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



## Cub Scouts Register at the Camporee on Saturday!

Hey Cub Scouts! Can't wait for your next den meeting? Gotta have more Scouting NOW? Come to the Council Camporee at Hibernia Park this Saturday and participate in Cub activities planned just for you! Using your teamwork, imagination, creative and heroic abilities, you can have a fun filled day. Registration opens at 8am. Participate all day or part of the day. Cub activities are open from 9am until 4pm, with a lunch break from noon until 1pm.

Pack a lunch if you plan to stay for the day. Cost is just \$6 per Scout, parent attends free!

Don't miss out on the fun this year! [Click here to download a 2010 Camporee Informational packet.](#) We'll see you at Hibernia Park! Questions? Email [camporee@cccbsa.org](mailto:camporee@cccbsa.org)

## Charter Renewal

### All Charter Renewals are due by December 15th



Charter renewal packets will be distributed to every unit at your district's October Roundtable meetings.

Charter renewal is the annual process to renew the charter partner agreement, re-register youth and adults and to update registration information that has changed during the past year.

The annual membership fee for January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 is \$18.00. This applies to both youth and adult membership in the Boy Scouts of America. All adult leaders are also required to take Youth Protection training before they can be re-registered and must retake this training every two years.

This training can be completed online at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) For new applicants, please include a copy of their Youth Protection Training completion certificate with each filled out adult application.

The commissioner staff will be helping units complete the steps of the charter renewal process successfully and on time.

The online charter renewal system will become available on November 1, 2010. If you need assistance through the rechartering process, please contact your unit or district commissioner. Also, [click here](#) to take part in the online tutorial at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) under Internet Rechartering.



## University of Scouting - For Scouts and Leaders, New and Old! October 30, 2010 8am – 3pm; Owen J. Roberts Middle School

Where can a brand new Cub Scout leader learn about the Blue & Gold Banquet, Tiger Go See Its, Awards and get Basic Training? It would be at the same place a Boy Scout can take Den Chief Training or learn basic Camp Cooking skills. All of this while the Scouts' adult leaders are learning How to Conduct an Effective Court of Honor or Scoutmaster Conference. And the Boy Scout's sister, who is in Venturing, is taking a course on the new 2010 Program Changes.

All of these courses, and many more, are offered at the University of Scouting -

Saturday, October 30th.

Registration closes October 23rd! [Don't hesitate, jump to the head of the class and register today!](#)

TWO DEN CHIEF SESSIONS AVAILABLE! [Click here for a 2010 University of Scouting Course Catalog](#)



### 2010 Scouting for Food Drive

Now is the time to start planning for one of the Good Turn for America projects that the Chester County Council supports every year, Scouting for Food 2010.

We have tried to make it as easy as possible for you this year and we have new incentives as well. New this year, Chester County Council is offering Scouting for Food Drive Patches for participants as well as other participation incentives for your unit. *Pre-order and pre-payment (\$1.00 per patch)* for the patches online with your commitment form is required, no later than November 5, 2010. [Click here to fill out the unit commitment form](#) and then pick up your bags (*we recommend 8 per Scout*)

at the Council Service Center or your District Roundtable in October. This year bags go out on Saturday, November 13 and then are picked up Saturday, November 20. Our goal as a council is to collect 100,000 canned goods for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, and with the support of all of our units, we can reach that goal!



### Cub Scout Fun Day!

Sunday, October 24 · 1:00pm - 3:30pm

All current Cub Scouts (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and their parents / Tiger Cub adult partners are invited to join us at the Troop 7 Cabin (Malvern, PA.) for a day of fun and activities that are **just for Cub Scouts!**

[Click here to register online.](#)



### Gala 2010 – Tickets are Going Fast to Celebrate Scouting's Centennial

Register today at <http://www.cccbsa.org/> to attend the Gala & Auction at the beautiful RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve on Saturday, November 13 at 6:30pm. This is a once in a lifetime event - - not to be missed!

Join the friends of Chester County Council, BSA for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary closing event: the Gala! The ballroom of the RiverCrest Club House will be the scene for great fun, food and beverage all evening. It is a 'black tie optional' evening with lively music and dancing. There will be a silent and live auction where one can bid on holiday gifts, vacations, golf outings, restaurant packages and much more. Tickets are \$100 per person (a century of value at a Diamond Anniversary price).

Come join the fun! Be there for our biggest Scouting party ever!



### Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC)

Are you a Venturer, Sea Scout, or Boy Scout interested in furthering your leadership and team building skills through activities, presentations, group discussions, and fellowship? If so, VLSC is the training for you!

The VLSC training course is conducted by your Venturer/Scout peers in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Guaranteed fun and laughter! You will participate in activities to instruct you how to be an effective leader and offer a better understanding of different leadership skills.

Course to be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday November 19, 20, and 21, 2010 at [Arrow Point Lodge, Blue Mountain, PA.](#)

Plan to arrive by 7pm on Friday and depart by 12:30pm on Sunday.

Eat dinner before you arrive Friday evening. There be a late night Cracker Barrel.

Included in your \$65.00 registration fee: cracker barrel, all meals, training materials, lodging (bring your own sleeping bag and pillow) and VLSC Shirt. Remember to bring warm clothing and comfortable

shoes. There will be outdoor activities during the weekend. [Please click here to register online.](#)



### OA Trail Crew - not just for the OA!

The Octoraro Lodge 22 HSR Trail Crew project blazed over 1000 feet of new trail at the goat hill barrens in September and hope to blaze more in October!

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the work day begins at 9am (meet in the Horseshoe parking lot), lunch will be provided by the Trail Crew Committee and work until 3pm. All hours served on trail crew work days are credited for the "HSR Trail Crew Award"(see <http://www.octoraro22.org/> for details on eligibility requirements). First time work day attendees will receive a free neon green trail crew tshirt! The Trail

Crew Project and Award is not limited to OA Members! For further information, please contact Dave Sherwood at [westydad@usa.com](mailto:westydad@usa.com).



### Training Update - A Focus on Youth Protection Training

#### *What do you Need to Do?*

To ensure these policies are fully implemented, please take the following steps:

- If you have not taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, please log on to MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card. If you do not know your member ID number, contact your unit leader, committee chair, or email [scouting@cccbsa.org](mailto:scouting@cccbsa.org). for assistance.
- A person does not have to be a registered volunteer or have an ID number to take Youth Protection training. To take the training, log in to MyScouting and create an account. From the MyScouting portal, click on E-Training and take the Youth Protection training. Upon completion, print the certificate and submit it with the signed application and appropriate fees for processing at the council service center.
- If you have taken Youth Protection training online but did not input your member ID number, please log on to the Training section of MyScouting and input your member ID so the training will be linked to your records. We advise you to still send a copy of your certificate via email to [scouting@cccbsa.org](mailto:scouting@cccbsa.org) to update your records.
- If you have taken Youth Protection training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to MyScouting to ensure your records are up-to-date, or contact the council office for verification that your Youth Protection training records are accurate.



### Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast

The Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America invites you to join us at the 8th Annual Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast. This special breakfast is to honor and recognize America's finest, our veterans; those who are here with us today and those who have given their lives for our freedom and security.

Thursday, November 11, 2010 ~ The Inn at Chester Springs (815 North Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA)

#### Morning Schedule

7:15 a.m. breakfast buffet; 7:45 — 9:00 a.m. program

[Click here to read about 2010 Veterans Day Breakfast Sponsorship Opportunities.](#) For more information or to RSVP, contact: Christen Dunn at 610-696-2900 x16 or [chdunn@bsaemail.org](mailto:chdunn@bsaemail.org). RSVP's are requested by Monday, November 1st. You do not have to be a sponsor to attend.



### Baltimore Area Council to Host National Endowment Art Tour

On Thursday, October 21 the Baltimore Area Council, in conjunction with the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, will host the annual Endowment Art Tour. The Art Tour, a traveling exhibition of Scouting memorabilia and artwork by well-known artists such as Joseph Csateri and Norman Rockwell, has played a part in the development success of many councils by showing the impact of the Scouting movement in America during the past 100 years.

The event will take place at Hogan Lovells Legg Mason Tower at Harbor East Baltimore, MD.

If interested in attending, please contact Sandy Caron by October 14th at 610-696-2900 x17 or [sacaron@bsaemail.org](mailto:sacaron@bsaemail.org).



### Interested in going to Seabase?

Troop 52 from Marshalton is looking for an 8th man on the Bahamas Adventure! Sailing out of Marsh Harbour Bahamas, departing June 15th, returning June 21st. <http://www.seabase.com/> If interested, please respond ASAP to Marianne Ruffini 488-571-1011 or email [troop52@cccbsa.org](mailto:troop52@cccbsa.org).



### 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

**Leni 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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### Get Connected

*Chester County Council has a Facebook page*

Sign up for our new Facebook page and keep up with the latest activities and information in the Chester County Council.

[Click here to be redirected to our page](#)

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](mailto:trailblazer@cccbsa.org). The next edition will be published on Monday, October 25, 2010. Deadline submission is:

Wednesday, October 20th at 5pm.



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