in the Louisville and Richmond areas. His family asks that donations in Mac's memory be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Friends of Scouting Campaign.



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Arrohattoc's Eagles

- Dylan Sheehan - T2806

- Scoutmasters: Send in the name of your Eagle Scouts and their Troop or Crew.
- Den Leaders: Send in the name of your Arrow of Light Scouts and their Pack.



Overlooking the Arrohattoc District Gary Gibbs Arrohattoc District Committee Chair

Arrohattoc Volunteers,

Much has been happening with our district in the last few months. But first, let me officially wrap up our previous year in 2010 by recognizing our district with the Centennial Quality District Award and the Golden Saber Award presented to our district at the annual Council Gala in March. These two awards were a testament of your hard work last year and the dedication you continue to display as we continue our journey into 2011.

Our success as a district continues in 2011. We began the year with our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign that we continue to work as we move methodically to meet our goal **of \$140,000. We're getting there with a lot of help from many of our hard-working** volunteers in this district. Thanks to all of you. You know who you are.

Our District Committee is also going through some changes. First, our **Nominating Committee is working to define our committee's member-at-large** volunteer staff. This is an annual process that is finalized by vote at our annual district business meeting in May. Independent of this process is the assignment of key leadership within the subcommittees in the district. Going forward, our Membership Subcommittee will be chaired by Marian Fletcher after turning over her District Commissioner duties to Karen Wood. Our Program Subcommittee Chair position, previously led by Chris Sherman, was vacated with his recent resignation. Many thanks to Chris for his hard work serving in this position and we appreciate his further dedication to this district by remaining as a valued member-at-large on our committee. The chair position will be filled in the next couple weeks.

Finally, I challenge every unit in our district to focus on their Journey to Excellence scorecard and earn at a minimum the Bronze Award. Many of you I hope will exceed their criteria and earn the Silver or Gold Awards. Regardless, because this is a new initiative this year, **please don't lose sight of its importance to the district and to our council. Have your** committees take ownership of the JTE scorecard and facilitate its effectiveness in your unit.

The District Committee is here to help you. Please let us hear from you and let us know how we can better serve your units. Arrohattoc will continue its success only if all of us work together as a team. Thanks for all you continue to do each and every day.



Overlooking District Program Chris Sherman Vice-Chair - Program

Every two years, either the summer or the winter Olympics role around. Each time, we are treated to the opening tradition where the Olympic flame is transported from Olympia, Greece to the site of the current games. This journey culminates at the opening ceremony, but starts months earlier, during which the flame is carried by countless individuals who have the honor of bearing the Olympic symbol for a limited yet life-changing period of time.

During the past several years, I have had a similar honor. I have been blessed with the opportunity to carry the Arrohattoc District scouting torch as Vice Chair of Programs. I have been responsible for the oversight of all District level program activities, civic activities, and camping events as well as all District level training and advancement activities. It has been an honor and a privilege to carry this responsibility. However, similar to the journey of the Olympic torch, it is time for me to hand the Program torch to the next individual.

My successor has yet to be named at the time I am writing this, but there are countless people who would be incredible in this role. After all, although it might have been my hand on the base of the torch, there were numerous other hands supporting mine. I did not do this alone. In fact the majority of the work was done by others, ranging from district volunteers to unit individuals to the scouts themselves.

I was recently asked to name my three favorite events while participating on the District Program Committee. The best I could do was to narrow it down to four. 1) I am especially proud of the Mission Impossible Camporee with its laser course and so many other spectacular nighttime offerings. 2) The RIR Jamestown Encampment was a huge success and the arena show far exceeded expectations. 3) The campfire show at the HalloGreen Camporee campfire, where the Magic Box Crew and Green Man Group first debuted, is still being talked about. **4) The “piece de resistance” has to be the 100th Anniversary Arena Show at Kings Dominion.** During that event, attended by several thousand people, the scouts of the Arrohattoc District clearly demonstrated what youth are capable of achieving given a forum to be creative and the support of an organization such as the Boy Scouts of America. It was a thrill of a lifetime to see a group of scouts come up with truly original ideas and then take them from concept to completion. It was also heartwarming to see several scouts who tend to be shy or introverted, perform in front of a sea of people. I will forever be amazed at their accomplishments and growth during that event.

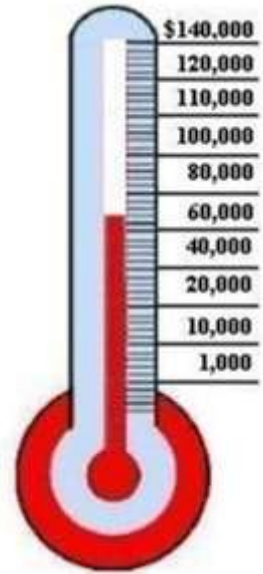
I want to thank all of you for helping me during a wondrous journey.

Yours in Scouting – Chris Sherman



Overlooking District Finance Tammy Cahoon Vice-Chair Finance

As of this moment the FOS steering committee and the Team has raised \$105,000 towards our Friends of Scouting Campaign. We are at the 75% mark and still working to reach the goal. Bruce Carter, our FOS Chair this year has done a great job keeping the team focused and on task. Chairing the FOS Dinner Host portion gave me an opportunity to have some new attendees this year and hopefully, folks, that may want to Host a Table next year and continue their support of the FOS annual campaign. Our speaker was awesome; it seems every year the speaker gets better and better. Tom Krupa, who stepped up to head the Family Campaign, so I could focus on the FOS Dinner phase, had multiple training sessions to train the Unit Captains and has worked hard to get unit presentations and presenters. As of this moment, we still have units that **haven't done a FOS presentation and we NEED THOSE UNITS TO GIVE THEIR FAMILIES an opportunity to participate!!! I couldn't be prouder of the team as we broke in our new District Executive, Ryan Serio.** Having a new DE at the beginning of our FOS campaign could have sent her back to the Colonial Council but Ryan has stepped in and worked hard to help us with our goals. Ryan has helped do as many presentations as possible to get a feel for the flavor and personality of the different units. I am confident with additional unit presentations and the phone-a-thon we will reach our FOS goal.



Our next goal is to recruit a Popcorn Kernel Team to divide the tasks up into 5 areas like we did with the FOS campaign to make it easier to reach our goal and more rewarding for the team volunteers. If you know of anyone that you feel would be helpful on our Popcorn team please let me know. If we can access their abilities and determine how they can help us with our other main fundraiser the Popcorn Team will reach their goal as well. This fundraiser is essential to our Council in order to have great programs, great training and beautiful, fun camps for our scouters!

Your Friend in Scouting,
Tammy Cahoon

For those of you who may not know it, the family of MacDonald Drane, had requested donations go to the **Arrohattoc Friends of Scouting campaign so if you haven't given your support please consider your donation now and mark your check with Arrohattoc District FOS and your unit.** Mac had stepped up to chair the Phone-a-thon phase of our FOS campaign. **Let's not let him down, he surely never let Scouting down. He will be missed!**



Overlooking District Membership Marian Fletcher-District Commissioner

After six and a half years in the District Commissioner and Asst District Commissioner role, I am looking forward to building a team of volunteers in our district to support the Membership functions.

So you ask, what exactly does Membership do? What are the functions of that committee?

We coordinate and/or provide support for the following:

- Join Scouting Night (cub scouts)
- Troop/Crew Open Houses
- Webelos to Scout Transition
- Recapture of youth who are no longer in the program
- New Unit Development

Several of these programs are already well established within Arrohattoc – others are in need of additional volunteers to make them truly successful!

Join Scouting Night – takes place each fall as we recruit new youth from the public and private schools in our service area (part of Chesterfield, Amelia, and Nottoway counties). Much of the infrastructure for this has been put into place during the past couple of years. Can you help us with implementation this year? Contact Marian Fletcher at fletcherfam@comcast.net. This benefits the Cub Scout program in our district.

Mark your calendar – JSN training for Units will take place on August 20th, 9:30 am at the Southwest Church of Christ, 5340 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, Each cub pack should have a representative in attendance.

Troop Open Houses – typically these have taken place each fall as Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts search for a troop that will be suitable for their next step in the scouting program. This is also encouraged for the spring as well. A member of the committee will be in touch with each Troop/Crew to see how we can help them in their recruiting efforts. Look to hear from us soon.

Webelos to Scout Transition – this subcommittee is responsible for marketing the Webelos to Scout transition program and ensuring that each 5th grader has the opportunity to join the troop of their choice. This is a year round program and involves the youth, their parent/guardian, the pack leadership, troop leadership and unit commissioner as the focal points for implementation. Contact Kay Padgett for more information about this aspect of Membership at eeikal@verizon.net. (continued on next page)



Overlooking District Membership (continued from previous page)
Marian Fletcher-District Commissioner

Recapture – During the recharter process each unit makes a decision about each member, with the assistance of that member. If the member decides not to renew, they go onto a Recapture list that is provided to the district. Why do youth not recharter? The reasons are many – moved out of the area, meeting night is not working for them, meeting location too far away from home, youth has lost interest in scouting, cannot contact them, and many **more too numerous to mention. For all but the “moved” we want to be able to offer the** youth another chance to find a unit that is more suitable to their needs. Sometime this is easy, other times not. But the recapture team will be working to help provide options to each of the youth who did not recharter with their units. More help is needed on this team – if you want to be part of this very rewarding subcommittee, please contact Marian Fletcher at fletcherfam@comcast.net. New Unit Development – this group of folks will be coordinating the development of new units within our district. Last year, we brought in four new units. This year we will need to bring in 6 units to meet our goals. New Unit Development is in need of a lead person who can keep tabs on where we are in the New Unit process. Does this interest you? If so, please contact Marian Fletcher for more information.

The Membership Committee convenes during the District Committee Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church (Chesterfield). As we get closer to Join Scouting Night (JSN), we may need to meet at another time as well (or instead) – This will depend on the makeup of the Membership Committee and their specific needs.

I welcome your input - please let me know if you would like to serve on this dynamic team!





2010 District Award of Merit



2010 District Award of Merit
Congratulations and Thank You for Your Service
Allen Suggs, William (Bill) Eggleston, Beth Nelson



2010 Silver Beaver
Congratulations and Thank You for Your Service
William (Bill) Eggleston and Don Vaught





Arrohattoc District Training Dates

(For more info on training dates, check the Arrohattoc District Website)

ALL LEADERS should take (if they have not already done so) the following:

Fast Start Training

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Youth Protection Training

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

This is Scouting (Formerly New Leader Essentials)

Available on the Internet - link from <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Trainers Edge (Formerly Train the Trainer)

June 11, 2011 Virginia United Methodist Conference Center [More information](#)

Wood Badge 2012

Apr 13-15 2012 and May 5-7, 2012 [More information](#)

CUB LEADERS should take the following:

Cub Leader Specific

Oct 7, 2011 Southside Church of the Nazarene, Courthouse Rd.

Oct 14, 2011 Southside Church of the Nazarene, Courthouse Rd.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Aug 27, 2011 Woodlake UMC-Hampton Park Campus

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (OWL)

Oct 8-9, 2011 Camp Brady Saunders

University of Cub Scouting/Den Chief Training

TBD

BOY SCOUT LEADERS should take the following:

Boy Scout Leader Indoor

Sep 17, 2011 TBD

Boy Scout Leader Outdoor

Oct 8-9, 2011 Camp Brady Saunders

VENTURE CREW LEADERS

Venture Leader Training

May 7, 2011 Woodlake UMC—Hampton Park Campus

Contact Information:

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Jamie Walker - Arrohattoc Boy Scout Training Chair: 804-291-6317

Marian Fletcher - Arrohattoc District Commissioner: FletcherFam@comcast.net

Al Best - Venturing Training: ALBest@vcu.edu

Be part of the premier training team
in the Heart of Virginia Council!

Contact the Training Chairs if you can help as an instructor or support staff. Training materials are provided, based on BSA requirements and **years of experience of the training team. If you aren't sure how you can help, but want to be part of ensuring a great scouting experience** for Arrohattoc Scouts, go ahead and ask. NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



District and Council Key Events Calendar

June 4	Super Saturday
Aug 9-13	Cub Scout Day Camp
Aug 20	Join Scouting Night School More information
Sep 23-25	Mountain Man Rendezvous (District Scout Camporee)
March 12	District Pinewood Derby

1st Thurs of every month Monthly Arrohattoc Roundtable
 3rd Wed of every month Monthly District Committee Meeting
 4th Thurs of every month Monthly Takachsin Chapter OA meeting

Note from our District Training Chair Kathy McKee:

This is Scouting (On-line at <http://www.olc.scouting.org>) replaces New Leader Essentials. Leaders need to take it even if you have already taken NLE - that way it's on your computer record!

Arrohattoc District Training

- All courses are national BSA training courses presented by district volunteer instructors.
- You may take training in any district.
- There are four main components to Training (the first three can be done online at <http://www.olc.scouting.org>):

Fast Start Training

Fast Start training is the first step for any new volunteer and is to be delivered immediately after a new leader registers and before he or she meets with any youth member.

This is Scouting (replaces new Leader Essentials)

The new Basic Leader Training comprises two parts: New Leader Essentials for all unit-level leaders and Leader Specific training, which is based on the leader's unit-level position.

Youth Protection

Every leader in Cub Scouting should complete Youth Protection training, which provides essential information about working with youth.

Leader-Specific Training

These break out sessions are for specific positions within a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venturing Crew and some have an introduction to outdoor skills.



Mountain Man Rendezvous

Yes! The Great Arrohattoc Fall Camporee is a Mountain Man Rendezvous held on September 23-25 at the Albright Scout Reservation. Attached is the Leader's Guide which has more detailed information about the Rendezvous.



Highlights:

- Patches will be leather with hanging beads earned at the different stations.
 - Tandy Leather – Leatherwork station and providing a Mountain Man Trading Post.
 - Name Badges – Custom made name badges made onsite
 - Old Style Cooking – Eat samples of venison and other great meat cooked over an open fire.
 - Mountain Men Expo – **Blacksmithing, quillwork, beadwork, scrimshaw, knife making, etc...**
- “Mountain Man” Award** - Given to the troop that has shown the most spirit and MMR participation. Special points given to troops that sleep in shelters and wear mountain man attire.
- **“ Mountain Man Cook’n Contest”** - Units are encouraged to submit a sample of their Saturday dinner for a **cook’n contest**. Cook it on a stick, grill or dutch oven – everything welcome.

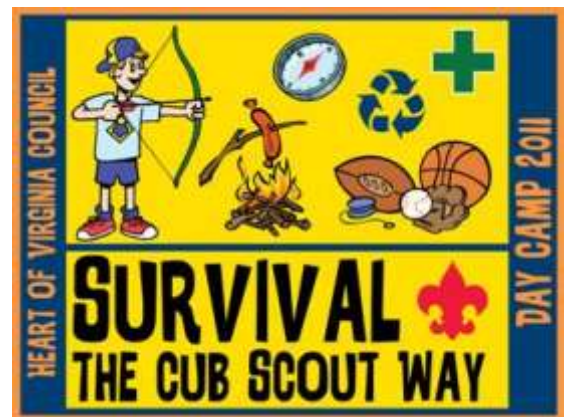
Activities:

Leatherwork Blackpowder Shooting Tomahawk Throwing Flint & Steel
 Traditional Cooking Living Off the Land Shelter Building First Aid Tracking Trapping Sig-
 naling Caber Toss **And more...**

We are looking for additional committee members (including 16-17 yr old scouts). We are going to have a blast putting this together. We will be meeting at 1 hour before roundtable (6pm on the first Thursdays). For more information email Davy Crockett AKA Smitty AKA Steven Smith at smitty@netbelieve.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp

When: August 9th through the 13th
 Where: Pocahontas State Park
 Time: 8:45am till 4:30pm Tuesday through Friday
 8:45am till 12:00pm on Saturday
 Cost: \$75.00 per scout



Registration: All registration forms must be turned into the Scout Shop by June 15th to insure T-Shirt

<http://www.scoutdaycamp.com/>



Check the District Website for more information!

- More info on upcoming training opportunities
- Have your next Eagle Ceremony at the Cahoon Center
- Volunteer Opportunities in the Arrohattoc District

Check the Council Website for more information!

- New address for the council website <http://hovc.org/>
- New Youth Recruiting Website
- Cub Adventure Camp Summer employment opportunities
- Albright Scout Reservation [Camp Information](#)

New Version of Guide to Safe Scouting Released

After a thorough review and an extensive revision, the latest version of the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) is now available online. The changes include revisions of some sections and elimination of others due to a lack of relevance. The printed *Guide to Safe Scouting* will be available for purchase in April.

IMPORTANT YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING INFORMATION

To help ensure that volunteers receive credit for Youth Protection training, we recommend taking the training online through myscouting.org. Setting up a MyScouting user account is easy. If you are a registered leader renewing your training, be sure that your MyScouting profile has your BSA member ID recorded so you receive proper credit. If you are new to Scouting, print a copy of the completion certificate at the end of the training and attach it to your Adult Leader Application in order to complete the process. Be sure to record your MyScouting user name and password in a safe place; you will want to return to your account when you receive your membership ID (found on your membership card) and update your MyScouting profile with your ID number so you can receive proper credit for all future online training.

If you take Youth Protection training in a classroom setting, be sure to get a completion certificate and ensure your name is properly recorded on the official class/ training roster. **It's a good idea to secure the name and e-mail of your trainer in case you lose your certificate.**



Good Information On Ways to Register Leaders That Are Unable To Complete Training



Registration Options

Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges

Lodges work diligently each year to retain members. Sometimes a question arises about how an individual can remain a registered member of the lodge if the member is no longer active with a local unit. This often arises in the context of an Arrowman attending college outside of his council's geographic area. How can the Arrowman continue to stay registered with the Boy Scouts and, thus, the lodge?

It may be possible for an Arrowman to register with the district or council while remaining unaffiliated with a local unit. All such Arrowmen must submit the Adult Registration Form, No. 524-501. On the form, applicants should indicate a position code to identify the role in which they are registering.

- **Merit badge counselors.** All adults serving as merit badge counselors must be registered with the local council as such. Applications should use position code 42.
- **College Scouter reserve.** The college Scouter reserve exists for college students at least 17 years of age to maintain a Scouting affiliation. These individuals should be registered either as a district or council Scouter, and not on a unit roster. Both male and female Scouters may register in the college Scouter reserve. The application should indicate a college address and may be submitted through the college or home council. Applicants should use position code 92.
- **Scouter reserve.** Individuals who wish to keep an affiliation with Scouting but are not presently able to serve actively may register as a member of the Scouter reserve. These individuals must be at least 21 years old and should be registered with the district in which they reside. Applicants should use position code 91.
- **Other positions.** Other selected council or district positions include:
 - Scout alumni: Position code 95
 - Camp staff: Position code 49
 - District member at large: Position code 75

For more information on these and other registration options, talk to your local council registrar, who can answer your questions about these positions found in the "Registrar Procedures Manual," No. 524-901 (2010 printing). Of course, these registration options are available only for *current* Arrowmen. Consult the Guide for Officers and Advisers for membership requirements for youth candidates and adult nominees. And remember, an Arrowman's primary duty is to his unit!



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THE POPCORN PRESS

The Newsletter of the Popcorn Campaign

<http://hove.org/supportscouting/popcorn/>

Volume: 2011 - Issue: 1 - Date: April 2011

Make Plans Now:

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, SUPER SATURDAY@ Cub Adventure Camp

Why sell popcorn?

1. Because it is the easiest, fastest, and most efficient way to raise the dollars needed to have the best year of Scouting ever!
2. Because Trails End is the official partner with the Boy Scouts of America. It is the only product Scouts may sell in uniform.

How do you plan a good program the Scouts and parents enjoy? To plan a good program, you must have the money. There are no two ways about it. Money is what makes the world go round, including your world of Scout Programming. It all starts with popcorn! You start with a plan ... that you can get at SUPER SATURDAY.

Highlights include:

1. Plan your Scouting Program
2. Plan to build your best Popcorn Explosion EVER!
3. Communicating effectively with your Scouts and parents.
4. Achieving your sales goal.

Words from the "Popcorn King": We are beginning much earlier this year in promoting the popcorn campaign. All things considered, we had a fair year in 2010. To be transparent, as a Council we actually went down in sales. Five Districts were up a little in sales last year and four Districts went down in sales. Be as it may, we will work hard together to ramp up our sales in 2011. The scouting program depends heavily on the sale of popcorn and we must focus our efforts heavily on being more successful in 2011 - one box, one scout, one unit, and one district at a time so that together, the Heart of Virginia Council is successful.

The Key Word: GROW

The Key Concept: Grow Our Sales to Grow our Scouting Program.

The Key People: Ambitious District Popcorn Chairs, Unit Kernels, and Volunteers who will respond to the Key Word and Key Concept.

Special Offers:

YouTube clips of the new popcorn sales incentive, the "Zyclone". Check 'em out!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj7PNWQ1Y1k>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76GFY1kbrvA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzYODyde1jg>

Popcorn Tip: On-Line Sales

Grow Your Unit's Sales by 150%

Trails-End.com	2010	2009
On-Line Total Sales	\$5,878,558	\$2,348,094
Total Return to Scouting	\$4,114,991	\$1,643,666

Get as many Scouts as possible to create an account on Trails-End.com.

- Take advantage of **FREE** e-mail marketing campaigns from Trail's End.
- Provide additional Scout and leader **INCENTIVES** for selling online.
- Promote online selling at **EVERY** event.
- Set up **COMPUTER STATIONS** at events.
- Use Trail's End **PROMOTIONAL** materials.

What Scouts Say About On-Line Sales:

88% said they like that they **do not have to deliver product** when they sell on-line. **78%** said they did **NOT** encounter any problems when selling online.

What Leaders Say About On-Line Sales:

#1 reason why leaders promoted on-line selling was so Scouts could **sell to faraway friends and family**.

65% said their unit's total sales were **higher in 2010** compared to 2009.

What Consumers Say About On-Line Sales:

Majority said they found out about Trails-End.com because a **Scout sent them an e-mail**.

59% of those who made a purchase at the door **also made a purchase on-line**.

Popcorn Success Story: Victoria Cathey, Crater District Popcorn Chair

In Pack and Troop 185 (Editor's Note: Highest Selling Unit - 2010), we do a little bit of everything to be successful! We pick our popcorn team in the spring and we plan our sale early. We have an exciting Explosion with food and prizes. We set goals for our Scouts with additional incentives for the Pack. We do some "Show & Sell" but we do not rely solely on "Show and Sells" to sell our popcorn. The Scouts get our families involved by selling at work, to extended family members, and to friends. We have boys who go door-to-door. Our pack orders the majority of popcorn upfront and strategically distribute it throughout the sale. We contribute our success to a lot of planning and team work by the whole Pack!!!



Scouting For Food 2011

The dates for Scouting For Food 2011 are set. To continue the success of the only Council-wide service project, **please mark these dates on your unit's calendar. We need** every unit in the district, whether Crew, Troop or Pack to participate. We have more area than we have units, so please come out and take a bag area.

- Bag pick up by units: 6 October 2011 (At Roundtable)
 - Bags out: 29 October 2011
 - Bags in: 5 November 2011

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

All Direct Contact Leaders must be fully trained in 2011 prior to recharter at the end of the year. This means that all Cubmasters, Asst Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Asst Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders, Asst Webelos Leaders, Scoutmasters, Asst Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Assoc. Crew Advisors, Varsity Team Coaches, and Varsity Team Asst Coaches must complete the prescribed training for their position. If you are unsure of what training is needed, please contact your Unit Commissioner for assistance.

To help in these efforts, the Arrohattoc training team is busily putting together a comprehensive training program for 2011. **If you have taken the Trainer's Edge** and are willing to help train other scouters in any of our programs (Cub, Boy Scout, and/or Venture Crew) please contact Kathy McKee to become part of the Arrohattoc Training team. Need training? Check out the Arrohattoc calendar on the council website (www.hovc.org) to see the most current offerings for instructor led training. Also check out Myscouting.org for online training offerings. Kathy McKee can be reached at tkjim@comcast.net.



Takachsin Chapter of the Nawakwa Lodge Order of the Arrow Update



Also Visit www.takachsin.net

Troop Leaders: Please allow your OA Troop/team Representative to share this newsletter with fellow OA members. Please post afterward.

Upcoming OA Calendar Events:

- **Apr 28 OA Chapter Meeting** – Ceremony Training
- **May 26 - OA Chapter Meeting** – Election Nominations

Takachsin Chapter Meets at 7:30 at Hopewell United Methodist Church on the Corner of RT-288 and Courthouse Road in the Pavilion around back (weather permitting).

- **April 29-May 1 – SECTION CONCLAVE – REGISTRATION IOPEN at Nawakwa.org. Sign up now!**
- Registration Deadline is March 31 - Late Fee imposed April 1-15

The gathering of the 5 Lodges of Section 7A for fun and fellowship is called Spring Conclave. It's all fun and games, with many Competitions going on. This year, [Nawakwa is hosting this huge event](#). Encourage your fellow brothers to get involved as well. We will be working to form teams at Chapter meetings. Let's put on a good show for the brothers in our "sister" lodges.

- Staff opportunities are available. Contact Tommy Petit (conclave2011@nawakwa.org).

- **May 20-22 – Summer OA Service Weekend – REGISTRATION IS OPEN at Nawakwa.org!**

- Ordeal "Elected Candidates" can experience their Ordeal and become a member.
- Ordeal members with 10-months, seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member.
- Other members, Come for a weekend of Cheerful Service and Fellowship.
- LODGE YOUTH ELECTIONS!! – You have a say in how the lodge is run, but only if you come and vote.

- **July 17-23 – SummitCorps – "The New River Experience"**

- A hybrid of ArrowCorps5 and OA High Adventure, SummitCorps will provide service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail will be the focus of the project. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and home of the Jamboree - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve. Our Council has slots for 8 Arrowmen and 3 slots are filled. So, if you are thinking about attending, don't wait. Details to sign up are posted at www.takachsin.net. This will be a great experience for any OA member. You not only get to help build the Summit camp, you will be one of the very few that will leave the Summit and know that your work will benefit thousands of Scouts for many years to come. So, come and leave your MARK on the Summit. Be a part of the SummitCorps!

- **August 1-6 – Indian Summer** –:- **RESERVATIONS NEEDED ASAP** - The National Order of the Arrow will offer an opportunity for all Arrowmen across the Country to participate in focus areas of the Order. Notably the Native American Indian Culture and the OA Inductions and Ceremonies. The Native American Indian Material Culture will focus on learning about Native Crafts, Dance Clothes, Dance (Pow-Wow's), Song (Drum). Arrowmen will be able to complete hands on Craft experience under the direction of the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement. OA Induction and Ceremonies will include a wide range of topics from Ceremonialists to running an Ordeal and unit elections. Highlights will include acting skill and technique workshops taught by real-world theater professionals.

If you are interested, please fill in the Registration Form and deliver to - Wachtschu (Jim Richards = Nawakwa Contingent Leader) ASAP. This event is as close as being NOAC, yet only 1/2 the price. If interested, Please send an E-Mail to James.Richards@SunTrust.com. **Information and forms are at takachsin.net and witschindin.net.**



Takachsin Chapter of the Nawakwa Lodge Order of the Arrow Update



Also Visit www.takachsin.net

Member Happening News:

- Congratulations to the new Ordeal members inducted during the Spring Service Weekend in March. You are starting on your journey to "Find the Arrow". Congratulations also to the new Brotherhood members. You are showing your spirit and dedication to the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.
- We had a very successful 2011 GW/Jeff Trail Building event the weekend of April 1-3. With many members returning from last year, the experience allowed us to "hit the ground running". Everyone did a fabulous job. We completed the rough clearing of the remaining 2/3s of the trail so it is now passable all the way through. We did a medium clear on about half of that. Next year we will finish cut as much as possible. For those there, email your photos to webmaster@craterbsa.org.

Unit Election Season Starts:

- Order of the Arrow "Ordeal Candidates" are chosen by their fellow scouts in a special OA "Unit Election" process. Many troops utilize "Call-Out" ceremonies provided during the summer camp Friday night campfire program. Those who would like to take advantage of this opportunity should schedule their unit election at an appropriate time. We are well into the year of OA Unit elections; don't be left out. Contact the Chapter Unit Elections Chairman, Ryan, at election@takachsin.net to schedule your election. More information is attached.

Takachsin Chapter Service:

- Helping to run an OA election is an easy way to provide service to the Chapter and Lodge. We need youth who are able to help. Please contact the Chapter Unit Elections Chairman, Ryan, at election@takachsin.net to let him know your availability.
- Ceremonies are in demand. We were not able to perform all of the AOL ceremonies desired. We need more youth members on our chapter ceremony team. Help make scouting special for younger scouts as they transition from Webelos. There is also a need for tap-out (call-out) ceremonies. These are easy to participate in. Experience is not required. Training and Memorization is minimal. Those within these units who are already OA members would be in a great position to help. Contact Jim Young [ceremony@takachsin.net] to volunteer.

This is your opportunity to show that your sash really means "Cheerful Service" and is not just show.

Other:

- **OA Troop/Team Representative:** We would like to sign up a Troop Team Representative for every unit. Unit leaders, please encourage your Troop/team Rep to attend lodge functions and our monthly chapter meetings. Also have them sign up for our email list.
- **Takachsin Patches:**
The new patches bearing the new Takachsin Totem are in. The price is \$5, but you can get them at Chapter meetings for \$3, and at Lodge events/meetings for \$4. Contact Mark Fetty.
- **Join the Takachsin Chapter (28) Nawakwa Mailing List**
With everything going on, it's important to get the latest OA Chapter Updates. Stay current on Chapter meetings, events, and service opportunities. Visit www.Takachsin.net and click on "E-Mailing List Signup" to join. Note that you will need to respond to a confirmation email.

Please visit www.takachsin.net or www.nawakwa.org for more details on any event listed here.



Order of the Arrow

Nawakwa Lodge 3
 Takachsin Chapter #28 &
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Unit Elections

The OA provides an opportunity for your more dedicated youth to join others in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

OA elections are not a troop function, but an OA function. Our chapter, an extension of the Lodge, has an elections team trained in the proper methods and requirements.

The Election process can be broken down into 3 parts.

1. Schedule your OA Election with the Chapter's Election Team (election@takachsin.net)
2. Ballot
3. Election

Schedule with Election Team

1. Contact the Election team to schedule your OA Election. (election@takachsin.net)
2. You will be asked to fill out the Election Request form. This contains Point of contact information for the unit including the youth OA Representative, an adult POC (Point of contact), unit meeting place, time and requested date with alternative date.

Ballot

Requirements: (National Policy)

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
2. Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
3. After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
4. Must have Scoutmaster Approval. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit (i.e. his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities).

To clarify this point, the scoutmaster must approve all candidates BEFORE their name is placed on the ballot. The scoutmaster should (in private) explain to any scout why he is not being approved for OA prior to the election itself.

***No extra conditions should be placed in developing the "ballot".**

***There is no minimum or maximum limit requirement for the number of youth on the "ballot".**

From the Lodge:

When a unit imposes its own criteria on an election, they are in violation of policy. This can actually end up with a Lodge losing their National Charter in extreme cases.



Election

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout is chosen by vote of the youths in his unit. This is a unique feature of the Order since the majority of those who select their candidates for this honor are not members of the lodge. **However, lodge members in the unit have a vote as well as nonmembers.** In this way membership is controlled by the youths in their own units and not by those who are already Arrowmen. It is important that the members of the unit have the membership requirements properly explained to them. In Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams, every registered active member of the unit under age 21 at the time of election is eligible to vote.

Only one election per unit per year.

No Campaigning

1. Before the election, the OA team must secure from the unit leader verification that at least 50 percent of the registered active unit membership is present. If at least 50 percent is not present, an election cannot be held.
2. The unit leader provides a list of all registered active members of the unit who meet all eligibility requirements, including attitude and participation. **"Ballot"**
3. A voter may list on his ballot any combination of names, including all eligible candidates who he believes are worthy to become members of the Order of the Arrow
 - o **Vote only for those you believe will continue in unselfish service to your troop/team.**
 - o **If you feel that no one is worthy, turn in a blank ballot.**
 - o **If you are new in the unit and do not know the candidates well enough to vote wisely, you may abstain by not turning in a ballot at all.**
 - o **Youths eligible for election also vote, and they may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy.**
4. All eligible youths who receive votes from at least 50 percent of those who turn in ballots are elected. If no one is elected a second vote may be held immediately, and the result of this vote will be final.

The OA team determines the minimum number of votes one must receive to be elected, as follows: If the number of ballots turned in was even (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.), divide this number by two. If the number of was odd (1, 3, 5, 7, etc.), add one and then divide by two.

Announcement of results: As soon as the election is completed, the unit leader may or may not choose to announce to the entire unit the names of members who have been elected. Names and addresses of the newly elected candidates must be forwarded to the lodge membership committee immediately.



Contact Info:

Elections Chairman – Ryan McNeilly
Election Advisor - Frank McNeilly

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How to nominate an adult for membership in the Order of the Arrow

As long as the unit successfully elects one youth member to the Order, the troop then may also nominate (not elect) an adult for membership. Large troops may nominate one adult for every fifty youth members registered in the unit. Where youth membership is given by his peers as a recognition for service, adults are nominated and accepted if their membership will enrich the Order of the Arrow experience for the youth, or provide some service to the Lodge, the Camp, or the Council. Adult membership should not be given solely as a recognition or honor.

The requirements for election for adult members (in the OA, an 'adult' is anyone 21 years of age or older; this differs from the BSA 'adult' which starts at the age of 18) are as follows:

1. Must be a registered and active member of the Boy Scouts of America at the time of nomination.
2. Must be at least 21 years old at the time of nomination. Both males and females are eligible.
3. In the past two years, have completed fifteen (15) days and nights of camping under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The fifteen days and nights of camping must include one long-term camp of six days and five nights, and the balance of the camping must be short-term (1, 2, or 3 night) camps.

A separate Adult Nomination Form exists for adult Scouters. At the end of a successful election for youth, the Election Team will give the Troop Committee Chairman an adult nomination form. The nomination form is completed in full and returned to the election team or the Chapter Adviser. Only nomination forms that have been signed by the Chapter Adviser will be considered by the selection committee. The Lodge Adult Selection Committee will review the form and make a decision on the adult's nomination. Please remember that nomination does not ensure approval. If approved, the troop will be notified so that they can decide how they will inform the candidate. Adult candidates need to complete the Ordeal within one year, same as a youth member.





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