



# TRAILBLAZER

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

## Charter Renewal Log-on Begins November 1st!



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. [Click here](#) to take the online Internet Rechartering tutorial.

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.



## Thank You!!!

A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to the 2010 Council Camporee October 15 -17! We had a wonderful time and hope you did too! We would like to thank everyone who filled out a survey either on Saturday or Sunday morning, but if you didn't get a chance to please fill out the following survey to help make future Camporees even better! (This survey is open to everyone, even if you didn't attend.)

[Click here to begin the 2010 Council Camporee Survey](#)

**Re-Live the 2010 Council Camporee! Visit the Camporee's FACEBOOK page!**  
**See photos** or the **AWESOME Laser Show again**



### 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)*

### Internet Advancement

#### Internet Advancement

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 so long as the report is accompanied by a Youth Application. Advancement information from TroopMaster and PackMaster can be exported and then 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](#)



### What affects your choice to participate in Cub Scout camping?

Camping opportunities like day camp (in each of the council's districts) and resident camp (at Camp Ware) offer both outdoor fun and important opportunities for growth for our Cub Scouts. However, in recent years the number of Cub Scouts and families choosing to participate in our council's camping opportunities for younger members and parents has declined, and that makes us wonder what we could be doing to improve our camping programs' appeal. The council has asked Dr. Josh Kirby, a longtime member of the BSA and an educational researcher specializing in youth program design and delivery, to lead a fact-finding study to help us better

understand why families choose to participate or not participate in our Cub Scout camping programs.

To kick-off this project, Josh has two general questions that he'd like to ask to Cub Scout parents and leaders:

1. If your Cub Scout has participated in Cub Scout Day Camp (in your local district) or Cub Scout Resident Camp (at Camp Ware), why did you choose for him to attend?
2. If your Cub Scout has not participated in day camp or resident camp, why did you or he choose against attending?

Responses to either (or both) of those questions may be e-mailed directly to Josh at [josh@kir.by](mailto:josh@kir.by). All responses will remain confidential and will be reported in aggregate without personal identifiers. You will see more about this fact-finding study in November.



### Jewish Committee on Scouting 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Kinnus

The Jewish Committee on Scouting conducted their 38th Annual Kinnus at Camp Briarwood in Furlong PA October 15-17, hosted by the Cradle of Liberty Council JCoS.

This year the weather was perfect and the Boy Scouts and Webelos were kept very busy! The boys took part in full services, competed in a scavenger hunt, and had a Chabad Rabbi instruct them in making Sabbath Havdalah candles. The scouts enjoyed excellent Kosher meals. There was a carnival, impromptu campfire, kickball and gaga

matches, outdoor services and even discussion groups and training for the adult leaders all jam-packed into the weekend. The education and fun seemed never ending.

For more information on the Chester County Council Jewish Committee on Scouting or if you need information on the Jewish Religious Awards; Maccabee Award for Tiger Cubs, Aleph Award for Cub Scouts, Ner Tamid Award for Boy Scouts and Venturers 11-13, and the Etz Chaim Award for Boy Scouts 14 - 18 and Venturers 14-20 please contact Jeff Goodman (610-526-6313 or [jgoodman@sovereignbank.com](mailto:jgoodman@sovereignbank.com)).

### LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER PROGRAM

Camp John H. Ware III

December 4th - 5th - 6th 2010



The principles of Leave No Trace have been recently integrated into many areas of the scouting program . .

. from Cub Scouting to second and first class Boy Scout rank advancements, merit badges and many outdoor programs and activities. In addition, a new Boy Scout leadership position has been developed called "Leave No Trace Trainer". To help facilitate these changes, we will be offering the three day Leave No Trace Trainer course for both youth and adults during selected times of the year.

The classes will be conducted in the field throughout the day on Saturday and during an overnight backpacking trek to the HSR wilderness area. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will be registered as a certified LNT Trainer with the National Leave No Trace office in Boulder, Colorado. LNT Trainers are authorized to teach the official LEAVE NO TRACE AWARENESS program, LNT 101 and also qualify to serve as staff instructors in future Leave No Trace Trainer courses.

[Click here for more details and Sign Up information](#)



### **2011 NESA Scholarship Applications, Now Available**

The applications for the 2011 NESA Eagle Scout scholarships are now available at <http://www.nesa.org/>. The homepage features a blue, clickable banner that leads directly to the forms. These are the only scholarship applications acceptable in 2011.

These applications must be printed and mailed to the national office, postmarked no later than midnight on January 31, 2011.



### **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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### **Get Connected**

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[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, November 8, 2010. Deadline submission is: Wednesday, November 3rd

at 5pm.



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