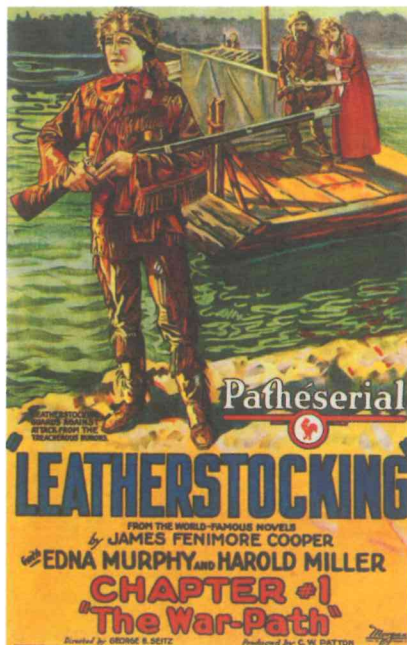


“LEATHERSTOCKING” - A BRIEF HISTORY



The new Council name “Leatherstocking” has its origins in the series of five books written by the famous author James Fenimore Cooper.

These five novels were known as the *Leatherstocking Tales* and were set in Central New York. Fort Stanwix and the water connection to Lake Ontario through Wood Creek and the Oneida River are mentioned.

Each novel each featured the main hero Natty Bumppo, known by European settlers as “Leatherstocking,” “The Pathfinder”, and “the trapper” and by the Native Americans as “Deerslayer,” “La Longue Carabine” and “Hawkeye”.

Many literary experts believe that the fictional character Natty Bumppo was actually heavily based on Nathaniel “Nat”

Foster, a legendary Revolutionary War Scout and “Indian fighter.” Late in his life after a serious ongoing conflict with a Native American in the Adirondacks, Nat lived his final years in the Ava, NY area and he is actually buried in the West Ava Cemetery just a mile or two from Camp Kingsley.

If you notice while driving on the New York State Thruway, you will see signs in our Council area welcoming you to the Central Leatherstocking Region. This region encompasses the seven upstate counties of Broome, Chenango, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie.

HELP DESIGN THE NEW COUNCIL PATCH!

Want to help make history? If so, submit your design for the new Leatherstocking Council patch. Your design will be used to create the final version that will be worn by all Scouts in the council. You don't have to be a great artist in order to submit an entry. Just send us your idea and we will have a professional artist turn your design into a reality! Entries are limited to registered Scouts and Leaders.

Here are the regulations:

- All patches and emblems must contain a Boy Scouts of America corporate identifier, specifically “BSA” (without any periods), “Boy Scouts of America” or a solid BSA fleur-de-lis.
- No third party trademarks (including movie and comic book characters) are to be used without prior written permission of the trademark owner.
- Do not cover up the BSA Universal Emblem or any BSA logo with any text or other design if it is the only BSA identifier.
- Council Shoulder Patches (CSPs) cannot have the city and state on them. The name of the local council must appear on all CSPs. Only the local council name may be used to identify any particular unit. No Council initials are accepted.
- CSPs must be 2” x 5”, inclusive of any protruding edges.

All entries should be mailed to Revolutionary Trails Council, Attn: Leatherstocking CSP Design Committee, 1401 Genesee Street, Utica NY13501.

Entries are due by April 15.

