Emergency Preparedness Workshop for WNY Scouts

This event includes education and information to complete the requirements of the Boy Scout Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge and the Girl Scout Emergency Preparedness Patch, excluding the practical exercise (disaster drill). Scouts and leaders should be in uniform.

Open to all Western New York Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

- Saturday, February 7, 2015
- Registration at 8:30 am and Workshop is from 9 am-3:30 pm
- Niagara University Campus
- Lunch is provided
- Cost is Free!
- For Ages 11-18

Provided by Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University

Limited space is available so Register Online early at: www.niagara.edu/border-community-service or contact Dana Estrada, 851-4299, dle@niagara.edu or Gail Struzik, 205-0077, gstruzik@niagara.edu
Happy New Year!

Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University’s project in Buffalo begins the new year with a presentation to the new Americorps members at the Belle Center, on the City’s west side. It’s a presentation that we do each new class of Americorps at the Belle Center and we’re happy to be starting the new year there.

In December we again partnered with the City of Buffalo’s Adult Education program and completed presentations in several English as Second Language classrooms at the Jewish Community Center. These presentations are wonderful and I learn so much from the individuals that have recently arrived to our city.

BCS also visited the Native American Community Services program to present to foster families. It was my second visit to NACS, however my first was several years ago. They have been in existence since 1975 with a goal of strengthening families. They provide so much to the region. Please check them out at their facebook page.

We’re always looking for new opportunities to offer preparedness information at presentations or at tabling events. Please feel free to call us at 851-4299 if you have a lead on an organization or community event where we should be present. Thank you!

Say hi to….

Border Community SERVICE extends a warm welcome to the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M. Institute for Civic Engagement newest coordinator, Brittany DePetrio. You might remember Brittany’s friendly face as she has helped us out at our annual conference for the last couple of years and at other events sponsored by BCS. She will be working closely with Dr. David Taylor, the Institute’s Director to reinforce Niagara University’s commitment to the region and forming new relationships. The institute is also the primary resource for anyone in the community who is looking to partner with Niagara University’s students, faculty and staff, in efforts to build more partnerships within the community. These relationships will facilitate community service opportunities for Niagara University students and faculty.

We are delighted to have Brittany join us and look forward to working with her.
If you have hope for a cure and the resolve to help, channel your passion to beat cancer by volunteering at The Ride For Roswell. The Ride For Roswell counts on over 2,000 dedicated volunteers support 8,000 cyclists to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all. Their passion and commitment are what makes Ride Weekend a success!

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of The Ride For Roswell, presented by West Herr Automotive Group! The Opening Ceremony will kick off Ride Weekend at the University at Buffalo’s North Campus on Friday, June 26, 2015. The Ride will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

**Volunteer Communications Officers:**

**Date:** Saturday, June 27, 2015

**Location:** Amherst Police Department  
500 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

**Shifts:**  
5:30 am – 8:30 am  
8:15 am – 10:30 am  
10:15 am – 1:30 pm  
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

**Duties:** Work with Erie County Amateur radio Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Town Dispatchers, and Ride Staff to manage rider support and emergency telephone calls, and vehicle dispatch.

**Environment:** Indoor, air conditioned call center, second floor, ADA accessible, food and beverages provided.

**Sign up for one or more shifts.**

**For more information contact:**  
Tom Johnston, Operations Manager, The Ride For Roswell  
thomas.johnston@roswellpark.org  
(716) 845 - 3945

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ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that it will open Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in West Seneca on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, and in Attica on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015. The location of the DLOCs will make it convenient for those affected by the severe winter storm that occurred Nov. 19 – 26, 2014 to apply for disaster loan assistance.

The declaration covers Erie County and the adjacent counties of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, and Wyoming in New York.

“I encourage anyone who wants to apply to meet with one of the Customer Service Representatives at the Centers for one-on-one assistance,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

The Center locations and hours of operations are:

**Erie County**
West Seneca Recreation Department Ice Rink Building
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

**Opens:** Wednesday, Jan. 7 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
**Hours:** Wednesday – Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11 Closed
Monday, Jan. 12 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last day)

**Wyoming County**
Town of Bennington Offices
905 Old Alleghany Road
Attica, NY 14011

**Opens:** Wednesday, Jan. 14 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last day)
Loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. SBA Customer Service Representatives will be at the DLOCs to issue loan applications, answer questions and help individuals complete their applications.

Businesses and non-profits organizations of any size may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damage or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, to make improvements that help prevent the risk of future property damage caused by a similar disaster.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL’s) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 1.938 percent for homeowners and renters, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amount and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Individuals and businesses may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov/disaster.

Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **February 13, 2015**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **September 15, 2015**.

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*For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster)*
Congrats to our latest CERT volunteer graduates

On Saturday, December 15, 2014 CERT added 30 new members to our volunteer team — all graduates from Niagara University’s latest CERT class, held on the NU campus from November 3 to December 15, 2014. Many thanks to Niagara University’s Howard Morgan for his extensive help and a shout of thanks goes out to Stephen Stouter, Grand Island CERT Coordinator, and his team, for the moulage effects they provided to our boy scout volunteers from Troop 8 in Cambria, Troop 440 Cheektowaga and Troop 855 Lewiston as victims for the final simulation drill.

Additional thanks to Dale Heiser, Fire Protection Specialist, NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, for the Fire Extinguisher Trailer usage. Thank you to all of our instructors and a special thank you to Niagara University’s Campus Safety Team and John Barker, Campus Safety Director, as well as the faculty and staff of DePaul Hall.

Below are some photos, provided by Howard Morgan (thanks again) and congrats to our newest CERT members!