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The Newsletter of the Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America



Council-Wide Roundtable is Coming! Tuesday, November 9th - Downingtown Middle School

7:00-7:45 pm - Vendor Exhibits

7:45 - 7:55 pm - Opening Announcements

8:00-8:45 pm - Break out sessions include: Internet Advancement, Internet Re-chartering, Journey to Excellence, Webelos-Scout Transition, 2010 Venturing Program Changes, Youth Protection Training

Pre-Register here to save a seat in your favorite breakout session (pre-registration not necessary, but highly recommended)



District Charter Days

Step 1 - If you haven't already, be sure to pick-up your unit's Recharter Packet at the November Council-Wide Roundtable or at the Council Service Center

Step 2 - Schedule an appointment (if necessary) with your district executive, as well as with your committee chair, your Charter Organization Representative, and the head of your Chartering Organization (this is not your COR) to review your paperwork and get the necessary signatures. This appointment must be before you submit your recharter paperwork.

| <u>DISTRICT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| Diamond Rock District* | Council Service Center | 11/13 | 9am - 2pm |
| Horseshoe Trail District | French Creek ES - and - Troop 51 Scout House | 11/20 | 9am - Noon |
| Lenni Lenape District* | Council Service Center | 12/4 | 9am - 2pm |
| Octoraro District* | New London Christian Life Center | 11/20 12/14 | 1pm - 4pm 7pm - 9pm |

(* Call your District Executive to set up an appointment time) [Click here to read steps 3 & 4 and also to proceed with Internet Rechartering.](#)



All Units Must Use Internet Advancement to File Reports!

Effective December 1, 2010, all advancements in Chester County Council will be reported using Internet Advancement Reporting. This system allows units to report advancements electronically, directly into the BSA system. The process is very similar to the Internet Re-chartering system implemented several years ago.

New Process

Access Internet Advancement through the Council website, enter your advancements, print the report, and bring it to the Council Service Center to purchase the badges. Advancements for a new Scout who is not yet on your BSA roster may be "written-in" and purchased as long as the report is accompanied by a Youth Application. Advancement information from TroopMaster and PackMaster can be exported and put into Internet Advancement Reporting without retyping. The three-part Advancement Report form will no longer

be used or accepted.

[Click here to learn more about the Benefits of Internet Advancements and Available Training opportunities](#)



Youth Protection Training Update

Registered leaders may have received notifications of not-current or soon-to-lapse Youth Protection training from the national office. This reminder was sent to everyone whose YPT is due in 30 or 60 days and serves as a reminder to renew their training before the time has elapsed. This was also sent to any leader whose ScoutNET record shows they have not taken YPT.

Registered leaders who are not current with YPT will not be reregistered in the program.

Venturing direct contact leaders will be allowed to re-register if they have completed either the general Youth Protection training (Y01) or the Venturing version of Youth Protection training (Y02). This is a grace period that is expected to last only this re-chartering year. [Click here for a myscouting tutorial.](#)



Merit Badge Counselor Re-Registration

Personalized reregistration notices were sent by email or mail to all registered merit badge counselors on October 26th. If you are a merit badge counselor and did not receive your notice, please contact Jessica Campbell at the council office, 610-696-2900 ext. 28 or jecampbe@bsaemail.com. Either your contact information is incorrect in our records or you are not registered as a merit badge counselor.

If you did get the notice, please reply promptly whether you want to continue as a merit badge counselor or not so we do not have to keep trying to get in touch with you. Be sure to read the entire notice as some need to renew Youth Protection Training and for some we need additional information. Annual registration renewal is required for all merit badge counselors.



New Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop forming to help meet needs of boys with Autism

Pack and Troop 77, located in Malvern, are a new Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop that will be forming in Chester County in order to provide a Scouting program that bridges the Cub Scout and Boy Scout program for boys with Autism spectrum disorders. They will be chartered with Saint Patrick's Church in Malvern, and are planning to begin the program in January 2011.

The pack and troop are interested in connecting with potential Scouts and families who may be looking for a Cub Scout or Boy Scout program that provides a program focused on meeting the needs of boys with Autism spectrum disorders.

If you or someone you know would be interested in Pack 77 and/or Troop 77, or interested in helping to grow these programs, please contact Dave Makowicz at Troop77@cccbsa.org



Chester County Council, BSA - Now Hiring

Our council seeks a fulltime administrative assistant to serve as Council Registrar. Good experience with Word and Excel are required, and knowledge of Access is a plus.

Candidates must be able to learn BSA proprietary software to manage our membership records. Successful candidates will exhibit good communication and customer service skills, and be able to manage multiple tasks while working in a team environment. Position includes a competitive salary and benefits. Please email questions, resume and interview requests to staffing@cccbsa.org.



Order of the Arrow News

Lodge Meeting - Nov. 7th (2:00 PM) Council Service Center

Lodge Leadership Development - Nov. 13th (8:00-5:00) OA Lodge, Camp Horseshoe

Brotherhood Blitz - Nov. 13th (3:00-7:30) OA Lodge, Camp Horseshoe
Vigil Pre-Selection Meeting - Nov. 13th (TBD), OA Lodge, Camp Horseshoe
Council Clean Up - Dec. 5th (12:00 PM) Council Service Center
Lodge Meeting - Dec. 5th (2:00 PM) Council Service Center

Brotherhood Blitz/Lodge Leadership Development News:

If you are planning on coming to the LLD Course/Brotherhood Blitz or BOTH please fill out this quick 4 question form so we know how much food to buy and and anyone has any dietary restrictions. [Quick Form Here](#)

Lodge Awards:

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their service to the Lodge or Scouting at our upcoming Lodge Banquet on March, 21 2011? [All of the award petitions are located on the OA's website at this link.](#) Please remember that all petitions are due by the January 9th, 2011 Lodge Meeting.



AMERICAN RED CROSS WILDERNESS & REMOTE FIRST AID

DATES: Saturday, January 14, 2011 8am to 8pm and Sunday January 15, 2011 8am to 12noon.

You must attend each session of the class to receive your certificate. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

LOCATION: Chester County Council Training Center – Camp John H Ware

Meals are not provided but indoor sleeping (bunks), bath facilities and kitchen access is available at no additional cost to course participants. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Save the Date!

The Annual Recognition Dinner is set for February 25, 2011

Silver Beaver selections are underway to nominate this year's Silver Beaver award winners. They will be awarded at next year's Annual Recognition Dinner at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Great Valley on February 25, 2011. Others to be recognized at the Annual Recognition Dinner are 2010 James E West, 2010 Quality Units, plus all 2010 council level award winners. Keep watching for online registration to open and to find out who our 2010 Silver Beavers and other honorees will be!

Place: The Desmond Hotel

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011

Time: 6 p.m. Registration & Reception 7 p.m. Dinner & Award Ceremony

Attire: Scout Uniform or Business Dress



Crime Prevention Patch

The National Sheriffs' Association is offering Crime Prevention Patches to all Sheriff's Offices across the nation. These patches are given to area Boy Scout troops and Explorer Scout programs for their involvement in the crime prevention process.

In recognition of the Boy Scout Crime Prevention Merit Badge and the Crime Prevention Award, the National Sheriffs' Association Crime Prevention Patch can be given to young adults for their participation in law enforcement related issues. The Boy Scouts of America provide a way that law enforcement officers can take part in the Crime Prevention Program and allow youth to learn more about Sheriff's Office functions in the community.

The National Sheriffs' Association Patch may be worn by Boy Scouts to indicate that they have worked with the Sheriff's office toward the goal of obtaining the Crime Prevention Merit Badge or the Crime Prevention Award.

Requirements to obtain a National Sheriffs' Association Crime Prevention Patch:

1. Discuss with your counselor

- a. The role of the Sheriff's office or police department in crime prevention.
 - b. The role of citizens, including youth, in crime prevention.
 - c. The nature of criminal gangs and their impact.
 - d. When and how to report criminal activity.
 - e. The role and value of laws in society.
 - f. Visit a jail or detention facility. Discuss your experience with your counselor.
2. Complete the requirements for Boy Scouts of America Crime Prevention Award, and then visit the Sheriff's Office to earn your National Sheriffs' Association Crime Prevention Patch.

For more information or to schedule a visit to the Chester County Sheriff's office, please contact Capt. Joseph A. Carbo, Jr. at 610-344-5461 or email jcarbo@chesco.org



Seabase Adventure

Interested in going to Seabase for a scuba and sailing adventure? Troop 45 has a few seats open for their August 19th - 26th adventure. [Click here to learn more about the trip](#) or for more information, contact Joe Marlino at troop45@cccbsa.org or call 610-715-7836.



Scouts in the News

[Troop 44 Boy Scouts practice respect for worn American flags.](#)

[Pack 199 Webelos find discarded purse after it was stolen and call police.](#)

[Pack 54 Bears make care packages and send to Marines in Afghanistan](#)

Scouting Events

[Shawnee Ski - 21st Annual Scout Weekend - March 12th & 13th](#)

[Scout Night at Wells-Fargo Center - Flyers & 76ers games just announced](#)



The office will be closed Wednesday, November 17th for a staff training day.

We will reopen at 8:30am on Thursday, November 18th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

CCCBSA Holiday Schedule - our offices will be closed on the following days:

Thanksgiving - November 25th

Day After Thanksgiving - November 26th

Christmas Break- December 23rd and December 24th



Chester County Council District Websites

[Horseshoe Trail District](#) - Serving communities in the Downingtown Area, Coatesville Area, Owen J. Roberts, and the Chester County portions of the Twin Valley and Spring-Ford School Districts.

[Diamond Rock District](#) - Serving communities in the Phoenixville Area, Great Valley, and Tredyfferin-Easttown School Districts

[Lenni Lenape District](#) - Serving the communities in the West Chester Area School District and Unionville-Chadds Ford School District.

Octoraro District - Serving communities in the Avon Grove, Kennett Consolidated, Octorara, Oxford school districts and the northwestern corner of Cecil County including the communities of Rising Sun and Conowingo.

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Thank you for taking the time to read Chester County Council's online newsletter, *The Trailblazer*. If you have a newsworthy article that you would like to see published in the Trailblazer, please send all of your information, including contact name and email address to Michele at trailblazer@cccbsa.org. The next edition will be published on Monday, November 22, 2010. Deadline submission is: Wednesday, November 17th at 5pm.



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