

ROUNDTABLE NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition of the Greenwich Council "Roundtable News". As part of our ongoing goal of improving communications we have implemented this newsletter as one of our communications vehicles. As you will see you will be able to find information about upcoming events, recognitions, and opportunities. The online version will allow you to actively hyperlink to any of the links or emails listed in articles.

Council Awards

Please don't forget to submit applications for Adult Recognition Awards to be presented the Council Dinner on April 30, 2009. Location TBD. Awards include, Silver Beaver, Award of Merit, Greenwich Scouter Award, and Unit Training Awards. All award applications can be found on the council website at www.greenwichbsa.com/awards.html

Also, don't forget to do the match and see if you are up for a Veteran's Pin, 5 Years, 10 Years, 15, Years, 20 Years etc. For Veteran's pins please contact Edward Anderson at 203-869-8424 ext. 3005.

Fireside Chats

Council Marketing Chair Camille Broderick has announced a series of "fireside chats" with Scout Executive Mike Robertson meeting volunteer leaders from Greenwich Scouting. "The chats will serve as a great opportunity to listen first-hand to the concerns of our Scoutmasters and Cubmasters," stated Camille.

Saturday, February 21st 8:45 am [Register Online!](#)

Monday, February 23rd - 7:15pm [Register Online!](#)

Every Pack, Troop, Crew and Post leader in the Council is encouraged to attend. Camille further stated that "although Mike has already chatted with many unit leaders, he still wants additional input, as well as the opportunity to share some preliminary ideas for 2009." Discussion topics will include Communications, Scout Shop hours/days of operation, service to units and leaders, program activities, and summer camp, plus anything else leaders in attendance wish to discuss. Light refreshments will be served, and some fun items (like the patch above) will be shared.

"We hope every unit leader will join us at one of these important sessions for a candid, open discussion about Scouting in Greenwich."

Law Exploring Post

The Greenwich Council is proud to offer a new Law Careers Exploring Program. Explorers will be introduced to the Law Career, learn about specific career paths, and participate in mock trials. The first meeting will be held on Friday 2/20/2009 at Whitman, Breed, Abbott and Morgan at 500 W. Putnam Ave. 2nd Floor. If you cannot make the first meeting you are still welcome to attend. For more information please contact Walter Stratton at wlstratton@msn.com or via phone at 203-869-8294.

Archery Venturing Crew

In partnership with the Cos Cob Archers, the Greenwich Council will be offering participation in an Archery Venturing Crew. Members will learn to properly shoot a bow and arrow, refine their marksmanship, compete on a local basis, and learn about archery safety. Space is limited to if you are interested please contact Craig Lanzoni at 203-550-8343 or clanzoni@gmail.com

Quest Venturing Crew

Work out at the YMCA and strive toward the Quest Award for Physical Fitness. For more information please contact Craig Jones at crjones@greenwichbsa.com or 203-869-8424 ext. 3010

Scouting for Food

Our annual food drive is right around the corner. Please make sure that you pick up bags to distribute to your Scouts. Bags are to be distributed on March 7th and collected on March 14th. Bags can be dropped off at either the Cos Cob or Glenville Fire Houses between 9am and 12pm.

Day Camp Registration Open

We are planning for another great year of Day Camp and you can register now! Please visit www.greenwichbsa.com/camps.html to view the brochure and register online.

Good Turn for America

Has your unit ever done a great service project? We know that the answer is always yes. However, did you know that you log those service hours as part of the Good Turn for America initiative of the BSA. Just visit www.goodturnforamerica.org and use your unit id to login and record your project. Unit Ids are the same as your internet advancement id number. If you do not have the number please contact the Council Service Center at 203-869-8424.

Scouting in the News

Most of our units have a great story to tell about a service project, court of honor, field trip, outdoor adventures and more. If you have an item of interest and would like to share pictures and some information with the Council Office, we are happy to contact news outlets to help share that story with the town of Greenwich. For more information please contact, Brian Landi at 203-869-8424 ext. 3012 or at blandi@greenwichbsa.com

2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award

Please note that you should be working on your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment Form for 2009. At the beginning of next month your Unit Commissioner will contact you to assist you in filling out the form. Forms and instructions are available at <http://www.scouting.org/Awards/CentennialAwards.aspx>

Family Friends of Scouting

It is that time of year again to schedule your Family Friends of Scouting Unit presentation. Presentations last approximately 10 minutes and can be conducted at any Unit Meeting, Blue and Gold Dinner, or Court of Honor. Remember that all funds are raised locally for Greenwich Scouting and we cannot make it happen without your support. To schedule your presentation please contact Brian Landi at 203-869-8424 ext. 3012 or blandi@greenwichbsa.com

Council Calendar

March 3	Commissioner Staff Meeting
March 7	Scouting for Food Bags Distributed
March 12	Roundtable
March 14	Scouting for Food Bag Collection and Drop off at Firehouses
March 15	Silver Beaver Award Nomination Forms Due
April 1	Award of Merit and Greenwich Scouter Award Forms Due
April 7	Commissioner Staff Meeting
April 16	Roundtable – DATE CHANGE
April 18	Merit Badge Workshop – Seton Scout Reservation
	Day Camp Open House – 10am Seton Scout Reservation
April 24	OA Brotherhood Ceremony
April 25	Fishing Derby and OA Pancake Breakfast – Seton Scout Reservation
April 30	Council Recognition Dinner – Location TBD
May 4	Commissioner Staff Meeting
May 14	Roundtable

The rest of the Council Calendar for 2009 can be found at www.greenwichbsa.com

Community Events

Byram Schubert Library

Family Music Program: "Infinite Roots with Henry Jones" Thurs, Feb 26th - 7 pm - A magical tour of African and Afro-American music. This guy is awesome (he's performed many times for us and the school).

Wizard School Magic Workshop. Monday, Feb 23, 3:45 pm. Ages 8-12, limited space, first come, first served. Children will learn to perform four magic tricks from magician Tom O'Brien, and receive a magic kit to take home, including a magic wand and written instructions of all the tricks that they have learned! Call Byram Shubert Library at 531-0426 for more information.

Thank you for all that you do to make the great Scouting programs of the Greenwich Council possible!!!