



Scouters' News

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Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, Akron, Ohio

Blast off for Scouting

School Night to Join Scouting

This year's fall round-up campaign will have help. Our theme "Blast off for Scouting" will be blasting off all over the Great Trail Council promoting the Cub Scout program.

It's especially important that our Cub packs be prepared to welcome these new kids and families to their units.

Here's a helpful reminder list for your school night round-up:

- Two people (school night chairman, Tiger Cub den leader) to represent your unit at your district's fall kick-off;
- A display explaining your activities;
- Signs to show where to enter;
- Dates of the next training sessions;
- Information about your unit's fees;
- A calendar of your events;
- Different Scouting books to show potential leaders our excellent resources;
- Applications, pens and pencils;
- Prepared agenda;
- List of new leader needs;
- Sign in sheet;
- Attend your district's fall kick-off—dates and locations listed below!

August District Kick-Offs

District	Location
Chippewa Aug. 4—7 p.m.	Medina United Methodist Church 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
Old Portage Aug. 11—6 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 2726 W. Market St., Akron
Seneca Aug. 11—6:30 p.m.	Plum Creek Park, Kent
Lakes Aug. 11—7 p.m.	Prince of Peace Church 1281 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Tri-Fires Aug. 11—6:30 p.m.	Wedgewood United Methodist Church, 2350 Wedgewood Dr., Akron
Moecomdws Aug. 11—7 p.m.	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church 3725 Kent Rd., Stow

2017 National Jamboree Registration is open!



Registration is open for the 2017 National Jamboree, planned for July 17-28, 2017 (includes touring dates). Less than 40 youth spots are still available. Cost is \$1,650 and includes Jamboree admission, transportation to and from, two days of touring,

accommodations, and food.

Once in a lifetime experience of the best of Scouting in one place. From stadium shows to merit badges, patch trading to adventure sports, you'll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in 2017.

Sign up today at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/>

Or email Shannon Sinex at

shannon.sinex@scouting.org for more information.

2016 Pecatonica River Popcorn



With all the activity this summer, your unit is probably looking for a great fundraiser to replenish the bank account. It's a good thing that the 2016 popcorn sale is just around the

corner. Mark your calendars for your district's popcorn kick-off. The Great Trail Council is proud to announce another great year with popcorn vendor Pecatonica River. We know that your Scouts will be able to raise more money for their troops, packs, and crews with the continuation of tins and the higher quality, better tasting popcorn to sell. New this year is a Cav's tin!

Fall is the time to do some Boy Scout recruitment!

At your district's August Kick-Off every Boy Scout troop will receive a fall recruitment packet containing all the resources needed to plan and conduct a great troop open house program in October for fifth and sixth graders.

Don't miss this chance to bring boys to Scouting. Flyers, in-school Boy Fact Surveys, and posters are waiting to be used—just plan to attend your district's August Kick-Off.

See our new incentive program for new Boy Scouts recruited this fall! Prizes, prizes, prizes!

Council Information

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: James Gehlmann
From: Kathryn Herbert

In Memory of: Gene Guillard
From: Martin Aho Family

In Memory of: Jean Heberline
From: Jeff Derrenberger

In Memory of: Ralph Hickman
From: John Schmidt
Eugene McMannis

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Spencer Allen	402	06/27/16
Michael Back	511	06/07/16
Brandon Bauer	401	05/09/16
Zachary Belacic	335	06/22/16
Marcus Bender	81	05/03/16
Jacob Bertok	517	06/06/16
Ryan Canan	81	05/03/16
Kyle Chudzinski	456	06/20/16
Kevin Chudzinski	456	06/20/16
Grant Coleman	327	05/04/16
Zachary Desko	333	05/31/16
Ryan Deuley	575	05/17/16
Justin Ellis	405	04/06/16
Robert Gairing	402	05/09/16
Jacob Gatliff	454	05/26/16
Nathan Hohenadel	382	05/31/16
Jason Lababidi	310	06/08/16
Liam Megraw	253	05/09/16
Jacob Noernberg	273	05/18/16
John Paisley	777	06/15/16
Samuel Ruscak	96	01/28/16
Richard Takacs	506	04/27/16
Joshua Valloric	330	05/29/16
Caleb Weimer	456	06/15/16

Fall Round Up—keys to success!

1. **The all-important first 30 days**—for the adult this means that they understand how the program works (the more they understand—the more they can get involved), what parent involvement means, what their children will be doing, what they should do to help their child, the costs, and all of the resources available to them.
2. **The all-important second 30 days**—if a youth hasn't been attending, find out why. If the adult has not received training make sure they have it quickly.
3. The unit committee has to be on the frontline when it comes to making sure that all adult leaders receive training. Leaders that are enthusiastic and know how the program works will retain boys.
4. Youth that stop coming should be questioned as to why they are not coming to meetings. The fact of the matter is that if boys don't want to come to your meetings there is something wrong with your program.
5. **Put some pizzazz into your program!**



Council Information

Lost and Found at summer camp



Missing something the last time you were at camp? Spending time at camp can be hectic and sometimes we might accidentally leave something there. If you just realized you're missing something, you can contact the **Manatoc Admin Building at 330-657-2592** from Friday at 5 p.m. through noon on Sunday, or swing by during those times to see if it was

found. The campmasters will be available to check for you on weekends beginning in September.

Climbing Merit Badge Day



Come join us on the weekend of August 19-21, at Camp Manatoc for a fun weekend of climbing and working on the Climbing Merit Badge. This event is open to all Area 4 Scouts (ages 13 and up) and adults, the \$20 fee includes tent camping, lunch on

Saturday, use of the Manatoc tower and bouldering wall, and the opportunity to work on and complete many merit badge requirements. This is a separate event from the Shooting Sports event and you may only participate in one of the events.

For questions or more details contact **Ryan Culross** at rjc79@zips.uakron.edu or **Garrett Blevins** at gapabl@aol.com. Registration is online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-climbing16>.

Boy Scout and Venturing Shooting Sports Weekend August 19-21



Program is open to *youth ages 20 years and younger*. Check in on August 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Manatoc Administration Building. Program is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, August 20. Enjoy a

weekend of rifle shooting, black powder, shotgun, archery, tomahawks, and new this year—paintball!

The cost is \$25 per participant and includes a tent site, lunch on Saturday, and ammo and targets. Adults may camp, help, watch, and eat lunch for \$10. Please register by August 12.

Questions? Contact Mike Fallon at 330-815-2494 or email fallon.michael1@gmail.com or **Larry Lott** at 330-835-7527 or email ldl62@yahoo.com.

Registration is online at

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-shootingsports1>

Cast Iron Chef Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Bring your Dutch oven and your “cast iron” chef and have fun at this friendly competition. The weekend of September 9-11 includes tent camping for all contestants and is open to Scouts and adults. The competition begins at 3 p.m., on Saturday, September 10.

Youth patrols of 8 or less are \$10 per person and adults (age 18 and older) are \$15 per person (3 man team maximum). Categories will include breads, main courses, and desserts.

- Each team's cooking, prep, and cleanup space must fit into a 12' X 12' area.
- All prep and cooking must take place in the assigned space.
- All cooking must be done in a Dutch oven.
- All food must be presented in the Dutch oven or on the lid.
- Fires and charcoal will not be permitted directly on the ground.
- Ingredients must be prepared on-site during the competition.

Questions may be directed to Chris Bergdorf at 330-657-2418 or manatocbutler@windstream.net.

Registration is online at

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-chef>

Don't forget—Tour Plans are required

If your pack, troop, or crew is planning a trip outside of the Great Trail Council boundaries, please don't forget that you need to complete a Tour Plan at my.scouting.org. You will find it under *Legacy Tools* and it only takes a few minutes. Print it out and take a copy with you so that you have the information you need with you.

Campfire safety tips

According to the U.S. Forest Service, people cause nine out of ten wildfires. Unattended campfires are one of the most common causes of wildfires.

In addition to following Leave No Trace guidelines, use these tips to prevent wildfires when burning a campfire:

- Do not build a campfire at a site with dry conditions. Check with the local park ranger (or campmaster at a Boy Scout camp) to see if there is a burn ban.
- Use a designated fire ring or fire pit for your campfire.
- Make sure the site is away from tents, trees, or scrub brush.
- Keep your fire small and under control.
- Extinguish fully with lots of water to drown all embers.

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Adult Registration

Just a reminder that National Policy states that for every position you register in, whether you are changing positions within your own unit, transferring or adding registration in another unit, district registration, or merit badge counselor registration, you **MUST** complete an adult application, disclosure form, and provide current Youth Protection Training certification.

Merit Badge Counselor Update

Merit badge counselor renewal notices were mailed out the middle of July. If you did not get one, please contact me as soon as possible and I will check the status. If your application, disclosure form, and info sheet were not received in the council office by June 30, you will not receive a renewal notice. Your app will be held until the renewals are processed in September. Your effective date will be either July 1 or August 1 depending on when your app was received.

Please be aware of the following changes effective September, 2016, for all merit badge counselors.

1. A merit badge counselor can only sign up for 15 merit badges and only six of those can be Eagle required badges.
2. There will be no more "unit only" merit badge counselors. If you receive a call from a youth, you have the option of declining their request to counsel them.
3. A council-wide merit badge counselor list by badge will be available on our webpage beginning in September. The counselors will be listed in alphabetical order for each badge and only the counselor's name, phone, and city will be listed. The merit badge counselor list will be password protected and only the council advancement committee, Scoutmaster, committee chairs, and unit advancement chairs will have the password. Any youth needing a merit badge counselor will need to get the name and phone number of a counselor from their Scoutmaster. The list will be updated in September, December, March and June each year.

If you have any questions regarding registration, chartering, training records or internet advancements, or any of the above changes, please contact Council Registrar Pat Gaugler at 330-773-0415 ext. 210 or email pgaugler@bsamail.org.

Special needs???

WHAT do I do? There's this kid, and his mom says he's got this special thing, and I've never heard of it. So, what DO I do?

The Special Needs Advisory Committee has your back. We explain terminology, consult and advise about special needs in Scouting, and if we haven't heard of it either, we find a knowledgeable human to come in and help. We're your one-stop resource for the quirky in Scouts.

Contact us through your district executive, or e-mail **Wendy Greathouse** at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or **Dennis Vargo** at dvargo@bsamail.org.

Universal Scouting Training

Great Trail Council will be offering special training sessions for all who are interested. Training is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a space e-mail Wendy at wendygreathouse@gmail.com.

September 17	Autism, Asperger's, ADHD and Scouting
October 15	ISAP training
November 19	District Advocate Training

Each course will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Council Service Center. Don't forget to RSVP.

Roundtable presentations available



Did you know that there's a new roundtable presentation that can be added to each district's repertoire of training? It's called "In

the Book", and addresses how, where and who can help with special needs issues, including advancement in Scouting. For more information, or to schedule a speaker, please contact **Wendy Greathouse** at 330-256-0996 or **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415 ext. 214.

Special needs advancement

Is there a Scout with a documented disability in your unit struggling with advancement? Are you at your wit's end? There IS help, you know. There's an ISAP (Individual Scout Action Plan) that can be implemented with the help of the Special Needs Advisory Committee. We'll meet with troop leadership, parents, and Scout to help explain and guide your team as appropriate to the situation. Have questions? Ask Wendy Greathouse at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or Dennis Vargo at dvargo@bsamail.org.

Council Information

The Commissioners' Corner



The *Commissioners' Corner* is presented by the district commissioners of the Great Trail Council. Its purpose is to inform unit leaders about the role that unit commissioners play in delivering service to the units.

Roles the commissioner plays

A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor", teacher, and counselor.

The commissioner is a **friend** of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes himself known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a **representative**. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

The commissioner is a unit **"doctor."** In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a **teacher**. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a **counselor**. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.

Welcome and congratulations

We would like to welcome **Anbu Kuppusamy** as the new district commissioner for the Old Portage District.

Leave No Trace for the front country

"Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it. Man can only mar it. What you can do is keep it for your children, your children's children and for all who come after you, as one of the great sights that every American should see." - President Theodore Roosevelt



President Roosevelt's challenge to Americans was made while he was enjoying the beauty of the Grand Canyon. America's National Parks

have been called "it's best idea." It's hard to argue with that. Who hasn't experienced awe in one of America's great treasures and that is perhaps why over 300 million visitors come to the National Parks each year. The problem is that these visitors add 100 million pounds of trash to landfills each year. What can we do about this? Shouldn't our goal be to leave NO trace. That's not easy but here are some practical ways you can be like Big Foot and leave no trace especially while backpacking.

I was taught that every time I go into the back country I am supposed to put new batteries in my headlamp because "you don't want to be caught in the pitch dark without light." After all our motto is "Be Prepared." First, there is usually sufficient light from the moon or stars even if there is cloud cover. But, even if your eyes are getting dim like mine, it doesn't mean you have to use disposable batteries. Why not use rechargeable batteries or a headlamp with rechargeable batteries built in? Headlamps with rechargeable batteries are more expensive than regular headlamps with disposable batteries but you might be able to make up the difference in lower battery costs.

Food packaging accounts for most of the garbage created while backpacking. Try to buy food, especially freeze dried food, in bulk and then put it in reusable baggies. All you have to do is clean the bag at the end of your trip and it will be good to go for your next trip. And then you've left no trace.

Even if you don't reduce your trash to nothing, there are ways to minimize your trash impact. Eliminate micro-trash by being careful when opening packaging. For example, don't tear your granola bar wrapper in two. Try opening it carefully. And when you do have trash, try to compact it. Scouts love trash compacting competition. It can take up hours on the trail.

These type of preparations take time and planning but aren't they worth it? What do you do to reduce your trash? Send me your ideas at vena.paisley@gmail.com and maybe I'll use them in a future article.

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Council Information



2016 Boy Scout Fall Popcorn Sale

We are excited to announce our 2016 Great Trail Council, BSA Fall Popcorn Sale. Again, we are partnering with Pecatonica River Popcorn to provide our customers with the best popcorn available. Our fall line-up will offer something for everybody, including some exciting new products.

New for 2016

- ◆ Cleveland Cavaliers NBA Champions 5 way chocolate tin!
- ◆ Ohio State "Buckeyes" tin with chocolate and peanut butter popcorn!
- ◆ Military patch and pin for Scouts to earn.
- ◆ All new "Browns Vs. Steelers Battle of the Border" tins

District Popcorn Kick-Offs

Your District Popcorn Kick-Off is the most important popcorn meeting of the fall. At this event you will:

- Receive all 2016 popcorn information (sales forms, table tents, money envelopes, Kernels Guide Book).
- Equip your unit with all of the resources and tools to conduct a successful sale (sales kits, tasting kits, order forms, incentive prize, etc.)
- Share success stories from top selling units and get all of your questions answered.

Kick-Off Dates

- **Lakes District**-Wednesday, August 10
- **Seneca District**-Tuesday, August 16—NEOMED, 4209 St. Rte. 44, Rootstown
- **Moe/Old Portage/Tri-Fires Districts**-Wednesday, August 24—Akron Public Library, 60 South High St., Akron
- **Chippewa District**-Monday, August 29—Root Candies, 623 Liberty St., Medina

Important popcorn sale dates

September

- Tuesday, September 6 Show & Deliver orders due
- Saturday, September 17 Show & Deliver Distribution

October

- Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 District Blitz Days

November

- Tuesday, November 1 All Take Orders Due/SNS \$\$\$
- Friday, November 4 All Prize Orders Due!
- Saturday, November 12 Take Order Popcorn Distribution Day

December

Monday, December 5 All popcorn money due



Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"

District Chair Steve Schloenbach 330-376-8522
District Commissioner Miles Hardesty 330-283-7168
District Executive Brian Williams 330-773-0415 X 232

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Fun times at Tri-Fires Day Camp

A big thanks to our day camp staff for doing an excellent job with this year's day camp. Special shout out to **Mamie Mellinger, Steve Harmon** and **Nora Jones** for leading the charge! From July 21-23, nearly 100 Cub Scouts and leaders participated in the annual Tri-Fires Day Camp.

Once again, GREAT JOB!

Fall Camporee is coming



Be sure to make note that the Tri-Fires District Fall Camporee is set for October 9-11.

More information will be ready at fall kick-off, so be sure to be there!

Don't miss the District Fall Kick-Off

Tri-Fires District will hold its **Fall Roundtable Kick-Off on Thursday, August 11, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Wedgewood United Methodist Church, 2350 Wedgewood Dr., Akron.**

ALL REGISTERED SCOUTERS-PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE! LET'S START THE YEAR OFF WITH A BANG!

Be sure to be there at 6:30 p.m. to participate in our Chili Cook-off! All units are encouraged to enter the competition, and everyone will get the opportunity to vote on who has the best recipe.

All registered Scouters are invited! Bring the entire committee! Every unit will receive a special packet full of goodies to help you conduct a fantastic school night program in your school to invite new families to join Scouting.

Look for your promotional flyer in your mailbox.

Fund your unit with popcorn sales!

One fundraiser per year is all it takes to properly fund a pack, troop, or crew for the whole year. Come on out on **Wednesday, August 24**, to find out how to do just that! Our Pecatonica Popcorn Sale Kick-Off will be held at Akron Public Library (main branch, 60 S. High St., Akron) from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Tri-Fires will be teaming up with Old Portage and MOE for the kickoff. Come out and get all the information you need for this year's popcorn sale! For more info, contact **Brian Williams** at 330-773-0415 x 232 or **Tosha Curren** at gtcscoutmom@yahoo.com.

Fall membership and recruiting

As summer winds down, it is time to start planning your unit's fall recruiting and School Night to Join Scouting plans! Make sure your unit has an M&M Chair, and get that information to Wayne Nieman at 330-773-0415 x 232 or Wendy Greathouse at



iamwendyann@yahoo.com. Please get in touch with these individuals about fall recruiting. Let's have a plan and be excited about getting kids involved with Scouting!

Be sure to reach out to your schools about being present at their open house! This is a great opportunity to set up a table or booth and get the word out about Scouting.

We need you!

Tri-Fires District has a number of open positions that include:

- Unit Commissioner
- Friends of Scouting Presenters
- Membership Team
- Finance Chair
- Steering Committee
- Training Team

If you are interested in learning more about district positions, please contact District Chairman **Dan Cargill** at cargilldan@gmail.com, District Commissioner **Miles Hardesty** at mgh2073@att.net or District Executive **Brian Williams** at brian.williams@scouting.org.

August

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 11 District Kick-Off & Chili Cook-Off—6:30 p.m.—Wedgewood United Methodist Church, 2350 Wedgewood Ave., Akron
- 24 Popcorn Kick-Off—6 p.m.—Akron Public Library (main branch, 60 S. High St., Akron)
Registration \$12 Boys' Life \$6

September

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 3-5 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5

Moecomdws District

“It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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“Build an Adventure: Blast Off into Scouting”



For the 2016 Cub Scout Fall Recruiting we will be using the theme “Blast off into Scouting!” Please get your date for your SNTJS (School Night to Join Scouting) to Mike Radcliff, our District School Night to Join Scouting Chair by the

Roundtable Kick-Off on August 13, so that boy talks can be scheduled, fliers can be printed and support from the membership team and commissioner staff can be available for your SNTJS. You can contact **Mike** at 330-686-8539 or radcliffmichael@yahoo.com.

Also, please plan on having a booth and leaders to promote Scouting at your school’s open house. Contact your principal and secure permission for your pack to place a display/activity table at this event.

It’s time to start popping!

With so much activity this summer, your unit is probably looking to have a great fundraiser to replenish the ol’ bank account. So, it’s a good thing that the 2016 popcorn sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 24, for the Moecomdws District Popcorn Kick-Off. We will be gathering at Akron Public Library (main branch) Please be sure to make this meeting, we will be talking about changes to the 2016 popcorn sale and handing out sale materials. If you have not yet confirmed your unit kernel with our District Popcorn Kernel Andrew Cole, please do so. You can email him at colesr0827@sbcglobal.net. Also, please don’t forget to register your unit for the popcorn sale on PRpopcorn.com.

District Kick-Off

Come join in the fun festivities at the Moe District Kick-Off on **Thursday**, August 11, at 7:15 p.m., at St. Stephen Church, in Stow. Along with the usual booths to visit there will be short programs for Cub Scout leaders and Boy Scout leaders. Please reserve your spot at the kick-off by contacting Wayne either by phone at 330 773-0415 ext. 242 or by email at wnieman@bsmail.org. We want to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone that plans on attending. See you on the 11th!

Unit Membership & Marketing Chair

It is the goal of the Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council and Moecomdws District to reach out to our nation’s youth to deliver the Scouting experience and promise to more boys (and girls). To do this each council, district, pack, troop and crew are being asked to create a new volunteer position for marketing and membership.

All packs, troops and crews will have a membership chairman who will be responsible for year round youth recruitment. This person will meet monthly with the unit leaders to discuss membership goals and retention, organize two or more recruiting events per year using peer-to-peer techniques, connect with schools and churches to distribute fliers, help with boy talks, and participate in best practices membership training. The goal is to have each unit working on membership throughout the year and not just in the fall.

The MOE District is proud to announce New District M&M Chair Robert Anderson. He will be working with all units in the district to support your unit m & m chairs and to build membership.

If you are interested in this leadership role in your pack, troop or crew, reach out to your unit’s committee chairperson and let them know.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

- Henry Ford

August

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 11 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 11 Fall Kick-Off Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 24 Popcorn Kick-Off—Akron Public Library, Main Branch
Registration \$14 Boys’ Life \$7

September

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 6 Show & Deliver popcorn orders due
- 8 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 12 Uniform Day
- 17 Show & Deliver popcorn distribution
- 23-25 Fall Camporee—Camp Manatoc
Registration \$12 Boys’ Life \$6

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and is ready for a brand new, fun-filled year of Scouting. That's right, it's time once again to be thinking about recruiting new Scouts, this year's popcorn sale, training, new programs and everything else that is part of the Scouting program!

2016 Peconic River Popcorn

With so much activity this summer, your unit is probably looking to have a great fundraiser to replenish the ol' bank account. So, it's a good thing that the 2016 popcorn sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **August 10**. Kick-off will be bigger and better than ever this year so we strongly recommend attending.



District Kick-Off Hamburger Cook-Off



Come join in the fun festivities at the Lakes District Kick-off on Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be gathering at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. We'll be serving hamburgers and hot dogs and ask that all in attendance bring

their favorite side dish to share. There will also be fabulous door prizes and wonderful refreshments! Please reserve your spot at the kick-off by contacting Tom either by phone at 330-773-0415 ext. 239 or by email at tom.craig@scouting.org. See you on August 11!

Fall round-ups

It's all about the boys, and without them there would not be a Scouting program. With that in mind, it's time to start thinking about how to recruit new Scouts to our program. Please do not wait until the last minute to turn in registrations. We need to keep Pat, our wonderful council registrar, in mind during this busy season. (Rumor has it she enjoys M&M's as well as flowers.) She is the one who enters thousands of new Scouts into the system each fall. To share round-up information please call your District Executive Tom Craig at 330-773-0415 ext. 239 or email tom.craig@scouting.org.

Fish were biting at Cub Fishing Day



We had 30 Cub Scouts attend the Lakes District Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4, at the District 3 ODNR Youth Ponds in Portage Lakes. The fish were biting like crazy! Especially the

catfish! Thank you to all the adults that pitched in to help with the measuring and hook removal. Everyone had a great time!

Congratulations to the following boys:

Tiger Smallest Fish	Kaleb Miller	Pack 3334
Tiger Largest Fish	Kenton Scovern	Pack 3337
Tiger Most Fish	Kaleb Miller	Pack 3334
Wolf Smallest Fish	Christopher Brown	Pack 3146
Wolf Largest Fish	Matthew Puls	Pack 3335
Wolf Most Fish	Matthew Puls	Pack 3335
Bear Smallest Fish	David Szarnicki	Pack 3334
Bear Largest Fish	Fisher Seldon	Pack 3337
Bear Most Fish	Thomas Morris	Pack 3337
Webelos Smallest Fish	Kaden Larson	Pack 3337
Webelos Largest Fish	Blake Miller	Pack 3334
Webelos Most Fish	Blake Miller	Pack 3334

The District 3 ODNR Youth Ponds are open to the public on the weekends. Kids age 15 and under fish for free. Bait and poles are available on a first come, first served basis. We hope you enjoyed your summer and keep on fishing!

August

- 4 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 10 Popcorn Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.—Akron General Health & Wellness Center, 1940 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown
- 11 District Kick-Off/Hamburger Cook-Off—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Registration \$14 Boys' Life \$7

September

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 8 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Registration \$12 Boys' Life \$6

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Scouting rocks!

This fall, Blast-off into Scouting! Is your unit ready for the School Night to Join Scouting? Join us on August 4, for Chippewa’s Fall Roundtable Kick-Off located at the Medina United Methodist Church. Roundtable starts at 7 p.m. Come prepared with your unit’s Rally Night date! The reason this is so important is it’s hard to schedule a time with the schools early in the year to talk to the boys about the Scouting program. At the council, it is extremely busy at the start of the school year. If you do your part, it will make this task much easier to accomplish. This is your unit’s chance to have a successful open house and recruit kids to join in on the Scouting adventure.

The Great Trail Council suggests that pack rallies be held in school buildings where school policies and high fees do not prohibit such events. Contact your local school principal and make arrangements to have a display table at your school’s PTO Open House. This is important in helping to get the Scouting word out to the parents **before** the start of the school year. Plus it will give the Scout parent volunteers a chance to meet other new parents.

We thrive on volunteers giving back to the program. If you have any volunteers interested in lending a hand this year serving on the Chippewa District Membership Team please contact Andy Keller at andy.jen.keller@frontier.com. Andy is in charge of the membership staff and he is willing to help train your membership and marketing chair. If your pack hasn’t appointed a new m&m chair talk with the unit leadership before September.

I understand it is hard to schedule a date or rely on others but keep in mind this is **priority one** for packs! Every unit’s goal should be to recruit as many new Scouts to the program as possible. The council and staff are in place to help. I will send all Cub packs a template flyer with instructions on where to put your unit’s information including date, time, location, unit number, etc. Leaders must submit the pack’s flyer to District Executive Steve Jindra at steve@gtcbsa.org for approval. The deadline is August 1. We are printing an ad in the **Gazette** with all the local packs’ contact information. If you or someone in your unit would like to assist me with the Boy Scout Talk for your pack, you are welcome and encouraged to. However, you must be in full uniform. I know with your unit’s assistance it will be another great year for fall recruitment. I look forward to working with you all again.

Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale Kicks off August 29



Chippewa are you ready to start an awesome Scouting year selling popcorn? This year our popcorn kick-off will be held at the A. I. Root Company’s retail conference room. Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29, Popcorn Chairman Nicole Spry (auspry@frontier.com) will be on hand to help you get off to a good start and supply each unit with a popcorn sales kit. **You can sign-up NOW for the popcorn sale and register your Unit Popcorn “Kernel” by going online to prpopcorn.com. Click on the “order gateway” tab then scroll down to select the Great Trail Council, Akron, OH Council. The username should pop up as: 433GTC and the password is: Akron.** It is very important you attend this meeting! If you have any questions contact Chippewa’s popcorn chairman.

Roundtable Kick-Off in Medina



Our Fall Kick-Off Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m., located at the Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd. We will start our evening programs with a root beer float! Then we will jump right into our two break-out sessions. Each Cub Scout pack will receive a special Fall SNTJS Rally Kit. Bring three or more volunteers from your pack or troop (unit leader, committee chairman, membership chairman and unit popcorn “kernel.”) Additional volunteers are welcome.

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August

- 4 Roundtable Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- 29 Popcorn Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.—A.I. Root conference room, 623 W. Liberty St., Medina
Registration \$16 Boys’ Life \$8

September

- 3- Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 8 District Committee Meeting—6:15 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- 12 Scout Uniform Day
- 17 Show & Sell popcorn pick-up—Location TBA
Registration \$14 Boys’ Life \$7

Seneca District

“Where the Sun Shines First on the Great Trail Council”

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2016 Day Camp a success

A huge thanks and a round of applause to **Stephanie McLean, Patty Payne**, and their **staff** for running The Seneca District Day Camp at Camp Butler July 7-9. This year's theme was Planes, Trains, and Automobiles! More than 70 Scouts and their siblings represented 13 packs from the Seneca District this year! As you see the various staff around, be sure to shake their hands and congratulate them on a job well done! If you're interested in helping with 2017 Day Camp, please contact District Executive Nate Watson!



Seneca District Fall Kick-Off



Come join the magical fun at the Seneca District Kick-Off on **August 11**, at **Plum Creek Park, located on Cherry St., in Kent**, which will start at 6:30 p.m. sharp. All packs, troops, and crews are encouraged to send leaders to the official start of the new program year. You'll have the opportunity to get all the information and resources for the new program year. You'll also find some great ideas to help make your program more fun and exciting for your Scouts.

The roundtable staff has planned a booth show, popcorn information, and some great splits for the Cub and Scout leaders. You will even be able to build an ice cream sundae. Cub Scout Recruiting Kits will be available. Please bring your unit's open house date and the night you wish to have your School Night to Join Scouting. This is a must to bring those dates. These are both critical for the fall recruiting process.

School Night to Join Scouting

As we grow closer to August and September, it means one thing...kids are back to school! Please keep in mind that school opening equals School Nights to Join Scouting. Please bring your SNTJS information to the Fall Kick-Off. The district executive needs time to call principals, schedule boy talks, and print fliers. **Nate Watson** can be reached at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org. You can also contact **Beth Meyer** to provide her with the same information at 216-402-4858 or bethmeyer608@hotmail.com.

Attend your school open house

The membership team is encouraging all Cub packs to attend their respective school's open house in late August or early September as a lead in to the School Night to Join Scouting recruiting. Remember to have a few Cub Scouts in uniform with you at the information table you set up. Contact the building principal to arrange permission to be there. Some packs are able to coordinate with the Girl Scouts and/or PTO group.

Popcorn Kick-Off is August 16

As we head into the fall we begin our 2016 Popcorn Sale with Pecatonica River. If you are a unit leader or your unit's popcorn kernel, please plan on attending the **Popcorn Kick-Off on August 16**. This year's kick-off will be at NEOMED - The New Center (4209 St. Rt. 44, Rootstown, OH 44272), from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Make sure to come out to win prizes, get information on new items, and of course a free dinner! Contact District Kernel **Chuck Calalesina** at ccalalesina@outlook.com for more information!

Wear your uniform day

We are encouraging all youth and adults to wear their uniforms to work and school (if appropriate) on September 12. We are asking our members to help support and promote Scouting in our respective communities. Please have a unit representative determine the number of patches you will need and contact our Scout Shop (330-773-4078) and they will have them available for you!

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August

- 11 Fall Kick-Off Roundtable—6:30 p.m.—Plum Creek Park, Kent
- 16 Roundtable Commissioner Training
- 16 Popcorn Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.—NEOMED (New Center) 4209 St. Rt. 44, Rootstown
Registration \$12 **Boys' Life \$6**

September

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 3-5 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 6 Show & Deliver Popcorn orders due
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 8 District Commissioners Meeting—at roundtable
- 9-11 Seneca Fall Camp-Air-All
- 12 Uniform Day
- 30-Oct.1 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Manatoc
Registration \$10 **Boys' Life \$5**

Old Portage District

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Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and is ready for a brand new, fun-filled year of Scouting. That's right, it's time once again to be thinking about recruiting new Scouts, this year's popcorn sale, training, new programs, and everything else that is part of the Scouting program. Just a reminder that roundtable meetings will take place on the **2nd Thursday** of each month beginning at **7:15 p.m.**, at our ***NEW LOCATION* Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn**. Also, don't forget that the district meetings are the **1st Thursday** of each month at **Bath United Church of Christ, at 7:00 p.m.** Be sure to mark your calendars.

Nova Scout Camporee



Get ready for a different type of camporee than you are used to. The Old Portage Nova Scout Camporee is here!

That's right; this year's camporee will include Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts.

The program will be focused on a specific Nova Award for the different age levels. The Old Portage Camporee will be at Camp Butler, September 30 through October 2, with headquarters at Butler Conference Center and Atwater Lodge. This will be an all inclusive event with tent camping, food, and program included in the fee. Portions of the program will be held outdoors in the Baden Powell pavilion and other portions will be indoors in the Conference Center and in Atwater Lodge. There will be a program for Cub Scout and Webelos age Scouts, one for Boy Scouts and a separate one for Venturing crews. All units (packs, troops, and crews) from the district are urged to participate. We will be offering the programs listed below with the intent of completing all of the requirements (**except the pre-requisites**) over the weekend. The pre-requisites are listed below with the award offering. Only one adventure, merit badge, or STEM exploration listed needs to be completed. These must be done ahead of time in order to earn the award. The meal plan will be available ahead of time. We will offer a basic menu for everyone. Special needs will be handled by the individuals with the dietary need and we will make adjustments on a case by case basis. We look forward to seeing you all there for this new type of district event.

For more information, please contact Mike Fasig (330-329-8586 or mfscouter@aol.com).

It's Pecatonica River Popcorn time!

With so much activity this summer, your unit is probably looking to have a great fundraiser to replenish the ol' bank account. So, it's a good thing that the 2016 popcorn sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **August 24, 5:30 p.m.**, for the Old Portage District Popcorn Kick-off (downtown Akron Public Library). The council is proud to announce our third year with popcorn vendor Pecatonica River. We know that your Scouts will be able to raise more money for their troops, packs, and crews with the continuation of **tins** and the higher quality better tasting popcorn to sell.



School Night to Join Scouting (SNTJS)

It's all about the boys, and without them there would not be a Scouting program. With that in mind, it is time to start thinking about how to recruit new Scouts to our program. Please do not wait until the last minute to turn in registrations. We need to keep Pat, our wonderful council registrar, in mind during this busy season. She is the one who enters thousands of new Scouts into the system each fall. To share SNTJS information please call Keith your district executive at 330-773-0415 ext. 230 or email keith.doyle@scouting.org or turn in the School Night To Join Scouting form found at www.oldportage.org and turn it in at Kick-Off on August 11.

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August

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- 11 Roundtable Kick-Off—6 p.m.—NEW LOCATION Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St.
- 24 Popcorn Kick-Off—5:30 p.m.—Akron Public Library (downtown Akron)

Registration \$16 Boys' Life \$7

September

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- 3-5 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 6 Show & Deliver orders due
- 8 Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
- 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
- 17 Show & Deliver distribution
- 30-Oct.2 Fall Camporee—Camp Butler

Registration \$14 Boys' Life \$6

Venturing/Exploring

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Advisors



We need you to report who your president is. If you have changed presidents since the last time you have told us please tell us by going to the link <http://GTCVenturing.org/report>. If that does not work you can find the reporting

links on the Forms and Links page of GTCVenturing.org.

Luau is August 20—It's fiesta time!

Sign up individually or by crew on our website <http://GTCVenturing.org/events>. The price is \$12 online in advance and \$15 at the door. It is the perfect ending to the shooting sports weekend.



- Venturers from all councils are welcomed. Crews may bring guests for recruiting purposes.
- Location: At the Pool and Basswood camp site.
- Your entry fee includes:
 - 3:30 pm on-site registration opens.
 - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – A Celebration of Venturing—Come and learn why Venturing is the premier youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America and why it is uniquely designed to support high school and college aged young adults. Come and find opportunities in Venturing that do not exist in any other program. Youth and adults will attend separate sessions for this hour.
 - 5:00 pm – Pool is open and the fun continues.
 - 6:00 pm – the Luau feast!
 - 9:00 pm – pool closes and the fiesta moves to the Basswood camp site for campfire and a movie – come and enjoy the campfire with a great movie playing in the woods. Your Luau pass gets you tent space and overnight camping privileges.



Did you go to WorldFest? Over 90 of our Venturing family did. So call up your friends and have a reunion. Consider

using this as a time to recruit more people into your crew. Come out and enjoy good food, good friends, fun in the water, play games, and stay late or overnight at our campsite for a movie and campfire.

Share some video this summer

How about taking some video this summer to show off your crew. Our Venturing Congress Commissioner Nathan Jarosz is asking all crews to participate in a video contest. You make a video that you can use to share with your friends and to recruit new members and possibly highlight a special event or your program year. If you send it, then you might be the grand winner. The rules are simple and the point system is fun. Post to your own YouTube and share the link or post directly to www.Facebook.com/GTCVenturing.org. For more details check out <http://GTCVenturing.org/events> or contact VCCommissioner@GTCVenturing.org. Come on, do some video-bragging about your crew. These videos can be a great help in recruiting



Tell us what you did this summer

Let's tell the story of Venturing. Tell why it is so cool. Tell us what your crew or maybe just you did this summer. Tell how you had massive Venturing Fun and self-improvement. We have a link for that! Forward this link <https://www.formpl.us/form/5686523934539776> to all your crew friends to tell us how you Lead the Adventure. You can also find this link on <http://GTCVenturing.org/events>. We will leave the link open through Sep 1.

Adult online training available



Every Venturer deserves a trained advisor, trained associate advisors and trained committee members. All adult Venturing training is now online so you can complete you're training to become a fully trained Venturing adult in the comfort of your own home. Let's try to get 100% of our adults trained because this is so easy. Take the training and spread the word throughout your crew. If you prefer face to face training please contact our Training Chair Brian Menke at training@GTCVenturing.org and he will be happy to accommodate your needs. Go to www.GTCVenturing.org/training for more information.

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August
20-21 Venturing Luau and Pool Party
September
12 Venturing Congress

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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Join Marnoc Lodge for Shark Weekend!

This year's Summer Fellowship will be a Shark Weekend. We are excited to bring you one amazing weekend of swimming, activities, and Jaws. **All new Ordeal members will receive admission to this event for \$10.00!** The price for all other members will be \$25.00. The weekend of August 5 to 7, will be a weekend to remember. We look forward to seeing you there! Check in is at 7 p.m. at the Manatoc dining hall. We will depart camp at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. This weekend offers:

- Great Food
- Fellowship
- Swimming
- Games
- Jaws
- And much more



For more information <http://tinyurl.com/zytmog5>

Last Ordeal

The last Ordeal induction for this year will be on Friday and Saturday, August 5 & 6; new inductees are encouraged to stay over Saturday night and join in the fellowship.

New Ordeal members

We would like to remind all of our Ordeal members that were inducted in 2015 that you are eligible to participate in the First Year Arrowman Award. You can find the requirements at www.marnoc.org.

Renew your membership

As a reminder, 2016 membership renewal started in December. You can renew online at <https://scoutingevent.com/?marnocdues> or you can renew at any Lodge event.

2016 Vigil Honor Class

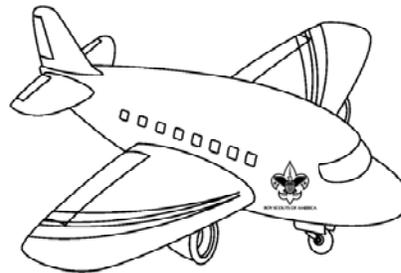
The Marnoc Vigil Induction was held over the weekend of July 16. Congratulate our newest Vigil Honor brothers!

- Aaron Cuckler
- Brian DiPaolo
- Jacob Schul
- Charles Brown
- James Boyd
- Richard Malecky
- David Lee Grafton
- Kyle Patchen

August
5-7 Summer Fellowship and 4th Ordeal
17 LEC Meeting
September
10 LEC Meeting

Seneca District cont'd.

Fall CampAIRall



The Seneca District 2016 fall camporall will combine scoutcraft with aircraft. This CampAIRall will be held September 11, at Wadsworth Municipal Airport (FAA Identifier:

3G3) (Satellite Image). It will be hosted by Aviation Venturing Crew 2446 and will be held in conjunction with the Wadsworth Props and Pistons Festival.

In addition to weekend camping for troops, crews, and posts, all units, including packs, are welcome to attend the Wadsworth Props & Pistons Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. There will be a fly-in and airplane displays including experimental, historical, and military aircraft, as well as helicopters and a US Air Force display. Evening events and a 9/11 memorial ceremony are also scheduled. Please reach out to **Chad Roberts** at 330-221-9944 with questions, or visit SenecaDistrict.org for all the updates!

Chippewa District cont'd.

Cub Leader Training/

Boy Scout Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader Training and SM/SA Fundamentals is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina. More information will be placed in your saddlebags and available at the council office. If you have questions, you may contact: **Chuck Hale** by email at cdhale@roadrunner.com or SM/SA **Craig Wroblewski** at cwrobles@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

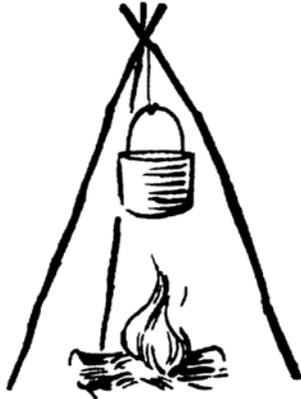
Thank you day camp staff members! Hundreds of kids from the Medina County area had a great time because of you! We couldn't have done this event if it wasn't for your help. A special thanks to **Steve Trommer**! This was Steve's first year serving as Chippewa's Day Camp Director. He did a great job and we are lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer.

Old Portage District cont'd.

Fall District Kick-Off

August 11 at 6 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn, OH

Enjoy a cookout and fellowship while learning how to prepare your unit for a wonderful year of Scouting.



Troops, packs, and crews will receive essential information and exciting tips for recruitment and retention of youth. Cub Scout packs will also receive their School Night to Join Scouting packets.

We will be holding a Dutch Oven Cook-Off! Bring your favorite cobbler recipe (along with the needed ingredients and cooking supplies) and show everyone who's

the best! We will provide the charcoal to cook with along with ice cream! Please register with Keith if you are interested: Keith.doyle@scouting.org.

This year we will be having a round-robin style event. There will be three sessions with different topics to help encourage open discussion. Our objective is to share as many ideas as we can and to help each pack, troop or crew feel more equipped. Also, we will be taking notes as a district to learn how we can better serve you.

We are asking that every pack, troop, and crew have THREE registered leaders present for the event. RSVP is required by August 1 in order to plan numbers for food.

To register please email keith.doyle@scouting.org.

Venturing District cont'd.

Venturing Fun Weekend November 4-6



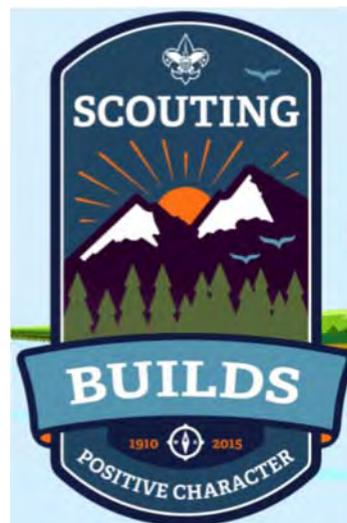
Two years ago it was the Monster Mash, last year the widely successful Star Wars - The Venturers Awaken, and this year will be bigger and better. Save the weekend and plan to come out to Camp Butler for the weekend or for the day. We need you to help staff

this fun event weekend. Contact Council Venturing President Anna Grundt at President@GTCventuring.org. Do it now and help lead the adventure.

Council Information cont'd.

10 Steps to a successful School Night to Join Scouting

1. Plan ahead. Set the date, time, and place by August 31 so your unit can get the maximum support from the district and council.
2. Have your SNTJS at the school you recruit from. Make this a special evening, **not** just another pack meeting.
3. Attend your **School Open House** to promote your SNTJS. Have an information table. This is a good time to talk to parents.
4. Make your SNTJS a committee function, not just a show in which the Cubmaster does everything. Get all of your adult leadership involved. In uniform!
5. Have an information sheet ready to give to parents that evening. Remember first impressions are lasting impressions. Organization is key!
6. Recruit your Tiger Cub Den Leader this summer, not the night of the SNTJS. Look for this person in last year's Tiger Den.
7. Have attendance sheets for people to sign in and divide people by grades. You can use this later for follow-ups.
8. If your district executive gives you surveys from the school, make sure you follow them up with a personal phone call to invite them to the pack. If they took the time to fill it out, they are interested in Cub Scouts.
9. Separate the kids from the parents sometime during the SNTJS so that you can talk to the parents about leadership.
10. Collect money and applications that evening. 99% of the people that attend a SNTJS are here to sign up. Give the registration forms and the money collected to the district representative to turn into the Scout Service Center the next day to save yourself a trip.



Council Calendar

August

- 1 Training Committee Meeting
- 16 Commissioner Training #1
- 16 Roundtable Training
- 17 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 18 Cub Camp Promo Committee
- 19-21 Climbing Weekend—Camp Manatoc
- 19-21 Youth Shooting Sports Weekend
- 20 Summit for Kids
- 25 NESAs Committee Meeting
- 30 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 30 District Key 3 Meeting
- 30 Religious Committee Meeting

September

- 3-5 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/
office closed
- 6 Jamboree Committee Meeting
- 6 Show-N-Deliver Popcorn order
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 Cub Shooting Sports Training
- 10 Dutch Oven Cook-Off
- 11 Patriots Day
- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 12 Funding Committee Meeting
- 12 Wear Your Uniform Day
- 14 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 15 NESAs Committee Meeting
- 15 University of Scouting Committee
- 16 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 17 Area 4 CDC Wood Badge
- 17 Show-N-Deliver Popcorn distribution
- 17 Special Needs Training
- 20 Camping Committee Meeting
- 21 Heritage Society Dinner
- 21 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 22 District Family FOS Chair Meeting
- 22 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 23-25 Wilderness First Aid Training
- 24 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 27 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 28 Property Committee Meeting
- 29 Jamboree Troop Meeting
- 30 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Butler

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