



## WESTERN GATE DISTRICT

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Hopefully you have this Highlander in time for the New Year Kick-Off Picnic It will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass. I'll have Hot Dogs. It is being held at Shinglehouse

Town Park. That's across from the School in Shinglehouse. We will be handing out all kinds of new stuff and presenting some extremely important new material. This is really a must attend. This year all District Meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm at the Knights Of Columbus in Olean. This is directly behind Olean's JCC campus. Located at **129 Hamilton St, Olean NY.**

All Scouters are welcome to attend. The District Committee meetings decide the working of the district. The agenda includes: activities, advancement, membership, finance, camping, and training, plus new and old business and Council and National announcements. This is where the inter-workings of scouting take place.

Also this years District Roundtable will be at the same location starting in October. All Scout Leaders, Patrol Leaders and OA Unit Representatives are encouraged to attend. The meetings have three different parts: 1<sup>st</sup> Old Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Breakouts, Cub Scout Monthly Program (Carol Clark), Boy Scout Monthly Program (Byron Sutton), Youth Boy Scout Program and OA Patrol Leader Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> New Business, and then a Joint Closing. Last year we reached 100 attendees from 55 units. This is a must for quality programming and it helps you earn those all-important knots.



### School Sign-up Nights

WOW, 2011 is off to a record start, so let's keep it going! Our goal is to offer scouting to every youth in the Western Gate District! Every Cub Scout Pack should have an in-school promotion, table

promotions with leaders at open houses and parent nights. There are brand new yard signs, and school flyers available for you to display. Your unit should have sign-up nights scheduled by the Kick-Off Picnic, if you don't contact Todd at [tpeine@msn.com](mailto:tpeine@msn.com) or call 814-366-8100. Membership is to be the most important thing. All of our efforts are for not without youth. Boy Scout Troops need to host Open Houses, invite a friend to campouts, ask them to come to a meeting, share with them the fun you have had at summer camp. If you are always waiting for the Webelos crossover to add new scouts, you are losing out. There are hundreds of 13 to 17 year olds no longer in sports or other school activities looking to experience the outdoors. They are not looking to just sit at your weekly meetings, they join to do things!!!

### SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE CIVIL WAR

Yes, come out and remember our History.

Well, everyone is a winner, who attends the Annual Boy Scout Civil War Camporee. Last year set all kinds of attendance records. We had over 500 scouters from 50 units and three different councils. We had some cool changes, First, all of the battles now take place downtown, and the Soldiers now camp downtown also. The boys will be Downtown again most of the day Saturday. We will have ten stations set-up for the boys to learn just what it was like back in the day. We will also have our own battle in the afternoon. New this year, we will be offering two Merit Badges back at the campgrounds. Cub Scouts are welcome to come visit the downtown area on Saturday. Please see our Allegheny Highlands Website or ask your leader for further information.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Gate Fishing Derby – Boy,



time flies when you're having fun! This year's derby is promised to be even bigger and better than ever, besides having the highly collectible fish patch. When you ask, it's Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and once again we are dividing into groups to help with the volume of fishermen and to give the older

Webelos something special.

The Tigers, Wolves and Bears will fish from 9:30 to 11:30 then lunch. Cost including lunch is \$7.00 for Scouts. Adults can reserve a patch for \$2 and purchase lunch for \$2. Please bring your own fishing equipment and bait. The Trading post will be open and selling Salmon eggs and Marshmallow bait.

The Webelos will fish from 2:30 pm till 4:30 and have dinner and awards at 4:45 – 5:30. The cost is \$7.00 for Scouts and \$5.00 for Adults. This includes a Patch and dinner. As a special offering again this year Webelos Dens and Parent and Scout camping will be offered.

Activities will include Vespers at 6pm followed by campfire and movie. A quick Breakfast will be offered before leaving Sunday morning. An Extra three dollars for those staying overnight will be collected.

## MUSH, MUSH, MUSH

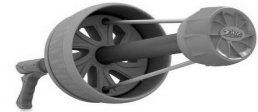


Yes, the 2012 Klondike Derby is fast approaching, will your unit be ready? The derby will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at Elk Lick Scout Reserve.

We will again have two separate derbies, one for the Boy Scouts and one for the Webelos. Check in from 8AM till 9AM for the Boy Scouts and 9:30 to 10AM for the Webelos. The admission for each is \$6.00 plus a can of non-cream soup. We will provide lunch for the Webelos and Hot Cocoa and Coffee will be available at both. Dress warm! **Boots only, no sneakers!!**

## POPCORN-POPCORN-POPCORN-POPCORN

Hey did I say POPCORN? Did you hear? **Trails-end** is going to give every boy that has \$600 in sales a Zyclone SUPER SHOOTER! Yes, Trails End wants to motivate your boys, so your Unit will raise enough money, too cover all your scouting costs. Yes, the more your Unit sells the GREATER the PROGRAM your Unit can offer!!!!!! Make sure you have your popcorn Kick-Off Event scheduled in October. The Western Gate District Committee is having a competition to see which Unit holds the best Pop-Corn Kick Off. Send us a video or picture show of your unit's Kick- Off, the top three Units will be awarded Scouting prizes.



## Ho Ho Ho

Western Gate's Annual Holiday Party is December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Olean Knight's of Columbus. We will gather starting at 6:30 PM and eat at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass, and tableware. Drinks and ham will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a table decoration and to be judged for prizes. A representative from Toys for Tots will be there to collect any non-wrapped toy for the local children in need.

**So, come out and share the Holiday Cheer.** Roundtable materials will still be covered.

## Western Gate Super Training & Merit Badge Clinic

The training will be held at St. Bonaventure University on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Check-in will be from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. Classes will begin at 9:05 AM. The cost will be \$15, which includes Buffet lunch in the St. Bonaventure Cafeteria! We will be offering Cub Scout Specific Training and the new program delivery training. Also Part one of Boy Scout Leader Training and three Merit badges for the boys to choose from. Watch the council website for sign-up information.

