

# Commissioner Newsletter October 2009

## Change in Position on Uniform of Commissioner Arrowhead Honor

Based on the new uniform design, it has been approved for the commissioner Arrowhead Honor emblem to be worn on the left sleeve of the commissioner's uniform immediately below the council strip. This replaces the previous location of below the badge of office for commissioners.

### Training Opportunities

#### Mattabesett District Cub Scout Leader Training

<b>Description:</b>	Cub Scout Basic Training
<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	10/17/2009 8:00:00 AM <b>End Date/Time:</b> 10/18/2009
<b>Registration Begins:</b>	9/7/2009
<b>Registration Ends:</b>	10/15/2009
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:district_training@yahoo.com">district_training@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$15.00 per BALOO \$10.00 per Cubmaster \$10.00 per Den Leader \$20.00 per OSWL (Webelos Outdoor) \$10.00 per Pack Committee Members \$5.00 per SAT LUNCH \$10.00 per Tiger Leader \$10.00 per Webelos Den Leader

Every Scout Unit deserves a quality, trained leader. This will lead you down the path to be a fully trained leader in the Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Leader Basic Training is offered as part of our Cub Training Weekend.

Cost is \$10 per Leader for morning CBLT session

Classes offered: Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Member

#### ALSO OFFERED:

SAT LUNCH - for those taking morning and afternoon sessions

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Oct 17th from 1300-1900

OSWL - Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders Oct 17th 1300 to Oct 18th 1100 (includes BALOO) overnight portion is in cabins, bring sleeping bags and personal items for overnight stay.

#### Northwest Hills District Cub Scout Training

December 5th, 2009 Torrington Scout Office 261 Kennedy Drive Torrington, CT 06790

Both sessions 9:00a – 3:00p Lunch Break 12:00- 12:30p (*Please bring a bag lunch.*)

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Prerequisites: Cub Scout Leader Fast Start (*Avail. Online*), This Is Scouting (*Avail. Online*), Youth Protection (*Avail. Online*) (*All participants must have taken the above.*) See Flyer.

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## **Mad River District Cub Scout Leader Training**

<b>Description:</b>	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	11/21/2009 9:00:00 AM <b>End Date/Time:</b> 11/21/2009 1:00:00 PM
<b>Registration Begins:</b>	9/1/2009
<b>Registration Ends:</b>	11/21/2009
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:faithbannon@charter.net">faithbannon@charter.net</a>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$10.00 per Cub Leader \$10.00 per Cubmaster \$10.00 per Pack Committee \$10.00 per Tiger Leader \$10.00 per Webelos Leader
<b>Details:</b>	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9am-1pm at Bunker Hill Congragational ChurchThe fee will be \$10.00
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<a href="#">274 Bunker Hill Ave., Waterbury, CT US</a>

## **Northwest Hills Outdoor Leader Training**

Camp Workcoeman 169 Camp Workcoeman Road New Hartford, CT 06057

When: November 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Arrival: 5:00pm on Friday. Depart: 1:00pm on Sunday.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Prerequisites: Boy Scout Leader Fast Start (*Avail. Online*), This Is Scouting (*Avail. Online*), Youth Protection (*Avail. Online*),

*(All participants must have taken the above.)*

Class 1 & 2 Medical Forms are required.

See Flier for details

## **Northwest Hills Baloo Training**

Camp Mattatuck 221 Mount Tobe Road Plymouth, CT 06782

When: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:00a-3:00p Lunch Break 12:00-12:30p (*Lunch will be provided*)

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Prerequisites: Cub Scout Leader Fast Start (*Avail. Online*), This Is Scouting (*Avail. Online*), Youth Protection (*Avail. Online*) Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

*(All participants must have taken the above.) See Flyer*

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## Matianuck Venture training

Venture Specific  
Leader Training

<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	10/31/2009 8:00:00 AM	<b>End Date/Time:</b>	10/31/2009 5:00:00 PM
<b>Registration Begins:</b>	9/10/2009		
<b>Registration Ends:</b>	10/26/2009		
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:sdbroder@att.net">sdbroder@att.net</a>		
<b>Cost:</b>	\$10.00		
<b>Details:</b>	Please Note:  - There will be no walk ins allowed to this training as it is being held at a secure military facility and pre-registration and payment is required.  -Light breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the of the event fees  -If you have any questions, please direct them to S.D. Broder or Dave Ritter whi can be reached at the contact emails above.		
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<a href="#">100 Nicholson Road, East Granby, CT 06026 US</a>		

## Cub Scout Pow Wow

For a day of fun, fellowship and learning for all Cub Scout Leaders

### **Join BALOO on Safari**

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

**Check in - 7:45 am**

**East Windsor High School**

**Ray Joesten**

**Pow Wow Chairman**

**860-742-5269**

[joesten@uconn.edu](mailto:joesten@uconn.edu)

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## Upcoming Events

### Fall camporee

<b>Description:</b>	Fall Camporee
<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	10/23/2009 7:00:00 PM <b>End Date/Time:</b> 10/25/2009 12:00:00 PM
<b>Registration Begins:</b>	9/1/2009
<b>Registration Ends:</b>	10/22/2009
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:phbush@bsamail.org">phbush@bsamail.org</a>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$5.00
<b>Details:</b>	The 2009 Mark Twain District will be at Camp Workcoeman. Brand new Leave No Trace training will be presented by Master Trainer Marshall Berger.

### Mark Twain Leadership Award Dinner

In October Mark Twain will be honoring State representative Frank Nicastro from Bristol CT (Bio Below). Frank has been a strong community leader and proudly has attended over 100 Eagle Ceremonies throughout the district.

The dinner will be on October 29th at Nuchies Restaurant in Bristol. A reception will be at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. Frank Nicastro was sworn in as the state representative for the 79th Assembly District on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 the opening day of the 2007 legislative session. Representative Nicastro is a retiree from the City of Bristol. He served as the Mayor of Bristol for five consecutive terms from 1993 to 2003 and presently serves on the City Council. Frank also served six years on the Bristol City Council prior to becoming mayor, from 1987 to 1993.

### First Aid Meet

<b>Boy Scout/Webelos First Aid Meet</b>	
<b>Description:</b>	Boy Scout/Webelos First Aid Meet
<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	12/5/2009 9:00:00 AM <b>End Date/Time:</b> 12/5/2009 1:00:00 PM
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:porellbob@cox.net">porellbob@cox.net</a>
<b>Details:</b>	Annual Mark Twain District First Aid Meet.  <b>Each patrol must supply a judge and bring its own First Aid* and transport** supplies.</b>  <i>* First Aid supplies for a long Patrol Hike (hint – include splints)</i> <i>** Do not bring stretcher poles</i>
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<a href="#">Emmanuel Lutheran School &amp; Church: 154 Meadow St, Bristol, CT US</a>

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## Annual District Meeting

<b>Mark Twain District Annual Meeting</b>	
<b>Description:</b>	Mark Twain District Annual Meeting
<b>Start Date/Time:</b>	12/1/2009 6: 30:00 PM <b>End Date/Time:</b> 12/1/2009
<b>Contact E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:phbush@bsaemail.org">phbush@bsaemail.org</a>
<b>Details:</b>	Annual Meeting for the nomination and approval of new officers.
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<a href="#">200 Main St, Bristol, CT US</a>

## Council Recognition Dinner October 21, 2009

All Scouters are invited to attend the Scouter's Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, October 21st. On that evening, dedicated leaders from throughout the Connecticut Rivers Council will gather to recognize several of their fellow Scouters for outstanding service to youth.

Held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, the dinner will be highlighted by the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award to 12 Scouters. The Silver Beaver Award -- the highest award a council may bestow on a volunteer -- recognizes outstanding service to youth in Scouting, youth outside of Scouting, and to the community at large.

In addition to the Silver Beaver Award, veterans awards, James E. West fellowships, and selected council awards will be presented.

The Scouters Recognition Dinner, which will be chaired by Executive Board member James Ray will begin with fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. To make a reservation please visit [www.ctrivers.org](http://www.ctrivers.org)

Congratulations go to Roger Perreault and Bob Porell. The Silver Beavers will be awarded on Wednesday, October 21st. Reservations will be through the Council Website (not yet available on-line).

## Registration Fees To Increase

The National Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution at its May 2009 meeting to increase the traditional membership annual registration fee for youth and adults from \$10 to \$15 effective January 1, 2010. The annual Exploring fee will remain \$10. (See Handou)

## New Edition of Handbook Available

The Centennial Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook unveiled by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) prepares the 21st century Scout for new technology while celebrating the organization's rich heritage. The 475-page paperback features nostalgic illustrations from the previous 11 editions alongside references to emerging technology and expanded online information.

Copies of the Centennial Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook are available in all our Scout Shops now

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## **Unit Money Earning Projects**

The Boy Scouts of America has established policies to protect both the unit and the good reputation of Scouting when it comes to earning money for your unit. The Connecticut Rivers Council follows national guidelines and implements the policy of the Boy Scouts of America. Be sure to check the handout for point to remember when planning your next "Money Earning Project"

## **Unit Tax Exempt Status Clarified**

The IRS recognizes the Boy Scouts of America National Council as tax exempt under IRC Section 501 (c)(3). This tax exempt status extends only to BSA local councils and their trust funds. It does not extend to or include Scout packs, troops or other units. Scout units are not considered subordinate organizations of the BSA, they are not included within the BSA group exemption, and they are not entitled to use the BSA's Group Exemption Number ("GEN"). This is an IRS rule. (Be sure to read the entire Article in the Handout)

## **Rank Requirements Change**

The centennial edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook* will soon be available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010. (See Handout For Details)