

# ROUNDTABLE

**1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30 pm**  
**SENECA DISTRICT**

GREATER PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

**7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Margaret "Peg" Deily**  
District Commissioner

**Andrew Karnavas**  
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

**Roger Dickhans**  
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

**Next Month Roundtable: Thursday February 5, 2009**

**St. John's Lutheran Highland Church**  
**311 Cumberland Road**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5409**

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on the Council WebPage at <http://www.gpc-bsa.org/default.asp> To receive district  
e mails be sure to sign up for "my gpc" when you visit the above site. Make sure you elect to  
receive Seneca Mail and updates.

**January 2009**

- 7 Commissioner Staff Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Roundtable
- 14 District Committee
- 16-18 Winter Camporee
- 22 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- 10 Risk Zone & Youth Protection Training – Call Kraig McKee 412-369-9584

**February 2009**

- 4 Commissioner Staff Meeting 7:30 PM
- 5 Roundtable
- 7 Pinewood Derby & Mall Show**
- 9 Risk Zone/Youth Protection
- 11 District Committee

Please note:

**Roundtables** are held at St. Johns Lutheran Highland Church, 311 Cumberland Rd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237, 7:30 p.m. **District Committee and Commissioner Staff Meetings**  
are at Memorial Park United Presbyterian Church, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park, PA  
15101 7:30 p.m.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW 2008 – 2009 CALENDAR**

### **Enda Lechauhanne Lodge #57**

The youth elected John Hoffman to be the Seneca chapter chief. John's email is jhoff999@yahoo.com. If anyone has a question, I assure you that John has an answer. Let us congratulate John, and support him as he brings the OA chapter back to greatness.

We have some dates coming up for the lodge:

Jan. 18-Lodge Meeting/Lodge Elections

Jan. 30-Feb. 1-Winterfest

Feb. 15-Lodge Meeting

Mar. 15-Family Banquet

Mar. 15-Lodge Meeting

MAY 29-31 SECTION NE-4B Conclave @ HERITAGE RESERVATION

JULY 1-6 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE @ Indiana University in  
Bloomington, Indiana

Concerning the last two events, there are other dates before these two. However, our district has had the best turn out at the past two NOAC's and past five Conclaves. We as a district should talk up Conclave, since our council is hosting, and the youth chairman is from Seneca district. This upcoming roundtable meeting, I'll talk it up to the adults, and John will talk it up to the youth. Also for Conclave, the lodge is signing up staff and delegates pretty soon. Therefore, OA members should sign up for either before it's full. As for NOAC, the registration is happening now and there is a payment plan since the event is quite costly.

John has brought up the idea of a recruitment weekend held at one of the council camps. This would be similar to a Winterfest type weekend, however there would a Saturday service project added. Is this a possible event?

If anyone has any questions, please ask.

Yours in Scouting,

Jonathan S. Juracko,

## **SCOUTING'S BOTTOM LINE**

**What happens to a Scout? For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:**

- RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with a Church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their Church Award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person

**Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nationwide survey of high schools revealed the following information:**

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71% of football captains were Scouts

**Scouts also account for:**

- 64% of Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes scholars
- 85% of FBI agents

# **RECONNECTING SCOUTS, REKINDLING MEMORIES**

## **BSA Alumni Connection**

The Boy Scouts of America Invites you to reconnect with BSA and other Boy Scout alumni today!

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Eagle Scouts
- Venturers

Remember growing up . . . you were proud to be a Boy Scout. With each Boy Scout rank advancement came new challenges, new adventures, and many times, new friends to share your experiences with.

As a BSA alumni, former Boy Scouts now share memories that will last forever. Do you remember the smell of wood smoke and great food sitting by the fire at the Boy Scout camp? How about half cooked/half burnt food and a wet sleeping bag?

Even better still were all the great hiking, fishing and swimming trips that Scouting introduced you to? Remember all the neat wildlife you tracked and learned about? Maybe you might remember the time the wildlife tracked your Boy Scout troop instead?

No one ever remembers those BSA campouts when everything went smoothly and the weather was perfect.

Tell us about your favorite Boy Scout experience and reconnect with your past.

When you sign up we'll keep you up to date on what the Boy Scouts of America is doing in your community or your hometown today. Find out how you can get re-involved with the same great youth leadership program you remember, the Boy Scouts of America! Explore our Web site and participate in the new BSA alumni activities. Find friends, share stories, and re-engage in Scouting at [www.bsaalumni.org](http://www.bsaalumni.org) .

## **Friends of Scouting 2009 Chairman & Vice Chairman**

We are pleased to announce our new Chairman, H. Scott Cunningham and Vice Chairman, Anthony Ventura.

## **FOS Dinner Thursday, April 30, 2009 - Speaker: Dr. KEVIN LEMAN at Westin Convention Center Hotel**

Best-selling author & Christian Psychologist "Practical Wisdom with a Smile" He is the founder and president of "Couples of Promise", an organization designed and committed to helping couples remain happily married. Dr. Lemman is a charter faculty member of iQuestions.com. **If you have an interest in participating in our 2009 FOS Fundraising Campaign as a Table Host or have someone to recommend**, please call Naudain Radcliff, District Director at (412) 325-7962.

## **Family Friends of Scouting for 2009**

The Friends of Scouting campaign enables Greater Pittsburgh Council to deliver quality programs to all of its youth members. During the month of November and December, we will launch the 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign by asking each unit to schedule a Friends of Scouting Presentation date for the upcoming year.

We want to give every family the opportunity to support Scouting. Be sure to schedule a presentation at a pack meeting, Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or any Scout family gathering.

Please contact Rich Bogovich, Chairman at (412) 366-7119 home or Will Drosendahl, Vice Chairman at (412) 931-4235 home with your unit 2009 presentation date, time and contact person. Thanks in advance for your support.

## **James E. West Fellowship Award**

You or another person can enroll in the James E. West Fellowship program. He was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America serving for more than three decades. To remember his contributions and help keep Scouting available to future generations, the James E. West Fellowship Award was established.

This national recognition is bestowed upon individuals for gifts of \$1000 and up in cash or marketable securities to the Council Endowment Fund.

**One way to become a James E. West is to enroll yourself. Another is for organizations or individuals to contribute a fellowship Award to:**

- Honor an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver or Vigil Honor recipient or other volunteer.
- Mark a retirement, anniversary or special accomplishment.
- Remember a special person.

If you have any questions please call Amy Franz at (412) 325-7910 or Naudain Radcliff at (412) 325-7962

## **2008 - SILVER BEAVER AWARD SELECTION PROCESS** **(see attachments)**

Selection of recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a local council can bestow on the volunteer Scouter, is made by the Distinguished Awards Committee

.Recommendations are confidential and the person being proposed should not be advised of the action on his behalf.

Recommendation forms are kept in the active file for 3 years for those candidates proposed but not selected. They will be reviewed for 2 years following initial submission without any current update. If a candidate's record is not updated within the 3 years it will be placed in the inactive file. It is to the candidate's favor that his/her record be updated each year, either by receipt of another recommendation form or letter, detailing new and timely information.

The Silver Beaver Award is available to registered male and female Scouters.

Following selection of the recipients, which takes place in January; the district executive is advised to inform the district chairman, district commissioner and selected others (recipient's spouse, religious leader, key Scouters in the recipient's unit). The recipients should not be advised. The element of surprise adds to the impact of the presentation.

A suggested presentation ceremony script is available from the council program department. The presentation should be made by a previous Silver Beaver recipient.

**The committee welcomes all nominations and encourages you to recommend those Scouters you believe worthy of this high honor at any time.** All names not selected in any given year will automatically be reviewed for consideration the following year

Nominations for the Silver Beaver Award are due to Flag Plaza by **5 p.m. Friday, December 26, 2008**. Please contact District Awards Committee representative, Dave Richards for an official nomination form. Attached to the Roundtable Announcements are the Instructions, Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and Silver Beaver Nomination application. If you have any questions please call David Richards (412) 367-2789

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee *exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate*. Do not use abbreviations, initials only, or nicknames. For example: Robert Henry Bradley; Doctor William Francis Kelly; Captain Arthur Russell Johnson; The Most Reverend Richard Joseph Brown, D.D.; Vice Admiral John Donald Morrison; The Honorable James Kerwood Ross; Ms. Mary Hartie; etc.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for sections a, b, and c. For example, in section b: president, Libertyville Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairperson, Red Cross campaign; Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge No. 18; vice president, PTA; adjutant, American Legion Post 43; medical director, Cross County Hospital; past District Deputy Grand Master, F. & A. M.; Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Council 16; etc. (Specific group identification enables us to provide name to national organization headquarters, who usually wish to compliment the recipient of the honor.)
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to *adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters. Explorer leaders are eligible to be awarded the William H. Spurgeon III Award.*
4. Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters or council employees within 5 years of their leaving employment with the BSA (i.e., any form of full-time or part-time employment such as secretary, ranger, or professional-technical position).
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia on the regular supply order form from your Supply Division distribution center.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Article X, Section 6, Clause 3— Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

(a) This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.

(b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scouters, Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

(c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue and white ribbon to be worn around the neck.

(d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.

(e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned with its annual meeting or other public function.

(f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.

(g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.

(h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR SILVER BEAVER AWARD**

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registered As \_\_\_\_\_  
(Position) (Unit) (District)

Occupation/Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Be complete and accurate as possible. Selections will be based only on the facts presented. Additional sheets may be used. A cover letter to summarize or to emphasize certain details is acceptable but not required. Additional letters of recommendation are of value only to present additional facts.

I. **ADULT SCOUTING TENURE:** Total years as a registered Adult Scouter \_\_\_\_\_

II. **RECORD OF SERVICE TO YOUTH THROUGH SCOUTING:** Provide chronological history of Scouting service, listing dates, position held, and places. Where service is unit-connected, identify unit and name of chartered institution.

III. **SCOUTING RECOGNITION AND EVENTS:** Show participation and leadership in District, Council, Regional, and National activities. List training, awards, honors and other Scouting recognitions.

IV. **RECORD OF SERVICE TO YOUTH IN NON-SCOUTING FIELDS:** List affiliation as an adult with youth activities such as YMCA, Girl Scouts, Little League, church youth groups, etc. Show positions held, awards and recognitions, and years of service.

V. **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** Show membership, participation and positions held.

VI. **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP IN CIVIC, VETERAN, FRATERNAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION:** Show dates, membership, and positions held.

Submitted for consideration by:

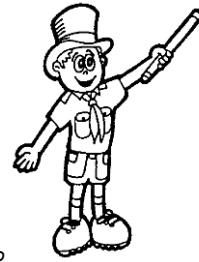
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Greater Pittsburgh Council, B.S.A  
Distinguished Awards Committee  
Flag Plaza  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(Recommendation must be received by the last working day of the calendar year for consideration in selecting the next year's recipients.)

NOTE: The nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your action in his behalf.



*EVERY BOY DESERVES A WELL - TRAINED LEADER*

**Seneca District**

**Boy Scout Leader Training**

**Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training**

**(No Walk-Ins)**

**(Date Changed)**

***Pre-registration is required - \$4.00 fee for training session.***

- ❖ **March 7, 2009;** Saturday, 8:00am registration, 8:30am – 4:30 pm – Sessions 1,2, and 3, St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland, 311 Cumberland Road  
*(Must bring a bag lunch to either session)*  
*(Intro. To Outdoor Leader Skills required to fulfill the Scoutmaster/Asst. Specific Training)*

**Troop Committee Specific Training (Troop Committee Challenge)**

**(No Walk-Ins)**

**(Date Changed)**

***Pre-registration is required - \$4.00 fee for training session.***

- ❖ **March 7, 2009;** Saturday, 8:00am registration, 8:30am – 11:30 pm – St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland, 311 Cumberland Road, *(Committee members are encouraged to stay for Part 3 SM/ASM training. Training held 1 hour following TCC)*

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**

**(No Walk-Ins)**

Pre-registration by March 21, 2009 is required - \$35.00 fee plus patrol food

- ❖ **April 24 - 26, 2009;** Friday -6pm registration through Sunday – 1:30pm Camp Guyasuta, Sharpsburg *(required to fulfill the Scoutmaster/Asst. Specific Training)*

**Pre-register: Karen Zeitler: [gkandfam@juno.com](mailto:gkandfam@juno.com) or (412) 931-8554**

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GPC - BSA - SENECA DISTRICT TRAINING SCHEDULE 2008-2009 SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
05/08/08

	DATE / PLACE / FEE, IF ANY	CONTACT
<b>Cub Scout Leader Specific Training</b>	Thursday, January 22, 2009; 7:00 p.m. Registration, 7:30-10:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road Fee \$4.00	Kathy Trimble (412) 734-4969
<b>Risk Zone/Youth Protection</b>	Monday, February 09, 2009; 7:00 Registration, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Memorial Park Presbyterian Church.8800 Peebles Rd.	Kraig McKee (412) 369-9584
<b>Scoutmaster and Asst. SM Specific Training</b>	Saturday, March 14, 2009; 8:00 a.m. Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sessions 1, 2, and 3 Fee: \$4.00 St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road in the North Hills	Karen Zeitler (412) 931-8554
Troop Committee Specific Training (Troop Committee Challenge)	Saturday, March 14, 2009 8:00 a.m. registration, 8:30 am to 11:30 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road in North Hills Fee: \$4, SM Specific Part 3 starts at 12:40 p.m.	Karen Zeitler (412) 931-8554
<b>Introduction to Outdoor Skills</b> (Boy Scout and Venture Leaders)	Friday through Sunday: April 24 - 26, 2009, 6 P.M. registration (Fee TBA) Camp Guyasuta, Sharpsburg	Karen Zeitler (412) 931-8554
<b>New Scout Orientation</b> Junior Leader training for youth	Saturday, April 25, 2009, 6 P.M. registration (Fee TBA) In Sewickley Area, location to be announced	Roger Dickhans (412) 741-2838
<b>Risk Zone/ Youth Protection</b>	Monday, May 4, 2009, 7:00 Reg., 7:30-9:30 Training, Memorial Park Church	Kraig McKee (412) 369-9584

BALOO TRAINING

Saturday, March 21, 2009, Camp Guyasuta, Sharpsburg, Pa Cost ???

Pre-register to confirm location or contact:

Kathy Trimble: [kft1998@comcast.net](mailto:kft1998@comcast.net) (Cub Scouts / Youth Prot. Risk Zone & Venturing )

Karen Zeitler: [gkandfam@juno.com](mailto:gkandfam@juno.com) ( Boy Scouts / Junior Leader )

**Pre-registration is \$4.00 for the training sessions noted. Walk-ins are \$5.00 Please pre-register!!**

## On Line Training Courses

Here is the information for the on-line training courses for new unit letters.

The web site is <http://olc.scouting.org/index.html>