



Scouters' News

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School Night to Join Scouting

As of this writing, we can only guess that most of the School Nights were a huge success. As with any campaign, there is always a certain amount of follow-up that needs to be accomplished.

First, it is the obligation of every unit to promote training as the primary source of information for all of its new leaders. We find that many units don't promote training to all of their leaders because they hate to impose upon their free-time. All the best units in the council, the units that consistently out-perform all others, believe in training for all leaders.

Second, we are a membership organization, and in order to receive the benefits of this organization one must be registered. No rights or obligations are to be extended to any individual not duly registered within the 10-day guideline set by the National Council, Boys Scout of America.

Third, proper procedures as to the guidelines for new adults must be followed. All adults must be approved by the chartered head of the organization. The chartered head should approve applications based on the reference checks and recommendations provided by the committee of the unit.

Lastly, boys should be meeting with their dens. There should be no waiting lists. If you have the names of boys you cannot place, don't place them on a list that you will not actively pursue. Please notify your district executive so that we can follow up on the names to get them into Scouting.

Add new boys and adults to your troop



Would you like to have a few more adults to help with the troop committee or to serve as an assistant Scoutmaster? Would you like to have a few more Scouts to fill out your patrols that may have only five or six Scouts? Your answer is probably YES to both of these

questions. We have the way you can have both a few more adults and a few more Scouts, plus win prizes. See the 2016 Fall Troop Open House Contest Rules and win coolers, stoves, and more for every two new Boy Scouts. Contest ends November 1!

The magic formula is a troop open house! We are encouraging you to hold an open house. If you hold an open house you should recruit at least two new boys and a couple of new adults. Call your district executive today to set up that troop open house!



Improvements to be made at Camp Manatoc's Lake Litchfield dam

In October Camp Manatoc's lake dam will undergo several improvements mandated by the ODNR. So, yes, you are seeing the lake drained for repairs. It should be filled again by summer 2017. The spillway on the south side will be improved with slope repairs. On the bottom of the outflow pipe new erosion control will be added along with repairs to the overflow pipe. The road across the lake at Camp Manatoc will remain open during these important repairs to Lake Litchfield.

Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale



www.gtccpopcorn.org

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

- Products
- Ordering
- Prizes
- People who can help
- Sale dates
- Online sales
- Unit Kernels Guide
- Unit Excel sale work sheet
- Scout incentives

Council Information

New Lion Cub Pilot Program



The new Lion Cub pilot program is off and running in the Great Trail Council. Lion is a family-oriented program for the kindergartners. 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 following units have been approved to participate in the pilot program: 3001, 3551, 3310, 3575, 3513, 3274, 3300, 3048, 3405, 3459, 3390, 3451, 3456, and 3527.

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 to Staff Advisor **Mike Panasiti** at 330-773-0415 ext. 213 or mpanasit@bsamail.org.

Get your Webelos II ready to join a troop



The Webelos-to-Scout Transition program is designed to improve the chances that a second year Webelos Scout will become a Boy Scout. It has been successful in almost doubling the percentage of Webelos who join a troop. The program will improve the

chances that an unsure 10 year-old will find the courage to give it a try.

The heart of the program is cooperation between a troop and a pack to schedule joint activities so that the second year Webelos will get to know the Scouts and feel at home with normal troop activities. The joint activities should not shove the Webelos Scout into full-fledged Scouting. Just the fringes. This takes careful cooperation between the Webelos leader and an assistant Scoutmaster assigned to this purpose. A commissioner can often ease this process.

It is suggested that the second year Webelos den can participate in the troop opening and then retire to another room for their own program. Then they can come together for the closing. On campouts there can be similar partial togetherness. This can continue for most of the program year.

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.



**GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL
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
<https://scoutingevent.com/433-hayride>

Council Information



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 a few spots available. When all spots are filled we will have a waiting list.

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

It's time to sign-up for summer camp!



Manatoc is where your Boy Scouts want to be this coming summer and now is the time to start talking about summer camp with your families.

If your troop hasn't reserved a week for the summer of 2017, don't wait—sites fill up fast! Reservations can be made at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/?manatoc2017>

or call Peggy at 330-773-0415 ext. 221.

Make sure your Scouts get a summer camp experience they'll always remember—at Camp Manatoc next summer!

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: William Heid
From: Kathryn Belfance
 Shirley Wheeler
 Gary Moffet Family

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Nicholas Arvay	405	08/10/16
Christopher Brant	259	08/09/16
Nolan Flanagan	506	08/25/16
Drew Gardner	511	08/23/16
Jacob Gerin	380	08/18/16
William Grayson	177	06/29/16
Seth Koellner	382	06/28/16
Zachary Koneval	501	08/24/16
Brandon McClain	519	08/11/16
Noah Mullenix	132	08/25/16
Zachary Porter	406	08/19/16
Vincent Prescenzi	520	08/21/16
Benjamin Rininger	390	08/08/16
Erik Sanders	65	08/24/16
Grant Savage	177	08/25/16
Steven Schismenos	310	08/25/16
Joshua Tinch	554	08/05/16
Jacob Tinch	554	08/05/16
Quintin Vosper	387	07/20/16

Council Information

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>.



**GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL
HAUNTED HAYRIDE**

10 percent?

That's right. We're estimating that **10 percent** of the Scouts we serve have a significant special need of some sort.

Most units handle these needs all on their own—and handle them well. *But, if your unit is struggling with what to do, please ask for help.* The Special Needs Advisory Committee stands ready to help, advise, direct and consult with unit leaders, Scouters, parents and Scouts on best practices.

Call **Wendy Greathouse** at 330-256-0996 or **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415, ext. 214.

Special Needs Training in October

We're continuing our 3rd Saturday series in October with a 3 hour course designed to help unit leaders and parents understand how units resolve expectations about special needs in Scouting. This course, entitled **ISAP Training**, covers the process and requirements in developing an *Individual Scout Action Plan*. This FREE course is available to any interested participant, including parents.

Saturday, October 15

9 a.m. to noon

Great Trail Council Service Center

To reserve your spot today, please e-mail wendygreathouse@gmail.com or dvargo@bsaemail.org

District Advocates for Special Needs

Don't forget your obligation to continue your training in our effort to help units further integrate all interested youth into our *awesome* Scouting program. Please plan to attend the 3rd Saturday series of trainings in October and November. And join the Special Needs Advisory Committee at our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Council Service Center. Call **Wendy** at 330-256-0996 for more information.

Troop open houses begin in October



Don't forget to recruit some new youth from the 5th and 6th grades 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 at your open house.

Contact your district executive and provide the date, time, and location of your troop's open house.

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Fall Registration

Just a reminder to make sure that any registration you receive is turned in as soon as possible. Quickly review the app to make sure that everything is completed and the appropriate signatures are on the apps. Don't forget the money and Youth Protection Training if needed. Remember that anything that is missing will delay the processing of your youth and/or adult apps.

Merit Badge Counselor Changes

Please be aware of the following changes for all merit badge counselors that were effective in September:

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 was made available on our webpage in September. The counselors are listed in alphabetical order for each badge. Only the counselor name, phone number and city will be listed. The 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 from their Scoutmaster. The list will be updated in September, December, March, and June.
4. All NEW merit badge counselors or those that didn't turn in their renewal notice by September 12 will have to complete an adult app, disclosure form, and the merit badge counselor information sheet. Please use the Great Trail Council Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet. Click on this link for the fillable pdf:

www.gtcbasa.org/forms/2016MeritBadgeCounselorInfoSheet.pdf

Annual Charter Training

Training is Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Council Service Center. Even if you have been to the training previously, you need to come. You will learn everything you need to know regarding the charter process and how it will help you get your charter completed in a more timely manner. **Please RSVP to pat.gaugler@scouting.org by Friday, October 21.**

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 pat.gaugler@scouting.org.

2017 Charter Time Frame

District	2017 Time Frame
Tri-Fires	<p>Charter Training & Pick-up—Thursday, November 10, 2016—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge</p>
Moe	<p>Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, December 8, 2016—Roundtable, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Church</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Church</p>
Lakes	<p>Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, December 8, 2016—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton</p>
Chippewa	<p>Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, January 12, 2017—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Medina United Methodist Church, Medina</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, March 9, 2017, Medina United Methodist Church, Medina</p>
Old Portage	<p>Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, January 12, 2017—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Akron</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, March 9, 2017, 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Akron</p>
Seneca	<p>Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, November 10, 2016—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ, Kent</p> <p>The access code will be in your unit's Charter Packet.</p> <p>Recharter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ, Kent</p>

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.

College of Commissioner Science

- By David Rice, Assistant Council Commissioner

It's not too early to begin thinking about attending this year's College of Commissioner Science on **Saturday, October 29**, at Great Wolf Lodge, Sandusky, OH. The day begins with a continental breakfast and registration at 8:45 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m.

The College of Commissioner Science is the highest form of commissioner education available at the local level. The College is modeled after college courses and degrees. A commissioner has the opportunity to earn a Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degree by attending the College and satisfying the requirements and prerequisites. They may also take courses as part of a continuing education program.

The purpose of the College of Commissioner Science is to provide ongoing practical training for all commissioners to allow them to better serve their units. "Learning is a lifetime activity. As commissioners, we must continually adjust our skills to provide a more valuable service to our units. Therefore, commissioners should view learning as an important part of their Scouting lives—every month, every year."

Why do commissioners need the College? The College offers the best opportunity to:

- Learn the information essentials to provide the best service to their units;
- Provide fellowship amongst the commissioner corps;
- Reinforce and expand on the lessons learned during basic training;
- Provide updates on commissioner service and Scouting.

The final result is a stronger and more knowledgeable commissioner corps serving the units. The mission of the commissioner is to help the unit succeed and the way to accomplish this mission is through education and practical learning experiences. The College provides that in-depth knowledge in all of the essential aspects of the commissioners duties and responsibilities. Just as every Scout deserves a trained leader, every unit deserves a trained commissioner!

Online registration is open for this year's college at:

<http://heartofhioCouncil.doubleknot.com/event/college-of-commissioner-science-675/1901139>

Leave No Trace "Our Outdoor Code"

"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." John Muir



By Andrew and Bena Paisley

I recently spent some time in the north woods of Canada fishing and hunting with some friends and we had a great time. But I came away from the experience appreciating Scouting and the importance of teaching outdoor manners. I don't want to pick on my friends because they haven't been provided with the training Scouting provides. Let's just say, we had a good opportunity to talk about being better stewards of our outdoors.

The Outdoor Code is a great reminder of the principles we cherish:

- As an American, I will do my best to-
- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.

Really, the "B's and C's" of the Outdoor Code are a summary of the seven principles of LNT. These principles are "caught" rather than taught. It's a matter of attitude and awareness rather than rules and regulations. When we emphasize good outdoor manners starting with Cub Scouts and all through the Scouting experience, by the time the Scouts become adults there is very little resistance to following these principles—just reminders. So make it a practice of teaching and following the outdoor code and LNT principles on every camp out. Set a good example.

Where did my friends go wrong? I think they probably are like most outdoorsmen. They cut limbs from live trees to cook food. They left food out overnight. They weren't very good at cleaning up after themselves. We talked about the four D's of wood collection: dead, down, dinky, and distant. We talked about respecting wildlife by not leaving food out. A fed animal becomes a dead animal. We emphasized following fishing regulations and size and length requirements and proper catch and release technique. We even talked about not importing invasive species back into the United States.

As we all know, Scouting emphasizes training and more training so that principles and skills become convictions and habits. One action item I am taking away from this experience is we are going to start reciting the Outdoor Code at every meeting. Let's all try to do a better job at living by the Outdoor Code.

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Council Information

Fall Boy Scout Leader Training

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>

Boy Scout Rank Requirements

Boy Scout Requirements: 2016 Transition Period Ends January 1

On January 1, 2016, a new set of Boy Scout requirements became effective for all who joined Boy Scouts on or after that date, and were included in updated editions of both the Boy Scout Handbook and Boy Scout Requirements. However, for those who were Boy Scouts prior to this year, a transitional process was established for calendar year 2016:

- Those already working on requirements for the Scout badge were given the option to continue using the existing requirements or to convert to the new requirements for Scout only. Thereafter, all further ranks required use of the new requirements.
- Those already working on requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class ranks were given the option to continue using the existing requirements or to convert to the new requirements through First Class. Thereafter, ranks above First Class required use of the new requirements.
- Those working on ranks above First Class were given the option to continue using the existing requirements or to convert to the new requirements for the rank they were working toward. Thereafter, the remaining ranks, if any, required use of the new requirements.

January 1, 2017 will be the date that all new requirements become mandatory for all ranks, regardless of a Scout's current rank or his progress in completing the requirements for his next rank.

Consequently, it is important to encourage Scouts to complete the requirements for the rank they are currently working toward on or before December 31, 2016.

This will make their transition to the mandatory new requirements, an easier process.

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



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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Troop open houses begin in October

Don't forget to recruit some new youth from the sixth 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 Williams** at 330-773-0415 ext. 232 or brian.williams@scouting.org and provide the date, time, and location of your troop's open house!

Be sure to 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 October 13. There is something for everyone at roundtable, with a different focus each month.

Programs for this month will be “Cubs in Action” for the Cub Scout split, and the Boy Scout split will focus on Eagle Scout Service Projects. Be sure to join us for this great learning experience.

Get your leaders trained

Are all of your leaders trained? Does anyone need help with the new Cub Scouting program? Come to Tri-Fires District Training, Saturday, November 21. The training will take place at Firestone Park United Methodist Church from 8 a.m.-noon. If there are any questions please contact **Pam Ferguson**, at 330-475-2546 or pferguson19209@sbcglobal.net.



Special Needs in Tri-Fires District

Tri-Fires! It is *estimated* that 35% of the Scouts we serve have SIGNIFICANT special needs.

Please make training about how to deal with special needs in your unit a priority. The following is a list of upcoming trainings available—FREE—to those who register.

- October 15—**ISAP Training** 9 a.m. to noon at the Council Service Center
- November 19—**District Advocate Training** 9 a.m. to noon at the Council Service Center

Meanwhile, if your unit is struggling—DON'T HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP. Unresolved issues, including extreme behaviors, can affect retention of Scouts within your unit.

Call **Wendy** at 330-256-0996 or catch her at roundtable.

It's Pecatonica Popcorn time!

Hopefully your Scouts are well into a successful popcorn sale! A special thanks is given to all of those who showed up and helped us at our show and sell distribution on September 17. As we wrap up the sale, please remember the following dates:

- November 1:** Popcorn orders due
- November 12:** Popcorn distribution
- December 5:** Popcorn money due

Please consider helping us at our November 12 popcorn distribution. This is a huge event and we need all of the help we can get.

October

- 1 Popcorn Blitz
- 2 Tiger Day at the Zoo
- 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
- 13 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 29 BALOO

Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4

November

- 1 Popcorn orders due
- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 10 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 12 Popcorn distribution
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 24-26 Scout Shop/office closed

Registration \$6 Boys' Life \$3

Moecomdws District

"It's A Matter Of Pride"

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District Website: www.moescouts.org



"Ignite the fun: Rocket into Scouting"

We made it through the month of September! It was a busy month for all of us, especially the Cub packs who worked so hard to recruit new members. A special thank you goes out to everyone on the membership and commissioner teams for taking extra time to attend additional School Nights and offering a hand to packs with their recruiting. An extra special thanks goes out to **Mike Radcliff** for scheduling School Nights and helping to get district representation at all of those events. If you have any applications that have not yet been turned in please bring those to the October roundtable.

Let's get busy and sell some popcorn!

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.

- November 1 Show-n-sell money and popcorn orders due to Scout Service Center
- November 4 Popcorn prize orders due
- November 12 Popcorn pick-up
- December 5 Popcorn money due to Scout Service Center

Have your leaders been 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? 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, on 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@bsamail.org.



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.**

2016 Journey to Excellence

As we get started in the new Scouting year please remember to track your unit's Journey to Excellence. Journey to Excellence is the BSA's performance recognition program designed to encourage, reward success, and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. You can follow your journey at the link below.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/commissioners/journey.aspx>

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

November

- 2 Take Order popcorn orders due/Show & Deliver money due
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 6 Popcorn prize orders due
- 7 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 12 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 12 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 14 Popcorn distribution
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 24-26 Scout Shop/office closed

Registration \$8

Boys' Life \$4

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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The “Swim”

Please visit www.lakesdistrict.org and subscribe to THE SWIM if you have not already. This is the bi-weekly district newsletter and the way that we send broadcasts to all of our volunteers and parents in the Lakes District. It has been working out very well. We also include any flyers with a list of council and district events.

We will be going through and subscribing all our new leaders to this service and anyone who registers with the district and includes an email through registration, so if you forget to sign up you may still start receiving our news!

Popcorn, popcorn, popcorn

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Have you turned in your new Scout's registration forms?



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through the cracks, we want every boy to have the opportunity to be a Scout! Also, please don't let any registration forms linger in briefcases or boxes.

Don't forget our monthly roundtable

By now, Boy Scout leaders should be back in the swing of things after a fantastic summer and all new Cub Scout leaders should be getting settled into their new positions. So, let's not forget our monthly leaders' roundtable. For those of you who don't know, the roundtable is a monthly training meeting for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders. Roundtable is the best place to keep up to date on current activities and information, get supplemental training, and mingle with leaders from other units and hear what they have going on. The Lakes District Roundtable is on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., future home to be determined. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the “regulars”.

Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your pack this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within the pack? If either of these situations applies to you, then you need to be aware of the Lakes District Cub Scout Training. This is a three-hour training where your leaders will receive Basic Leader Training for their specific job within the pack. The date for Lakes District Fall Training is Saturday, November 12. It will be held at Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton, Ohio 44203. Please see a Cub Scout Fall Training brochure for more information or different dates that are available for these trainings. Youth Protection Training is also required for all adult leaders and offered online at www.lakesdistrict.org or through your profile at www.my.scouting.org.



October

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd.
 - 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
 - 28-29 Cub Scout College—possible overnight opportunity—details to follow
- Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5**

November

- 3 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd.
 - 10 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Location TBA
 - 10 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Location TBA
 - 12 Cub Scout Leader Training—Greensburg Church of God, 4691 Massillon Rd., North Canton
- Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Roundtables are fun and important

There are a lot of new faces in the Chippewa District. Welcome and please join us at the next roundtable to introduce yourself. If you have questions about any type of program or activity, experienced Scouters are here to help. Important training sessions are held monthly and hosted by our experienced volunteers. This is a great event to meet other Scouting friends while learning from each other. Every month we ask that you send one representative from your unit to attend. When you are in attendance, the Scouts in the unit win. Chippewa's roundtable schedule and topics are listed below. See you there.

October 13

- BS- Homemade Gear
- CS- Family Involvement

November 10

- Joint session - training and how it ties into a successful program
- Beascout.org
- YPT Month

December 8

- Joint session— decorative knotting

Cub Leader Training/ Boy Scout Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, located at Medina United Methodist Church on Foote Rd., in Medina. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the course will conclude at 1p.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, OH 44264). **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!

Thank you to Chippewa's membership and popcorn team for all your help this fall!



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 before their application can be processed. If you prefer, we also have DVD copies for viewing. At Chippewa's November roundtable on Thursday, October 13, we will be offering a training session if you need to renew.

Pecatonica Popcorn Sale—keep selling!

The final take order of popcorn will be delivered to the Medina Armory on November 10, sorted and available for pick up on Saturday, November 12. Thank you to all our units that assisted with the take order last month. Units continue to sell door to door in uniform and you will have a successful campaign. Remember, popcorn supports your unit throughout the year along with the Great Trail Council. Thank you for choosing to sell this great Pecatonica River popcorn product. If you have any popcorn related questions, contact **Nicole Spry** at 330-419-8766 or chippewapopcorn@frontier.com.

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<u>October</u>	
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
<u>November</u>	
4	Lock-In—Brunswick Recreation Center, 3637 Center Rd., Brunswick
10	District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
10	Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
12	Popcorn distribution—8 a.m.—Medina Armory
24	Happy Thanksgiving!
24-26	Scout Shop/office closed
	Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5

Seneca District

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

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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.

Community Nights for SNTJSII

Please keep in mind that in October we will be doing Community Nights for our SNTJS II.

We will be scheduling multiple packs at central locations to have one more chance at recruiting those last few Cub Scouts. The idea of this is to have packs in the same towns meet at one location and to have any last boys who want to join Scouts meet there. At this one, central location the boys will have the opportunity to join a pack based on location, schedule, friends, etc.

Any questions contact **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 227.

Recruiting new Boy Scouts? Have a troop open house!

Do not forget to recruit some new youth from the sixth 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 **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 and provide the date, time, and location of your troop's open house!

Youth Protection Training in November

As everyone knows it is now required to have Youth Protection Training if you are a paid, registered adult. For those of you who still have not been Youth Protection trained, we will be offering the training at November's roundtable. Be sure not to miss this important meeting! This will be a new updated training that should take about 15-20 minutes! We need to make sure every adult leader receives their Youth Protection Training to ensure that our youth as well as adults are safe!

School Nights to Join Scouting are over, now what?

The month of September is over. It was a busy one for everyone, especially the Cub packs who worked so hard to recruit new members. A special thank you goes out to everyone on the membership and commissioner teams for attending School Nights and offering their helping hands to packs with their recruiting. A special thank you goes to **Beth Meyer** for organizing district attendance at school open houses and scheduling SNTJS and making sure proper district representation was in attendance.

Now that school nights are over, make sure to hand in any applications that have not been turned in. Please bring in any outstanding apps to the October roundtable!

“Back to Basics” Klondike

Save the date for our 2017 Klondike Derby, being held at Camp Butler, January 20-22! Our theme this year is “Back to Basics” old style Scouting theme where everything will be based on the “Good Ole Days”! More information to come at roundtable and your unit leaders' emails!



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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**

November

- 1 Popcorn orders & prize order forms due
 - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 5 Cub Leader Training—8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 10 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 10 District Commissioners Meeting—before roundtable
 - 12 Popcorn pickup—Duracote
 - 24 Happy Thanksgiving
 - 24-26 Scout Shop/offices closed
- Registration \$6 Boys' Life \$3**

Old Portage District

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Sell popcorn— fund your unit activities!

There is still an entire month left to sell popcorn! Remember, selling popcorn only once a year makes it possible for your unit to fund all of its activities for the Scouting year. Keep up the good work! Please check your calendars for the following dates:

- November 2** Show-n-Deliver money and popcorn orders due to Council Service Center
- November 14** Popcorn Pick Up Cotter Storage
1564 Firestone Pkwy
Email Gene for more details at gene.bunner@gmail.com
- December 1 Popcorn money due to Council Service Center

Are all of your new Scout's registration forms turned in?

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Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your pack this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within the pack? If either of these situations applies to you, then you need to be aware of the Old Portage District Cub Scout Training. This is a three hour training where your leaders will receive Basic Leader Training for their specific job within the pack. The date for fall training is Wednesday, October, 19. Please see a Cub Scout or Boy Scout Fall Training brochure for more information or different dates that are available in other districts. Youth Protection Training is also required for all adult leaders and offered online at <http://www.gtcbasa.org/events/training/index.html>



Don't forget roundtable!

By now, Boy Scout leaders should be back in the swing of things after a fantastic summer and all new Cub Scout leaders should be getting settled into their new positions. So, let's not forget our monthly leaders' roundtable. For those of you who don't know, roundtable is a monthly training meeting for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders. Roundtable is the best place to keep up to date on current activities and information, get supplemental training, and mingle with leaders from other units and hear what they have going on. The Old Portage District Roundtable is on the second Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m., **Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., in Fairlawn**. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the "regulars". Questions: **Dale Sroka** at herbear2@aol.com.

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
- 29 BALOO

Registration \$12

Boys' Life \$6

November

- 1 Popcorn order/Show & Deliver money due to Council Service Center
- 3 District Committee—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- 4 Popcorn prize forms due
- 5 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 10 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 10 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 12 Popcorn distribution
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving
- 24-26 Scout Shop/office closed

Registration \$10

Boys' Life \$5

Venturing/Exploring

Energy...Excitement...Enthusiasm

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Peace, Love and Venturing! November 4-6



The theme for our Venturing Fun Weekend is "Peace, Love and Venturing," a throwback to the 1960s with costumes to match. Grab your bell bottoms and load up your Beatles and Stones and let's party. Hop in to your VW flower power bus and head to Camp Butler. The party starts Friday night and extends through Sunday morning.

Let's give peace a chance, in fact, bring all your friends and let's give Venturing a chance.

All details and how to register is at GTCVenturing.org/events. Prices are \$30 for the weekend indoors and \$25 outdoors (or just for the day). If you register by October 10, you get a free tie-dyed t-shirt. Also, beds in warm cabins will go fast so register early.

Send your questions to events at GTCVenturing.org/events.

Adult training offered November 5

Like last year, we will have adult training during the day on Saturday: **Venturing Advisor Position-Specific**, and **Crew Committee Challenge**, and a new course for those adults already trained called **ALPS, plans and awards, oh my!** will be offered. *You must register online for the training either with your sign-up for the weekend or to come for training alone. Sign up at GTCVenturing.org/events.*

Calling all crew presidents



Tell us who your crew's president is. By their selection as crew president they are also the crew's representative on the Great Trail Council's Venturing Officers Association. We want your crew to have a voice in council planning and that only happens if we know who the

crew president is. Join the discussions with Council Venturing President Anna Grund on the conference calls and occasional meetings by letting her have your contact info. Fill out the convenient form at <http://tiny.cc/crewpresident> and let us know you are ready to represent your crew.

Youth training this fall

Some crews have asked our Council Venturing President to help them put on Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews. If you are interested in joining in this training please contact Anna Grund at President@GTCVenturing.org.

Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference

Do you know of a Venturer who is ready to lead beyond the crew? Encourage them to attend A4LPC at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation on December 9-11. This conference is designed for all Council VOA officers and advisors and any Venturer who might want to lead beyond the crew. The registration deadline is October 10 online at <http://tiny.cc/A4LPC>. This is sponsored by the Area 4 VOA. Send questions to **Grace Prorok**, Area 4 Venturing President at Area4President@CRVenturing.org.

Roundtables and Venturing Congresses

Starting in November the Venturing Congress is going on the road. Our intention is to visit each district roundtable in the council at least once each year. Our first stop will be hosted by the Chippewa District on Thursday, November 10, at 7 p.m., 4747 Foote Rd., Medina. There will be no more Venturing Congresses held at Camp Manatoc on the odd months. Now we will be in the districts every month starting with November. Everyone from every district is invited to attend. Questions to **Nathan Jarosz**, VCCommissioner@GTCVenturing.org.

University of Scouting—March 4

Again, at the 2017 version of our University of Scouting we will be offering training for our Venturers. Courses have not yet been selected, but could include ILSC, Goal Setting and Time Management, Project Management and Mentoring. Please express your interest in any of these by emailing Council Venturing Advisor **Kimberly Myers** at Advisor@GTCVenturing.org.

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November

- 4-6 Venturing Fun Weekend—Camp Butler
- 5 Venturing Adult Training
- 10 Venturing Congress—7 p.m.—Camp Manatoc

Marnoc Lodge #151

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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.

Fall Fellowship—save the date

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 Atwater Lodge, Camp Butler. Check-Out is at 10 a.m. on October 9. For more information: <http://www.marnoc.org/>

Recap: Coming Events

For this coming fall the Lodge is planning several events:

October

- 7-9 Fall Fellowship
- 29 OA Service Day

December

- 17 Winter Banquet & Reunion

The Lodge has revisited the Unit Elections and its process and will be implementing the following:

- Unit Elections will be conducted January 1 – April 15
- All Ordeal registration will be done on line.

The online registration will be extended. Registration January 1-April 15 will be \$50, April 16-June 30 will be \$75.

There will be more information coming out on these events so check out the Lodge web site at www.marnoc.org.

2017 Conclave

We would like to start reminding everyone that Marnoc Lodge is hosting the 2017 Conclave at Camp Manatoc. Please save the date which is May 19-21, 2017. We will need everyone's help in making this a success.

Seneca District cont'd.

Popcorn, popcorn, popcorn!

The 2016 Popcorn season is off and running! Remember to turn in your order forms and prize forms on **Tuesday, November 1**, to the Scout Service Center in Akron! We sold \$180,000 worth of popcorn last year, let's see if we can beat it! If you attended the Seneca District Popcorn Kickoff, hopefully you remember the challenge issued by Nate Watson... Whichever Seneca District unit has the greatest percentage increase over their 2015 sales; Nate Watson will attend your prize party and allow each of your selling Scouts AND your popcorn kernel to PIE him in the face! Nate will bring the whipped cream and supplies for the pies! Make sure your boys have a chance to pie our district executive in the FACE! Questions, contact District Kernel **Chuck Calalesina** at 330-283-6691 or ccalalesina@outlook.com!

Chippewa District cont'd.

Bring a Buddy Lock-In

The district staff locked down the date for Chippewa's 10th Annual Lock-In event. We will be at the Brunswick Recreation Center on November 4! Informational flyers will be in your saddle bags. Don't miss out on this Bring a Buddy to join Scouting event. The lock-in at the recreation center is one of Medina County's best attractions. It's going to be a blast! Young Scouts and their friends get to enjoy: swimming, movies, activities in the gymnasium, and oh yeah, did I mention you are going to be able to stay up all night?

Venturing/Exploring District cont'd.

WorldFest April 28-30, 2017



"Through the Ages" is the theme in 2017. Make plans now to attend. Information and registration coming soon at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>. Early registrants secure a discount and heated cabin. For the third year this is being held close to GTC at Seven Ranges in Kensington OH. Last year over 400 attended. Don't miss out and make sure you register early before the January deadline. Save the date! Questions can be sent to WorldFest@CRVenturing.org.

October

7-9 Fall Fellowship
29 OA Service Day

Council Calendar

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 NESA 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

November

- 1 Popcorn orders due
- 2 Silver Beaver Dinner
- 4 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 4 Popcorn prize forms due
- 5 College of Commissioner Science
- 5 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 7 Eagle Dinner Committee Meeting
- 9 Wood Badge Dinner Committee Meeting
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Popcorn distribution
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 15 Camping Committee Meeting
- 16 FOS Volunteer Orientation
- 16 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 17 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 17 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 18 Nominating Chair Training
- 19 Dinner & Movie at Camp Manatoc
- 19 Special Needs Training
- 24-26 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
- 29 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 30 Jamboree Committee Meeting
- 30 Property Committee Meeting

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Monday—Friday: 9 A.M.—6 P.M.
Saturday: 9 A.M.—1 P.M.



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feathered friends
during the fall and
winter seasons.

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birdhouses, and lots of other
wood kits.

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