

Scouters' News

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

Camp Manatoc's great summer

Camp Manatoc hosted over 5,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, adult Scouters, and visitors over this summer. Over 3,000 merit badges were earned in more than 40 subjects from Lifesaving to Canoeing, to the new Aviation with Drones, and Engineering with real world experience.

Camps Manatoc and Butler have served Akron area Scouts for 93 years.



Senator Frank LaRose volunteers at camp and plays the "Kiss the Moose" game.



Ken Babby, owner of Akron Rubber Ducks, visits camp to speak to Scouts.



Tim McNutt, Dominion Gas, along with **Chris Bergdorf**, helps cook steaks for Scoutmasters at camp.



Wouldn't you like to be able to spend most of your time as a volunteer in the development and delivery of a quality program to the youth you work with? Wouldn't you like to be able to spend more time in actual contact with the Scouts in your unit? In truth, wouldn't you like to do just ONE fundraiser this year and get it over with the first thing this fall? If the answer to all these questions is "Yes!" then the logical question to follow is..."Have you signed up for the popcorn sale?"

The popcorn sale is a proven way to raise money for unit activities and operating expenses. Units have raised more than \$10,000 for their treasury utilizing this great fundraiser. All it takes is a little planning and coordination and you are almost guaranteed a successful sale. If you haven't done so, recruit your unit's popcorn kernel and make sure they were at the popcorn kick-off or have contacted your district's popcorn kernel. Sign up at:

www.prcpopcorn.com

2017 National Scout Jamboree New reduced price-\$1350 a \$300 savings!

July 19-28, 2017 at the Summit! The National Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a Scout or Venturer! The Jamboree will be held for the second time, the Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve—The Summit in Beckley, WV.

The Jamboree will include activities such as:

- BMX & Skateboarding
- Mountain Biking
- Zip Lines & Challenge Courses
- Climbing
- Shooting Sports
- Aquatics

Cost per participant is **\$1,350** payable in installments upon your registration. Register online at <http://bsajamboree.org>. No fees are required to register, you will be invoiced after your registration is approved through the national system. We currently have about 30 spots available.

Questions? Contact Shannon Sinex at 330-773-0415 ext. 217 or ssinex@bsaemail.org.

Council Information

2017 Camp Director named



Mike Thompson

Council Vice President of Program **Stan Lero**, for the executive board, and Council Camping Chairman **Jim Nilsen** are proud to announce that **Mike Thompson** will be our returning Camp Manatoc Camp Director, overseeing our five weeks of Scout camp with over 3,000 Scouts and leaders next summer. With him will be our

65 member camp staff including in key positions: Camp Commissioner **Dave Weyrick**, Assistant Camp Director **Bill Lovell**, and Program Director **Andrew McElroy**. Mike has been on camp staff for the last five years and is former Scoutmaster of Troop 77. Please wish Mike the best for a successful 2017 Summer Camp at Manatoc.

Don't forget to register for 2017!

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-manatoc2017>

Prepared. For Life. License Plate



We are excited to share that the new Prepared. For Life. License plate is now available through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It replaces the "Character Counts" plate that was available for several years. The plates cost \$25, and \$15 of the fee comes back to our council.

To purchase an Ohio Boy Scout license plate visit your local BMV license branch or <https://www.oplates.com/Home/LoginVR?returnURL=%2FPPlate>

We're having a Uniform Day! Monday, September 12



It's time to use the best recruiters we have to bring more youth to Scouting—the youth who are in Scouting **RIGHT NOW!**

On Monday, September 12, we want to have every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturer in the Great Trail Council to wear their uniform to school.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who participate will receive a special 2016 patch.

Leaders, to receive patches for your participating Scouts request the number of patches needed from the Scout Shop no later than October 17.

Tiger Day at the Zoo

In cooperation with the Akron Zoo, a special day has been set-aside for all new Tiger Cubs and their families.

When: Sunday, October 9, 12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Where: Akron Zoo—500 Edgewood Ave., Akron

Cost: Adults—\$9; Youth 2-14—\$6 (under 2 free); Parking—\$3 (paid at the ticket counter)

To obtain these special admission prices, all Scouts must be registered with a Cub Scout pack. If you are new, your application must be in our office by Oct. 7. The cost includes admission to the park plus a special patch for every Tiger Cub (**advance registration is a must!**) You can organize as a den or individual families can attend. A special admission ticket must be purchased at the Scout Shop. This special ticket cannot be purchased on the day of the event at the Akron Zoo; they must be purchased in advance. If your family has an Akron Zoo membership your cost is \$1/Scout. You do not need a special ticket to get in.

At the zoo, you can:

- Visit the Komodo Kingdom, Grizzly Ridge, and Penguin Point, and the three new snow leopard cubs.
- Visit the Komodo Kingdom Café and purchase a kids meal. The Barnhardt Family Welcome Center features a gift shop, too!
- Stop by the Scouting table at the Barnhardt Family Welcome Center to receive your special patch and sticker.

You can register through your pack or go to <http://www.gtcbsa.org/events/2016ScoutDayAtTheZoo.pdf>

Print the registration form and bring it in to the Scout Shop to receive your special admission tickets.

If you have any questions, please call Mike Panasiti at 330-773-0415 ext. 213.

Supplemental Medical Insurance

Thanks to your FOS dollars the council-wide supplemental medical insurance is in effect for all units.

This is an Excess Insurance Plan meaning that the plan will pay all those eligible expenses incurred from a covered accident or sickness **not paid** by any other collectible insurance or pre-paid health plan in-force for you or a dependent child. If no other collectible insurance or pre-paid health plans are in effect at the time of the loss, this plan will pay all eligible covered expenses up to the plan limits. Your primary insurance is always your first resource and this secondary coverage is to meet deductibles and any medical expenses not covered by your primary insurance during a Scouting activity.

For more information download the brochure at <https://www.hsri.com/BSA/docs/Brochure.pdf>

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Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: Gene Guillard
From: Paul & Jill Wolford

New pilot program

Lion is a national pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-age boys. The mission of the Boy Scouts is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, develop personal fitness, become effective leaders, and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting is a program for boys in the first through fifth grades. The Lion pilot is exploring the value of a Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys. (Boys must be 5 years old by September 30 and not yet 7 years.)

Lion is a family-oriented program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partners meet in a group called a den. Dens will meet approximately twice a month. They have fun participating in den meetings and outings while making memories together.

The Lion pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. Adult partners take turns leading a den meeting or outing during the year.

The Great Trail Council has agreed to be one of the test councils that will implement the program.

The council would like to thank the following units for participating in the pilot program: 3001, 3551, 3310, 3575, 3513, 3274, 3300, 3048, 3405, and 3459.

Questions about the new pilot program can be directed to Council Tiger/Lion Chair **Christine Pizzute** at 330-701-1262 or cpizzute@gmail.com or Staff Advisor Mike Panasiti at 330-773-0415 ext. 213 or mpanasit@bsaemail.org.

Add action to your next den meeting!

Boys of all ages aren't very good at sitting still, but that's what they're expected to do at too many den and pack meetings.

Build activity into every den meeting, whether it's a game, hike around the block or search for grasshoppers on the front lawn. That could possibly be the only time the kids are active that day. If your boys need a change of pace, be prepared to do an impromptu activity.

Speed up the boring stuff and take breaks for the boys to expend some energy. A quick set of jumping jacks or some other physical exercise may help them get back on task.

Make it fun and keep it moving and your Scouts will be a happy bunch.

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
William Blake	514	07/13/16
Connor Boyle	452	05/05/16
Matthew Bugajski	759	07/14/16
Joshua Casteel	132	07/01/16
Shaun Cox	118	07/07/16
Gerald Drabeck, III	412	07/11/16
Aidan Gallagher	506	05/23/16
Nicholas Gutierrez	385	07/06/16
Nicholas Harless	558	06/21/16
Isaac Machock	327	06/28/16
Phillip Mendoza, III	18	06/28/16
Sean Merideth	48	07/05/16
Austin Reddish	401	06/27/16
Benjamin Swanson	402	06/18/16
Michael Takacs	179	05/23/16
Matthew Vince	269	07/11/16
Charles Walker	459	06/28/16
Joshua Williams	405	06/30/16



Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Fall Registration

The fall registration drive is upon us. Just some simple steps to take to ensure your registration is being processed in a timely manner. Please turn registration in as soon as possible.

1. Make sure that youth apps are filled out completely. Make sure that a Tiger Cub Adult Partner's date of birth is on the app and that either the unit leader or committee chair signs the app in addition to the parent.
2. Make sure that adult apps are filled out completely and signed by the committee chair and either the Institutional Head or Charter Organization Rep. Make sure that the signed disclosure form and Youth Protection Training certificate is included with the app.
3. Unless an app is for a transfer, money **MUST** be included with the registration.

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

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 always 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 name, phone, and city will be listed. The MBC list will be password protected and only the council advancement committee, Scoutmaster, committee chairs and unit advancement chair 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.

Annual Charter Training

Charter Training for all commissioners, unit leaders, committee chairs, and charter processors will be on **Thursday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Council Service Center.** If you've been to the training before, you still need to come to learn what's new. You will learn everything you need to know regarding the charter process and how to complete it in a timely manner. A postcard will be mailed out in September and you must RSVP.

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.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training

This training is for adults who would like to be able to operate the archery or BB gun ranges at Camp Manatoc for their pack or den. The course will be held on **Saturday, September 10**, in two sessions. Either 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Camp Butler Sports Field Shelter. Sessions are limited to the first 24 registered adult participants per session. Don't delay, registration fills up fast! Attendance is required for the entire course in order to receive certification.

The cost is \$15 per participant and must be paid at the time of registration. Register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-csshoot>

Hurry, registration deadline is September 5!

Den Chief Training is October 8

This training is designed for den chiefs. However, all adult leaders who work with den chiefs are encouraged to attend with them.

Training will be on **Saturday, October 8**, at Camp Manatoc's Lewis Conference Center. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the course will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per participant which includes the new handbook. Deadline for registration is October 1. Flyers are in the saddlebags or go to <https://scoutingevent.com/433-DenChief2016>

Questions? Call **Rick Alkire** at 330-523-7456 or email rcalkire@gmail.com.

BALOO

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Cub leaders, does your pack get outdoors enough? Is it maximum fun? Does everybody go? Let BALOO show you how! BALOO is training so adults can run great Cub Scout outdoor events. Every pack needs to have at least one BALOO trained person to go camping. This is the only training course open to registered and non-registered adults in the pack, so find someone to be in charge of FUN and send them to BALOO.

The 2016 Fall BALOO course will be held **Saturday, October 29**, at Camp Manatoc in the Lewis Conference Center (underneath the dining hall). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the course runs from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. **The cost of the course is \$16. Registrations after October 21, will be charged \$21! Deadline for registration is October 26!** The cost includes your lunch, all materials, and the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Questions? Please contact **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org. Registrations can be mailed in to the Great Trail Council, PO Box 68, Akron, OH, 44309, or completed online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-baloof16>.

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Cub Adventure Camp

Calling all 1st through 5th grade Cub Scouts! Come on out to Camp Manatoc for **Cub Adventure Camp on September 30 to October 1**. Your pack will need two adults for every six boys. Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by their parent.

Cost is \$40 per person (non-refundable) and includes a snack on Friday, two meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt. Activities include BB guns, archery, and lots more! You'll sleep in a rustic cabin and need a sleeping bag/or blankets, toiletries, flashlight, and a change of clothes. Be prepared, we go rain or shine!

Check in at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall from 6 p.m.—7 p.m. Check out is on Saturday at 4 p.m. Parts A and B medical forms are required for each person to be turned in to your pack in advance.

Registration forms are in your pack saddlebags. **Registration deadline is September 9. Questions? Call Chuck Hale at 330-225-1484 or email cdhale@roadrunner.com.**

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

Haunted Hayride

October 14-15, 21-22, and 28

\$7 per person pre-sale

\$9 per person at the door

(All tickets are non-refundable)

Tickets available at the Scout Shop or

www.scoutingevent.com/?hayride

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 email **Wendy at wendygreathouse@gmail.com**.

Sept. 17—Autism, Asperger's, ADHD and Scouting

Oct. 15—ISAP Training

Nov. 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 and 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@bsaemail.org.

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

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Have a successful School Night to Join Scouting

- Have your school night at the school you recruit from. Make this a special evening, not just another pack meeting.
- Attend your school open house to promote your school night. Have an information table and talk to parents.
- Set date, time, ad place so your unit can get the maximum support from the district and council.
- Make your school night a committee function, not just a show in which the Cubmaster does everything. Get all your leaders involved.
- Have an information sheet ready to hand out to parents that evening. Organization is key.
- Have attendance sheets for people to sign-in. Use them later for follow-up.
- If your district executive gives you surveys, follow them up with a personal invite to the school night.
- Talk to the parents about leadership.
- Collect money and applications that evening.
- See your district executive to get flyers and arrange boy talks.

Fall Boy Scout Leader Training

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position Specific

Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m.—noon
Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
Cost: \$6

Deadline: September 17
Contact: Rick Alkire at 330-523-7456 or rcalkire@gmail.com

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position Specific

Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m.—noon
Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Cost: \$6

Deadline: October 29
Contact: Dale Hartshorn at 330-607-4381 or dhartsrn@sbcglobal.net

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Friday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.—Saturday, October 15, 9 p.m.

Camp Manatoc Administration Shelter, 1075 Truxell Rd., Peninsula
Cost: \$25

Deadline: October 8
Contact: Mike Thompson at 330-801-3448 or thompson3254t@yahoo.com

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster needs to take these courses in order to receive trained status: Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Specific, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection.

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-BoyScoutTraining>
<https://scoutingevent.com/433-BoyScoutOutdoor2016>

Cub Scout Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific

Saturday, October 8

8 a.m.—noon
Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
Cost: \$6
Deadline: September 24
Contact: Chuck Hale at 440-554-1353 or cdhale@roadrunner.com

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 p.m.—9 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
Cost: \$6
Deadline: October 12
Contact: Keith Doyle at 330-773-0415 ext. 230 or keith@scouting.org

Saturday, November 5

8 a.m.—noon
Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Cost: \$6
Deadline: October 29
Contact: Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or nathan.watson@scouting.org

Saturday, November 12

8 a.m.—noon
Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Cost: \$6
Deadline: November 5
Contact: Rick Reynolds at 330-696-4373 or rick.reynolds7@hotmail.com

To be a trained Cub Scout leader you must complete Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training and Youth Protection.

All courses are \$6. There are additional fees if you choose to purchase a book.

You may attend a course at any of the above locations. Register online at;

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-CubLeaderTraining>

Supplemental Cub Scout Training

Den Chief Training

October 8
Contact: Steve Jindra at 330-773-0415 ext. 235

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

October 29, 2016 or May 7, 2017
Contact: Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227

OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader Training)

May 6
Contact: Keith Doyle at 330-773-0415 ext. 230

Fundamentals of Training & Trainer's EDGE

March 25, 2017
Contact: Gary Hunsicker at 330-724-9406 or grhunsicker@gmail.com

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.

- By John Naizer, Chippewa District Commissioner

This month we would like to stress the importance of attending roundtable. Last year at summer camp, a presentation was made at the Scoutmaster Breakfast on Thursdays involving the top 10 aspects of top BSA units nationwide. This information was gleaned from asking what these successful units do on a regular basis. In that list of top 10, attending roundtable was right up there at the beginning.

The BSA defines roundtable as a form of commissioner service that supplies supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level, which is a very important part of being a Scout leader.

The commissioner service aspect is that the roundtable commissioners plan the programming and put on the event monthly.

This supplemental training is broken down into creating a roundtable event that provides leaders with program ideas; review information on policy and events; and discuss training opportunities that are scheduled with the district and at council.

It should be a forum for sharing experiences and enjoying fun and fellowship with other Scout leaders. Ultimately the commissioner staff is trying to provide a roundtable experience that inspires, motivates, and enables unit leaders to provide a stronger program for their Scouts.

With a stronger program, a unit should get better retention. Recruiting efforts should also be easier since good programming will sell itself and attract youth to the unit. This is an interesting phenomenon since both retention and recruiting are two other aspects that are in the top 10 of top units nationwide. Attending and participating in roundtable should be a driver for these two other aspects.

So at the unit level, please encourage participation, it doesn't have to be the same individual participating from the unit every month. You can ask a different person each month to participate. That leader can then be asked to report back to the unit. This way more leaders are exposed to what occurs at roundtable.

Roundtable can be an awesome experience to gain information and solicit ideas. It should offer something that everyone can benefit from. If you haven't been to roundtable, then please go, and if you would like to see change, then be a part of that change by offering to help.

Make sure your unit is represented at roundtable!

Leave No Trace for the front country

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." - John Muir



Recent negative incidents in U.S. parks, underscore both the ongoing challenges facing lands enjoyed by the public and the increasing need for people to learn about and practice Leave No Trace.

In Yellowstone National Park a bison calf was recently euthanized following interference on the part of park visitors. Additional damage was done by a group of visitors who filmed themselves jumping fences in order to walk on the sensitive Grand Prismatic Spring. Nearby in Colorado, nail spikes hidden in bricks were found littered around a popular mountain biking trail. Celebrities are now among many posting Instagram photos of red rock defacement in national parks across the west.

Managed by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, Leave No Trace is the most widely used minimum-impact visitor education program currently used in parks and protected areas across the country. The intent of the Leave No Trace program is to educate those who spend time in the outdoors about the nature of their impacts with the overarching goal of resource protection.

According to Dana Watts, Executive Director for the Center for Outdoor Ethics, "We always want to give people the benefit of the doubt. What seems like common sense to me may not be for someone else. That's why arming people with basic Leave No Trace skills and principles is so necessary right now."

Watts continues, "We are in favor of people getting outside to enjoy nature in all its forms. Wildlife—deer, bison, even birds—is fascinating and exciting for all of us to experience. People, though, need to remember the very delicate and sensitive relationship we all need to have when sharing the outdoors with them. Put away that selfie stick, and help wild animals stay wild."

With the growing impact of a nation getting outside more and more—over one billion outdoor visits estimated this year—Leave No Trace helps people understand how impacts to the landscape are created and how those impacts can be minimized.

1. Keep your distance while photographing wildlife.
2. Don't feed the natives: Human food is unhealthy for all wildlife.
3. Sharing is caring: Sharing the trail and respecting other visitors can protect the overall quality of the outdoor experience. Be courteous.

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2016 Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

www.gtccpopcorn.org

Everything you need to know about this year's popcorn sale:

Products...what we are selling

Sales methods...how you should be selling

Incentive Items...awesome prizes and rewards

Ordering...how to order your popcorn and prizes

Sales Dates....important!

Unit Kernels Guide....your popcorn sale "playbook"

Popcorn Sale Excel Worksheet....helps manage your sale

Online Sales

Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"

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Have you scheduled your SNTJS?

It's that time once again...the fall, and that means its *Fall Roundup Time!* By now, all Cub Scout packs should have scheduled their School Night to Join Scouting (SNTJS). If you have not yet done so, you need to do so quickly. The SNTJS is one of the most important nights of the year for your Cub Scout pack!

If you have set your date, please be sure to let Brian at 330-773-0415 ext. 232 or email

Brian.Williams@Scouting.org know ASAP so that arrangements can be made for boy talks, flyers, and getting district support staff to your SNTJS! Please allow for ample time so arrangements can be made.

Troop open houses begin in October

Don't forget to recruit some new youth from the 6th grade this fall. Every troop should plan a formal troop open house program using the materials distributed at the August Kick-Off.

Use all of the tools available to you - including your Scouts who could invite their friends who are not yet Scouts to join you at your open house!

Contact Brian at 330-773-0415 ext. 232 or email *Brian.Williams@Scouting.org* and provide the date, time, and location of your troop's open house!

Join us every month at roundtable

Everyone is invited to Tri-Fires District Roundtable! It is held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., at Northwest Ave. Church of Christ in Tallmadge. The date for this month will be September 8. There is something for everyone at roundtable, with a different focus each month. Todd Mosko is the new Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, while **Ken Brown** is leading the Boy Scout side. Be sure to join Ken this month as he teaches trailer safety!

District Kick-Off and Chili Cook-Off

A huge thank you to those who came to the District Kickoff on August 11, at Wedgewood United Methodist Church. The event was a huge success, and was a great way to start off the Scouting year! Special thanks to **Wendy Greathouse, Ken Brown, Pam Varga, Mike Thompson, Tosha Curren, Sandy Baer, Todd Mosko**, and all of the participants in the chili cook-off. The results for the chili cook-off were:

First Place – Codey Mellinger
Second Place – Todd Mosko

It's time to sell popcorn!

Tri-Fires kicked off the 2016 Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale in style at Akron Public Library on August 11. This was a fun-filled event, and a special thanks goes out to our Popcorn Chairman, **Tosha Curren**, for all her help. NOW IT'S TIME TO SELL POPCORN! If you have not yet, please pick up your sales packets at the Scout Shop and register your unit at www.prpopcorn.com. Here are some key dates to remember:

- September 6 - Show and Deliver order due
- September 17 - Show and Deliver distribution
- November 1 - Take Orders due
- November 12 - Popcorn distribution
- December 5 - Popcorn money due



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
 - 6 Show & Deliver orders due
 - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 12 Uniform Day
 - 16 Show & Deliver popcorn pick-up
- Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5**

October

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 8 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 9 Tiger Day at the Zoo
 - 13 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 29 BALOO
- Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4**

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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 11, 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.

Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

Last month was our Popcorn Kick-off, this month, let’s sell, sell, sell! Don’t forget to register your unit at www.prpopcorn.com. Important dates to remember are below. If you have any questions, please contact Moe Popcorn Kernel **Andrew Cole** at colesr0827@sbcglobal.net.

September 6	Show & deliver orders due
September 17	Show & deliver distribution
November 1	Show & sell money and popcorn orders due to Service Center
November 4	Popcorn prize orders due
November 12	Popcorn pick-up
December 5	Popcorn money due to Service Center

Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your unit this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within your unit? Are all of your direct contact leaders trained (direct contact leader is Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, den leader, assistant den leader)? Do any of these situations apply to your unit, then you need to be aware of the Moe District Training Day, for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Moe District is not having a training this fall, but I highly encourage you to attend training in Seneca District, November 5, at Kent United Church of Christ. If you have any questions about Cub Training, please contact **Jericho Johnson** at jericho.who@gmail.com, or **Wayne Nieman** at wnieman@bsmail.org.

Fall Camporee



Our Moe Fall Camporee is scheduled for Sept. 23-24 at Camp Manatoc.

We are teaming up with Chippewa District to go on an orienteering adventure. Crews, troops and Webelos Scouts are invited to come. This is a great opportunity for troops to recruit new Webelos! All information was out at the August roundtable.

Cub Scout Punkin Chunkin’



This year we will be bringing back last year’s very popular event—**Punkin Chunkin’**! It will be held on **Saturday, October 8**, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., at Camp Butler’s Sports Field. Punkin Chunkin’ is for all Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos. The cost is \$10 per Scout and includes a

patch, a pumpkin, craft, snack, and lots of other fun activities. Registration forms were put in pack saddlebags in August. **Please be sure to register by September 30. Late registrants will not receive a pumpkin to launch.**



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September

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
 - 3-5 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
 - 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**

October

- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
 - 8 Moe Punkin Chunkin’
 - 9 Tiger Day at the Zoo
 - 13 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 13 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 29 BALOO Training
- Registration \$10 Boys’ Life \$5**

Lakes District

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Membership recruiting

School Nights to Join Scouting and boy talks are being arranged for each pack and we are working hard to make this year's recruitment even better than last year's. Please continue to work towards recruiting a membership and marketing chair for each of your units. Without new members we will not have new leaders. We need to work hard on making sure that we have an influx of new youth and adults into our program and we need to lose ourselves in service to the youth of our district. The Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs can be life changing, if we as leaders and parents are enthusiastic and excited about what we are doing. Every day we have an opportunity to improve our attitudes and in turn what we project to our young people. We need to make self-improvement and education a way of life. Continually getting better at what we do and how we do it will result in untold rewards for all who are involved.

Lakes District Day Camp

The Lakes District Day Camp was held July 17-July 23, at MAPS Air Museum. We had 32 Tiger Cubs and their parents participate in their very first Tiger Day at Camp, there were 64 Cub Scouts participating during the first half of the week, and for the second half of the week there were 42 Webelos in attendance. Equally as important as the participants, are the over 50 adults who volunteered to be “walk arounds” and watch over our campers for the week. The theme for this year was Trains, Planes, and Automobiles! We had special guests from Park Auto Group who helped our Scouts learn about the way cars and engines work as well as some auto maintenance tips. A huge thanks to the volunteers at MAPS for the use of the space at the museum and the educational experience that they were able to provide our Scouts! The weather cooperated. A big thank you goes out to all of the day camp staff who volunteered countless hours of their time organizing, planning and of course executing our day camp. This year's Day Camp Director was **Matt Hutchison**, Program Director was **Julianne Sabolek**, and the Facilities Director was **Matt Davis**, all of whom did a fantastic job. There were also almost 20 Boy Scouts and Venturers, coordinated by **Brad Miller** and **Lori Walent**, volunteering their time to make sure that the Cub Scouts had a memorable day camp experience. Thanks again everyone for all of your hard work!

Join the Fun!



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**

October

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd.
 - 8 Cub Scout College—9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Queen of Heaven Parish Life Center, 1800 Steese Rd., Green
 - 13 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
 - 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
- Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5**

Chippewa District

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Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

Popcorn sales are officially underway. Let's make it a great 2016 sales campaign, Scouts! Remember popcorn drives program. It allows us to do fun activities throughout the Scouting year. Some of the flavors and prices have changed. The council is proud to add a Cleveland Cavaliers Championship tin which I am sure will be a top selling selection. Pecatonica River Popcorn is one of the best products on the market! It was nice to see many of the district units at A. I. Root Candles retail conference room at the Kernel Kick-off. It's important the packs and troops are proactive right from the start. As requested Show and Sell delivery dates are scheduled earlier in September so mark your calendar for Saturday, September 17. Lastly, please make sure your unit is registered online and start selling! **You can sign-up NOW for the popcorn sale and register your Unit Popcorn "Kernel" by going online to www.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.** If you have any questions, contact **Nicole Spry** at chippewapopcorn@frontier.com. Let's pop it up a notch! Is your unit going to be the best in the Great Trail Council?

Orienteering Camporee

Troops, we are looking forward to seeing you at Camp Manatoc on September 23—25, for our annual fall camporee. This year the orienteering group will be hosting the event and we have combined the fun by asking the Moe District to join us. Don't miss out for some friendly Scouting competition. We are going to have a blast! More information to follow in the coming weeks. Be sure to check your saddle bags.

Youth Protection Training



Reminder to all: our youth protection training course is online. If you know someone who hasn't completed the class, please refer them to my.scouting.org. All adults must be certified. All volunteers must take this training every two years. DVDs have been made available to you in your fall recruiting materials distributed at last

month's kick-off.

Den Chief Training

Den Chief Training is set for October 8, at Camp Manatoc Lewis Conference Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 per participant. That will include the new Den Chief Training handbook guide. The deadline to preregister is October 1. If you have any questions, contact **Rick Alkire** at 330-523-7456 or by email at rcalkire@gmail.com.

Cub Leader Training/ Boy Scout Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., in Medina. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the course will conclude at 1 p.m. Direct any questions to Cub Scout Trainer **Chuck Hale** at 440-554-1353 or by email at cdhale@roadrunner.com.

Intro to Outdoor Leader Training will be conducted on the weekend of Friday, October 14, starting at 6:30 p.m., and will conclude on Sunday, October 15, around noon. The training is at Camp Manatoc in the Admin Shelter (1075 Truxell Rd., Peninsula). **Mike Thompson** is the course director if you have any questions he can be contacted at 330-801-3448 or by email at thompson3254t@yahoo.com. All newly recruited volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Thank You!

Brad Root for providing a great meeting location for the district's popcorn kick-off. Your strong support of the Scouting program is much appreciated!

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**

October

- 8 Den Chief Training—8:30 a.m.—Camp Manatoc, Lewis Conference Center
 - 8 Cub Leader Training—8 a.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 13 District Committee Meeting—6:15 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Church at Stony Hill, 2756 Stony Hill Rd., Medina
 - 14-15 Intro to Outdoor Leader Training—6:30 p.m.—Camp Manatoc, Admin. Shelter
- Registration \$12 Boys' Life \$6**

Seneca District

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School Night to Join Scouting

As we grow closer to the changing leaves, cooler nights, and sweatshirt weather...it means one thing... KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL! Please keep in mind that school opening equals the season of School Nights to Join Scouting. The district executive needs time to call principals, schedule boy talks, and print flyers. **Nate Watson** can be reached at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org. You can also contact **Beth Meyer** at bethmeyer608@hotmail.com to provide her with the same information.

Uniform Day is September 12

Great Trail Council is promoting and encouraging all youth and adults to wear their uniforms to work and school (if appropriate) on September 12. This is in observance of Patriot's Day. What better way to show your patriotism than by wearing your field uniform! We know Patriot's Day is September 11th, not the 12th, so feel free to wear it both days! We are asking all of our members to help support and promote Scouting in their respective communities.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader!

Do you have new leaders you recruited this fall? If so, send them to get trained! Remember every youth deserves a properly trained leader! Seneca will be hosting a Cub leader and Boy Scout leader training session. Trainings will be held on Saturday, November 5. Both trainings should go from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m.! Training will be held at the Kent United Church of Christ. Deadline for registration for both trainings is November 2.

District Fall Camp-AIR-All

The fall camporall will combine scoutcraft with aircraft. This Camp-AIR-all will be held September 9-11, at Wadsworth Muni Airport. It will be hosted by Venture Crew 2446 and will be held in conjunction with the Wadsworth Props & Pistons Festival.

There is weekend camping for troops, crews and posts. Packs are welcome to attend the Wadsworth Props & Pistons Festival on Saturday and Sunday. A fly-in, airplane displays including experimental, historical and military aircraft, helicopters, and a US Air Force display will be there. A 9/11 Memorial Ceremony is scheduled. Please call **Chad Roberts** at 330-221-9944 with questions or visit SenecaDistrict.org for all the updates!

Get things poppin'

Get your gang charged up for the 2016 popcorn selling season and get out there and sell "tons" of popcorn this year. Hopefully everyone had the chance to visit the popcorn booth at August's Kick-off Roundtable and sample the new products at the District Popcorn Kick-Off! Remember Great Trail Council has made the switch to Pecatonica River (www.prpopcorn.com). Everyone at this time should be reviewing all materials from the District Popcorn Kick-off held in August. The orders for the Show-N-Sell portion of the sale are due on September 6. Hopefully your unit popcorn chair attended the Kick-off Spectacular in August and your sale is well underway. Why? Because you held a FANTASTIC Unit Kick-Off and all your Scouts are fired up! Are you checking to see that all your Scouts are selling? Again, don't forget to visit Pecatonica River's website at www.prpopcorn.com for great ideas and resources to help you. For more information or questions about this year's sale, please contact, **District Kernel Chuck Calalesina** at ccalalesina@outlook.com.

Attend your school's open house

The membership team wants all Cub packs to attend their school's open house as a lead in to the School Night to Join Scouting. 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.

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—Wadsworth Municipal Airport
 - 12 Uniform Day
 - 17 Popcorn Show & Deliver pick-up
 - 30-Oct.1 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Manatoc
- Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5**

October

- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 8 Tiger Day at the Zoo
 - 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 13 District Commissioner Meeting—at roundtable
 - 29 BALOO Training
- Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4**

Old Portage District

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Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

Now that summer is over and you are ready to start recruiting new kids into your unit, it's also time to think about how you are going to pay for all of your new Scouts. The annual Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale has already started. If you have any questions please contact our District Popcorn Kernel **Gene Bunner** at 330-861-3210 or gene.bunner@gmail.com - Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- September 6 Show-n-Deliver orders due to Service Center
- September 17 Show & Deliver popcorn pick-up
- November 1 Show & Deliver money and popcorn orders due to Service Center
- November 4 Prize forms for popcorn eue
- November 12 Popcorn pick-up (distribution)
- December 5 Popcorn money due to Service Center

Have you scheduled your SNTJS?

It's School Night to Join Scouting time! By now, all Cub Scout packs should have scheduled their School Night to Join Scouting (SNTJS). If you haven't, you need to do it quickly. The SNTJS is one of the most important nights of the year for your pack. If you have set your date, please be sure that you let **Keith Doyle** know ASAP at 330-773-0415 ext. 230 or keith.doyle@scouting.org so that arrangements can be made for boy talks, fliers and district support at your event. The best night to have a SNTJS is Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday!

Nova Camporee at Camp Butler

This year's camporee will include Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts and Venturers. 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—October 2**, with the headquarters at the Butler Conference Center and Atwater Lodge. This event will be an all inclusive event for the Boy Scouts and Venturers with tent camping, food and program included in the fee. The Cub program will be a day long program with lunch included. Portions of the program will be held outdoors in the Baden Powell pavilion with other parts indoors in the Conference Center and in Atwater Lodge. There will be a program for Cub and Webelos Scouts, one for Boy Scouts, and one for Venturers. Every Old Portage unit is urged to participate.

Email Mike Fasig for more info: mfscout@aol.com.

Come check-out our roundtables!

You are invited to the Old Portage District Roundtables. They will be held at **Faith Lutheran Church**, 2726 W. Market St., in Fairlawn at 7:15 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month. Our September roundtable will be on Thursday, September 8. See you there!

Planes, Trains & Automobiles Day Camp

Trains, Planes & Automobiles was a HUGE success! 115 youth and 30 staff enjoyed a week filled with fun activities including a visit from the Akron Police Department, a helicopter landing on the sports field, a model aircraft demonstration, a model train demonstration, a group photograph by the Butler flag pole taken by a drone, as well as the usual fun of crafts, swimming, sports, BB guns, and paintball slingshots! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on this amazing experience for the boys, and to those who helped out during the week. A special thanks to **Ed Kuchar** for bringing his helicopter in for the day for the boys to see up close!



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 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 12 Uniform Day
- 17 Show & Deliver distribution
- 30-Oct.2 Fall Camporee—Camp Butler

Registration \$14 Boys' Life \$6

October

- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- 8 Den Chief Training
- 9 Tiger Day at the Zoo
- 13 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 13 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 14-16 Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training
- 19 Cub Leader Specific Training
- 22 Cub Scout Pumpkin Chunkin' Contest
- 29 BALOO

Registration \$12 Boys' Life \$5

Venturing/Exploring

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Fun at VenturingFest 2017

Great Trail was represented at VenturingFest 2017 in August at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Crew 2001 from West Akron was there with Council Venturing President **Anna Grund** and one of her VPs, **Edward Raines** as guests of the crew (They are both members of Crew 2412). Crew members included **Tommy Martin** (crew leader), **Thomas Kimmins**, **James Parisi**, **Jillian Hunt**, **Jake Thoman**, **Trevor McCune**, and **Zoie Brashear**. Adults included **Nathan Jenkins**, **Karen Martin**, **Chris Parisi** and Advisor **Steve Myers**. Also pictured is **Ericka Steele**, lead rifle instructor at SBR and Associate Advisor in Crew 2001. More pictures are all over Facebook and Twitter at #VenturingFest. There were 750 at the inaugural national event and the next VenturingFest will be July 1-6, 2018.

Fall Fun Weekend—November 4-6



Save the date: November 4-6, 2016, is the Great Trail Council Venturing Fun Weekend at Camp Butler open to all Venturers from all councils. We have all the buildings for our use. Last year's Star Wars theme was over the top. This year's theme will be announced in September.

We have a tentative commitment from **Pratik Vaidya**, the National Venturing President, to be there, so check out <http://GTCVenturing.org/events> for more information and how to register.

Presidents



Be sure to represent your crew on the council Venturing Officers Association and at the meetings and on the conference calls. Go to

<http://GTCVenturing.org> and choose the forms page to report the name of the president of your crew so they can be included. We want your crew to have a voice in council planning.

National Jamboree

Jamboree – We need four Venturers to complete the National Jamboree Venturing contingent. The price has been reduced from \$1,650 to \$1,350 for everyone, so what a good deal! Sign up now at <http://bsajamboree.org>.

6 ways to improve your recruiting

Do you want to grow your crew or help start a new one? You should! Venturing is the best young adult program bar none and it is focused at the needs and wants of high school and college youth.

1. Focus on education, not on selling

If they have shown up at your open house or recruiting event then they are already committed enough to the idea of Venturing. Spend your time educating about Venturing and not selling.

2. Eliminate the confusing jargon

Leave the ALPS, VOA, and other acronyms aside and also avoid all the cute buzzwords we use. Spell / speak everything out and improve your communication.

3. Leave the uniform at home

The uniform can create a we versus them attitude from the get-go. Consider wearing your crew's t-shirt or polo and use name tags with positions including "parent" and "adult participant."

4. Get rid of a "presentation" format

Youth want to do things, not sit and watch like in school. Get them to have fun and you will hook them much better than with a cool PowerPoint. If you want to show your crew in action, set up a screen and let the pictures run continuously.

5. Recruit adults before hand

Lining up the advisors you need ahead of time allows you to focus on the youth participants (14-17) and your adult participants (18-20) and not on the need for adults to start the program.

6. Show them and not just tell them what Scouting is all about.

Venturing needs to be shown for the fantastic program that it is. Let them see you in action. This is where you get creative. Oh, and let the youth plan all of this, because no matter how young you feel the youth are more authentic and will better connect to their recruits.

September

12 Venturing Congress

Marnoc Lodge #151

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For our new Ordeal members

- We would like to remind all of our Ordeal members that were inducted in 2016 that you are eligible to participate in the First Year Arrowman Award. You can find the requirements at our website <http://marnoc.org>
- We are inviting all new Ordeal members to attend the new member dinner to be held at the Manatoc dining hall on September 10, at 5 p.m. It is free! Come and meet the Lodge leadership and learn how to get involved in your Lodge.

Renew your membership

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

Welcome to our new chief

Jacob Schul assumed the role as our new chief at the Marnoc Summer Fellowship. He has served as Vice Chief of Program and on the LEC for several years. We all look forward to his leadership.

Welcome to our new Lodge advisor

Bob Saffle will be assuming the role as our new Lodge Adviser. **Dennis Bradley** is stepping down after 4 years of excellent leadership and guidance for our Lodge. Bob has served many years as an adult associate adviser and knows our Lodge and its youth leadership well.

Fall Fellowship—save the dates

 Fall Fellowship will be a Peanuts themed weekend. We are excited to bring you one amazing weekend of pumpkins, football, and Charlie Brown. This fellowship will be \$25 and ordeal members inducted in the fourth ordeal will receive admission for \$10. The weekend of October 7-9 will be a weekend to remember. Check-In is at 7 p.m. at the Manatoc dining hall. Check-Out is at 10 a.m. on October 9.

For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/zn745ce>

	<u>September</u>
10	LEC Meeting
	<u>October</u>
7-9	Fall Fellowship

Moecomdws District cont'd.

Unit M & M 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 **Robert Anderson** as the new district m & m chair. 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.

Council Information cont'd.

Why you should take Youth Protection Training today

Concern for youth safety has been ingrained in the Boy Scouts of America's DNA since the beginning. Youth Protection training communicates the values that Scouting takes seriously. Most people know very little about the dangers that confront children every day. This training helps make professionals, volunteers, and parents more aware, and it empowers them to help protect youth. It also communicates to parents that volunteers have basic knowledge of these dangers and gives them a little more confidence in the leadership and in the organization.

Some of the top dangers to youth are ignorance—not knowing that child abuse exists and not knowing what to look for. Children may face some type of abuse at home—physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse. They may get bullied at school, or exposed to predators or illicit materials while online. Or the threat may come from neighbors or other parents and youth.

It's imperative that parents and volunteers know Scouting's Youth Protection policies, which include our barriers to abuse: the classic two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact policies, as well as our mandatory reporting of child abuse and our social media guidelines. Please make sure that you take Youth Protection training!

Council Calendar

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](#)
- 9-11 [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](#)

October

- 1 Popcorn Blitz
- 3 Boy Scout Training Committee
- 3 Cub Scout Training Committee
- 4 Program Committee Meeting
- 8 [Den Chief Training](#)
- 8 [Cub Scout Position Specific Training—Medina United Methodist Church](#)
- 8 Haunted Hayride setup
- 9 [Scout Day at the Zoo](#)
- 9 Catholic Cub Day
- 10 Show & Deliver money due
- 12 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- 14 [Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training](#)
- 14-15 [Haunted Hayride](#)
- 15 Jamboree on the Air
- 15 Special Needs Training
- 15 [Tiger Cub Training](#)
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 Membership Committee Meeting
- 19 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 19 [Cub Scout Position Specific Training—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron](#)
- 20 Cub Camp Promotion Committee
- 20 District Family FOS Chair Meeting #2
- 20 NESAs Event
- 21-22 [Haunted Hayride](#)
- 25 Recharter Training
- 25 Religious Committee Meeting
- 26 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 27 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 28 [Haunted Hayride](#)
- 29 [BALOO Training](#)
- 29 Haunted Hayride Staff Dinner
- 29-30 Wilderness First Aid

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