

NORTHWEST NEWS



NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL'S
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Council Annual Recognition Dinner Set

Silver Beavers, Distinguished Unit Awards, and much more will be presented at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner on Friday, May 18. A reception starts at 6:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 PM at The Cotillion in Palatine. The evening should be a special event for all in attendance.

The evening will focus on the achievements of individuals within the Council and the Council as a whole. This evening is a special night for all friends of Scouting in the Northwest Suburban Council.

The dinner will also feature a presentation by Dr. Robert Payne who is a na-

tive of Georgia. He attended Duke University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees and Georgetown University for his Ph.D. Dr. Payne is currently serving as special advisor and consultant to the President's Council on Domestic Security in Washington, DC. Dr. Payne will share with us some of his latest findings pertaining to the President's domestic security programs that should prove of interest to all of us as we explore creative ways in dealing with the changes that are about to take place.

Make your reservation now to attend this special evening.

John Frieburg Honored

Northwest Suburban Council Past President John Frieburg, III was honored recently by the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce. John recently received the 2006 Business Man of the Year Award from the Chamber for his service as President of Harris Bank branches in the Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows area. John served as the NWSC President in 2004 – 2006. Harris Bank has recently promoted John to manage the Harris Bank operations in the Indianapolis marketplace.

We congratulate John on his award by the Chamber of Commerce and wish him well in his new position with Harris Bank. We know that John will continue to support the Chicago Bears from his new office in Indiana.

“Building a Legacy” Reaches \$1.75 Million

The Council Capital Development Campaign, “Building a Legacy”, has achieved commitments of cash, goods and services totaling over \$1.75 million. These donations come from a number of individuals, businesses, Scouting units, civic groups and more.

Capital Development Vice President Jim Tierney commenting on the \$1.75 million milestone stated that “This represents a great start on improving the camping facilities for the Scouts in our Council. The contributions received thus far by the campaign will begin to be seen soon at Camp Lakota. We will continue to work on completing the Building a Legacy Campaign to fulfill

our dreams for both Camp Napowan and Camp Lakota.”

The Building a Legacy Campaign is a \$4.3 million capital development program that is dedicated to modernizing the camping facilities at our two premiere camping facilities. This campaign is the first campaign in over twenty years dedicated to improving and expanding the Scouting facilities in the Northwest Suburban Council.

Please help Scouting by making a pledge to the campaign. Call Peggy Thompson at 847-824-6887 for more information on the campaign.

3 Months of Council-related events

March

- Hometown Scouting.....(8:00 AM)..... Mar. 1
- Pro Staff Mtg..... Mar. 2
- CPR/1st Aid Trng Mar. 3
- Pro Staff Cluster Training.....Mar. 9
- Roman Catholic Counselor Trng..... Mar. 10
- LFL/Exp Night w Chicago Wolves.....Mar. 10
- Council Key 3 Mar. 12
- Hometown Scouting...(4:00 PM)..... Feb 15
- Lord Baden-Powell University Mar. 16 – 18
- FOS Report Mtg.....Mar. 20
- Council Fund Management Mtg Mar. 21
- Council Executive Committee Mtg. Mar. 21
- Great STARTS Trng. Mar. 24
- Council Exec Board Mtg. (7:30 AM) . Mar. 28

April

- Daylight Savings Time Begins April 1
- Hometown Scouting...(8:00 AM)..... April 5
- Pro Staff Mtg April 6
- Good Friday (Office Closed).....April 6
- Council Key 3 April 9
- Napowan Leader Orientation April 14
- Wilderness 1st Aid April 14 –15
- FOS Report Mtg. April 17
- Council Exec Comm/Charter Review . April 18
- I.O.L.S. Patrol Mtg. April 18
- Hometown Scouting...(4:00 PM)..... April 19
- Wood Badge Staff Develop #1 April 23
- I.O.L.S. - Camp Lakota April 28 - 29

May

- Hometown Scouting...(8:00 AM)..... May 3
- Pro Staff Mtg May 4
- Council Key 3 May 7
- CPR/1st Aid Trng May 12
- Mother's Day May 13
- Council Executive Committee..... May 16
- Hometown Scouting...(4:00 PM)..... May 17
- Council Banquet..... May 18
- OA Spring Fellowship May 18 - 20
- Baloo May 19
- Armed Forces Day May 19
- Chicago Rush Game May 19
- Council Executive Board May 23
- Memorial Day (Office Closed) May 28
- BSA Annual Meeting in Atlanta May 30 – Jun 1

Scout Executive Minute

Dear Scouters:

The new Disney movie series “Pirates of the Caribbean” is one of my favorites. In the series, the colorful Captain Jack Sparrow is one of my favorite characters. When asked what his plan is for boarding an enemy ship he gives a quick two sentence response to which he adds, “It’s simple and it’s easy to remember.”

Recently, the Central Region has begun a new focus for local council operations in 2007 called “Our Main Things.” It consists of only four items. Much like Captain Jack Sparrow’s response, “It’s simple and it’s easy to remember.” So what are “Our Main Things” for 2007?

- ◆ RECRUIT new customers
- ◆ RETAIN existing customers
- ◆ SERVE them beyond expectations
- ◆ GROW financial resources

“Our Main Things” can be expanded to include Spring and Fall

recruitment, New Unit Blitz events, school access and recruitment rallies, on-time and in-strength unit charter renewals, unit membership inventories, concentrating on the new Centennial Quality Unit Award, conducting an on-time and successful FOS Campaign for 2007, increased participation in camping and activities, Good Turn for America promotion, continuing our Capital and Endowment efforts, continuing to deliver an overall high quality program with the highest youth retention rate in the Central Region, and ongoing excellent customer service.

Simply stated and easy to remember: RECRUIT, RETAIN, SERVE, and GROW. Let’s have a great 2007!

Best regards,
 Stephen J. Taylor, CFRE
 Scout Executive, NWSC
 staylor@bsamail.org

FOS Leadership Breakfast

The FOS Leadership Breakfast took place on February 2 and turned out to be an exceptional event. Overall, approximately \$30,000 was pledged to advance the Scouting movement. The keynote speaker, Commander Michael Tooker, Naval ROTC Command, Chicago, gave a fantastic

speech that incorporated some inspiring Scouting elements that really appealed to the hearts of the audience. This event was particularly successful because of the youth attendees: Learning for Life students, Explorers and Scouters who volunteered their time to serve as hosts and greeters. There was one Scout who especially stood out: Don Hough, the recently elected Regional Order of the Arrow Chief, who passionately articulated to the group how Scouting has impacted his life and how it continues to encompass his dreams and goals for the future.



The Iditarod Klondike Derby

The Blackhawk, North Woods, Pathfinder and Signal Hill Districts from Northwest Suburban Council held their Inaugural Combined Klondike Derby at Camp Lakota, in Woodstock, over the weekend of January 19-21, 2007. This event pooled resources to include scouts and leaders from the entire Council.

With only 4 months of planning, Chairperson Alan Amati did a great job of pulling together an eager staff to conduct 8 different skills challenges during the day on Saturday. The "Iditarod" was selected as this year's theme.

The Combined Klondike staff and twelve hearty Troops with over 100 campers came up Friday evening to stay overnight in near zero degree temperatures, including many "OKPIK" trained leaders and scouts, to prepare for a day on the "Iditarod" trial.

Over 300 Scouts and 150 Adults were welcomed with sunny blue skies and a ground cover 3 inches of fresh snow delivered just in time for this outing. Pushing a variety of hand crafted wooden Klondike sleds, each Scout and Leader was inspected to assure that everyone was properly dressed for the winter conditions. Bill Kaisling, former OKPIK Course Director, said "the purpose of the inspections were to assure that everyone was wearing the appropriate winter gear for a safe and fun event".

47 different patrols participated in the activities on Saturday following a rotation to five different skill challenges in the morning, including fire building, search and rescue, "Big Foot" (snowshoeing), shelter building plus, a pioneering and knots event.

Participants broke for lunch as Rob Payne and Venture Crew 72 prepared massive quantities of hearty chili mac and bread for over 450 scouts and scouters. At lunch all participating patrols were given a serum (in the form of an raw egg), to safely carry on the "Iditarod" trail and deliver intact to the Klondike Headquarters to earn bonus points. The afternoon events stayed right on schedule with patrols competing in a rope rescue event, "Snow Blind" (a stretcher race), and "Snow Snakes", a Native American winter sport, which required patrols to make their own "snakes" before coming out for the weekend. In addition, all patrols raced around camp in the Klondike winter sled run to determine the fastest sled and patrol.

Scouts were scored on skills, knowledge and their ability to work together as a team. Volunteer Judges were also looking for Scouts Spirit among the participants. Patrol calls, yells and songs were heard on the trials around camp throughout the day as many patrols also sported colorful winter themed patrol flags.

With the scores totaled and participants gathered around Gilwell Field, patrols were recognized for individual events and overall placement. The overall Klondike Champion was the "Penguins on Parade" patrol from Troop 16 (Blackhawk District).

Later, following dinner, 13 Troops of cold weather campers participated in a "Scouts Own" worship service, conducted by John Fraser, another former OKPIK Course Director with the help of Venture Crew 72. The fun continued as Council VP, Frank Moriarty assisted by Michael Stanbury, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 290, staged a campfire program with songs, skits and jokes galore. Each overnight camper received a special rocker segment for enduring the overnight camping experience.

The first aid team of volunteers reported a boring day with only a few minor issues with cold toes and a few slivers. Warming centers were established and available for any frozen participants but they sat empty all day as scouts enjoyed the perfect Klondike weather.

With over 450 participants and the support of so many volunteers, Chairman Alan Amati is hoping that a new winter tradition has begun in the Council. We're hoping to identify the 2008 Four-District Event Chairperson and District Coordinators soon so that planning can begin.

Remember, if you missed this year's event because your Troop was not prepared to camp safely in the winter, then we suggest you sign up for the next OKPIK - Cold weather training course. OKPIK training begins in October. Make your Troop a four-season camping unit by bringing the cold weather camping skills back to your unit and we hope to see you at next year's Klondike.

Make Wood Badge plans now

Now is the time to sign up for the '07 Wood Badge Course, the advanced leadership training for Scouters. This is a fun/learning experience that teaches leadership and organizational skills, participatory activities and team building skills for use not only in scout units but also in everyday life.

Who should attend? Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Venture Advisors, all Scout, Cub and Venture Assistants, Unit Chairmen and Committee Members, District and Council leaders and all Scouters providing program.

To be eligible, you must: be a registered Scouter, have completed basic training in your Scouting position, and have a Class 3 physical valid through Sept. '07. Two 3-day weekends at Camp Lakota and an intermittent patrol meeting are involved: Friday, Aug. 24 through Sunday, Aug. 26; and Friday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 16.

The course fee, if paid by May 1, is \$195.00 and includes all course materials and all meals. After May 1, the fee is \$225.00.

Registration is limited to the first 42 participants. So, reserve your roster spot by making a \$60, non-refundable deposit with an application at the Service Center. For more details, contact Randy Toland (847-824-6859) or go on-line to the Council website, www.nwsc.org, follow the Wood Badge link, and download the registration form. Start now to get your Wood Badge beads.

Looking for a great way to spend your Summer Holidays? Why not take the FAMILY CAMPing In 2007

Memorial Weekend -
May 25 - 28 at Camp Napowan

Labor Day Weekend -
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 at Camp Lakota

See enclosed flyer

Scouter of the Month -- Kate Westlake

Kate Westlake has been an active member of Troop 235 chartered by St. Emily's Catholic Church in Mount Prospect for numerous years serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster and a Committee Member.

Kate has been involved in Scouting with all three of her children in both the Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs for more than 20 years. She has conducted workshops to help Scouts earn more than 200 religious medals. She herself has received the highest national Girl Scout award for Catholic Women, The St. Anne medal, for her service to youth.

Kate has received numerous rec-



ognitions for her contributions to youth including being named as the 2005 St. Emily Catholic Woman of the Year and the 2006 Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

Her recent challenge to the Fall Pledge Class speaks volumes. "Don't wait for a special day to be set aside - make a difference each day. It doesn't need to be a big thing."

The North Woods District takes great pleasure in honoring Kate Westlake as Scouter of the Month.

Recent Eagles

William Johnson	Troop 21
Phillip Szachowicz	Troop 84
Spenser West	Troop 10

