Service Area 4 Newsletter

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Aviation Camporee (hint: It's the Fall Camporee)

It's not too late to register (Click here) for your chance to participate in a weekend long Aviation Event at the Washington County Airport, October 5-7. 2012.

Scouts and Leaders will be camping in the Airport property Friday and Saturday night, with the weekend kicking off with an opening campfire on Friday night. Scouts will then gather for a Flag Raising ceremony Saturday morning as we start the round-robins to complete the Aviation Merit Badge. Merit Badge stations will run from 9 AM until around 3 PM.

Scouts will also be able to explore the StatCare Helicopter and some Aeronautical equipment used by the local Army Reserve unit. Scouts will also learn about the functions of the airport, airport communications, as well as aeronautical careers, including hearing from a retired Navy Kernel.

Troops can arrive at the Airport Friday night anytime after 5:00 PM, while keeping in mind that the campfire will begin at 9:00 PM, with an SPL and Leaders meeting following. The Saturday Flag Raising will begin at 8:00 AM.

Use the address below to get to the area of the airport we will be camping at:

839 Vankirk Rd Washington, PA 15301



Council Calendar

October

- 13 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 19 Haunted Anderson
- 19-21 OA Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend (Anawanna)
- 20 BALOO @ Seph Mack
 District Leadership Conference
 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 26-27 Haunted Anderson
- 27 Council Coordinated Meeting

November

- 11 OA Lodge Banquet
- 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 22-23 Scout Offices Closed



Cub Scout Olympics

Attention Cub Scouts! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13 for the 2012 Cub Scout Olympics at Camp Anawanna.

Registration is still open (click here) for the event.

Activities offered include:

BB Climbing Wall
Archery Sling Shots
Knot Tying Panning for Gold
Tug-o-war ...and much more!

Cost for the event is \$8 that includes a patch, program supplies, insurance, and more.

***Click on any of the hyperlinks for more information, including the hyperlinks under the Council Calendar for information and registration.

Please feel free to contact a member of the field team:

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Do you want to make a difference in the lives of the Youth we serve?

The Activity and Camping Committees would like to extend an invitation to any Adult Leader or Parent who might be interested in serving on these Committees to help in the planning and promotion of District events. If you have a specialty skill or hobby, this is the committee for you. There are Sub-committees for each event offered to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, so if you only want to help with the Mall Show or Pinewood Derby for the Cubs or you would rather just help plan the Spring Camporee we have a place for you!

Members of the Camping and Activity Committees will be meeting on:

Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 PM at the Panera Bread in Trinity Point, Washington, PA Monday, October 15, 7:00 PM at the Kings Restaurant in Canonsburg, PA.







Roundtable

Plan to attend September Roundtables for training, information and fellowship. Special prizes for 1st time attendees! Attend any Roundtable that works for you:

Mingo Trails Roundtable
September 4th, 2012, 7:30 PM
Abundant Life Baptist Church
269 Cameron Road
Washington, PA 15301

Frontier Roundtable
September 13th, 2012, 7:00 PM
Pittsburgh Technical Institute
1111 McKee Road
Oakdale, PA 15071

General Greene Roundtable
September 27th, 2012, 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church - 303 W High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Turkey Trot Camporee

Troops, mark your calendars for November 2-4, 2012 for a Turkey Trot Camporee at Camp Anawanna. During the weekend Troops will be provided a Turkey to cook, and to be judged by the other units attending, for a little competition of who cooks the best Turkey for the Saturday Dinner. There will be 4 other challenges for the Scouts to participate in during Saturday as well. And we will bring the weekend to close with a Thanksgiving Campfire on Saturday and an Interfaith Service on Sunday. Registration is now open!

Christmas is Around the Corner!

The Washington Crown Center has extended an invitation to any Scout unit in the area who would like to be part of the Annual Christmas Parade. The parade is Thursday, November 15th at 6 PM. The Mall encourages any unit who would like to be a part this year to wear their uniform and to walk with your respective Unit Flag, and Banners if you have them. This is a great opportunity for us to say "thank you" to the mall for allowing us to have the Mall Show there every year. If you are interested contact Civil Knox at the Washington Crown Center, (724) 225-1838.























Cub Scout Camping

Attention Packs!

The Camping Committee would like to come to one of your meetings to talk about all the Camping experiences that are available from the District and the Council during 2013. The Committee has all the information that you will need in your planning for the 2013 Summer from Day Camp, to Resident Camp to the 2013 MountainFest!

Sign-up now for your Camp Promotion and receive a \$50 credit to your unit cost for the units attendance at a 2013 Day Camp or Resident Camp program.

Contact Heath Manbeck, to schedule your promotion night: heath.manbeck@scouting.org, or at 412-325-7962

District Leadership Conference

The District Leadership Conference 2012, being held at Heritage Reservation, October 20, 2012, is a training event for adults* involved in (or interested in learning about) providing leadership to Scouting in The District to carry out the operational mission of the council. Sessions will focus on giving leaders the tools they need to be successful. Additionally, experts will be available to provide solutions to the challenges faced in administering Scouting in the district as well answers to all your Scouting questions.

*Families are also invited! A tent camping area has been reserved for families at Camp Independence.

Included degree programs in Commissioner Science and District Operations.

Don't miss this informative and educational event! More info: http://dlc.scouting-bsa.org

Membership

The Fall Membership drive is underway. Hopefully your pack was able to attend a Membership Kickoff to learn about the drive this year, and to get your packet of information. If you have not already done so, make sure that you contact our Membership Executive, Mark Tallarico, with the dates and times that you would like your Boy Talk and Join Night to be for your unit.

Mark Tallarico: (412) 944-2530 mark.tallarico@scouting.org

Mingo Creek Park Observatory

The Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) is holding an event at the Mingo Creek Park Observatory in Washington County, on September 8. More Information on the last page of the newsletter.

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2 - Roundtable (Washington)	Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
3 - Camping/Activity Meeting (Panera Bread- Washington, PA)		1	2	3	4	5	6
5-7 - Aviation Camporee			Roundtable	Camping / Activity Meeting		Aviation Camporee	Aviation Camporee
9 - Mingo Trails District Board (PONY				, 0		•	•
League)	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 - Mingo Trails Advancement Meeting	Aviation Camporee		MT District Board	MT Advancement Mtg	Roundtable		CS Olympics
11 - Roundtable (PTI)							
13 - Cub Scout Olympics (Anawanna)15 - Camping/Activity Meeting (Panera Bread - Washington, PA)	14	15 Camping / Activity Meeting	16 Activities Meeting	17	18	19 OA Ceremonial	20 District Leader- ship Conference OA Ceremonial
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27 - Council Coordinated Meeting							

NOVEMBER 2012

- 1 Popcorn Distribution
- 2 Popcorn Distribution
- **2-4 -** Turkey Trot Camporee (Anawanna)
- 6 Roundtable (Washington)
- 8 Roundtable (PTI)
- 11 OA Banquet
- 14 MT Advancement Meeting
- 20 Eagle Dinner
- 22 HAPPY THANKSGIV-ING
- 28 MT Advancement Meeting

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THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH (AAAP) INVITES YOU TO A FREE PUBLIC STAR PARTY!

Where? Mingo Creek Park Observatory in Washington County

When? Saturday, September 8 at dusk.

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Special: FREE movie UNDAUNTED-The Forgotten Giants of the Allegheny Observatory

Show Times are 8:00 PM and 10 PM Limited seating/First come first seated (62 min-

(Teachers who would like to receive a complimentary mailing of the Undaunted DVD for use in your classroom, please respond to this email with your name, school mailing address, and grade level/subject(s) taught. We will forward this to the Undaunted writer, producer and director Dan Handley, PhD to be added to the History Center and AIU mailing list for receiving a complimentary DVD.)

ALSO: See a Planetarium Show

View the night sky through our 24 inch Ritchey-Chretien Reflector and 10 inch Refractor telescopes.

View the heavens through AAAP member's personal telescopes set up on the grounds.

Observe Saturn, Mars, double-stars, planetary nebulae, astonishing star clusters, distant galaxies, Neptune, Uranus, Pluto and more (sky conditions permitting!).

Mark your calendar for coming events:

Star Parties: September 22, October 6, and October 20.

September 22, We hope to have a Spectroscopy Special (Learn about the chemical composition of stars)

Visit the AAAP website www dot 3ap dot org for directions and information about the observatory. Click on the Facilities tab.

Students, scouts, adults, and children accompanied by adults are welcome. If you know others who would be interested in receiving these notices, please respond to this email to send their email addresses.

We hope to see you there!

Bill Roemer, Director Mingo Creek Park Observatory