



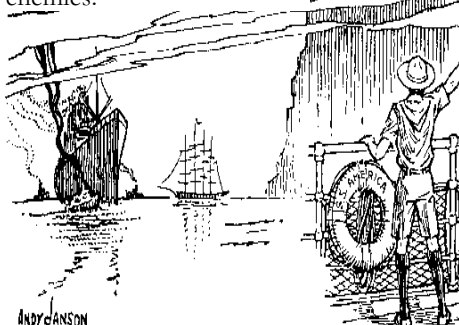
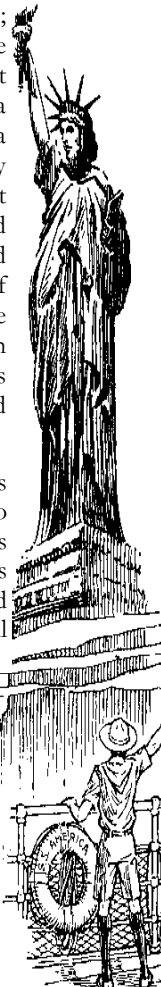
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WM. TYLER PAGE

Chief Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, quality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



Handbook for Boys
Revised First Edition 1940

Using Older Scouts as Den Chiefs and Troop Guides

The Den Chief and the Troop Guide are two critical leadership positions that 1) help a Pack retain its members and successfully cross them over into the Boy Scout program and 2) help a Troop retain its new Scouts through that difficult first year adjustment period. Unfortunately, not enough time is spent in selecting or properly training Scouts for these positions. Here are some helpful tips for Troop and Pack leaders.

Scouts who are appointed Den Chiefs should be 2 to 4 years older than the Cub or Webelos Scouts that they will be responsible for and should demonstrate a level of maturity in working with younger boys. In a true boy-led Troop, the Senior Patrol Leader appoints Den Chiefs with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster or the Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) responsible for Den Chiefs. The ASM responsible for the New Scout Patrol will also supervise the Den Chiefs unless the Troop is extremely large. If the Troop has a large number of Den Chiefs, the Senior patrol Leader may also appoint an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader specifically to assist in monitoring the activities of the Den Chiefs. To assist in the selection process, the Troop should establish qualification guidelines. It should be remembered that a Den Chief's duties require additional time outside of Troop meetings and a Scout selected must want to and be willing to spend the additional time to be a Den Chief.

As with a Den Chief, a Troop Guide is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster or the Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) responsible for the New Scout Patrol. The Troop should establish guidelines to help in the selection process. The Scout selected should be at least First Class and be

able to teach the Tenderfoot to First Class requirements to the new Scouts. While a specific age is not stipulated, he should be old enough to have the maturity to act as a mentor to the new Scouts. In addition, the Troop Guide is usually not a member of another patrol but may participate in the high-adventure activities of a Venture Patrol.

Appointing Troop Guides and Den Chiefs is only the first step. They must now be **TRAINED**. This is a two step process. As soon as they are appointed, the Scoutmaster or the ASM responsible should sit down with the individuals and go over their job descriptions and what is to be expected of them. The Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit provides job description cards and tips on how to conduct the session. There is also an on-line Fast Start course for Den Chiefs that can be accessed through Scouting.org. The second step is an all day Troop Junior Leader Training session conducted by the Scoutmaster and his assistants using the lesson outlines in the above mentioned training kit. In addition, there is a separate half-day training session for Den Chiefs which is done with their assigned Den Leaders in attendance in order to start building a level of understanding between them. Once the Training is completed, they are awarded a *Trained* patch to wear under their badge of office.

Once Den Chiefs are trained and functioning in their positions, there should be ongoing coordination between the Pack and Troop as to the quality of the job the individual Scouts are doing and the need, if any, for additional coaching or training.

Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badges

The dates (please note revised dates in May) for the 32nd annual Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badge course, created by John J. Kauza and sponsored by Troop 112, are as follows:

Mandatory Classroom Sessions	Range Session at YCSR
May 7, 2010	May 22 – 23, 2010
September 10, 2010	September 25 – 26, 2010

Those who enroll **MUST** attend one of these classroom sessions before any of the range sessions.

In addition to the opportunity of earning either or both of these shooting merit badges, Scouts can earn the NSSF Junior Rifle and Junior Shotgun team patches. The New Jersey Hunter Education Certification Program is also offered in conjunction with this course. This program is open to all Troops registered with any Boy Scout Council, with enrollment and scheduling preference given to the CNJC. Any Scouts, adult Scouters, family members and guests may enroll with Troop sponsorship.

Troops interested in participating in this program may e-mail John Kauza at johnkauza@att.net for complete details.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES



Yet another fun and exciting event has been planned to commemorate the **100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.** Some activities include a rock climbing wall, a bounce house, the Council Pinewood Derby race, and ***much more!***



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 5, 2010

Location: Shoppes at North Brunswick
(Parking Lot Area)
The intersection of Rt 1 and Rt 130 in North Brunswick
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Our aim is to have 100 % unit participation

Bring a Friend who joins the Scouts and earn your recruiter patch!

Volunteers are Needed to Help Make this Event a Success

Be a part of something great by contacting:
Event Chair: Wendy Weiss (wweiss4@gmail.com) or
District Executive: Julio Leiva (Julio.Leiva@Scouting.org)

Assistant Council Commissioner: Joseph G. Mahoney
Phone: (H) 732-940-2663; (W) 212-552-1384
E-mail: joseph.mahoney@jpmchase.com

Training Dates

Scout Ldr Specific Tng

Date 5/15/10
Place Ewing Presbyterian Church

Scout Outdoor Skills Tng

Date 5/21-23 /10
Place 326 Route 31 North, Ringoes

Cub Ldr Specific Tng

Date 5/27/10
Place Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church

NYLT

Date 5/29-31/10
6/4-6/10
Place YCSR

District Commissioner/ ADC Tng

Date 6/26/10
Place Council Service Center

Council Events

OA – Ordeal

Date 5/14-16/10
Place KMSR

Jamboree Shakedown

Date 5/22-23/10
Place KMSR

Clay Shooting Event

Date 5/24/10
Place Hudson Farm

OA – Ordeal

Date 6/11-13/10
Place Yards Creek SR

Council Annual Business Meeting

Date 6/29/10
Place Westin-Forrestal, Princeton

National Jamboree

Date 7/25-8/4/10
Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia

2010 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP INFORMATION

Dates and locations of Cub Scout Day Camps have been announced. Information and registration forms are available on the Council web site.

Also Cub/Parent weekends at Yards Creek have also been announced for August 14 – 15 and August 21 – 22, 2010.

For 2010 Cub Scout Resident Camping you can contact:

[Minsi Trails Council](#)
[Patriots Path Council](#)

[Monmouth Council](#)
[Greater New York Council](#)

Please note that these camps are Nationally accredited Scout camps, but have no affiliation with the Central New Jersey Council. For more information, please contact the corresponding council directly.

Philmont Opportunity Summer 2010

Troop 52, Cranbury NJ, is participating in a Philmont short trek from 8/7 to 8/16/2010. They have openings for 2 Scouts in their crew. The cost is approximately \$1,100 and includes airfare, a night in Colorado Springs, the Flying W Ranch dinner show, a full day of rafting on the Arkansas River, a night at the Koshare Indian Kiva, 7 days and nights at Philmont and ground transportation.

If you would like to make this trek part of your summer travel plans contact Gene McDermott (genemcdermott@aol.com), 609-658-3344.

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