



There is a new program that is incorporating geocaching in scouting called “Get in the Game”. For those who don’t know about geocaching, it is like a high-tech treasure hunt. Utilizing GPS units, you find co-ordinates of ‘caches’ online at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and go find them. Many of them are containers filled with small trinkets to trade and a logbook. After finding, you go back online and write about your find.

With this program are special Travel Bugs that feature the ‘5 Pillars of Scouting’: Achievement, Character, Leadership, Service and Outdoors. We are looking for suggestions on what to make each travel bug in each of the 5 listed categories. There is also a special Travel Bug tag that we are to attach to a Pinewood Derby car and send it on its way in a race/contest that involves it getting to the National Jamboree next summer (more details are coming on this).

There will be future events to help packs and troops get acquainted with geoscouting and how it can be used for recruitment. One is being planned for January 2, 2010 at Washington Crossing State Park with help for instruction coming from Central Jersey Geocachers. Geoscouting is encouraging troops to place new geocaches.

We are also planning a “Cache to Eagle” Series of 12 caches to be put out council-wide. . This series will be to have a regular sized geocache put in the vicinity of an Eagle project. We are looking for submissions of possible project locations to feature. These projects need to be in public areas and show scoutings true spirit. We are also looking for people or troops to place these caches and maintain them according to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) guidelines. We would like to have around 2 per district, so that they are spread all over council’s geographic area. The idea behind the series is that once you complete all 12 (or 13 *if we decide* make a final puzzle cache) you would be eligible for a specially designed patch that commemorates the series. A committee will make the final decision on where the caches in the series will go. When submitting info, please keep the following in mind:

District, town located, troop #, year project was done?, is it being maintained?, # of hours, scout name (we are only using first names on the cache page), who benefited from it?

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