



Hudson Valley Council

May 2013

Core Value of the Month - Health and Fitness

Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies clean and fit. Health and fitness is not just about keeping our body healthy and fit; it is also about our mental health and fitness and how to avoid the negative influences that surround us every day.

We all must learn to make the right choices in everything we do.

Sharpe Reservation Camping

Thanks again to everyone who helped make out annual campout such a success. The weather was perfect and I think we all had an awesome time! Mr. Maurer is looking for feedback from all of us – what did the boys and adults like, and what can we do better? Please share your thoughts while they are still fresh.

Scout Summer Camp

HVC summer camps begin in just over 40 days, and the last Early Bird discount will end on May 31st. You will receive a 5% discount by registering between now and the end of the day today! Starting June 1st camp will cost the full price.

Slots for campers are open at all camping sites including Cub Resident Camp, Twilight Camps, and in particular all weekend camps. Please visit Hudson Valley Council's web site to register and for more information. For those already registered, the information and welcome packets will be on line in a couple days.

To register please go to the following link and tell a friend.

http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/outdoor-programs/summer-camp-2013/32952

Questions Call Donna or Roger at 845-566-7300 **ext 307 or 327.**

Upcoming Events

Council Program Launch - June 8

PACK 40 FIELD DAY - June 8

Bass Fishing Tournament – June 15

BIKE SAFETY RODEO – June 18

Renegades Game and Campout – June 29-30

CAR WASH - July 6

PACK HIKE - July / August TBD

Marist Football – August 31

More details to come!

THE JUNE PACK FIELD DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT SPOOK HILL PARK WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR DETAILS

PACK LEADERS WILL MEET ON JULY 9 TO PLAN THE COMING YEAR – ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Summer Activities

Have a great idea for a summer pack activity? Want to lead a hike, picnic, or night at the movies? Tell one of the pack leaders, or come to our planning meeting on July 9!

Pack 40 Leadership

Cubmaster Rob Usher

Tiger Den 6 Leader Charlotte Newman
Wolf Den 4 Leader Kate Dusavage
Wolf Den 5 Leader Meghann Hardesty

Page Den 1 Leader Detty College

Bear Den 1 Leader Patty Colucci
Bear Den 2 Leader Tom DiFiore
Bear Den 2 Assistant Leader Jason Olker
Bear Den 2 Assistant Leader Adam Bartlett
Bear Den 3 Leader Ron Stolzfus
Bear Den 3 Assistant Leader John Marchesona

Flaming Arrows Patrol Leader Jason Hilton Flaming Arrow Asst Ptrl Michael Havas

Leader

Cobra Patrol Leader Daniel Mochon
Cobra Asst Ptrl Leader Noel Mochon
Shark Patrol Leader Ken Maurer
Shark Patrol Asst Ptrl Leader Christine Maurer

Pack 40 Committee Members

Chartered Org Rep. Michael Gulbrandsen

Committee Chair

Assistant Committee Chair

Activities Chair

Advancement Coordinator

Pack Trainer

Treasurer

Brian Colucci

John Reitter

Pat McCarthy

Patty DiFiore

Daniel Mochon

Bob Bettini

Popcorn Kernel Andrea O'Neill-Gregory

Pack Secretary NEEDED
Public Relations NEEDED

Bike Safety Rodeo

We have set the date for our Bicycle Safety Rodeo! With the help of the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board we will hold the event on Tuesday, June 18 starting at 5:30pm. This is an event where kids can learn about bike safety, maintenance, and skills.

We will need parents to help set up and run each of the stations. No expertise is required – you will sign the kids in at your station and explain what they are supposed to do. Please let Brian Colucci know if you can help by e-mail at coluccib@optonline.net, or call 845-652-0262.

Recruitment

As we close in on summer, now is a great time to recruit friends to join Scouting! Peer to peer recruiting is a great way to bring new boys into the pack. Please feel free to bring a friend to any upcoming pack event (Field Day, Bike Rodeo, etc.)



Committee Members Needed

As we prepare to enter the summer months we are already looking ahead to how we can make Pack 40 even better for next year. An important part of that process is getting more parents involved! We know that some of our current leaders will be moving on in the coming year, and now is the time for us to start filling these positions.

Why should I join the Committee?

All Pack 40 Committee members are also BSA-registered adults with the Pack. As a registered and actively engaged adult, you can have a tremendous impact on the Pack program and have a lot of fun too! BSA regulations require "two-deep" leadership for all Scouting activities, which is at least one trained adult (preferably but not always a Pack leader) and one other adult. More trained, registered adults and leaders will give us more flexibility. As an active Committee member, you will also have a say in how the Pack is managed.

All adult registrants in the BSA are required to first complete an online course called "Youth Protection Training" which is offered by the BSA (approximately thirty minutes). You must also consent to undergo a background check by the BSA. Upon completion of those requirements, you are registered. Additional online training explaining all of the duties is available and should be taken as soon as possible.

Please talk to one of the current pack leaders if you are interested in helping us make the pack go!

Friends of Scouting

Thank you to all who donated to the Friends of Scouting campaign. Our Pack is still short of our 2013 goal. If you took a card home with you, please consider sending it in as soon as possible. Or see Brian Colucci for a new card. Remember, this money is used to support our Council events and activities!

Enter the 2013 Boys' Life Reading Contest

Looking for something to do this summer? Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2013 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words — 500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories:

8 years old and younger 9 and 10 years old 11 years old and older

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift card from Amazon.com. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift card; third-place winners, a \$50 gift card.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one on this page. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn different patches.

The contest is open to all Boys' Life readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest S306 P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2013 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

http://boyslife.org/home/1053/enter-the-boys-life-reading-contest/



The 12 Cub Scouting Core Values:

1. Citizenship 2. Compassion

3. Cooperation 4. Courage

5. Faith 6. Health and Fitness

7. Honesty 8. Perseverance

9. Positive attitude 10. Resourcefulness

11. Respect 12. Responsibility

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins): <u>usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/asindex.asp</u>

Training

During the summer months is a great time for all leaders and parents who are interested in getting more involved to take some online training. All leaders must have Youth Protection Training every two years. Also, leaders should take the position specific training for the position you will hold in the fall. Most courses take less than an hour.

Log on to myscouting.com for e-learning. Because every Scout deserves a Trained Leader!

Fishing Tournament

The Lake Oniad Lot Owners Association is sponsoring a fishing tournament on June 15. Registration begins at 8:30am under the pavilion on Lake Oniad Drive, Wappingers Falls. Fishing will be from 9:00am until 12:15pm. This is a catch and release event and no live bait is allowed (only lures and worms can be used.) Cost is \$6 per pole registered, and prizes will be awarded under the pavilion after the tournament. All fish caught will count, but must be measured by a judge.

Please park on lake side of road along lake and remember your **Leave No Trace** principals! Trash your Trash!

This is a great way for the boys to work towards their fishing belt loops and pins. It is a rain or shine event so please come prepared for the weather and bring a snack and drinks.

Thanks to Michael Havas for bringing this event to our attention.