GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

# (K) NIGHT VISION

*"Welcome to King Arthur's Court"*

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# Happy Birthday, Boy Scouts of America!

## Day Camp- It's Worth it!

This year's Day Camp program; "King Arthur's Knights of the Roundtable" is promising to be the best yet. As previously written, the games & contests, the arts & crafts, the reenactments, the sports and many other program features will prove to be a valuable learning experience as well as a most fun time for our Cubs and for our adults as well. The four venues located in four different areas of our Council are beautiful will also prove to be very convenient for our families.

Happy Valentine's Day

One of the most inviting features of our camping experience is the cost. We've been working very diligently to keep the program something that our campers will remember for a long time. Yet we were able to keep the cost as it was last year. Our staff found that with a watchful eye and some creative shopping, ordering and buying we could eliminate the late fee, causing some families to decide that it was not in their budget. We're sure that the dollar value of our camp is family friendly and we wanted to ensure that the quality of the program didn't suffer. There's plenty of free stuff out there and the Dollar Store is a convenient and inexpensive place to shop. One of our activities will sit us all down at a table and make chain mail. It's a hand made piece of armor a knight wears around his neck and shoulders. It's hard to see in the picture here, but it's made of hundreds of little pieces connected together to form this knight's protection. We put the word out to everyone we knew. "Please save your pop can tabs," we asked. The response was unbelievable. We've received thousands of them and there still coming.

Our day Camp is also great alternative to the Council's Resident Camp. Price is a serious factor in the decision. Also, families schedules being what they are, it's sometimes difficult to get away and spend four days at camp. Then there's the other children. With whom do you leave them. That coupled with the fact that some of us don't like to live with the bugs associated with living in a tent.

Sooo! Com'on along and join the fun! We'd love to come to a Pack meeting or your Blue and gold dinner and talk about camp to your families. Give us the opportunity! Call us and Happy Valentine's Day to you ALL!

## -----WE WANT YOU----

As most everyone knows, The Boy Scouts of America prides itself on the fact that it emphasizes "youth teaching youth".. This year, as in the past, our Day Camp Staff is looking for teens (boys and girls) who would be willing to serve as their time schedule allows as part of our Youth Staff. If anyone is looking for service time to fulfill an obligation through school, religious study, Scouting or any other organization, we would be glad to welcome you aboard. Our next Day Camp Staff meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th here at the Council Service Center. We will begin at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.

If there are any 1st Class Scouts that would like to act as a Den Chief, we would train you and present you with your patch and Den Chief Cords at the end of one week's activities. You would be able to participate in the activities in addition to assisting the Den Leader.

See our website at www.wnyscouting.org for more information

***Scouting is more than an activity- it's a way of life!"***

**Greater Niagara Frontier Council**
**presents**
**UNIVERSITY of SCOUTING 2014**
**Saturday, March 1st, 2014**
**Erie County Community College**
**North Campus**
**Enter on Wherle Dr. near Young**

**Registration- 8:00 AM-8:45 AM**
**Sessions- 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM**
**for more information: contact**
**Bob Germony at (716) 863-9349**
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**or see www.wnyscouting.org**
**It'll be a great day of learning and fun.**
**You'll love it!!!**

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Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri- 9 AM- 6 PM
Tues., 9 AM- 7:30 PM
Saturday, 9:30 AM until 3 PM
Closed Sundays

**Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month**

Bear Cub Almari: Hi Ali,what do you find in the middle of nowhere?
Webelos Scout Ali: I dunno Almari. What do you find in the middle of nowhere?
Bear Cub Almari: The letter "h".

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## Paul's Piece of Pertinent Information and Commissioner's Comments

As we celebrate the 104th birthday of Scouting in America, we can reflect on what a different country it would be if there wasn't a Scout Oath and a Scout law for millions of our young people by which to live.

**The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."**

Using our "Aims of Scouting" we provide a program that helps **build the character** of our members, **promotes citizenship** through respect for our country and its flag and help them **personally grow physically, mentally, and emotionally** by presenting them with rigorous challenges to help maintain their physical & mental fitness.

Our methods have changed some over the 104 years since we were born, but our values remain in tact. We're still about God, country and self and we're still about our advancement program, about our patrol method of youth teaching youth ,and about providing leadership opportunities.

Most youth organizations our young people join are very valuable to them. But few instill a moral and ethical code such as ours. The emphasis on a sports team is winning and sportsmanship sure, but there is always a bench; a second string. There is no second string in Scouting. Everyone plays "First Team". Once you join our ranks we can always say, **"You will never NOT be a Boy Scout!**

## A Tip of our Cub Scout Cub Caps to:

Happy 104th birthday to
The Boy Scouts of America

## Pertinent Points of Information

1) What holidays did Presidents Day Replace?
2) Who brought the Boy Scouts to America?
3) When was the first Valentine's Day?

1) Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th & Washington's birthday, Feb. 22nd
2) William D. Boyce
3) 69 AD during the reign of the Roman Empoer Claudius

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