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**Don L. Ellis**  
Scout Executive

**Duane H. Zobrist**  
President

**Steve Hammond**  
Commissioner

## COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED FOR 2009-2010



On Thursday evening, November 19, 2009 the Stonewall Jackson Area Council held its Annual Business meeting at Spotswood County Club in Harrisonburg, VA.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the slate of Executive Committee & Operating Officers for the 2010 Scouting year, by Jack Taylor, Council Nominating Committee Chair.

Pictured in the photo: front row left to right:

Mark Graham – Council Treasurer, Larry Mellinger – Council Friends of Scouting Chair (new board member), Mike Sexton – Vice President for Program (former Council Commissioner), Jay Fox - Council Camping Chair, Duane Zobrist – Council President, Steve Hammond – Council Commissioner, (formerly District Chair – Monticello District) Shane Eppard – OA Lodge Advisor, Bill Schwenke – Assistant Council Treasurer, Kent Schlusel – 2009 Vice President for Program  
Back row left to right: Neal Menefee – Council Risk Management Chair, Cindy Zollman – Council Training

Chair (new board member), Jared Kline – Council Advancement Chair, Leon Harouff – Assistant Council Treasurer, Jack Taylor – Past Council President & Council Endowment Chair, Dan Vance – Council Endowment Investment Chair, James Skeen – Legal Counsel (new board member), Brad Conner – Vice President for Administration, John Taylor – Vice President for Strategic Planning, Kevin Zeithaml – OA Lodge Chief (new board member)

Not Pictured: Jim Lansing – Vice President for Membership, Craig & Martha Redinger – Co-Chairs for Finance, and TC Dickerson – Vice President for Relationships, Chris Moran – Endowment Investment Committee and Chip Hunsberger – Council Property Committee Chair

A special thank you to those board members resigning from the board, moving to the Advisory Board or serving in a new position in Scouting:

Len Doran – former Vice President for Strategic Planning – resigning from the board  
Alan Marshall – moving to the advisory Board  
Bill Jenkins – stepping down after serving on the board for more than 25 years to devote more time to his Cub Scout Pack  
Ken Patterson – Massanutten District Chairman  
Kent Schlusel – Vice President for Program  
Mike Sexton – Council Commissioner  
Carrie Taylor – Vice President for Cub Scouting

## GRISHAM TO SPEAK AT FRIENDS OF SCOUTING BREAKFAST

On Thursday February 25, 2010 Stonewall Jackson Area Council will hold the Friends of Scouting kick-off for Major Gifts for the centennial year. Our keynote speaker for the breakfast will be John Grisham and we are anticipating a crowded room in the name of raising the much-needed funds for all areas of the council. General Binford Peay, VMI Superintendent and our 100th Anniversary Chair will be on hand to welcome all and we will also have a visit from Alf Tuggle, Asst. Chief Scout Executive from Irving, Texas. The event will take place at Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville.



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**Don't forget!**  
**Council Annual Dinner**  
**February 19, 2010**  
**6:30 PM**

Highlights are 2009 Eagle Scout recognition and Silver Beaver Award Presentation.

\$15 if paid by 2/6

See [www.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.bsa-sjac.org)  
for registration form



## From the Council Key 3

Dear Scouters,

The Stonewall Jackson Area Council is pleased to announce that Steve Hammond will serve as our new Council Commissioner.

Steve Hammond resides in Charlottesville, Virginia. He has served as the District Chairman of the Monticello District since 2006. He also has served as the Troop Committee Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 111, Monticello District since 2007. Steve served as the Assistant General Counsel of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council from 2005 to 2007, later selected by the Council Nominating Committee as General Counsel in 2007.

Steve earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 51 in Salem, VA in 1972 from the Blue Ridge Mountains Council in Roanoke, VA. At the unit level, he has served as a Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster. He served as the Monticello District Membership Chairman from 2003 to 2005. He has earned numerous Scouting awards and recognitions including the Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouters Training Award and he is a Wood Badge Trained Scouter with three beads. Steve is a recipient of the District Award of Merit and was honored in 2009 by the Stonewall Jackson Area Council with the Silver Beaver Award.

Steve graduated from Virginia Tech in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. He is a Hokie through and through! Steve began active duty in the United States Marine Corps as a tank platoon commander in 1979. He was a member of the Multi-National Peace Keeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. He received the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy-Marine Achievement Medal and the Marine Expeditionary Medal. While working on Capitol Hill as a Navy-Marine Corps Congressional Liaison, he was selected to enter the Funded Law Program. He attended Washington and Lee Law School, graduating Cum Laude in 1989 and became a member of the Virginia Bar. Steve left active duty in 1995 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired as a reservist as a Lieutenant Colonel with 22 years of service.

Married to his wife Tamera for 20 years, they have 3 children—Ally, John, and Kate; Ally is a Hokie, class of 2012.

As Scout Executive of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, please welcome Steve to his new Scouting position as ...Council Commissioner!

Yours in Scouting,

*Duane Zobrist, Council President*

*Don L. Ellis, Scout Executive*



### HOLD THE DATE

**Saturday, May 8, 2010 for the Stonewall Jackson Area Council 100th Anniversary Scout Expo "Continuing the Journey" to be held at August Expo in Fishersville, Virginia. Watch upcoming issues of Saddlebags; attend your District's monthly Roundtable meetings and follow the Council website: [www.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.bsa-sjac.org) for updates and information for this exciting event chaired by Cindy Zollman. Your enthusiastic scouting support of this event is a must to make it a once in a lifetime experience! Come celebrate with us on May 8, 2010 as we join together in "Continuing the Journey" of scouting.**



## Council Calendar February

- 3 Membership Committee Meeting
- 6 Council of Chiefs
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 100th Anniversary of Scouting
- 13 Scout Sabbath
- 14 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 15 President's Day - Service Center closed
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Council Annual Dinner
- 20 Pre-Camp Inspection/Camping Committee meeting
- 21 OA LEC
- 22 Council Venturing meeting
- 25 Council FOS Breakfast
- 27-28 Venturing Rock Jam (see page 11 for more details)

### March

- 6 Commissioner's College - Richmond
- 8 Relationship Committee Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 11 Council Program Committee Meetings
- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 19-21 OA Spring Fellowship
- 25 Camping Committee/Day Camp Meeting

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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M-530-830; T-530-730; W-5-7, TH-10-1; F-5-7;  
 Saturday-10-1

(Monticello Scout Shop staffed by local volunteers, call SJAC office to volunteer!)

## **2009 POPCORN & PEANUT CAMPAIGN UPDATE!!!**

The 2009 Popcorn & Peanut campaign was a popping success. Our total gross sales to date stands at \$507,141. While we didn't exceed our records sales of 2008 which was \$511,477, there are still many success stories to share!

- Monticello District Sales: \$248,495 for a 0.3% increase over 2008 sales of \$247,648
- Southern District Sales: \$61444 for a 3.0% increase over 2008 sales of \$59,636
- Massanutten District Show & Deliver sales increased by 25.1% over their 2008 sales
- Southern District Popcorn Take Order Sales increased by 4.3% over their 2008 sales
- Monticello District Peanut sales increased by 6.5% over their 2008 sales
- Southern District Peanut sales increased by 8.4% over their 2008 sales
- Valley District Peanut sales increased by 7.7% over their 2008 sales

The big surprise this year was the Trails End On-Line sales campaign which had total sales of \$6,759. If your unit didn't promote On-Line Sales you should for 2010! The profit for On-Line sales for Troop 125 was \$662 without collecting the money or delivering the product. They sent out e-mails supporting the sales and collected their profit! How's that for easy sales!

### **OUR TOP SELLING UNITS IN EACH DISTRICT WERE:**

- Monticello District: Pack 138 - \$14,106; Pack 54 \$11,016 and Pack 79 - \$10,161
- Southern District: Pack 29 - \$7,929; Troop 2 - \$7,392 and Pack 115 - \$6,069
- Valley District: Pack 73 - \$7,790; Pack 333 - \$7,102.50 and Pack 349 - \$5,349
- Massanutten District: Pack 120 - \$17,313; Pack 38 - \$7,412 and Troop 40 - \$5,573

### **OUR TOP SELLING YOUTH IN EACH DISTRICT WERE:**

Monticello District: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - A. J. Milligan from Pack 54 with sales of \$6,050; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Andrew Bogan from Pack 206 with sales of \$3,300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Hunter Woodson from Pack 138 with sales of \$3,202.

Southern District: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tyler Lewis from Pack 115 with sales of \$3,204; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -

Anthony Earle from Troop 31 with sales of \$1,609.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Benjamin Maxwell from Pack 180 with sales of \$1,383.

Valley District: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Spencer Herron from Pack 73 with sales of \$2,736; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Brett Buchanan from Troop 73 with sales of \$1,852 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Patrick Maneval from Pack 73 with sales of \$1,845.

Massanutten District: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kendrick Robertson from Pack 120 with sales of \$3,116; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Davey Moubray from Troop 46 with sales of \$2,036 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Grant Wiley from Pack 120 with sales of \$1,901.00.

We will recognize these units and scouts along with others at our 2009 Popcorn and Peanut Celebration on January 28, 2010, 6:30 PM at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA, located just off of I-64 (Exit #91). We will have food, door prizes, recognition items and lots of fun as we celebrate our successful campaign!

## **SCOUT EXPO 2010 "CONTINUING THE JOURNEY" MAY 8 AT AUGUSTA EXPO**

Excitement is building for the largest gathering of Scouts and Scouters in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council when we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America by presenting "Continuing the Journey", Scout Expo.

Scout Expo 2010 will exhibit the fundamentals of scouting at its best and is open to all scouts, scout families and the general public.

As outlined in the Leader's Guide, the Expo will be divided in to three divisions.

The Scout Exhibitors: this division will focus on unit participation. All SJAC units are asked to participate with a booth demonstration or telling the story of one area of the scouting program. Review the Unit Participation form, complete and return to the Council Office. Contact Kent Schluskel for more information at 434-973-8189, k2j2@earthlink.net

The Commercial Exhibitors: this committee will focus on securing businesses to exhibit their products or service that support scouting programs and activities. If own a business and would like to participate or know of a business who would be a possible exhibitor contact Robert Burnes, 540-294-2447 or Robert@amaty.com

The Civic, Community and College Exhibitors: the target exhibitors for this division will be the Girl Scouts, area colleges, YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, American Red Cross, and on and on. If you have any contact with an organization who might be interested in being a part of our celebration contact Jackie Newton at 434-996-7614, msnuisance@aol.com

Scout Expo 2010 is an opportunity for your unit to raise funds to support your program as well!

All participants and visitors will be required to purchase a \$2.00 Expo Pass. Each unit will be asked to participate in the pre-selling of Expo Passes and will receive a \$1.00 for every ticket that the unit sells. This money can be paid directly to the unit or applied to your account at the Service Center - your choice. Awards will be given for the Top Council Seller and the four top District Sellers, plus top unit sellers. Remember: for every \$2.00 ticket sold you earn \$1.00.

Tickets will be distributed at February Roundtables and will go on sale immediately. Ticket Sales Council Chair: Michael Ohelger, 540-460-0236, movlas2@embarqmail.com.

Another opportunity to raise money is through "Ad Sales". Again, this is discussed in the Leader's Guide. A

unit can earn a 25% commission on any ad sold by your unit. All ads will in the Program Book that everyone receives the day of the event. What a great way to showcase your business or even your unit!

Units have already started to sign up - get your booth reservation in early so you will be sure to showcase your desired scouting topic.

Your Leader's Guide is your handbook for this Event. Should you have any questions, please contact the appropriate committee chair or Cindy Zollman 540-460-4832 cedarspringz@comcast.net.



## **FAMILY FOS**

For almost 100 years, Scouting has been right here, available for boys, teenagers, families neighborhoods and each of the 13 counties served by the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is the major fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting alive and healthy in the council. It is our most important source of income. Friends of Scouting supports the resources to organize, train and service all the Scouting groups that deliver the Scouting promise to each youth who joins.

Volunteers are organizing teams to lead a campaign in each District. Each unit has asked to participate by selecting a **Unit Friends of Scouting Chairman** and picking a very big Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor to give every scouting family an opportunity to participate in support of values.

### Overcoming Objections to Scout Family FOS

**The Boy Scouts are supported by the United Way – Why do they want my money?**

You are correct that the council benefits from the local United Way Campaign. However, their allocation represents only 2% of the council's source of income in 2010. Your support through the Scout Family FOS Campaign will help the services not funded by the United Way.

**Scouting is too expensive already --- look at how much a uniform costs, and then we have to buy handbooks and pay to go to the training courses.**

Uniforms are not inexpensive, but they are high quality. The training course fee basically covers the cost of the give away materials. It does not include the cost of the audiovisual aids and equipment, sometimes facility rental, and other materials used to conduct these important training programs.

**The council does not do anything for us – we have to pay for the Cub Scout Day Camp.**

The Cub Scout Day Camp fee basically covers the program materials, site fee, patch, and T-shirt, etc. the Cub Scout receives. The council provides the overall program development, support, and staff to carry out the program. The council does provide a number of services to benefit the unit, including: a trained professional staff, program guidance and support through roundtables, Cub Leader Pow Wows, training courses, the council newsletter, unit membership, and advancement record keeping.

**I give my time as a leader and the parents get nickleked for uniforms and a lot of other stuff --- let other people pick up the slack.**

We appreciate your services as a leader; that is the strength of Scouting – a quality program made possible by many dedicated volunteers. It is natural that, just like church, those that are the closest and most active best understand the benefits of the program and support it financially also.

**It costs over \$150 a week to send my son to summer camp and the sleeping bag, pack and all the other equipment he needs is not cheap.**

**Give me a break!**

The fee a Scout pays for summer camp only covers part of the cost – essentially the cost of his meals, expendable program materials, and the summer camp staff. The other cost like building insurance, ongoing maintenance, utilities, and the Ranger's salary are included in the Council's operating budget.

**If the Council did not have all those high priced executives, they would not need so much money. We hardly ever see our District Executive.**

Scouting is just like church – we need to have paid professional leaders, too. Our District Executive works closely with the members of the District Committee and Commissioner Staff coordinating their efforts in serving your unit. By working through these volunteers he is able to multiply his effectiveness. He spends a lot of time in the community contracting community leaders, explaining the Scouting program, and enlisting their support.

**The Parents in my Unit do not want to give.**

It has been our experience that, when the needs of the council are explained, many parents are willing to make a financial contribution. We are just asking for the opportunity to tell the story and then let the parents make their decision.

**Every meeting for the year is already planned – we can't work you work into the schedule.**

All we are asking for 7 to 10 minutes. Certainly you can fit that into your meeting schedule.

**Can we pick another date rather than pack meeting night?**

Our experience has shown that there is better attendance at the regular pack meeting. Parents have the pack meeting in their schedule. The 7 to 10 minutes needed for the FOS presentation will not prolong the pack meeting that long.

**We don't want to bother the parents – we'll write you a check from the unit treasury.**

The objective of the FOS program is to educate and inform the parents about the council's program and financial needs. This can only be accomplished when we have the opportunity to make our brief presentation. It is not a hard sell presentation. No one will be put on the spot and embarrassed. The boys and parents raised the money in the unit treasury to help underwrite the unit's program expenses – not support the council!

**We sell Popcorn & Peanuts . What more do you want?**

We appreciate your support of those programs and the direct benefits the unit receives by your participation. Scout Family FOS is an opportunity for those parents who are willing and able to make a personal financial contribution in support of the council program.

## **COUNCIL RESULTS OF RE-CRUIT-A-FRIEND CONTEST.**

Wii Winner-

Ben Troyer- Pack 222 Monticello District

DSi Winners:

Massanutten- Dylan Britsch of Pack 1  
Monticello- William Kowaleski of Pack 138

Southern- Tajay Smith of Pack 180  
Valley- Brandon Hart of Pack 310

## **COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER**

### **NOTE Date Change from Council Calendar**

The program of the Boy Scouts of America celebrates their 100th Anniversary this year. Come and join the Stonewall Jackson Area Council annual Recognition Dinner where will kick off a year of celebrations by recognizing deserving volunteers and youth for their service and advancements. The event is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2010 at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church located on Route 608 off of I-64 in Fishersville, VA. The Reception will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the dinner at 7:00 pm.

The program for the evening will include the presentation of the 2010 recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest award given to a council level volunteer for outstanding service to scouting and their community. We will also be recognizing those youth in attendance who attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009. Three of the districts in the Council will also be recognized for achieving the Centennial Quality District award for meeting and exceeding goals set in January 2009. Registration forms can be found on the Council website: [www.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.bsa-sjac.org) as well as being handed out at district roundtable meetings.

Come join in the celebrations and let's celebrate a successful 2009 for scouting in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Goals for 2010 by District			
District	2010 FOS Goal	Family	2010 Overall FOS Goal
Massanutten	\$15,000		\$54,000
Monticello	\$65,000		\$159,000
Southern	\$13,000		\$36,000
Valley	\$22,000		\$51,500



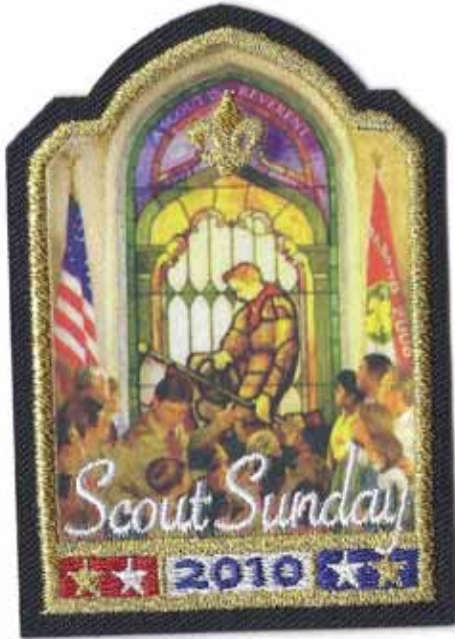
**SCOUT SUNDAY/SABBATH**

2010 Scouting Anniversary Month Celebration

*Cub Scout Promise: I Promise to Do My Best to do my Duty to God.....*

*12th Point of the Boy Scout Law: A Scout Is Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.*

*Venturing Oath: As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God.....*



A great way for a Pack, Troop or Crew to support this important Ideal of Scouting is to attend and participation at a religious worship service during the Scout Anniversary Month Celebration held each February. Scouting will be celebrating its 100th Birthday on February 8, 2010.

**TO PARTICIPATE:**

The recommendation is that you promote participation by appointing a unit coordinator to promote and organize the unit's religious observance.

1. Have Scouts attend as a Unit.
2. Coordinate a date with your Charter Partner if a religious institution chartered your unit. If not chartered by a religious institution, then arrange for attendance at an area religious institution of your choice. Key Dates to consider in 2010: Scout Sunday is February 7th, Scout Sabbath is February

6th and Methodist Scout Sunday is February 14th.

3. Work between the Religious Institution and Unit to coordinate any program or participation ideas such as:
  - Notice in the church bulletin.
  - Saved pews.
  - Quiet observance by the Unit.
  - Any active participation such as prayer, report, or presentation of Charter
4. Promote Scouts Attendance.
5. Keep in touch with the Religious Institution to coordinate.

**UNIT RECOGNITION**

Participating Units are asked to complete the Unit Religious Observance Re-

port. The Council Relationships Committee will recognize participating Units with a Religious Observance Participation Streamer. To qualify the Unit will need to organize a Unit Observance and have a minimum of 25% of their youth members attend. See the council website for the report form. Send it in to the SJAC office in Waynesboro in order to receive your unit's streamer!

**2010 FOS STATUS**

Campaign	2010	YTD	%	+/- Goal	2009	\$ Pldg.	%	\$ Raised
Giving Category	Goal	Pldg.	Goal	1/5/10	Goal	1/31/09	Goal	+/-
		1/5/10	1/5/10				1/31/09	1/31/09
Community Enrollment	\$6,000	\$425	7.1%	-\$5,575	\$6,000	\$485	8.1%	-\$60
Family Enrollment	\$15,000	\$1,300	8.7%	-\$13,700	\$17,500	\$600	3.4%	\$700
Major Gifts	\$33,000	\$3,950	12.0%	-\$29,050	\$27,500	\$1,749	6.4%	\$2,201
<b>Massanutten</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>	<b>\$5,675</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>-\$48,325</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$2,834</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>\$2,841</b>
Community Enrollment	\$26,000	\$475	1.8%	-\$25,525	\$26,000	\$1,995	7.7%	-\$1,520
Family Enrollment	\$65,000	\$2,692	4.1%	-\$62,308	\$63,000	\$4,225	6.7%	-\$1,533
Major Gifts	\$68,000	\$4,380	6.4%	-\$63,620	\$66,000	\$8,960	13.6%	-\$4,580
<b>Monticello</b>	<b>\$159,000</b>	<b>\$7,547</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>-\$151,453</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$15,180</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>-\$7,633</b>
Community Enrollment	\$4,000	\$0	0.0%	-\$4,000	\$4,000	\$275	6.9%	-\$275
Family Enrollment	\$19,000	\$2,000	10.5%	-\$17,000	\$10,000	\$550	5.5%	\$1,450
Major Gifts	\$13,000	\$2,300	17.7%	-\$10,700	\$17,000	\$6,050	35.6%	-\$3,750
<b>Southern</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>-\$31,700</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>\$6,875</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>-\$2,575</b>
Community Enrollment	\$5,000	\$40	0.8%	-\$4,960	\$5,000	\$0	0.0%	\$40
Family Enrollment	\$24,000	\$1,650	6.9%	-\$22,350	\$20,000	\$1,410	7.1%	\$240
Major Gifts	\$23,000	\$3,275	14.2%	-\$19,725	\$24,000	\$5,600	23.3%	-\$2,325
<b>Valley</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>\$4,965</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>-\$47,035</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>	<b>\$7,010</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>-\$2,045</b>
Community Enrollment	\$41,000	\$940	2.3%	-\$40,060	\$41,000	\$2,755	6.7%	-\$1,815
Family Enrollment	\$123,000	\$7,642	6.2%	-\$115,358	\$110,500	\$6,785	6.1%	\$857
Major Gifts	\$137,000	\$13,905	10.1%	-\$123,095	\$134,500	\$22,359	16.6%	-\$8,454
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>\$301,000</b>	<b>\$22,487</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>-\$278,513</b>	<b>\$286,000</b>	<b>\$31,899</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>-\$9,412</b>
Executive/Advisory Board	\$55,000	\$25,079	45.6%	-\$29,921	\$52,000	\$30,957	59.5%	-\$5,878
Leadership Division	\$15,000	\$0	0.0%	-\$15,000	\$12,500	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Council Phase Total</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$25,079</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>-\$44,921</b>	<b>\$64,500</b>	<b>\$30,957</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>-\$5,878</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>	<b>\$47,566</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>-\$323,434</b>	<b>\$350,500</b>	<b>\$62,856</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>-\$15,290</b>

## CAMP SHENANDOAH - AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Scoutmasters, believe or not summer will be here soon and with it the perennial decision of whether to take your troop to summer camp and which summer camp to attend. It is well established that the Scout troop that attends Scout camp is strengthened by virtue of the troop working together, Scout advancement and leadership activities that are encouraged at camp. Camp Shenandoah provides ample opportunities for all of these aspects to build your troop and sustain it throughout the year. This summer at Camp Shenandoah we will be continuing our long and prized tradition of having an exceptional staff that are well-trained, enthusiastic and ready to serve our Scouts and Scoutmasters for lasting benefits for the Scouts and their troop. In the course of our review of Camp Shenandoah, we came to the conclusion that Camp Shenandoah is a "classic" camp offering all of the traditional elements of a Scout camp such as our highly recognized Timber Mountain Program for 1st year Scouts and our out-

standing merit badge program for rank advancement. We feel that is our strength, but this summer we are offering additional programming to spice things up....to bring a bit of a sharper edge to our programming and provide exciting new elements that will be attractive to older Scouts.

The new programs at camp this summer include Mountain Boarding, Geocaching, as well as adding another element in the Decathlon (Decathlon X); Mountain Bike/Paintball competition. C.O.P.E. will not be offered as a weeklong session, but instead as a limited activity for troops to participate in for troop building skills. This summer there will be three High Adventure Weeks: Aquatics Youth Leadership Week (Session 3) which will have two patrols, one focusing on aquatics skills and BSA and American Red Cross Life Guarding and one patrol that will complete the PADI Open Water SCUBA Certification; The Mountain River Rangers Program (Session 2) which will be held in the National Forest and be a combination of

rigorous backpacking, white water rafting and conservation leading to the 50 Miler Award and the Conservation Award; and the Venture Kodiak Leadership Program (Session 6) which is open to Venture Scouts and Boy Scouts who wish to earn the Kodiak Leadership Award. The Venture program will also go whitewater rafting and will visit the BSA National Scout Jamboree. All of the High Adventure programs are offered as Provisional Troops. The troop camps together under the leadership of trained adult staff.

So, Scoutmasters, when thinking about a summer camp experience for your boys that will build your troop and advance your Scouts in a solid Scout environment provided by an enthusiastic, caring staff Camp Shenandoah is where YOU want to be this summer at "The Classic Scout Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains....with the EDGE".

Jay Fox, Council Camping Committee Chair

CAMP SHENANDOAH					
SUMMER CAMP RESERVATIONS 2010					
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
6/20-6/26/10	6/27-7/3/10	7/4-7/10/10	7/11-7/17/10	7/18-7/24/10	7/25-7/31/10
*T-523	*T-225	*T-191	*T-30	T-29	T-47
*T-436	T-37	*T-226	T-102		
T-121	*T-521		T-11		
T-114	T-38		*T-180		
T-25	T-2		T-119		
T-31	T-299				
*T-142	*T-413				
T-30	T-26				
T-197	*T-113				
T-17					



# TRAINING CORNER

A direct contact Scout leader is considered fully trained and entitled to wear the "Trained" leader emblem when he or she has completed the following training courses and the specific training for the position.

**Fast Start Training:** Fast Start training is the first step for all new leaders and should be taken immediately after they register and before they meet with any youth members. New leaders choose the Fast Start they need to take: Cub Scout Leader, Boy Scout Leader, Varsity Scout Leader, or Venturing Crew Leader. All Fast Start courses are available on DVD, or they can be completed through the Online Learning Center. (If you are new to Scouting, you will be asked to create an account.)

**Youth Protection Training:** Youth Protection training is required for all leaders who have direct contact with youth. At all times, youth safety is the number one priority. At the same time, adults need to know the rules for keeping themselves safe, too. Comprehensive Youth Protection training teaches all the do's and don'ts of working with youth. The training is offered through the Online Learning Center, or it may be taken as part of an district or council training course. Update every two (2) years!

**This is Scouting:** This Is Scouting is a new online training session that replaces New Leader Essentials. It picks up when Fast Start leaves off with six modules of training: The Mission of Scouting, Programs for All ages, Scouting Is Fun, Scouting in the Community, Keeping Our Youth Safe, and Scouting's Legacy. The training takes about an hour to complete and can be found on Online Learning Center. (If you are new to Scouting, you will be asked to create an account.)

**Position Specific Training:** Leader position specific training is based on the leader's position. These courses are taught by informed trainers who know how to engage groups and make learning fun. These courses are offered by the district or council as group training, or may be done as small groups or by personal coaching.

**Cub Scout Leaders:** Cub Scout Leader Specific training has been developed for the following positions: Tiger Cub den leaders, Cubmasters and assistants, Wolf and Bear Den leaders and assistants . Pack Committee, Webelos den leaders and assistants, Pack trainers.

**Boy Scout Leaders:** Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is for all Scoutmasters and their assistants. Boy Scout leaders also must complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training to be considered fully trained.

**Varsity Scout Leaders:** Varsity Scout Coach Leader Specific is for all Varsity Coaches and assistants Coaches. Varsity Coaches and assistant Coaches must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training to be considered fully trained.

**Venturing Crew Leaders:** Venturing crew leaders and assistants must complete Venturing Leader Specific Training, a five-session training course, to be considered fully trained. Venturing crew leaders whose crews have an outdoor program must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Skills training to be considered fully trained.

Are you trained for the position you currently hold? If not, training is available in one of three ways: 1. Organized and delivered District and/or Council level trainings – preferred method; 2. Self-study with review of knowledge gained with approved counselor; 3. Mentored by approved counselor.

Check out the Council website: [www.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.bsa-sjac.org) and follow the link for training. Here you will find more information about training sessions, follow the link to on-line training through the National website and find registration forms for district and council level training opportunities in the upcoming months. Become a "trained" leader for your scouts – provide them the best possible program you can – they deserve it!

## Commissioner's Corner

Dear Scouters,

*It is a pleasure and my honor to be your Council Commissioner for the 100th year of the BSA. Great things are happening in our Council and across America as we celebrate and continue the great accomplishments of the Scouting program. Each of you can be proud that you play a significant role in providing the best leadership and value instilled program for youth in America.*

*Although I am new to this position, I have been involved in Scouting in the SJAC for just over 10 years. I started as a Webelos Den Leader and thereafter held various jobs and assignments at Pack, Troop, District and Council levels. Most recently I served as the Monticello District Chair. I have met many of you through Wood Badge, Order of Arrow, or at the Council Camporee at Montpelier. As a boy, I attained the Eagle rank with Troop 51, Salem, Virginia. My wife and I have two daughters and an Eagle Scout son.*

*In accepting this position, I knew that I had large shoes to fill. Mike Sexton was an outstanding Council Commissioner. He energized the Commissioner Service in our Council and made it the standard setting council for the entire Southern Region. (Our Commissioners are well trained and motivated to help units be successful. Mike Sexton made this happen.) If you see Mike, thank him for a job well done. Due to the hard work of Mike and his Commissioners, we start the next century of Scouting a better Council.*

*All of our Districts have strong District Commissioners and they are ready to meet the challenges of the coming year. Dan Dreelin in Massanutten and Phil Merica in Valley are experienced District Commissioners who consistently provide excellent service and performance. I will be depending on them greatly for their Scouting insight. We have two new District Commissioners: Richard Gardner in Southern and Ray Ezell in Monticello. Both of whom have already impressed me with the new energy and vision they bring to their positions. We are fortunate to have such dedicated Scouters working with me and our units to bring the best in service and advice to our units.*

*Unit leaders, as we face the challenges of a new Scouting year, keep your Unit Commissioner in mind. Consider them a partner in your unit's planning, goal setting, performance and evaluation. Please use their experience and seek their advice. Our only purpose is to provide service to the units. Please allow us to be of service.*

*I will see you all along the trail.*

*Yours in Scouting,  
Steve Hammond,  
Council Commissioner*



Are you trained for the position you have?

### In Memory of Robert Huffman:

- Mr. & Mrs. Gordon C. Parker
- Mr. James G. Parker
- Mr. Charles F. Anderson
- Industrial Fabricators of VA
- William M & Dorothy H McElroy

### In Memory of Fred Ohlinger:

- Mrs. Pat Ohlinger
- Ron and Amy (Ohlinger) Wright
- Martin & Lisa Ohlinger

### In Memory of Rev Frank G. Scott, III

- Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Queitzsch

**Monticello District News:**

Serving Albemarle, Greene, Madison, Orange, Louisa, and Fluvanna counties and the city of Charlottesville

website: <http://avenue.org/mont-bsa>

District Chairman: Rod Manifold <rmanifold@embarqmail.com> (434)960-6395  
 District Commissioner: Ray Ezell <rayezell\_2000@yahoo.com> (540)379-5518  
 District Director: Richard Bogan <richard.bogan@scouting.org> (434)882-0611  
 District Executive: vacant



Goal: \$159000  
 Reported: \$7547

**Campaign Results: 4.7%****February**

- 4 Cub Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:00PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
- 4 Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:30PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting, 6:30PM; Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 24 District Commissioners and Committee Meeting, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 6:45PM and 7:30PM
- 27 Training: Scoutmaster/ Asst. SM Specific training. Colonial Auto Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room

**March**

- 4 Monticello District Leader Recognition Reception
- 4 Cub Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:00PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
- 4 Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:30PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting, 6:30PM; Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 20 Training: BSA Essentials, Cub Scout Leader Training
- 24 District Commissioners and Committee Meeting, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 6:45PM and 7:30PM

Adam Ferguson Troop 125  
 Darrell Lawrence Troop 125  
 Jonathan Gunter Troop 36  
 Josh Oliver Troop 119  
 Max Murphy Troop 1028

**District Recognition Reception**

On Thursday March 4th, the Monticello District will hold a special recognition reception prior to Roundtable at which we will take time to recognize those units scouts who have been selected by their own as Unit Scouter of the Year. Also awarded that evening will be the District Award of Merit for service in 2009. Please join us for the coffee, punch and desert reception to honor these adult leaders. Nomination forms are available on the district web site. A collection will be taken up to pay our expenses and the balance will be donated to the World Friendship Fund that allows Scouting to happen in many impoverished countries around the world.

**Scouting for Food**

As of the time of the article the following information has been recorded and counted. At the Charlottesville Food Bank received 19,550 pounds of food. In addition to food taken to the main branch, pantries in Louisa, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison Counties recorded about 4,000 pounds of food. There were 34 units participating in this year's food drive, 23 Cub Scout packs and 11 Boy Scout troops. Thank you Jay Byrnes the chairman for Scouting for food in Monticello and every one who helped out. The families and the organizations that will benefit from our donations had a better holiday season and new year.

**Welcome to a new unit in Monticello District!**

Team 227 began its charter in December and is chartered to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- Rivanna Ward. Many thanks to Tony Herring for his involvement of the organization of this unit where he will serve as Member of Committee. David Arner will serve as the Team Coach and Tracy Soddors will serve as the Chartered Organization Rep/CC. Welcome to Team 227 and many thanks

to the ward leadership for providing the boys of the church the Full Family of Scouting

**Monticello District Swim Program**

For the third year the SJAC Aquatics Committee is ran its Winter Swim Program in the Monticello District. The goal of the program is to continue to provide aquatic opportunities for our Scouts throughout the year and help ensure they will be prepared for aquatics activities in the summer. This year the program offered Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges, 2nd and 1st rank advancement and the PADI SCUBA Dive Discovery at the Fairview Swim Club. Over 15 Scouts participated in the Swimming merit badge and 20 Scouts in Lifesaving merit badge. Several Scouts also completed merit badge partials. Swim checks were provided for SJAC Scouts attending the National Jamboree coming up this summer. A new feature of the program this year was an expanded Cubs/Webelos Aquatic program which provided the opportunity for earning the Swimming belt loop and Sports Pin as well as the Aquanaut Award for the Webelos. Overall 20 Cubs and Webelos participated in the program. Thanks go to the SJAC Aquatics Committee and all other volunteers who made this program a success.

If this sounds like a lot of fun and excitement for our Scouts you are right and the SJAC Aquatics Committee would like to see similar programs offered in all SJAC districts. If you are interested in making the program happen in your district please contact Jay Fox and he and the Aquatics Committee will help with the organization of the program and the training needed to make this a success in your district. Many thanks to Jay Fox and his able staff for making this program a huge success.

**Happy Birthday to Scouting**

February 8th of 2010 will be the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Please share the importance of this time in the longevity of the BSA with the youth and families of your Scout unit. Please make every attempt to wear your uniform with pride to the religious service of your choice on Sunday February 7th or 14th and encourage your young scouts to do the same. The more that scouting is visible to the public, the better!



**Rod Manifold  
 Chairman**



**Ray Ezell  
 Commissioner**

**New District Leadership**

In January, the Monticello warmly welcomed in new district leadership. Rod Manifold is the CEO of Central Virginia Health from Fluvanna County and will serve as District Chairman and Ray Ezell is a Sr. Archeologist with ECS Mid-Atlantic and will serve as District Commissioner.

**Recruit-Friend & Win an iPod**

And that is just what they did! Monticello held a fall contest in hope of having boys ask their friends to join scouting and 44 boys did just that! Names were drawn for the five iPods and the winners were announced just before Christmas. Congratulations and job well done to the winner's:



## Southern District News:

Serving Alleghany, Bath, and Rockbridge Counties

website: <http://organizations.rockbridge.net/bsa>

District Chairman: Michael Ohleger <movlas2@embarqmail.com> (540)261-1614  
 District Commissioner: Richard Gardner <richard2@embarqmail.com> (540)261-2297  
 District Executive: Scott Lancey <scott@bsa-sjac.org> (540)464-1100



Goal: \$36000  
 Reported: \$4300

**Campaign Results: 11.9%**

### February

- 4 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 5 OA Chapter Meeting, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 11 District Recharter Review Session, 6PM-9PM (see story).
- 13 District Recharter Turn-In Session, 9AM-1PM, VMI
- 14 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 19 Council Recognition Dinner, Fishersville
- 20 LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING (see story below)
- 23 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Lexington Presbyterian

### March

- 3 FOS Major Gifts Kickoff Breakfast
- 4 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 4 OA Chapter meeting, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 13 District Recognition Dinner, Lexington Presbyterian Church (story below)
- 23 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Longdale UMC

### April

- 1 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 1 OA Chapter Meeting, 7PM, Sharon Elementary
- 9-11 OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING, Camp Shenandoah
- 10 BALOO Cub Training, Camp Shenandoah
- 17 District Pinewood Derby
- 27 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Lexington Presbyterian

### 2009-A Year of Quality!

Congratulations to all leaders in Southern District! For the first time since 2000, Southern District has earned the BSA Quality District Award. To be recognized, a district must have membership growth and reach its Friends of Scouting goal. The district also must meet its goals for retention, new units, advancement and Commissioner visits. A minimum 60% of units are required to earn the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit award. The Centennial Quality District Award is shared by everyone who has helped bring a quality program to each youth registered in Southern District.

And, we recognize and salute those units that earned Centennial Quality Unit status in 2009. These units did so and submitted their Achievement Form by January 1, 2010:

Pack: 2, 26, 29, 67, 94, 115, 118, 180 & 218.

Troop: 2, 31, 66, 95, 118, 218, 233 & 299. Team 118.

Crew: 2 & 118.

Remember, your unit's 2010 goals are needed by Recharter Turn-In! Contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Richard Gardner for assistance in completing your 2010 Centennial Quality Unit Commitment. Forms and FAQs also on the SJAC web site.

### RECHARTER

Your unit Recharter process should now be well underway. To give you more time, the date has been moved back one week in 2010 to Saturday, February 13. Our turn-in location is also changed this year: Preston Library Con-

ference Room, VMI, Lexington. This facility provides space for picking up important information, meeting with District Committee Chairs and also has WiFi so we can assist with updating information. The BSA and your District Committee strongly recommend using Internet Recharter as it is free, easy and corrects any errors before you arrive at Recharter Turn-In.

Another new help in 2010 will be Southern District's Recharter Review Session; an opportunity to bring your recharter paperwork for review or assistance. We'll have Internet access and staff to help you finish your online Recharter. Location information announced at February Roundtable.

Important reminder: BSA guidelines REQUIRE checking with a parent BEFORE dropping a youth from the roster. There may be easily corrected reasons why a Scout has not attended recent meetings: please do not assume they quit! Every Scout's phone number is on the charter so please call before dropping a youth. He may truly want to be a Scout and our role as leaders is to keep him in Scouting. Let's "Stop The Drops" and try to retain kids in our packs, troops and crews!

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Leaders needing to update or begin training should do so early in the year. Youth Protection Training (YPT) and This is Scouting (replaces New Leader Essentials) is available online to all leaders. Adults planning to take online training should have their Membership ID number handy: contact Scott Lancey (info top of page) if you need your ID number.

District Leader Specific Training will be offered on February 20th-check SJAC Training Page for info and flyer. Webelos Den Leaders (including Bear leaders moving up in June), Scoutmasters and ASMs needing Outdoor Skills Training should register for the course to be held at Camp Shenandoah on April 9-10. Cub Packs need at least one trained "BALOO" leader and this training is available on April 10th at camp.

Simply put, leaders find their position much easier and more rewarding after completing training. Our youth also deserve leaders trained in their position. Take advantage of all the training available...much of it free and online!

### Leader Recognition Knots and Dinner

Please join your fellow district Scouters at our Annual Southern District Recognition Dinner. Your unit has the nomination form for Unit Scouter/Volunteer of the Year. Remember, every unit may recognize their own special volunteer at the dinner. Forms are also available at the Roundtable or email Cindy Zollman at cedar-springz@comcast.net. The 2009 Eagle class features 20 young men from Southern District and each will also be recognized and congratulated.

Many leaders have earned achievement and recognition knots for their uniform. Get the credit you deserve by proudly wearing your achievement knots. Learn more by visiting this site: [knots.boy-scouts.net](http://knots.boy-scouts.net). You can download the appropriate form to complete and send to the Service Center.

Please plan to attend this wonderful evening of celebration, friendship and fellowship on Saturday, March 13 at Lexington Presbyterian Church in downtown Lexington.

### Popcorn-Peanuts: Southern Does It Again!

Make it FIVE straight years Southern District Scouts and families have increased popcorn-peanut sales! The 2009 sale nearly topped \$61,400 with over 20 THOUSAND dollars going right back to Southern District units participating in the campaign. Southern District's top seller was Tyler Lewis, a Bear Cub in Pack 115. Tyler sold over three thousand dollars! Congratulations to Pack 29 for being the 2009 top selling unit for the second consecutive year! Troop 2 and Pack 115 round out our top three units. A big thank you goes to our unit popcorn & peanut chairs and to Angel McCreery (P-94) for serving as our District Popcorn & Peanut Chair again in 2009. The Stonewall Jackson Area Council recognizes top sellers and units at the Popcorn-Peanut Recognition Dinner on January 28th at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville. Future planning meeting will review ways to improve the sale, so share your comments with your unit chair or Angel. Again, congratulations on being the only district to increase sales and money back to units five years in a row!

### Venturing Keeps Growing

Southern District is enjoying a surge in Venturing. VMI has recently started Crew 210 as a way for Cadets to stay involved in Scouting. Southern Virginia University's Crew 252 has had a couple of successful First Nighter recruitment events and is already hitting the trail with activities! Our district now has five Crews and we encourage 18 year old former Scouts to consider joining a local Venture Crew. Crews 2, 29, 210 and 252 are co-ed so there's great opportunities for young women to get in on the many upcoming Venture activities. If you'd like contact or registration information for Venturing, contact Scott Lancey, District Executive.

### Family Friends of Scouting

Our annual Friends of Scouting campaign is underway and already off to a great start! Our total district goal is \$36,000 with our Family division portion of our 2009 campaign set at \$12,000. As you know, Family gifts come from packs, troops, crews and teams at Blue & Gold dinners, Courts of Honor or other pack and troop meetings. This year's campaign strives for more active involvement from units to encourage every family to make a tax-deductible gift at a level of their choosing. 2010 is the final year of our Centennial Series council shoulder patches. We celebrate 100 years of Scouting with a commemorative red, white and blue patch immediately presented to those making a gift of at least \$125.

In 2010, the cost to deliver a safe, quality program is \$240 per registered youth. Our packs and troops have a long history of financially supporting Scouting in Southern District and we look forward to your support again this year. We are pleased to welcome back Sue Brandt as our District Family Friends of Scouting Chair.



### Valley District News:

Serving Augusta, Highland, and northern Nelson Counties

website: [www.valley.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.valley.bsa-sjac.org)

District Chairman: Quay Parrott <[orthoparrott@comcast.net](mailto:orthoparrott@comcast.net)> (540)910-1455  
 District Commissioner: Phil Merica <[twoforone@ntelos.net](mailto:twoforone@ntelos.net)> (540)290-3933  
 District Executive: Andrew Kester <[Andrew.kester@scouting.org](mailto:Andrew.kester@scouting.org)> (540)448-3677



Goal: \$52000

Reported: \$4965

**Campaign Results: 9.5%**

## February

- 2 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 2 OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 pm Fishersville United Methodist Church
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 100Th Anniversary of the BSA!!!
- 14 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 16 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm Council Service Center
- 18 Council Serviced Center Closed
- 19 Council Recognition Program at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 6:30
- 20 Valley District Pinewood Derby Colonial Mall, Staunton
- 24 District Commissioner Meeting – 7:00 pm Council Service Center

## March

- 2 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 2 OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 pm Fishersville United Methodist Church
- 2 District Unit and Volunteer Recognition Program at the Roundtable Meeting
- 13 New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training
- 16 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm Council Service Center
- 24 District Commissioner Meeting – 7:00 pm Council Service Center
- 26-28 Scouting Adventures 2010

## April

- 2 Service Center Closed
- 6 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 pm Fishersville United Methodist Church

## Celebrate Good Times...

As you know 2010 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts in America. Scout Sunday is coming up in February (see calendar) and I encourage you to contact your Chartered Organization if it is a church or if not to contact the church you attend and make plans to for your unit to be a part of the service that Sunday. If you look up "Scout Sunday Services" online, you will find several examples of scripts that can be used. This would be a wonderful way to bring the community into the celebration of our 100th birthday!

## Start your engines....

This is a reminder that one of the most memorable highlights of any Cub Scout's scouting experience is the annual Pinewood Derby race where he and his family get to make his very own car out of a block of wood, wheels, axels and dreams. Make plans to hold your unit's pinewood derby race and then be sure and invite all the scouts in your pack to participate in the Valley District Pinewood

Derby Race which will be held at the Colonial Mall in Staunton, Virginia on February 20, 2010. There is no pre-registration – just register the morning of the event at 10:00 am and the race will begin at 11:00 am. This exciting event is open to all scouts regardless of where they placed in their pack race.

## Training Opportunities....

New Leader Essentials and Cub Leader Specific training will be held on March 13, 2010. Registration flyers will be available at Roundtable meetings and on the District website. For more information, please contact Jan Sprouse (540) 294-1162 or by e-mail: [scout-family@myfam.com](mailto:scout-family@myfam.com).

## Scouting Adventures Awaits You

It is time once again for our Webelos Camporee – Scouting Adventures. The date is March 26-28, 2010 and is again being held at Camp Shenandoah. This great event is open to all Webelos and their parents to check out the fun and adventure that awaits them when they crossover into a local Boy Scout troop. Information packets will be handed out at February Roundtable and available on the District website. For information, please contact Andrew Kester at 540 448-3677.

## District Celebration of Units and Volunteers Achievement

On Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at Fishersville United Methodist Church, Fishersville, Virginia, Valley District will hold its annual recognition program for Valley scout leaders and their families. This is a special time in the District where we will recognize leaders and units for their accomplishments over the past scouting year and recognize two very deserving volunteer scouters with the District Award of Merit. Please make plans now to attend.

## Scout Expo...

On May 8, 2010 at Augusta Expo our Council will hold a Scout Expo. If you're not familiar with a Scout Expo, it's a time when everything about Scouting will be on display for the public. Units will have the opportunity to set up their own booth to promote their unit and/or to demonstrate their Scout skills. Please put this on your calendar and start making plans for your booth space. This is going to be a very exciting time and coincides perfectly with our 100th anniversary year.

## Family FOS

Leaders please contact our Valley District

Family Friends of Scouting Chairman, Dennis Bassett, to set up a date for your unit's Friends of Scouting presentation. You can reach him at: 540-337-3857 or [dennis.bassett@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.bassett@gmail.com). The presentation will need to be done before May 1.

## Let's Get Outside....

Check your unit's calendar and be sure to participate in all the summer activities that are available on the District and Council level for all program areas of scouting.

- Summer camp opportunities for Scout Troops and Crews with six weeks of fun and merit badges at Camp Shenandoah. Be sure and fill out your "Hold A Space" form now to reserve your spot – the camp season is filling up fast!
- Valley District Twilight Camp will again be held at Wayne Hill Baptist Church located at 877 Ladd Road, Waynesboro, Virginia. The excitement is scheduled for July 12-16, 2010.
- Council Cub Family weekends at Camp Shenandoah, Swoope, Virginia – 1st weekend July 10-11 and 2nd weekend July 24-25.
- Council organized Webelos Resident Camp – 1st session August 1-4 and 2nd session August 4-7, 2008. Be sure and fill out your "Hold A Space" form to reserve the session you would like to attend.

## District Thank You....

Thank you to Renee Gill for her leadership in our annual Popcorn & Peanut Sales in Valley District. Also thank you to Renee, Dave Kramer, Laura and Michael Reagen, their sons, and Richard Gill for their assistance in distributing the popcorn and peanut products to all the units.

Thank you to Jen Rousseau for her assistance and guidance with the annual Scouting for Food drive and to all the units that participated in this very important activity. Your efforts resulted in collecting over 20,000 pounds of food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank as well as several local church food pantries.

Thank you to Kim and Eddie Lambert, Pat Sipe, Harold Tate, Carolyn Bragg, Jason Whitener, Curtis Sheffer, Kevin Townsend, Kim Fauber, and Phil Merica for their assistance in the organization of our newest scouting units.

Thank you to Cathy Boykin, Barth Estes and the entire Roundtable staff for offering quality fun Roundtables throughout 2009 and into 2010. Without these training opportunities our units would not offer the quality program that they do.



### Massanutten District News:

Serving Harrisonburg, VA & Rockingham County, VA and Pendleton County, WV  
 website: <http://www.massanutten.bsa-sjac.org>

District Chairman: Tom Bierle <tbeierle@bbandt.com> (540)246-2493  
 District Commissioner: Dan Dreelein <ddreelein@dreeleinenterprise.net> (703)587-8294  
 District Executive: Scott Wootten <swootten3@gmail.com> (540) 560-1657



Goal: \$54000  
 Reported: \$5675

**Campaign Results: 10.5%**

### February

- 2 District Commissioners/Committee Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 BSA's 100th Birthday!
- 9 District Roundtable
- 14 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 17 Eagle Board of Reviews. Contact Kemper Dadisman for an appointment (540)434-1629
- 20 District Pinewood Derby
- 22 Council Venturing Roundtable
- 25 Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specific - Part A
- 27 Venturing Rock Jam

### March

- 2 District Commissioners/Committee Meeting
- 3 FOS Majors Kickoff Breakfast
- 9 District Roundtable at Asbury United Methodist Church
- 13 Youth Protection & Cub Leader Specific Training
- 4,11,13 Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specific
- 17 Eagle Board of Reviews. Contact Kemper Dadisman for an appointment (540)434-1629
- 27 District Recognition Dinner

### Klondike Derby

This year, Troop 124 of Tenth Legion VA hosted Massanutten Scouts for a frigid weekend of frosty fun! Located in the far northern reaches of Stonewall Jackson Area Council, few members of the Council ever venture this far north into the arctic region of Rockingham County. This Klondike Derby tested Scout Skills & Spirit during a day of Scout Craft Activities, sled races, cold weather camping and campfire skits. Patrols traveled from town to town with their sleds and snowshoes. By the end of the weekend, Scouts walked away feeling like they could do anything, since they went camping for fun in January! A big thank you goes out to everyone from Troop 124 for hosting the epic adventure!

### District Pinewood Derby

On February 20, 2010 all cub scouts are invited to participate in the District Pinewood Derby to see which car makes it to the winner's circle. If you haven't been to the District Pinewood Derby, you need to check it out! Registration is \$5 and begins at 10:00 AM.

### Training

One of our primary responsibilities as Scout Leaders and Adult Scouters is to ensure that we all have the training necessary to support the scouts in our charge. This includes not only the basic training, but also the specific training experiences necessary to ensure safe and exciting learning experiences for youth. This spring, there are several training opportunities available to Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders and Scouters:

- Youth Protection (required every two years) – 3/13/10
- Cub Leader Specific Training – 3/13/10
- Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specific - Part A - 2/25/10; Part B - 3/4/10; Part C - 3/11/10 or Parts A-C - 3/13/10
- BALOO Training (required for at least one leader in pack to participate in outdoor activities) – 4/10/10
- OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader) Training (Required to do overnight camping) – 4/9-10/10
- Outdoor Skills Training (Required for all Boy Scout Leaders) (Also Satisfies OWL Training) – 4/9-10/10

Preregistration for each of these training sessions is required at least one week in advance, to ensure that sufficient materials are available. Please contact Eric J. Pyle at [ebpyle@verizon.net](mailto:ebpyle@verizon.net) for more details on each of these sessions. In addition, there is an online Training Needs Assessment that covers the range of BSA Training opportunities. Please take a few minutes to complete this online instrument at [http://csmres.jmu.edu/geollab/pyle/Massanutten\\_Training\\_Needs/MassanuttenTrainingNeeds.htm](http://csmres.jmu.edu/geollab/pyle/Massanutten_Training_Needs/MassanuttenTrainingNeeds.htm)

### Congratulations to Massanutten District!

2009 was a very successful year for the Massanutten District! We had record breaking 40 Scouts earn their Eagle Scout Rank! With FOS & Membership goals met early, we were a shoe-in for Centennial Quality District. Congratulations to the following units for achieving 2009 Centennial Quality Unit! Packs: 1, 4, 38, 40, 42, 48, 49, 83, 120, 162, 181, 400, 432, 515. Troops: 28, 38, 40, 42, 46, 48, 49, 72, 83,

120, 124, 145, 162, 458, 515. Crews: 40, 458, 515, 4162. GOOD JOB EVERYONE, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

### Spring Camporee

Massanutten District Spring Camporee will be held at Camp Shenandoah on April 15-17. More details soon!!!

### Friends of Scouting

2010 promises to be a fruitful year for fundraising! We've already raised over 10% of our total district goal of \$54,000. We're well on our way to a second consecutive successful campaign. Please help the district reach our goal by encouraging all Scout families to attend your unit's Family-FOS presentation. For each Scout in our council, \$255 needs to be raised in some fashion. Special commemorative council strip patches will be awarded to families that pledge \$250 or more. Thanks for being part of the 2010 campaign!

### District Recognition Dinner

Join us for recognition, celebration & delicious food on February 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Please RSVP to [scott.wootten@scouting.org](mailto:scott.wootten@scouting.org).

### 2010 Venturing Rock Jam

We'll be climbing through the night at Peak Experiences (The East's Biggest indoor climbing facility) from 9:00 PM on February 27, 2010 for a lock-in of EXTREME proportions. The Rock Jam will feature bouldering, sprint & technical climbing competitions celebrated with prizes and a pizza party. We are asking that crews send registration forms, list of participants & payments of \$40 per person to the SJAC Service Center by February 1, 2010. Unit leaders should bring participants medical forms in case of an emergency. For information about the Rock Jam or registration forms, please contact Scott Wootten, (540)560-1657 or [Scott.Wootten@scouting.org](mailto:Scott.Wootten@scouting.org)

## LET'S BE FRIENDS

The Stonewall Jackson Area Council is entering the world of social networking in a big way! We've recently launched pages on Facebook and Twitter. Keep up to date with our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans by following us on Twitter. We've also launched a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page on Facebook. And, while you're on Facebook you can also become friends with us on SJAC's new page. We're using these new social networking tools to keep you informed on the latest news from your council. And, it's just fun to friend other Scouts and Scouters! We'll be adding pictures and videos to our Facebook page and you can share and tag your own pictures. Stay connected by visiting the SJAC web site: [www.bsa-sjac.org](http://www.bsa-sjac.org) and click "Follow..." for direct links to Facebook and Twitter.



## MARIO BROS GO TO CONCLAVE AND A SURVEY

Shenandoah Lodge held its annual Winter Banquet at the American Legion Hall in Buena Vista, VA on January 2. Approximately 88 Arrowmen and their families attended. Highlights of the evening included an inspirational State of the Lodge address by Lodge Chief Kevin Zeithaml, a fun slideshow recapping the Lodge events, and the presentation of the OA highest honor, the Founder's Award, to Brad Nissen and Paul Willey. Congratulations to these deserving Arrowmen for this honor!

The Winter Banquet was also a time to think about the upcoming events for 2010. Youth chairman Jordan Fox and his Adviser Dan Nissen promoted everyone's attendance at Conclave. This year, the registration process has been placed online, making it easier for everyone to register. Lodge members will simply go to the Lodge website ([www.shenandoahlodge.org](http://www.shenandoahlodge.org)), click on the Conclave registration link, complete the online registration process, and then mail their fee and health form

to the council office. The Lodge has set the ambitious goal of taking a 100 member contingent to Conclave to participate in the Mario Bros Spirit theme. Don't miss out.

The Lodge is also in the process of revising its next five year strategic plan. The Lodge has selected Brad Nissen and Adviser Mike White to lead this effort. A critical element of this Strategic Plan revision is to gather the thoughts of the current Lodge membership. To that end, a "Shenandoah Lodge Quality Assessment" has been created. This is an online survey to gauge

the Lodge membership's opinions of the Lodge's strengths and weaknesses. A link to this survey has been placed on the Lodge website. The Lodge would really like the input of both new and old members and those that are both heavily and marginally involved in the OA. Don't miss out on your opportunity to shape the direction of Shenandoah Lodge for the next five years. Visit the Lodge website at [www.shenandoahlodge.org](http://www.shenandoahlodge.org) today.



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