



FRIENDS OF WEBSTER

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SPRING CLEANING WORK DAY

**Saturday, April 6th
at J N Webster Scout Reservation**

Hoss Haskell, Chairman

Join the usual 'suspects' for satisfying work, fellowship, and food. We need help to get our camp ready for the 2019 season. We need your help on April 6th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and lunch will be provided.

JNW will be hosting National Camping School in June, so we need to have many of the campsites and program areas open early for that program. As usual, there is also a great deal of clean-up work to be done from the winter.

What is your skill set? If you have any special skills, such as a carpenter, plumber, electrician, painter, or mechanic, please let me know you are coming at hosshaskell@gmail.com. I will then try to match your skills with work projects that need to be done. Be sure to bring your tools

There is also plenty of work to be done that doesn't require any special skills including loading small logs, splitting and stacking firewood, and clearing brush and leaves from program areas and around buildings

Please sign-up on the JNW Facebook page (or e-mail Hoss) so we can better plan the projects to be done and prepare the food that will be needed.

WORK DAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am	Meet at the Ranger's Station for donuts, coffee or tea
8:45 am	Projects assigned, Supplies issued
9:00 am	Work projects begin
12:15 pm	Lunch served in Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Work resumes
4:00 pm	Work projects conclude



Seventeenth Annual

FRIENDS OF WEBSTER TRADE-O-REE

Friday, March 1 - Saturday, March 2, 2019



June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation
Greer Dining Hall
231 Ashford Center Rd. Ashford, CT

Buy, Sell, or Trade Boy Scout Memorabilia

- ~ Doors open from 1:00 pm on Friday until 4:00 pm on Saturday
- ~ \$2 Admission - **Free for Scouts in uniform.** All proceeds benefit Friends of Webster.
- ~ Plenty of free parking. Handicap Accessible.
- ~ There will be something for every collector, from district patches to top-end OA and insignia.
- ~ The show is well attended by both collectors and dealers. Several people who will be present have written books on Scouting history and Scouting collectables.
- ~ This event provides a great opportunity for Scouts to learn about Scouting history and collecting Scout memorabilia. This would make a great camping weekend for troops.
- ~ If your troop would like to spend the weekend at camp and see the show, **tent camping will be free.** Several cabins will also be available to rent through Connecticut Rivers Council at www.ctrivers.org.
- ~ There will be a **Memorabilia Auction** on Saturday at 1:00 pm which will include items from OA, camps, Jamborees, and other Scouting collectables. This live auction is one of the most anticipated parts of the event, usually with over 100 lots to bid on.
- ~ There will be a **Youth Only Silent Auction** on Saturday from 11:00 am to noon.
- ~ Supper on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, will be available for purchase in addition to refreshments throughout the show.
- ~ The Nathan Hale Heritage Center museum and camp Trading Post will be open during the weekend.

For more information, contact:

Paul or Harry Segerstrom at 860-822-6235, or e-mail paratrooper325@netzero.net

TRADE-O-REE HELP WANTED

Harry Segerstrom Jr & Hoss Haskell

Come out and join us for the 17th Annual Friends of Webster Trade-O-Ree. There will be plenty to see and do as you learn about Scouting history. We expect to have sixty tables of Scout Memorabilia on display from dealers across the Northeast Region. There will be a Youth-Only Silent Auction on Saturday morning and a Live Auction on Saturday afternoon. Details for the show can be found on the Trade-O-Ree flier in this newsletter. **Austin Deschamps Jr** and **Heidi Lambert** will be running a co-event simultaneously to help bring more Scouts into camp for the weekend. Scout units may reserve free tent camping sites for the weekend by contacting scouterdeschamps@aol.com.



You can help in several ways to make this our best Trade-O-Ree ever:

- 1) Help get the word out to your local Scout unit(s), or better yet, organize a car-pool for a den, patrol, or troop to attend the event.
- 2) Donate Scout memorabilia for the auction. All items are requested in advance so there is time to prepare them for sale. If you have anything to donate, contact **Harry Segerstrom Jr** at 860-822-6235 or paratrooper325@netzero.net.
- 3) If there will be a group of people for meals (\$5/meal), contact hosshaskell@gmail.com in advance to identify which meal(s) and how many people.
- 4) Volunteer to lend a hand in one of the following ways:



- Wednesday morning, Feb. 27 - Dining Hall setup. We have to rearrange the tables, move benches to the porch, bring chairs from Chip's Cabin and the Ranger's Station, and give the floor and tables a good cleaning.
- Thursday morning, Feb. 28 – We need to clean the cabins being used by dealers and staff, and also the Heritage Center museum.
- Friday afternoon, March 1 - We need help from noon until 4:00 pm assisting dealers unloading vehicles, someone to make sure that cars are moved as soon as they are emptied, and a shuttle driver for the Dining Hall, parking lot and cabins.
- Friday & Saturday - We need people to man the front desk, Trading Post, and Museum throughout the show. Contact hosshaskell@gmail.com if you can help out with these.
- Saturday morning, March 2 - We need a shuttle driver for the cabins, Dining Hall, Trading Post, and Museum.
- Saturday afternoon, March 2 - We need help immediately after the auction (about 3:30 pm) to break everything down, help dealers load vehicles, and set up the Dining Hall for the Friends of Webster dinner meeting at 5:00 pm.
- During the weekend - The co-event is a Free Camping Weekend Chaired by **Austin Deschamps Jr.** and **Heidi Lambert**. They need people to help run Merit Badge classes for Scouts in camp. If you can help, contact scouterdeschamps@aol.com to specify what badge you can help with and what time you are available.



Thanks in advance for any help you can give to make this great event a success!



HELPING THE HANDICAPPED

Construction of a new pavilion for Wequapaug Site 5A is under way. This will be a welcome addition for the handicap accessible site this summer. Our thanks go out to Greg Zlotnick and Zlotnick Construction for performing the site work needed prior to construction. Students (pictured) from the Ellis Technical School masonry shop prepared concrete forms and managed the cement pour for the floor. This spring, students from the Windham Technical School carpentry shop will build the structure. The pavilion will be dedicated as “The Greatest Generation Pavilion” in honor of World War II veterans Eugene Alassi and Buck Monty.



NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

You can save Friends of Webster time and money, and get your FOW newsletters sooner and in color, by choosing to receive them electronically. To get your newsletters by e-mail, contact **Barry Grant** at bgrant369@att.net or 860-690-8219. Newsletters will be sent out as PDF file attachments.



**2019
FOW PATCH
COMING SOON**

Friends of Webster will be issuing a special patch again this year as an incentive for members to stay current in paying their annual dues. A variation of the 2019 JNW summer camp patch (pictured) will be custom made for this purpose. Remember that FOW dues expire May 31st each year. Dues for the 2019-2020 year will be accepted at any time. The new FOW patches will be mailed out to those we don't connect with during summer camp.



Volunteers take advantage of favorable, but cold, weather to complete installation of a new roof on the Chief's Pavilion

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Trade-O-Ree	Mar 1-2	---
FOW Meeting	Mar 2	5:00 pm
Spring Cleaning Work Day	Apr 6	8:30 am
FOW Meeting	May 19	7:00 pm
Beaver Day	Jun 1	8:30 am
FOW Annual Meeting	Jun 1	5:00 pm
2019 Summer Camp Opens	Jun 30	---

Wednesday Work Crew - every week at camp

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WORK

Phil Monty

The Wednesday Work Crew has continued to be very busy as described below. As always, if you have some time, please join us any Wednesday to help improve our favorite camp.



- **Tim Boyd** cut and trimmed quite a few trees near Cub Scout Action Alley (the old Rifle range) to open up the area for more sunshine. This work created lots of brush for the Wednesday Crew and the camp's new wood chipper.
- After clearing up Action Alley, we started clearing small trees and brush from around the camp sites, starting with sites 5 -10. **Harry Segerstrom Sr** brought in his Gravely and 'mowed' down small brush and trees in each of the sites while the rest of the crew cut and chipped the debris. We also trimmed brush along the roadway to Ranhoff Lodge and the entrance to the main parking lot. All told so far, we have spent about eight days cutting and trimming brush and giving the wood chipper a good work out. Next up are the upper camp sites 1-4, with site 2 already underway.
- **Harry Segerstrom Sr** found and put together another Gravely mower, and attached a small plow, for use in camp. This will be a great addition to help keep up with trimming small brush in camp sites and along the edges of fields.
- We took the time to recycle two old decks that had been taken down to salvage and store the boards for future tent platform construction and repair.
- We also inspected and evaluated all the camp wheelbarrows and mended those that could be repaired.



*The Wednesday Work Crew takes a break from cutting and chipping brush. Pictured here are (L to R) **Tim Boyd**, **Harry Segerstrom Sr**, **Tom Marchesseault**, and **Ken Useted***

NATHAN HALE HERITAGE CENTER

Phil Monty

The Heritage Center is open from 1:00–4:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. It may also be opened by appointment - contact **Harry Segerstrom Jr** at 860-822-6235 or paratrooper325@netzero.net. The museum has an extensive collection of patches from Scout camps throughout eastern Connecticut. It also has a large collection of Scout books and Boys Life magazines. There are a number of photo panels on the museum walls tracing the history of Scouting in eastern Connecticut with an emphasis on J N Webster. Come visit to learn about the 'history' of Scouting in Connecticut. Scouts interested in completing Scouting Heritage Merit Badge can visit the museum to complete some, or all, of its requirements.



A TRIBUTE TO “RED” CORNELL



A large display case was donated to camp this past fall and we thank **Dave Thurz** for facilitating this gift. The display case has been moved to Chip’s Cabin and will be used to display several items, including some from the Elwin “Red” Cornell Scout collection. These items were obtained from the Cornell family for the Nathan Hale Heritage Center by **Harry Segerstrom Jr** and **Harry Segerstrom Sr**. Red Cornell was the Council Executive for Eastern Connecticut Council during the early 1960s. He served as the last Camp Director at Camp Quinebaug in 1963 and as the first Camp Director of Camp Ashford (now JNW) when it opened in 1964. The Cornell Cabin was so named in his honor.



Groundhog Day

Barry Grant

February 2 occurred while I was putting this newsletter together and it reminded me of a photograph I took at JNW. During the summer of 2016, I enjoyed watching these cute and cuddly woodchucks grow up and play every day. Although they were quite small at the beginning of the camp season, they were almost full grown by the end of the summer. These little critters made their home in a stone wall between the main parking lot and Weguapaug, Site 5B.



AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

Harry Segerstrom Jr



Friends of Webster presents the prestigious Cardinal Awards each year at our Annual Meeting in June. Nominations are welcome from all members and will be accepted until (or at) the FOW meeting on May 19. Please submit your nominee to me at paratrooper325@netzero.net for consideration.

The Cardinal Award is meant to recognize an individual who has, over time, demonstrated dedication, leadership, determination, and selflessness in their efforts to improve the facilities and/or programs at J N Webster Scout Reservation.

CHECK OUT THE CAMP WEBSITE: GoToWebster.org