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#### **SCOUTS BSA TROOP 23 ATTENDS SUMMER CAMP**

Boy Scout Troop 23, which is sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church of Elizabeth, recently held their annual summer camp at Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, New Jersey. Twelve Scouts and four adult leaders spent a week in their traditional Delaware campsite.

The Scouts learned outdoor skills and worked on merit badges in environmental science, fishing, leatherwork, metalwork, woodcarving, astronomy, kayaking, engineering, and robotics, to name a few. Scouts spent a lot of time fishing in Durham Pond, and learned how to fry a fish so they could eat it.

Other activities included shooting at the archery, rifle and shotgun ranges,; riding a ¼-mile long zip line ¼ mile across the camp lake and back again; celebrating birthdays with the Order of the Oar; and singing and dancing at the Friday evening Italian dinner.

Troop 23 participated in two campwide campfires, and took second place out of 7 troops in a Wayne's World-themed campwide event, the Water Carnival, and the Cleanest Campsite Award.

Most of the Scouts from Troop 23 were recognized at the Friday night campfire for earning the Acorn Award, which required completion of 5 separate activities.

Cub Scouting provides activities and training for boys and girls in the first through fifth grades. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome

at any time, all year round.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Scouts BSA Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over six decades. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 80 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



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(above) Scouts and leaders of Troop 23 posed for a troop photo during their annual week-long summer camp in July at Winnebago Scout Reservation.

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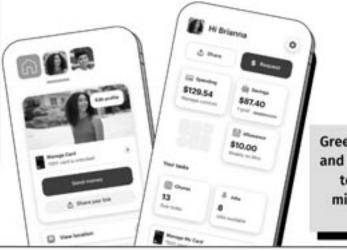
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For more Information about Sponsorships, Playing or to get involved, please contact:

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Included with entry, all attendees will enjoy a delicious pig roast, grilled burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, sides, desserts, water, soda, beer, wine, sangria, and more. Kids' activities will include DJ Mr. Socks, contests, games, a bounce house, magic performances, a fire truck, and more. Adults and teens can participate in a professionally run cornhole tournament, a golf pitching contest, volleyball, and bocce ball. Additionally, the event will feature a special rendition of the National Anthem, a NJ State Police helicopter, World War II vehicles, bagpipers, a dunk tank, 50/50s, a Silent Auction, and a paratrooper parachuting the American Flag into the event.

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Donations and advanced ticket purchases can be made at: http://donate.njelks-ecd.org or mailed to Elks ECD Veterans Committee, 87 Harrison Ave., Colonia, NJ 07067. Checks should be made payable to: ECD Veterans Committee, with 'homeless vets' in the memo. (If a 501(c)(3) receipt is needed, please make checks payable to: NJSEA, with 'homeless vets' in the memo).

For sponsorship interest or more information about this event, please contact Apollo Hrehorovich at funday@njelks-ecd.org, call or text 732-540-0062, or visit http://funday.njelks-ecd.org.

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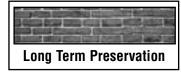
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This free event will be held on Saturday morning, September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to

The Cub Scout Packs and Scouts BSA troops noon. Location is in the parking lot of the former Our Lady of Fatima School, 403 Spring Street, Elizabeth. Parking will be conveniently provided in the church parking lot across the

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Piktor's Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the incendiary sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their improvisational craft. The Jazz/Rock/Fusion heyday of experimental creativity has inspired it's fans and other great musicians alike to push music further to its limits. This exciting music is challenging to execute, understandably a reason why many have not approached it. That is until now. Whether it's exciting tributes or their ambitious original pieces this ensemble delivers with passion and warmth.

Piktors overall sound departs from just another stage show to a level of cerebral and tonal excitement that comes with Fusion rock/jazz. They are masters at what they do, and they continue the traditions of modern fusion started by the likes of Mile Davis, Weather Report and Pat Metheny, just to name a few. Piktors is a group made up of four extremely talented and precise musicians who have brought the extremely intricate tenets of Fusion Jazz to the stage at the Roadhouse Café, always to the delight and enthusiasm of audiences who love this fantastic musical genre.

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The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a nonprofit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

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The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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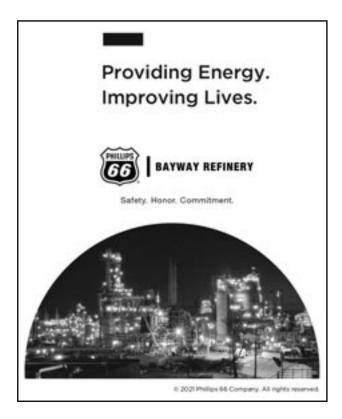
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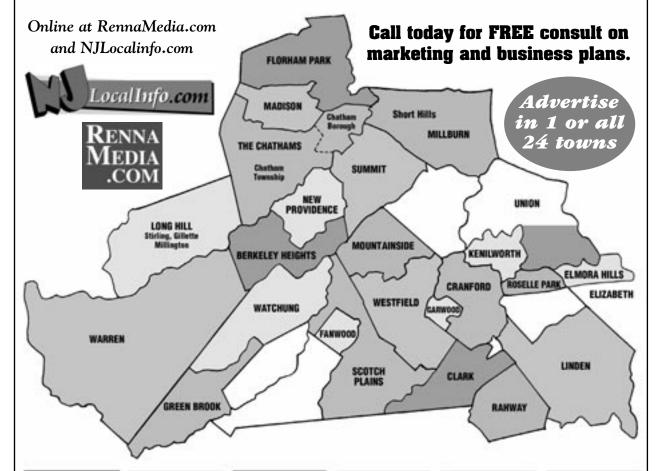
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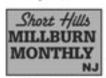
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#### **Adult Chess Club**

Friday, September 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 12:30 pm

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Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.

#### **Adult Scrabble**

Tuesday, September 12 at 2:30 pm Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other likeminded adults.

#### **Toddlers World**

Friday, September 13 & 27 at 11 am An hour of fun songs to sing, music, and playtime.

#### **Transformers Saturday Movie**

September 14 & 28 at 1 pm

"Hey there, Autobots! Can you hear me?" Join us on Saturday, September 14 & 28 at 1 pm for an awesome Transformers movie and a chance to win an AMC gift card. "Autobots, transform and roll out!"

#### **Bridge for Beginners**

Tuesday, September 17 at 1 pm

All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge - a challenging trick-taking card game played with a standard 52-card deck by four players in two partnerships sitting opposite each other around a table. Stop by with your deck of cards!

#### **Adult Spanish Book Club**

Thursday, September 19 at 2 pm Join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!

#### **Bubbles aRe Us**

Saturday, September 21 at 1 pm Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

Join Ms. Martha at the laundromat for songs, stories, and crafts with LOADS of fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!

#### **Banned Book Scavenger Hunt**

September 23 to September 28 (All Day)
The hunt is on! Join the exciting Banned Book
Hunt at the library! Discover hidden books for a
chance to win a \$10 Ice Moon gift card in our
raffle. (3 Winners)

#### **Drawing for Kids**

Tuesday, September 24 at 3 pm
Come and join us for a delightful storytime
where you will learn how to draw
various animals!

#### Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, September 25 at 5 pm
Kids will share their love of reading, talk about books they are reading, and be motivated to read. Ages: 5-8

#### **Pancake Day Storytime**

Thursday, September 26 at 2 pm Join Ms. Martha for a bilingual story and craft! No registration is required.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Display and Crafts**

September 15 to October 15 (anytime during the day).
@ the Elmora Branch

Come, and enjoy the Hispanic Heritage display, and take-home crafts available (while supplies last) to the kids.





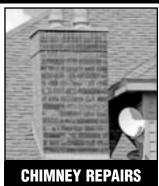


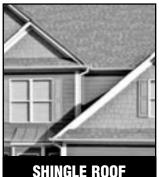








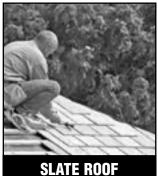




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