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As the Holidays Approach...

Happy holidays or should I say happy "busiest time" of the year?

With the holiday season comes traditional rituals, parties, visits home to see family, or having family visit us, and lets not forget making time for shopping.

Of course this time of year is a reminder to most of us of how blessed we are in our own lives.

During this time of year it is nice to keep in mind our Scout Law and an opportunity to put it into action. This is a perfect time to put into practice and set good examples for our Scouts by setting up opportunities for them to be helpful, friendly, cheerful, kind and reverent.

District Recognitions

The Highlander District has established district awards that are given for distinguished service to youth. The criterion is different for each award, but there is one common thread. The awards are granted by one's own peers and do not come as the result of any prescribed course of action.

The District will award the following honors at the

There are many people less fortunate than us where we as a den or pack can step in to help ease their burdens. In addition there are many community events going on close to home to take part in as well.

Scouts can write Christmas cards for patients at a VA hospital, or for troops overseas. They can adopt a family and provide gifts for that family, even put together food baskets to provide holiday meals for families in need. They can go caroling at a nursing home, or provide candy or cookies to a homeless shel-

ter, fire or police stations. There are community events that you can participate in as well, like Wreaths Across America, area Christmas parades or provide a service or event for your host church or organization.

The ideas are endless.

Keep in mind the Scouts are young, not only are you providing them with some great memories but you are possibly planting a seed from which this may grow into something bigger and better in their lives as they get older by instilling traditions and values now that may be hard to forget and inspiring within them a need continue year after year by committing to being a part of something bigger than themselves. How will your Scouts be taught to make a difference?

Cool Website

scoutingnewsroom.org

It seems like all we see on the news each day is bad news about tragedies in the world. Sign-up to get some good news stories delivered to your inbox and stay up to date with the latest developments from the Boy Scouts of America at the Scouting News Room.



District Awards Banquet on January 10th.

- District Award of Merit
- Distinguished Leadership Citation
- District Order of Merit
- Cub Scouter of the Year
- Boy Scouter of the Year
- Venture/Varisty/Ship Scouter of the Year
- Rookie of the Year

Nominations are due to the District Awards Committee by 11 December.

Highlander Email Lists

Highlander District has lots of great opportunities for your Scouts but only if you know about them. Highlander District has switched to Constant Contact for it's email distribution system. This will allow us to narrow down who we send information to so that you only get emails that you are interested in and not lots of spam. Please take a moment to follow the link at the bottom of the next district email to update your preferences so that you continue to receive the information



you need, when you need it. Click on the "Update Profile/Email Address" link in the footer of an email to update your preferences.

You will be able to select the programs that you are interested in:

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Venturing
- Sea Scouts
- Order of the Arrow

If you have not received any emails from the new system, go to Highlanderdistrict.org to sign up.

All About Neckers

The origin of the Scouting neckerchief seems to be in Robert Baden-Powell's participation in the Second Matabele War in 1896; where he worked with Frederick Russell Burnham, an American-born scout employed by the British Army. Baden-Powell copied Burnham's practical style of dress, including "a grey-coloured handkerchief, loosely tied around the neck to prevent sunburn". When Baden-Powell launched the Scout Movement with the book Scouting for Boys in 1908, he prescribed a neckerchief or scarf as part of the Scout uniform, which he stated was "very like the uniform worn by my men when I commanded

the South African Constabulary". He continued; "Every Troop has its own scarf colour, since the honour of your Troop is bound up in the scarf, you must be very careful to keep it tidy and clean." Initially, Scout neckerchiefs were tied with a variety of knots, but the use of a "woggle" or slide, originated in the United States in the early 1920s and quickly spread around the Scouting world.

In most countries each Scout Troop uses its own color neckerchief. The colors are usually the "Troop Colors" which may have a particular historical significance to the troop or to the local community.

Book of the Month

The Unofficial Official Handbook of Good Deeds



This book is an inspiring reminder of how the small things you do and choices you make each day can really make a big difference in the world.

Inside you'll find more than 300 fun, simple, and practical things you can do to make a difference each day in your family, your school, your community, and your environment. So empower yourself today and start changing your world one project at a time! Includes ideas that can be done on your own or with a group.



In Canada, while most groups use color neckerchiefs, there is also an optional alternate universal pattern tartan neckerchief: white plaid on red for Scouts, gold plaid on dark green for Cubs. Alternating thick and thin lines of the plaid spell out "CANADA" in Morse code.

Neckerchiefs can also have important ceremonial functions in Scouting, for example, Woodbadge presents a special neckerchief on completion of the course.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Visit the training page on highlanderdistrict.org For more information

Wood Badge
S7-421-16-1
April 8-10, 2016
April 29 - May 1, 2016

University of Scouting
7 November
Raleigh, NC

Upcoming Events

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day
November 14

Fayetteville Christmas Parade
December 12

Get out the Scout
December 17

District Awards Dinner
January 9