



THE COOK'S FORK

Volume 2.

As I begin volume 2 of The Cook's Fork, I need to take moment to honor a Scouter and friend who passed away. Anthony "Nat" Sciuto spent untold hours with Troop 9 and Pack 9, St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church in Danbury. Nat was Scoutmaster of T9 when my oldest son crossed over and he asked me to be an ASM. Two years later I was fortunate enough to succeed Nat as Scoutmaster. Nat continued his involvement with Pack 9 when his grandson became of age to join. The family's dedication to Scouting continues today as Nat's son Ken is the present Scoutmaster of T9. Nat was also involved with St. Gregory's choir and it's many activities and performances. Nat was a friend. I will miss him as I know many others will. He touched a great many lives and we are all better for knowing him and being able to call him friend.

Now on to the business at hand. The Scouting season is off to a great start. Thank you one and all for coming to our first Roundtable of the season. As you could see, we are taking a little different approach this year. We hope you like it. And if you have any suggestions, please let Michael Carpenter or myself know. We value your feedback and input. For October, bring a friend, another leader, to join us.

And speaking of valued feedback and input, our October Roundtable will be a Fireside Chat with myself and Michael. As far as I know, this will be the first time we have held a Fireside Chat with the district chairman and district commissioner. We want to hear what you have to say. This is an open forum. Any topic, or problem or concern or complaint is welcome. Remember, this is your district. We exist, as a district committee, to serve you and your boys, and girls if you are a Venture Advisor. **YOU ARE SCATACOOK.**

While we are on the topic of communicating with you, I want to remind all the Pack Committees that I will be calling you to schedule a visit to one of your committee meetings this fall to talk about the district committee. This will be an opportunity for me to meet you and start the process of bringing the district to you. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions pertinent to your programs.

There is a great deal of activity coming up for September, October and November, so mark you calendars:

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| 9/30 | All Fall Membership Applications Due |
| 10/16 to 10/18 | Fall Camporee |
| 10/22 | Webelos Leader Outdoor Training Part 1 |
| 10/24 | SM/ ASM Specific |
| 11/6 | Silver Beaver Nominations Due
Venturing Leadership Award Nomination Due |
| 11/6 to 11/7 | Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT) |
| 11/21 | Unit Charter Renewal (Required of all units) |

Our Finance Chair, Marty Schorr, will start scheduling units for the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentations soon. We are asking all units to schedule an FOS presentation in the months of December through April.

And finally, we are looking for leaders to step up and assist the district committee in its various functions and committees. We have a goal of bringing in 15 new members to the committee by January 30, 2010. In the last month, we have added four new people. We have 11 to go to meet our goal. Though we have 3 to 4 major positions to fill, we have several smaller positions that need to be filled. Please consider one of these. We will make sure you have the support, information and training you will need to do the job. To paraphrase the recruitment line we have all heard, **"It's only one hour a month!"** If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me. That's what I'm here for!

You Are Scatacook!

Yours in Scouting,

Eric Larson