

# ECHO

## Ribbon Cut To Open Sci-Tek Center

On Thursday, July 31, New York State Senator Michael Nozzolio cut the ribbon to formally open the new Science & Technology Center at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Last October, Senator Nozzolio stood in the same spot, broke ground and presented a check for \$400,000 to the council to build the new building.



*State Senator Michael Nozzolio cuts the ribbon as (from left) Council Past President Bob Schick, Council President Bob Oaks and Former Council President Carl Fribolin look on.*

The new, 4,000 square foot, year round building houses our weeklong Sci-Tek Quest camp in the summer and will be used by schools and other youth groups throughout the year. We envision the facility becoming THE center for exploring science, math and technology in the Finger Lakes.

The ribbon cutting was held during Sci-Tek Quest week. Twenty-five young men and women ages 14 to 18, many of whom are not Scouts, were

participating in a blend of classroom, laboratory and field activities in ecology-geology, engineering-technology and aerospace tracks. Youth age 16 and older will enjoy the Sci-Tek Quest experience on scholarships provided by Finger Lakes WIRED, a regional workforce development organiza-

tion.

The new center was built on the site of Hovey Lodge, one of the camp's original buildings. It houses three classrooms that open up into a large lecture hall, several sleeping rooms, five complete bathrooms with showers, a kitchen and a lab room. The building sleeps up to 32 people and is climate controlled. There is also an open pavilion so sessions can be held outdoors.

*(More photos on page 3)*

## ITT Goulds Pumps Partners On Sci-Tek Program

ITT Goulds Pumps and the council have announced a partnership to help develop our science and technology program. The announcement was made at a meeting of the executive board that followed the ribbon cutting to open the new Sci-Tech Center.

ITT Goulds Pumps executives Charles Cappellino and Ron Golumbeck attended the meeting to present the council with a plaque to formalize the agreement. Charles announced that the Seneca Falls company will contribute \$30,000 over the next three years to be used as seed money to



*(Right to left): ITT Goulds Pumps representatives Charles Cappellino and Ron Golumbeck present plaques to Council President Bob Oaks, Sci-Tek Quest Director Vic Lonsberry and Scout Executive Bob Dorn.*

fund the new position of Director of Science & Technology for the council.

The new director will be responsible for the development of all council science and technology programs. The full time employee will coordinate and market year round opportunities for schools and other organizations to use the new center. He/she will also be responsible for directing and marketing the council's Sci-Tek Quest summer camping experience.

## **Race To Cub Scouting Sept. 10 - Oct. 25**

Race To Cub Scouting is this year's Cub Scout joining theme, and the official dates of the joining campaign are from September 10 to October 25. This is your pack's chance to put its best foot forward – to shine in the eyes of the public! Please make the most of it.

This year's joining campaign is for more than a month. Instead of trying to hold a coordinated School Night, each pack is working with its commissioner and district executive to select times and venues that best suite the needs of that community.

If your unit hasn't made plans for asking the first through fifth graders in your community to join your pack, please contact your commissioner or your district executive as soon as possible and get the ball rolling.

Remember, you only have one chance to make a first impression for Scouting. Make it good!

## **Popcorn Sale Starts In September**

Your unit can be on Easy Street financially if you only sell popcorn!

That may seem like a pretty big boast, but all you have to do is check with those units that have been financing their whole Scouting program for the year with just one annual popcorn sale.

There are few other items in which your unit earns 35 percent commission on each sale. Plus the council, which is the distributor, earns money from each sale.

Here's how it works. Pick up your material at the September 10 roundtable and begin selling immediately. Turn in orders at the council service center by October 27. The time and place to pick up your popcorn will be announced, and money is due in the council service center Monday, November 24.

Besides earning big commissions for your unit, your Scouts can earn prizes, too. The biggest prize of all for leaders and parents is that, if your unit sells more than \$15,000 worth of popcorn, we will deliver it to a central location in your community.

For information, go back to the website and click on "Fall popcorn sale" under Upcoming Events. If you have questions or would like to sign your unit up from the sale, contact Michelle Robbins at the council service center. Call 315.789.1166 or e-mail [mrobbins@fingerlakescouncil.org](mailto:mrobbins@fingerlakescouncil.org).

## **New Way To Have Fun & Support The Council Coming In September**

On Saturday, September 20, you have an opportunity to participate in a new fund raising event for the council that promises to be lots of fun, too.

It's the first council Sporting Clay Shoot, to be held at the Canandaigua Sportsman's Club, 5280 Emerson Road. The cost is \$100. Registration is at 9:00 AM and the meet begins at 10:00 AM.

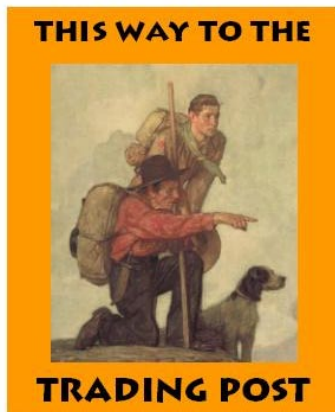
For information, contact the council service center – 315.789.1166.

## Thank You One And All

The 2008 season will be remembered as one of the most challenging at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Several campers and staff members came down with a virus the first week. The symptoms were gone by the second week, so staff members returned to camp, not knowing that the illness was contagious for several days after the symptoms disappeared. So, the cycle started all over again.

We decided to close camp for the third week, and thank all the Scouts, Scouters and neighboring councils for their understanding and flexibility. Each unit that wanted to go to camp that week was able to go to a nearby Scout camp.

## Buy Scout Uniforms And More At The Council Service Center



It has never been easier to shop at the trading post in our council service center. You don't even have to come to the store. You can shop online or by phone.

Go back to the home page and click on this trading post icon.

## Sci-Tek Ribbon Cutting Pictures



*(Above) Sci-Tek Quest Camp Director Vic Lonsberry shows State Senator Nozzolio a miniature, operational, power-generating windmill, which each Sci-Tek Quest camper made. (Top Right) Council President Bob Oaks welcomes everyone. (Middle Right) Former Council President Carl Fribolin introduces Senator Nozzolio. (Bottom Right) Senator Nozzolio talks about the importance of science and technology today.*