



SCOUTER'S NEWS

Information on council activities for unit leaders, Committee Chairpersons, Chartered Organization Representatives, Unit Commissioners and Council and District Staff and Committees.



OLD COLONY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 2008

OLD COLONY COUNCIL'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO REBUILD CAMP SQUANTO DINING HALL FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY!



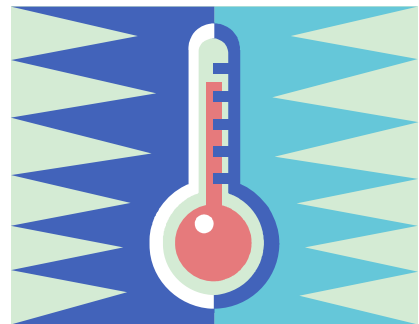
Camp Squanto's new Welcome Lodge

YOUR DONATIONS HELP!

WE NEED \$100,000 A MONTH TO REACH OUR

GOAL: 3 MILLION

1.8 M TO DATE



Getting ready to install a 10,000 GALLON SEPTIC SYSTEM

What a wonderful new Totem Pole!



From the Scout Executive

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What an exciting couple of months as your Scout Executive!

What stands out?

- ❖ Eagle Scout Ben from Duxbury who saved a stranger's life while at the mall by knowing his first aid!
- ❖ My first Eagle Scout Court of Honor with Troop 126 (and my 1st encounter with Scoutmaster Murphy!)
- ❖ Visiting our new day camp program at Camp Horizon in Sharon, what joyful cubs! A terrific program and dedicated staff of adults and Scouts from Troop 95.
- ❖ Finding my own way to Camp Squanto without breadcrumbs.
- ❖ Meeting with 35 of the members of our Board of Directors talking about Scouting (you need to know the true level of quality of these dedicated men and women)
- ❖ Visiting Weymouth's Troop 19 at Massasoit and having the troop committee set up Gerry and me in a photo op!
- ❖ My wife, Jeanne, and I attended our first Tisquantum Lodge fall weekend. What terrific ceremonies and great work by our lodge officers! (Thanks for all the labor benefiting our Scouts).
- ❖ Spending time with the professional staff visiting their district's (a lot of windshield time and good discussions)
- ❖ Moving into Hull! Yeah, a home cooked meal at last.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Scout Executive of the Old Colony Council.

Together we can help thousands of young people grow into exceptional adults!

Cranberry Harbors District

Serving: Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, and Scituate

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New Face In the Crowd

The Cranberry Harbors District would like to welcome a new face in the crowd. Effective September 15th, Len Thatcher will be the new Cranberry Harbors Senior District Executive. Len brings 28 years of Scouting experience in numerous District and Council professional positions including District Director and Field Director. He is a native of Carver and grew up in the South Shore Area. Please join us in welcoming Len.



A Message to New Cubmasters

It's not uncommon for new Cubmasters to make a fatal mistake. You can't do everything yourself. If that's your approach, be prepared for long restless nights. Your role is simple. A Cubmaster should work with the support of a unit committee and preside over the monthly Pack meeting at the Master of Ceremonies. He/She coaches and prepares the den leaders four to six weeks in advance to ensure that quality theme driven den meetings happen. The Cubmaster drives the program portion of the pack by working with the direct contact

leaders. These leaders are defined as assistant cubmasters, den leaders and assistants. His/her role is not to preside over the Pack Committee meeting, function as treasurer or coordinate activities. These are all functions of the Pack Committee and require the leadership of a Pack Committee Chairman. Our natural inclination is to "run the show" or "be in charge". Cub Scouting requires clear and defined roles in order to deliver an effective program.

Team Building

Success begins with leadership and a cohesive entity called The Team. Experience has proven that the most successful Packs, Troops, and Crews are those that are guided by qualified and respected members, plan collectively, perform to the best of their abilities, and equally share the responsibility for success as well as failure. Most importantly, the team needs to remain willing and teachable as it relates to its experiences. A good team carefully evaluates results and makes the necessary adjustments. Did it work well? Will it work again? Are we repeatedly doing the same thing with similar results? If the results are not favorable we may need to change something. This does sound like a radio sports talk show, however, the same princi-

	Oct.	
1	Roundtable	
2	YPT & NLE	
9	Commissioners Mtg.	
16	Dist. Committee Mtg.	
23	CLS & SM1	
26	OLS & OWLS	
	Nov.	
5	Roundtable	
6	SM2	
8	SFF Bag Dist.	
10	Popcorn orders due	
13	Commissioners Mtg.	
15	Scouting for Food Pickup	
20	Dist. Committee Mtg. SM3	
22	Popcorn Pickup	

ples do apply. Have you followed these steps with your team? Scouting on a unit or district level operates very much like a team. Sometimes *we as a team* have to accept reality that something is not working and change how we conduct business. It's difficult to walk through the fear, make a change and try something new. What are our alternatives? Do we risk the loss of boys and leaders by remaining stagnant or do we refresh our perspective by trying something different. The Cranberry Harbors District is undergoing its own evaluation and sighting what it needs to accomplish, how it will accomplish these tasks, and where it needs to change. We encourage units to use the same methodology. It is important that each member of the team views their role, takes the personal initiative to honestly evaluate and makes the effort to the best of their ability to make the change. When this occurs the team succeeds.

Great Ponds District

Serving: Braintree, Canton, Hingham, Hull, Randolph, Sharon, and Weymouth

District Web Site: <http://www.greatponds.us/>

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Training News

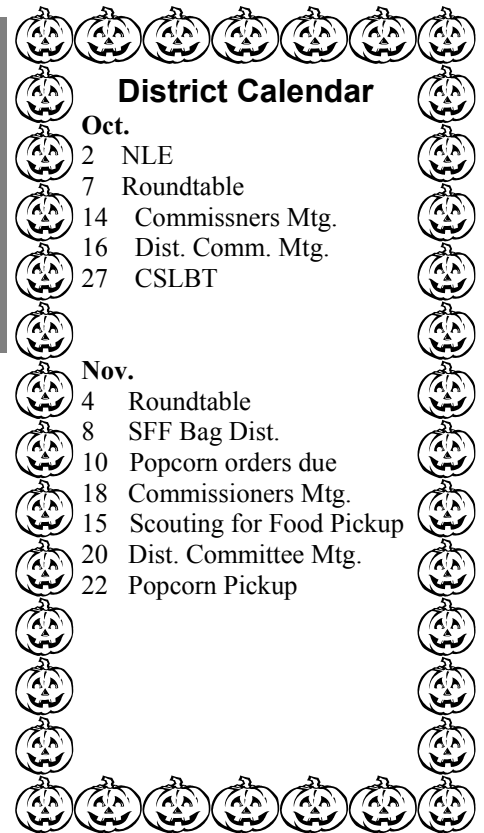
On Monday October 27th the Great Ponds District will hold its first Pack Adult Leader Training. This Training Experience is brand new and gives adult leaders in a Cub Scout Pack an opportunity to expand their skills in their leadership role within the Pack. The training will be held at St Jerome's parish in Weymouth. The Training will start at 6:30pm and should conclude at 9:00pm. The flyer for this training is on the Great Ponds District Web Site www.greatponds.us.

There are many Training Opportunities taking place this fall outside of the Great Ponds District each unit leader and parents are encouraged to attend training courses. A list of Training Courses can be found on the Old Colony Council Web Site at www.oldcolonycouncil.org.

Internet Re-Charter

At October's District Roundtable the Great Ponds District will unveil the brand new internet re-chartering program. This program will make the unit re-chartering process quicker and easier understood. Once a unit completes the on-line process a unit will still need to print the charter packet have it signed by the unit's Intu-

itional Head and Submit the packet to the council office or at the District Re-charter night in December with all fees. During October and November's roundtables Wally Larosee and Bill Dunbar will be on hand to answer unit's questions about the new program.



District Calendar	
Oct.	
2	NLE
7	Roundtable
14	Commissioners Mtg.
16	Dist. Comm. Mtg.
27	CSLBT
Nov.	
4	Roundtable
8	SFF Bag Dist.
10	Popcorn orders due
18	Commissioners Mtg.
15	Scouting for Food Pickup
20	Dist. Committee Mtg.
22	Popcorn Pickup

Year End Membership Incentive Program

In June the Great Ponds District and the Old Colony Council rolled out a year end unit membership incentive program aimed at rewarding units who successfully retain and recruit members in their unit, Re-Charter on time, and provide a 2009 Friends of Scouting Presentation Date. The following units have met the membership requirement for the program to date.

5 More Scouts

Troop 4 Hingham

10 More Scouts

Pack 2 Weymouth
Troop 19 Weymouth

Many Units are very close to achieving the membership portion of the program, keep up the good work.

Seven Rivers District

Serving: Bellingham, Foxboro, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Walpole, and Wrentham

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Boys Are Everywhere!

The Seven Rivers District salutes the efforts of all unit leaders for conducting a very successful recruiting campaign. From May to September the district has registered over 260 new members. This was largely accomplished by each unit taking the initiative by promoting themselves through the use of newspaper ads, large signs and posters, Town Fairs and very visible service projects in each community. Positive exposure has proven to be the key. Don't forget the Membership Incentive Program. Plus 5 boys over 2008 gets PawSox Tickets plus 10 boys yields Pinewood Derby Cars. Let's not stop there! Register your new scouts, continue to recruit, the boys are counting on us. Thanks for your help!

December Roundtable Holiday Party

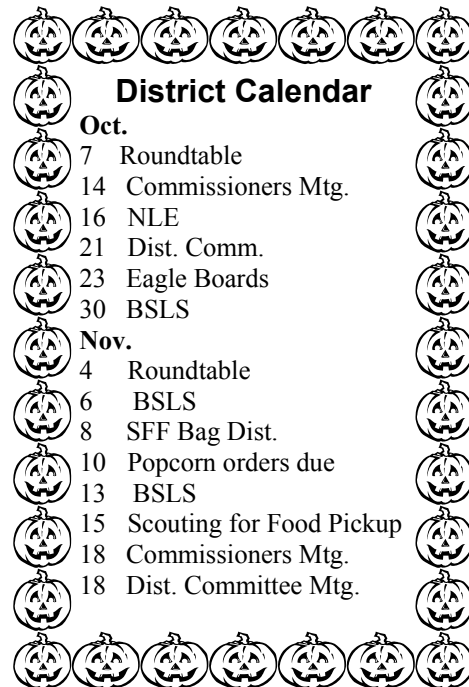
The Seven Rivers District extends a warm invitation to all leaders to the December 2nd roundtable 7:00pm (special time) at the Foxboro Co. Cafeteria on Neponset Ave. in Foxboro.

We will be available to help units with charter processing. The program will feature an informal fellowship, treats, games and door prizes. Your ticket to the party is your

completed charter, new registrations and FOS date for 2008. We will have a special drawing for the pack that brings the most den leaders. If you're having difficulty completing the charter, someone will be available to help you. Please call or email Len or Travis at the above numbers by December 1st. Units are welcome to bring Holiday goodies such as cookies, pastries and cakes. Please **NO** popcorn, we all saw enough of it last month!

Training . . . Building Confidence and Sharpening Skills

For the last year, through the dedicated efforts of Karen Single and a host of other volunteers the Seven Rivers District has set the tempo for quality training courses. This team has trained over 200 volunteers and have generated a heighten interests in advanced training such as Wood Badge. Their solid instruction has paved the way for leaders to pursue further training experiences. We do not have the luxury of their expertise to staff these courses. They repeatedly called out for help and were told, "I'm too busy" or "my son has moved on". These responds have truly affected the proud training tradition of Seven Rivers District.



District Calendar

Oct.

- 7 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioners Mtg.
- 16 NLE
- 21 Dist. Comm.
- 23 Eagle Boards
- 30 BSLS

Nov.

- 4 Roundtable
- 6 BSLS
- 8 SFF Bag Dist.
- 10 Popcorn orders due
- 13 BSLS
- 15 Scouting for Food Pickup
- 18 Commissioners Mtg.
- 18 Dist. Committee Mtg.

The consequents are quite simple. Our limited staff obviously has affected the volume of training courses. We need more people to make training available for our new leaders. We all share some responsibility. The District is prepared to orient and train new presenters. Remember part of a unit committee's responsibility is to make leaders aware of training opportunities. The District's role is to provide resources and materials so this process may occur. Our council website has a link for Fast Start Training and each registered leader is mailed a Fast Start CD-Rom with the same information. The district and council will further it's support through scheduled New Leader Essential Training and Leader Specific Training and the new modifies PAL (Pack Adult Leader Training). However, as in the past the district will go in to the communities at unit meeting locations and conduct courses. We ask that units help us by securing a location and promote participation. We will charge a nominal fee for materials and recognition. If a town would like a course, please notify the Karen Single at single24612@comcast.net in a timely fashion so that we may establish a team and schedule the course. We suggest that a town or group of units secure a minimum of 15 participants to encourage pupil interaction.

Squanto District

Serving: Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman

District Web site: <http://www.squantodistrict.oldcolonycouncil.org/>

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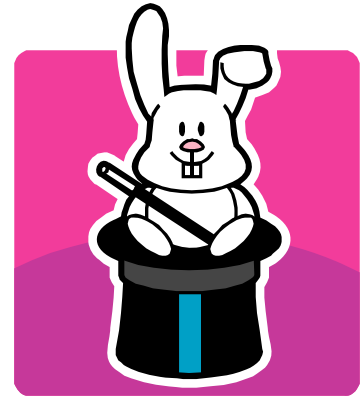
Welcome back for another fantastic year! Squanto District has many exciting events coming up this year! Be sure to attend the monthly Roundtables at Brockton High School on the 1st Wednesdays of every month at 7:30pm. The Order of the Arrow Chapter will also be meeting at the same time and place every month. Keep checking the website for new activities and events throughout the year.

Training

Squanto District just had about 35 leaders trained in September. We have a lot of upcoming training opportunities available for all leaders. Come out and have some fellowship with your fellow scouters and get trained as well. Please check out our website for all the trainings offered and to obtain the registration forms.



District Calendar	
2	– Roundtable
14	– Commissioners
15	– District Committee
16	– Scoutmaster Fundamentals
23	– Scoutmaster Fundamentals
25	– Cub Scout Family Fun Day
26	– New Leaders Essentials
30	– Scoutmaster Fundamentals
30	– Troop Committee Challenge
November 2008	
1-2	– Outdoor Leader Skills
5	– Roundtable
8	– Cub Scout Training
8	– New Leader Essentials
8	– Den Chief Training
10	– Popcorn Orders Due
Website:	
squantodistrict.oldcolonycouncil.org	



Cub Scout Magic

We will be having a Cub Family Fun Day at Southeastern Regional High School on October 25. There will be magic, crafts, etc. Bring the whole family! For more information, go to the website.

2010 National Jamboree



“Be Prepared” is more than just a motto! With the next National Scout Jamboree less than two years away, now is the time to set your goal to attend and develop a plan to earn your way.

Right now you should visit the National Jamboree web site at <http://www.bsajamboree.org/>. You will need your individual registration number from your BSA membership card. Download a Jamboree application, fill it out and have your Scoutmaster sign it, and submit it to the Old Colony Council Office with a \$200.00 reservation fee. The total cost is anticipated to be \$1,600 per Scout participant and \$1,100 for unit leaders. A payment plan will be available. This cost includes the Jamboree fee, travel and tour costs, meals, lodging, unit and patrol equipment, accident and sickness insurance, and the cost of pre-jamboree training. Each participant will have to provide at least two full Jamboree uniforms and their own camping incidentals.

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will take place at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Our contingent will de-

part on July 24 and return on August 4, 2010. The Jamboree is being planned for over 50,000 participants, or more specifically, 43,000 Scouts and leaders in almost 800 troops, plus more than 5,000 staff members who will support the jamboree. As a key celebration of Scouting’s 100 Anniversary in America, it will truly be a once in a lifetime experience!

All applying to attend the Jamboree must: 1) **Sign a Code of Conduct;** 2) **Participate in a pre-jamboree experience (currently scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, May 2010);** 3) **file a personal health and medical record prior to the pre-jamboree training;** and 4) **be approved by the local council.**

In addition to the stipulations above, **Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts** must have earned their First Class rank prior to the Jamboree. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. Their Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach, as well as the Old Colony Council Jamboree Committee must also approve Scouts who apply.

Contingent Adult Leaders are now being selected. The council will have 8 provisional Jamboree troops, each with a Scoutmaster and 4 Assistant Scoutmasters. There are many great leaders in our Council, but we only have places for 40 leaders. Leaders will be announced as they are selected.

To be selected as a **Scoutmaster or First Assistant Scoutmaster**, in addition to the stipula-

tions above, you must have served as a Scoutmaster for at least one year during the three-year period prior to July 1, 2010 and have completed basic Scoutmaster training. Although not required, Wood Badge and/or Scoutmaster's Key are preferred qualifications. The Scoutmaster must be able to serve as a role model of physical fitness.

To be selected as a **Second or Third Assistant Scoutmaster**, in addition to the stipulations above, you must be 21 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have served actively in an adult troop leadership position for at least one year during the three-year period prior to July 1, 2010.

To be selected as a **Fourth Assistant Scoutmaster**, in addition to the stipulations above, you must be at least 18 years of age (but not have reached 21) by August 3, 2010 and have served actively in a Scout troop leadership position.

Staff Positions on the National Jamboree Staff are also available for both youth and adults. For more information on Jamboree staff, visit <http://www.bsajamboree.org/>

Celebrate Scouting’s 100th Anniversary! Meet us at The Hill!

We will do our very best to hold to this fee. Please understand that if there is a significant change in our predicted bus and food costs we will need to pass this along to each participant.

Popcorn Corner

2008 Trail's End Popcorn Sale

ADDED PRIZE INCENTIVE

"Fill it Up" Program

Every week during the popcorn sales campaign, Old Colony Council will have a weekly drawing to win fabulous prizes (Razor USA Electric Scooter, Nintendo DS Lite Game System, Olympus 7.1MP Digital Camera, Garmin E Trex Portable GPS, Bear Archery Brave Bow Set, Coleman Mummy Style 0 degree Sleeping Bag, Wal-Mart Gift Card and more). The sale will begin on October 1st and runs through November 7th. (All unit orders are due by Monday, November 10th.) The drawing will be held every Friday at 4 PM beginning on October 10th.

Encourage your Scout's to sell early and to sell often. Sell to neighbors, friends, relative, church members, etc. Mom and Dad can help in their Scout's efforts by taking an order form to work.

Good Luck!

TO QUALIFY FOR THE DRAWINGS:

- FILL IT UP PROGRAM – for every order form that a Scout fills up with 25 different customers the Scout will get one ticket per page in the weekly drawing. You must fax a copy of the order form to the Scout Service Center at 781-828-0543 to the attention of Sue Sullivan or Len Thatcher. You may want to call to confirm receipt of your fax. Once it is confirmed that the form is filled up with 25 different customers a ticket with the Scout's name will be put in the drawing.

RULES FOR THE DRAWINGS:

- There will be two winners each week.
 - Every week we will start over. All the tickets from the prior week will be put in the tin for the next week.
- The winner will be notified by phone on Friday afternoon and can be picked up the following week at the Scout Service Center.



ONLINE SALES CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING

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Sign up for The



Tisquantum Lodge
Order of the Arrow
Lodge Banquet
(January 5, 2009)

Fall is here!

The Lodge Banquet is a great time to honor our Fellow Arrowmen :

- Be with friends
- Meet the new Lodge Chief
- Great Food (Chinese Buffet)
- Chance to meet National Order of the Arrow Leaders
- Vigil Callout Ceremony
- Live Music
- Did we say Fun & Fellowship?

SIGN UP TODAY!

LODGE BANQUET

This years banquet will be held at the Elks Hall, 21 School St., Randolph on January 5, 2009. The cost is \$19.00 . The sign up deadline is December 23, 2008. No one will be allowed to pay at the door.
Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

This is the night when we install our new officers and layout our plan for the upcoming year and what a year it is going to be!!!! We will be welcoming Section, Region, and National Officers to our Banquet and holding our own Lodge Fellowship in the Spring. Be sure to be at the Banquet to stay up to speed on Tisquantum's action packed Spring and Summer.

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Please sign me up for the Lodge Banquet on January 5, 2009 at the Randolph Elks Hall.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____

_____ @ \$19.00 = _____

The sign up deadline is December _____. No one will be allowed to pay at the door.
Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

Return to: Old Colony Council BSA, 2438 Washington St., Canton MA 02021

For More Information Contact: Rick Poirier at the Council Service Center (781) 828-8360

WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

The objective of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate, as practically as possible, the Aims and Methods of Scouting.

Six days in duration, the course is a multi-faceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory.

In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way we will have a great deal of fun.

After successful completion of all course requirements and with the completion of your personal "Wood Badge Ticket", each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion, a Wood Badge Tartan Neckerchief, a Leather Woggle, and Two Small Beads on a leather Thong to be worn proudly around the neck.



"Every Boy Deserves A Trained Leader"

Who may Attend Wood Badge?

Attendees may be Cub Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Varsity Leaders, Venture Advisors, District Volunteers, Council Volunteers or Professional Staff — all Adult Scouters who have completed the specific training in their current registered position



Course NE-I-261, Two Three-Day Weekends

Weekend 1:

Camp Norse, Kingston, MA
April 24th, 25th, 26th, 2009

Weekend 2:

Camp Greenough, Yarmouthport, MA
May 15th, 16th, 17th, 2009

Course Size is Limited to 48 ... so, register early!

For a Course Invitation or More Information ...

Please contact:

Kevin Radford: 508-542-1131
evertonfc@comcast.net

Dick Aiken: 508-362-4322
raiken@bsamail.org

Yes! Please Send Me An Invitation This Course.

Provide the following information, write neatly and mail form to:

Cape Cod & Islands Council, BSA
Attn: Kevin Radford (NE-I-261)
247 Willow Street
Yarmouthport, MA 02675.

Or, complete the form online at your council website and e-Mail the Acrobat form to [Kevin Radford](mailto:Kevin.Radford@bsa.org).

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Evening Phone:		
Day Phone:		
E-Mail:		
Unit Type (circle 1):	Pack, Troop, Crew	
Unit Number:		
Unit Leadership Position:		
Council:		
District:		
Scouting Professional. Position:		
Other Position:		

Training (check off courses completed)

Fast Start*.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Leader Essentials*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leader Specific Training*.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoutmaster Fundamental's	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Leader Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baloo	<input type="checkbox"/>

(* indicates required training)



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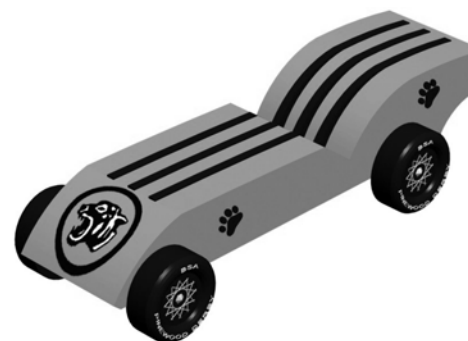
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2008 Unit Membership Incentive Program

If your Unit has 5 or more registered youth on December 31st 2008 then it did on December 31st 2007 the Council will provide your unit with a ticket to a 2009 Pawtucket Red Sox Game for every re-registered for calendar year 2009 youth and adult. (Open to All Packs, Troops, & Crews)

2) If your Cub Pack has 10 or more registered youth scouts on December 31st 2008 then it did on December 31st 2007 the Council will provide your Pack with Pinewood Derby Cars for every re-registered youth in 2009.

To Qualify for the Incentive Program your unit must Re-Charter on time (prior to December 31st) and have scheduled a 2009 Unit Friends of Scouting Presentation.
