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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

City of North Tonawanda, NY
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Attention:
Honorable City Council
Office of the Honorable Robert Ortt - Mayor

Proposal

The Boy Scouts of America, locally known as the Greater Niagara Frontier Council (GNFC-BSA) would like to propose a co-operative community venture with the City of North Tonawanda on July 8, 2012 to be held at Gratwick Park.

Purpose of event

Through active participation of the Boy Scouts of America at all program levels, we would like to present a community event promoting the local city parks and recreation resources available to the citizens of North Tonawanda, while showcasing the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America. We plan to do this through hands on activities provided or arranged by the local scouting community. Activities organized and/or presented by the BSA would be provided free of charge for all age groups. Presentations would have a youth focus, promoting Scouting values. It would be an opportunity for the BSA to give back to the community for 102 years of their support.

Promotion and advertising

The name of the proposed event will be known as the NORTH TONAWANDA SCOUTING AIR SHOW which not only states the location of the event but also indicates the theme and subsequent activities offered as free public entertainment.

The event will be promoted with no (or little) anticipated expense to the BSA. We hope to secure local media support and exposure from sources including; Tonawanda News, Bee publications, Metro Source, Wheatfield Tribune, local radio stations, local Television, exposure at local schools in addition to the local scouting community. Any advertising efforts by the City of North Tonawanda through media sources and/or on the city calendar or related advertising vehicles would be appreciated.

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Basic Event Agenda

Event staff would consist of adult and youth volunteers from the local scouting community and subsequent supporters of the scouting program. Preparation for the event at Gratwick Park on River Road would begin at 8:00 am Sunday 7/8/2012 which would include vendors, clubs and related displays. The event would officially begin at 1:00 and end at 4:00. The parking area for boat launch vehicles with trailers would be reserved for the boaters with permits issued by the City of North Tonawanda. Activity areas will temporarily but clearly marked during event. All displays will be temporary and most will be located along the park drive on the west side near boat launch area. Scouting's Leave No Trace principles will be actively enforced to preserve the beauty of Gratwick Park. A scouting display will be set up at the main entrance and the south entrance of the park promoting scouting at all levels. Displays will include but are not limited to flags, balloons, streamers, dining flies, signs or related items. All efforts will be made to keep vehicles parked in established parking areas. If these areas are full we will try to keep cars parked along the Gratwick Park roadway as close to the road as possible in an effort to preserve the grass. Vehicles transporting anyone with physical or developmental challenges will be a priority. Anyone vendor who provides food, refreshments or activities will clean up their area when done. The Boy Scouts will supervise the final clean up after the event.

Activities Proposed

- Traditional Scouting opening
- Kite club(s) to demo and promote kiting as a hobby
- Remote control model air plane club(s) to demo and promote their hobby
- Scouts building and launching pop bottle rockets (interactive)
- Folding and flying paper airplanes
- Building and launching paper rockets
- Local rocket club to demo and promote rocketry as a hobby
- Frisby demonstrations and lessons
- Possible participation from the 914th Airbase (C-130 fly over)
- Possible participation from Mercy Flight
- Possible participation from the Niagara or Erie County Sheriff Air Unit
- Possible participation from the NT Police and Fire Departments
- Possible participation from the U.S. Coast Guard
- Possible participation from the U.S. Board Patrol
- The Girl Scouts will be invited to participate
- Local Scout Troops holding Hot Dog sale as a fundraiser
- Ice cream/refreshments or similar snacks with fees from local vendors
- Water, Ice Tea or Bug Juice (Kool-Aid) provided by BSA with local merchants support.

Requested City of North Tonawanda Participation

Our hope is that the City of North Tonawanda will grant the BSA the use of Gratwick Park, the pavilion and power source and any fresh water source available within the park and waive any fees. As well as any available safety traffic cones to mark prohibited parking and other areas of interest at no charge. Approval to post signs as needed in the park to mark activities and promote agenda. Police presence or participation for safety and security purposes would be helpful, but not necessarily needed. GNFC-BSA will provide BSA trained first aid staff for any minor incidents.

The Boy Scouts of America thank you in advance for your support in this event. It will promote community goodwill and create a fun arena for the families in and around North Tonawanda. What better way for a family to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than in one of our premier city parks with their friends and neighbors.

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