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1978 SCHOOL NIGHT WRAP-UP

The 1978 School Night for Cubbing is now history. Chairman, Robert Bellan announced the following results of Cubs placed as of September 25th. Braddock Trail - 86; Bushy Run - 234; Chestnut Ridge - 116; Forbes - 150; Old Trails 221, for a total of 807 new boys in the Cubbing program. In addition, there were 306 names to be followed up for placement in Packs or for organization of new Packs. The possibility exists for six (6) new Packs as a result of School Night. In addition, 138 new adults were registered into the program.



United Way

Your pledge through the United Way is making things happen. It's working to bring help to children, young people, the sick, and the aged. This year, invest in something bigger than yourself. Invest in America through your fair share pledge to the United Way.

Character is not built in men by hiding them from temptation; it is by teaching them to scorn it.

Emmett F. LeCompte

BOB KONCERAK DOES IT AGAIN



Robert Koncerak (left) Judge Martin Coyne (right)

In our last issue of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Newsletter we announced that Bob Koncerak was the winner of the Council Reader's Digest Public Speaking Contest. Bob went to Pennsylvania Area finals at Hershey, Pennsylvania, and when the competition was over, Robert Koncerak, of Troop 255, Cereal Heights was named the Pennsylvania winner in the Scout Division.

This represents the first time that Westmoreland-Fayette Council has ever produced an Area winner. We certainly wish Bob good luck as he awaits the Northeast Regional finals, to be held November 11th at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As harvest time approaches, it is once again time to give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Each of us has many things to be thankful for.

If one analyzes the Scout Oath, there are three points that each of us needs to cherish. First of all is our "Duty to God". We live in the greatest country on earth where religious freedom is one of our many virtues. All Scouts and Scouters need to remember their Duty to the Almighty.

Our second goal of the Scout Oath is "Duty to Country". This requires courage on our part as Americans to uphold, defend and honor our country. Duty to Country requires duty to other people, especially self-sacrifices on ones part, and courage to help others in trouble.

And finally, is "Duty to Ourselves". As Scouts and Scouters we should be strong in principle and character, and to live life with faith in the importance of being good.

Whatever your method of celebrating Thanksgiving — Church, Turkey Dinner with the family, a trip to visit friends and relatives — the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Staff wishes you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.



JUST A REMINDER!

ADULT FEE INCREASED - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1

Don't forget! Adult registrations forms sent to the BSA Registration Service after October 1, 1978, MUST be accompanied by the new fees, prorated as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MONTHS	1.50	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.00	5.00

CHANGES IN OFFICE PERSONNEL



Jovanna Peterinelli

Jovanna Peterinelli, Advancement and Training Secretary since October, 1971 became Council Registrar on September 18, 1978. Mrs. Peterinelli resides in Greensburg with her husband Bill and sons Jeffrey and Kris.



Sue McRidle

Miss Sue McRidle joined our Office Staff as Advancement and Training Secretary in August, 1978. Sue, a graduate of Greensburg-Salem High School, is a former Girl Scout and has tennis as a hobby. She is presently living in the Greensburg Area.

MONEY-EARNING PROJECTS

A well-rounded unit program requires supplemental income. This might come from the sale of a product or a project involving the talents, participation or efforts of the unit members or family. Policies and procedures are included in the finance record books for Packs, Troops, and Posts.

There should be a real need for earning money. Your unit should not engage in special money-earning projects merely because someone has offered you an attractive plan. It's well to remember that individual Scouts are also expected to earn their own way for most unit activities.

A sale must stand on its own merit — so that the recipients are not in any way subsidizing either Scouting or the boy. Scouts must learn to pay their own way and to honestly earn the money to do it. You cannot permit anyone to capitalize on a Scouting connection or induce sympathy as a substitute for a worthy product or service.

Units may conduct money-earning projects only when the project has been approved by the local Council and is consistent with the principles set forth in the Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

NOVEMBER

- 4 - Cub Pow Wow (Chestnut Ridge-Forbes-Bushy Run)
- 10 - Office Closed - Veteran's Day
- 13 - Council Executive Board
- 20 - Council Wood Badge's Mtg.
- 23-24 - Office Closed - Thanksgiving
- 27 - Deer Season Opens
- 29 - Campmaster's Meeting

DECEMBER

- 25-26 - Office Closed - Christmas
- 29 - Office Closed at Noon - Close Books

TRAINING AWARD REQUIREMENTS CORRECTION

In the September issue of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council News, an article was run on the new Training Awards and their requirements. To better clarify the Awards, the Scouter's Key is for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, or Explorer Advisors who fulfill the training, tenure, and performance obligations. Commissioners and Explorer Service Team personnel may also earn the Scouter's Key. The Scouter's Training Award is for Assistant Cubmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Assistant Explorer Advisors, Pack Committee, Troop Committee, or Explorer Post Committee. For the Scouter's Training Award, there are slight variations between requirements for Assistant Leaders and those of Committee personnel.

One requirement was left out of the Scoutmaster Requirements for the Scouter's Key. - Under training, Scoutmasters must complete a session entitled "How Scouting Outdoor Experience Works". This means that the Scoutmaster must complete five (5) Sessions of the Scout Leader Development Course.

Please check with your District Training Chairman or the Scout Service Center if you have any questions regarding these Awards.

SILVER BEAVER APPLICATIONS

Silver Beaver Applications were mailed out with an earlier edition of the Council Newsletter. As a reminder, an application for a Nominee MUST be returned to the Scout Service Center prior to December 1, 1978.

The Silver Beaver Award is made by the Boy Scouts of America for noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood by registered Scouters within the Territory under the jurisdiction of the Local Council. The Nominee must be a currently registered (male or female) Scouter over 21 years of age. Nominations must be made annually, so that the Nominee's record is current. (Applications are not carried over from year to year).

Additional applications are available at Roundtables, District Meetings, from your District Executive, or at the Council Service Center.



EAGLE SCOUT PROGRESS AWARD

About once a year, and perhaps more often, the Council Advancement Committee finds it necessary to write about the serious lack of quality that is being turned in for Eagle Scout Service Projects. Far too many Eagle Candidates are falling short in one way or another of the objectives of the Eagle Service Project.

The Eagle Candidate, while a Life Scout, must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or community. The key words are PLAN, DEVELOP, AND GIVE LEADERSHIP TO OTHERS. This project is entirely different from Star and Life service projects. In previous service, the Scout could be a follower. For Eagle, he must be a LEADER. His leadership ability is demonstrated by: 1) Planning the work to be done; 2) Organizing the work and manpower; 3) Directing its completion. He must involve other people to carry out his project.

For The Eagle Project, the Scout expands his "service to others" philosophy by going outside the Scouting family to plan and supervise a project of value to school, church, or community. Work involving Council property or Scouting activities is not acceptable for an Eagle Service Project. The project need not be original; but he must plan the details, organize the work, recruit the manpower and direct the actual carrying out of the project.

The project must be helpful and of true significance to the group for which it is done. It should be of sufficient magnitude to bear the title "Eagle Service Project". Routine labor, job, or service normally rendered (such as volunteer work the Scout may be doing) is not considered within the intent of this project.

Total time involvement must be considerable and should represent the candidate's best possible effort. The number of hours is not stipulated since there is a wide variety of project subjects. Also, this level of service requires much planning time; and therefore the hours are difficult to estimate.

The project idea must be approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee, and reviewed by the Council/District Advancement Committee to make sure it meets expected standards BEFORE the project is carried out. This pre-approval does not imply that the progress review will accept the way the project is carried out. The following questions must be answered before giving this approval:

Who will benefit from this project?

How will they benefit?

What official from the group benefitted has been contacted for guidance in planning the project?

How many people will be recruited to carry out the project?

When the project idea has been approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee and reviewed by the Council/District Advancement Committee, the Scout may begin to plan and develop the project with guidance of a person from the Church, School, or Community Group to be served. The candidate must plan, organize, and direct the project to successful completion in an orderly and responsible manner.

Upon completion of the project, the Scout submits a detailed project report along with his Eagle Application to his Scoutmaster. The project report MUST include answers to:

What was the project?

How did it benefit others?

Who from the group benefitted gave guidance?

Who helped carry out the project?

What materials were used and how were they acquired?



SUMMERTIME PACK AWARDS

With Winter fast approaching, it's sort of nice to remember the warm days of June, July, and August. In Scouting, one of the ways we can recognize Packs who had active Summertime Programs is with the National Summertime Pack Award.

Nats off to the Award Winners who are: Braddock Trail District Packs - 133, 144, and 155; Bushy Run District Packs - 218, 223, 284, 291, 281, 296, 283, 258, and 273; Chestnut Ridge District Packs - 322, 389, 373, 327, 303, 321, 314, 345, 309, 300, 301, 324, and 381; Forbes District Packs - 437, 464, 465, 462, and 444; and Old Trails District Packs - 620, 623, 625, 592, 607, 650, and 695.

Many of the Packs were recognized at their respective District Recognition Dinners in October for their fine effort. If your Pack conducted three (3) Summertime Activities with them occurring in June, July, and August, you may still earn the Award by filling out an Award Application, and sending it to the Council Service Center.



1978 CUB SCOUT PHYSICAL FITNESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Cub Scout Pack 283, sponsored by Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Irwin is the Council winner of the 1978 Cub Scout Physical Fitness Championship. Pack 283's winning three boys team scored a total of 1287 points in the Standing Broad Jump, Softball Throw, 50-Yard Dash, Push-Ups, and Sit-Ups. Their team score has been sent to the Northeast Region to compete with other Council scores throughout the Region.

Additional Packs that sent scores to the Council Service Center were: CHESTNUT RIDGE DISTRICT - Pack 352, Millside; Pack 370, Ligonier; and Pack 381, Stahlstown - FORBES DISTRICT - Pack 457, New Stanton; Pack 465 Harrodsburg; and Pack 480 Carbon - OLD TRAILS DISTRICT - Pack 654 Masonstown; Pack 677, Onio; and Pack 692, New Salem.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY WEEK '79

The 1979 Scouting Anniversary Week, February 4-10, celebrates the 69th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It is an event with great significance to youth members, Scouting units, District, and Councils. It should involve all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Adult Leaders.

The "Program Emphasis" of Anniversary Week is to recognize the Chartered Organizations throughout the nation. Important dates to put in your calendars are:

Scout Sabbath - Saturday, February 3rd

Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 4th

Anniversary Day - Thursday, February 8th

We believe that the Anniversary Week celebration will create a public awareness of what Scouting really is in 1979. It will include the building of a base for involvement in local events. The time is ripe now for your Pack, Troop or Post to get started on your preliminary planning for this important event.

SUMMER CAMP 1979

CAMPSITE	JULY 1	JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29	AUGUST 5
Dan Beard	T224		T245	T206	T252	T347
Guyasuta	T476	T244	T405	T133	T690	
Chief West	T273	T207	T371	T380	T226	T413
D. Crockett	T472		T620	T403	T247	T689
Col. Bowie	T442	T250	T340	T107	T240	
Delaware				T168		
Kit Carson		T440	T314	T372		
Seneca		T310			T352	T1541
Bill Cody	T654	T409	T295	T309		
Iroquois		T260	T255	T135	T156	
Catawba	T210	T611	T257	T480		T172
Lenape	T430					
Black Hawk		T238	T259	T303	T251	T610
Shawnee		T416	T220	T175		
Paiute			T301	T625		
BUCK RUN						
Rocky Ridge		T410				
Raccoon Ridge	T419	T464			T213	

As of 10/23/78

Recently we came across an article which perhaps state the real reasons that parents should send their sons to Summer Camp. The article is entitled "Do Something Great For Your Boy".

Help him to cut the apron strings, and do things on his own without you. Let him discover his own abilities, yes, and inabilities, and do things at his own speed...in an atmosphere of friendship he's never known.

Help him to explore the wilds, breathe clean, crisp air, wake with the birds, and see nature first-hand — up close. Let him share real life with good friends, learn to swim and save a life, and to camp and cook without your help. Let him learn to do without TV or the movies or other canned entertainment for a week or two, or more.

He'll be able to hit a baseball, kick a soccer ball, shoot a basketball, and take part in other sports on his own or on a team. He can try new field sports like Archery, Fishing, Orienteering, and Marksmanship.

Let him drift in a canoe or row-boat.

Let him swim and dive.

Let him learn the fun of work as he improves the land in a conservation project.

Let him catch a fish, watch the clouds drift through the branches of a tree, and guzzle a bottle of pop with a pal.

Let him lift his voice in song in that magic circle of friends around an evening campfire.

LET YOUR BOY GO... LET HIM GROW...
HELP HIM TO GO TO SCOUT CAMP...

Let him find his Great Adventure in Camp with his Scout Troop and Patrol, or on his own if his troop isn't going. There's a way for every Scout to go to Camp. Your son's Scoutmaster can tell you which way the troop is going.

Mr. Scoutmaster, your Scouts will not be able to experience the above happenings unless you make a commitment to sign your troop up for Camp Conestoga or Buck Run in 1979. Get the jump on your long-range plans. Sit down and decide NOW that you're going to Camp in '79 and send in your Camp deposit to hold a site, start using the Camper Savings Cards, and decide on a Parent's Night when you can tell your parents and Scouts of your plans for 1979.



When a person retains the spirit of enthusiasm, and of adventure he is eternally young. Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind.
Science of Mind

TOUR PERMITS

Why does our Unit need to fill out a Tour Permit? Westmoreland-Fayette Council, Boy Scouts of America is always concerned with the health, safety, and success of groups wherever they are. Good planning contributes to success in all areas. The Local Tour Permit #4426 is designed to help you plan a safe, interesting, and enjoyable trip.

By filing the Tour Permit, tour leaders can take satisfaction that their tour is officially recognized, and is a responsible Scout Group. This also gives the Council an accurate record of local Tours and short-term Camps which in turn gives proper credit to each Unit. In many cases, certain courtesies are often accorded to Scout units that have filed Tour Permits. Probably one of the biggest reasons for using a Tour Permit is emergency. In case of an emergency, calls may come to Council Service Center. It's important that the Service Center know where your Unit is and the itinerary you used to get there.

Please remember to file a complete and Local Tour Permit #4426 to the Council Service Center at least two (2) weeks in advance of your activity. The permit is required for all trips less than 250 miles one direction or travel outside the U.S.A., use the National Tour Permit #4419.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

Scoutmasters should take note that the World Conservation Award will now be handled administratively at the Council Service Center. Previously to this, the Award and Patch had been handled by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Applications may be requested at the Council Service Center. The World Conservation Award Patch will be presented by the Westmoreland-Fayette Council to all Scouts earning this Award. To refresh your memory, requirements for the Award are: 1) Be a registered member of a Scout Troop and have earned: a. Environment and Conservation Skill Awards; b. Environmental Science Merit Badge; c. Either Soil and Water Conservation or Fish and Wildlife Management Merit badge; d. Citizenship in the World Merit Badge. 2) And be qualified to receive the Award as approved by the Scoutmaster's signature.