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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**Photo and News Opportunity: October 18-19, 2009**

### **Sixteenth annual 'Thunderbird Games' expected to draw more than 4,000 Cub Scouts & parents for activities, demonstrations and fun**

Your event press release information: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How

**DATE:**

- October 18-19

**TIME:**

- 11 am – 9 pm.

**PLACE:**

- Croton Point Park

(Croton, New York) – One of the nation's largest gatherings of Cub Scouts will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19, at Croton Point Park when the Westchester-Putnam Council of the Boy Scouts of America hosts its sixteenth annual Thunderbird Games.

This event brings together Cub Scouts of every level, from first-grade "Tiger Cubs" to fourth and fifth-grade "Webelos", for a full weekend of physical activity and mental challenges. For many, this will be their first overnight camping experience. A wide variety of events will be held during the day on Saturday including:

- Rope bridges will test balance and coordination.
- Chariot races will test the Scouts' speed as well as their ability to work together as a team.
- Physical fitness activities will also be offered.
- Obstacle courses, catapult game, slingshot, all add up to fun.

In addition, a series of demonstrations by older Boy Scouts and Venturers will begin to teach the Cub Scouts such important skills as outdoor cooking and knot and lash tying. These demonstrations are designed to give the Cubs an idea of what crafts and knowledge they can look forward to mastering as they progress up the Scout ladder.

Other community organizations, such as local police and fire departments will also be on hand to educate and entertain the Scouts during the day with such demonstrations as: fire apparatus, emergency and squad-car exhibits.

After a full day of activities, the Cubs return to their camping areas for a cookout, and then gather as a group for evening entertainment. This year Scouts will enjoy a special fireworks display by the Grucci's. After the show they return back to their sites for a campfire and to spend time with their friends and family.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION please contact Charlie Rogers at 914 773-1135 x231.**

The Westchester-Putnam Council provides a year-round program for over 10,000 young people, ages 7-21, through the efforts of over 3,000 adult volunteers, throughout the two counties. It operates two major outdoor activity and camping facilities: in Putnam Valley and Brant Lake, NY. It's dedicated to the mission of the Boy Scouts of America: "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law".

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