

## WESTERN GATE DISTRICT



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### 2011 The beginning on a Brand New Century!!!



The Western Gate District turned its focus to a brand New Vision, The Journey to Excellence. We end heading in the right direction, but still have a little tweaking to do. We

want to thank all of you that helped the District this year.

WG Activities Chairperson Carol Clark led the way to record attendance at all of our activities, including the Klondike Derby (thanks to Tom Geer and many others) and the Webelos Klondike (thanks to Pack 501 Smethport). The Crown Jewell of 2011 was the Fall Civil War Camporee, with over 400 scouters from 4 councils coming together to make it the best year ever - thanks to Kevin Kranock, Mark Loveless, Tom Geer, Tom Memhel and Harold and Sandy Anglovich for their Leadership, and to Terry Parker for making it all happen.

Western Gate turned in another strong financial year, thanks to WG Finance Chairperson Robert Morris. Given the economic status of our communities, we had a record setting Spring Candle Sales and held our own in FOS year plus a pretty good Fall Popcorn Sale, which puts us on the right track for Quality District.

WG Membership Chairperson Becky Bogdan is just completing her 1<sup>st</sup> year. Membership will be our major area of focus this year. We will be looking at new ways to bring more boys into the Scouting program.

WG Camping Chairperson Lynn Sworts has been given the challenge to push all units to take part in a summer camp program. Units that go to summer camp of some type have stronger program then those who do not. Kids that go to summer camp remain in the program the next year!

WG Advancement Chairperson Earl Strait is back for another year. Earl is looking forward to see Eagle Scouts from all years at the 1st Annual Eagle Scout Dinner this January.

WG Training Chairperson Steve Allen is gearing up for this year's University of Scouting March 10<sup>th</sup> at St

Bonaventure. Fast on it's heels will be Outdoor Boy Scout Training and Baloo Training at Camp Merz. All training events are designed to maximize your unit's potential.

WG District Commissioner will be new this year. Doug Cashing is taking over the helm for Ricky Price, who moves to District Program Chairperson. Doug is looking forward to working with all of the units next year on their Journey to Excellence.

Last but not least is Dan Hinz, WG District Chairman. Dan would like to welcome any Scouter to join our district committee. The Western Gate meets the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bonaventure. The meetings start at 7pm in Room 123 DeLaRoche Hall. We are building a great team to match our great program. Please join us and help us grow and serve the youth of our area. Our future and theirs is so important. Merry Christmas and all the best.

*Dan Hinz*

### January 11, 2012 - ROUNDTABLE

Attention announcing our New Western Gate Boy Scout Program Commissioner – Tom Memhel. He is joining Becky Bogdan to offer you're a night jam-packed with new ideas and information to help you run your unit. So, come out to see what's going on in the Western Gate. January's Western Gate Roundtable is going to be jammed full with camping information. We will answer any and all of your Summer Camp questions: i.e. How do we register? How do we motive adults? How do we raise the money? What forms are needed? Who do I need to bring? What will be offered? and much more. Invite Adult's in your Unit that you want to get juiced up about Camp. We will gather at 6:45p.m. and start serving by 7:00p.m. The Roundtable is at the Olean Knight's of Columbus on Hamilton Avenue in Olean. WE NEED TO FILL OUR CAMPS!!!!!!! SEE YOU THERE!!!



## Hello From Our District Commissioner



As the newly named District Commissioner, I'm still trying to figure out exactly what my job is. I certainly realize that the most important aspect is helping the Unit Commissioners be successful in their roles of helping the units. I believe that a large part of that is having enough Commissioners so that all units have coverage without overloading anyone, which means we need more Commissioners. If you would like to become involved in this aspect of the program, or if you know someone you think would fit the role well, please let me know. Please also feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about the WG District Commissioner Corps.

Yours in Scouting,  
Doug Cashing  
Western Gate District Commissioner



**Mush, Mush** Get your sleds ready for the Awesome Western Gate Klondike Derby, January 21st.

Event Chairperson Tom Greer, Troop 410 has

the **Boy Scout** side of things ready to go. Please remember this year we will not be using Styrofoam cups or bowls. Scouts will receive a reusable cup with registration. Leaders can either purchase a reusable mug or bring their own ...this year the cost is \$6.00 + a can of soup per Scout. Please see the AHC website for additional information and requirements. Pack 501 Smethport has been working hard to make this the Best **Webelos** Klondike every, so get your boys ready for an unbelievable event. It is also \$6 + a can of soup per Scout and it includes Lunch and a mug. Please also see our website for additional information.

### Fun Fun Fun...

Cub Scout Fun Day at Elk Lick on February 11th starting at 9:30 am going till 1:30. The day will include a Nature Walk, Shooting Event, Sledding and a craft. Lunch and Hot Chocolate will be included for \$6 + a can of **Soup** per kid. Adults we be \$2 for Lunch. Please pre-register your Scouts, so we have enough supplies. Call the Office at 716/665/2697.



## Roll-Roll-Roll the Ball Gently Down the Lane...

Yes, it's that time again, time for the Bowl-A-Thon. Make sure you turn your sign-up forms into the office as soon as possible. We have plenty of bowling alleys in our District for your scout to have a fun time. Who's the top bowling in the district? Earn belt loops and have a great time. Don't forget our Awesome prize night for those Scout's raising \$100 or more.



### FOS and Camp 2012...

Make sure you get your Unit signed up for the 2012 FOS & Summer Camp Promotion. You want to make sure that it is an event that has the 2012 FOS & Summer Camp Promotion. You want to make sure that it is an event that has the most adults at it. Blue and Golds and Troop Family Dinners are great events for presentations. Remember every Scout wants to go to camp and it is our job, to make sure that that dream becomes a reality.



### Simply the Best

Yes, all the data is in and we equaled our best popcorn sale ever. 56 Units sold over \$183,000 dollars in Popcorn, earning \$120,000 for Scouting in the Western Gate District.

### The Top Eight Boys

1.	Pack 627	Kieffer Davies	\$3,514
2.	Troop 739	Andrew Morris	\$1,882
3.	Pack 536	Dylan Kelly	\$1,538
4.	Pack 501	Saige Vito	\$1,504
5.	Pack 501	Michael Dubek	\$1,482
6.	Pack 410	Ronald Reynolds	\$1,307
7.	Pack 422	Zachary Hilyer	\$1,092
8.	Pack 410	Alex Bright	\$1,091
9.	Pack 557	Marcus Esposito	\$1018
10.	Pack 501	Cory Dart	\$1016

### The Top Five Units

1.	Pack 536	Coudersport	\$11,718.00
2.	Pack 501	Smethport	\$10,582.00
3.	Pack 627	Delevan	\$ 9,838.00
4.	Pack 422	Kane	\$ 8,688.00
5.	Pack 557	Shinglehouse	\$ 7,714.00

These five units raised \$17,000 for their unit's program.

**Thank you, for all your hard work!!!**



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