



# Scouters' News

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

### Mike Panasiti's retirement announced



It is with regret that we announce the retirement of **Mike Panasiti**, Assistant Scout Executive of the Great Trail Council, effective December 31, 2016.

Mike began his Scouting career in 1982 as a District Executive in Canton, Ohio. He joined Akron Scouting in 1986 where he has held positions as District Executive, Exploring Executive, Senior District Executive, Field Director, and Assistant Scout Executive serving youth in Scouting for 34 years. Through his professionalism and passion for Scouting's mission and friendly demeanor, Mike has earned the respect and admiration of all of us who have had the privilege of working with him. We cannot thank him enough for all he has done for Scouting.

There will be a farewell gathering for Mike and Terri on Saturday, December 3, at noon (lunch provided) in the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall.

Please RSVP to Megan King at [Megan.King@scouting.org](mailto:Megan.King@scouting.org) or call 330-773-0415 ext. 215 for reservations.

### 2017 Friends of Scouting Chairman



**Ken Babby**, owner of the Rubber Ducks Baseball Team, at Canal Square, will again be this year's Friends of Scouting Chairman. With a goal of \$660,000, Ken will work closely with the Family Chairmen and Community Chairmen in the

districts to ensure success for our 2017 FOS Annual Fund campaign.

### Repairs completed at Lake Litchfield



The Lake Litchfield dam has been repaired. Hopefully the lake will be refilled by summer. The council did mandated repairs for ODNR to insure our lakes are safe. After the repairs were completed we are assured that the lakes are in great shape. No interesting things were found at the bottom of the lake and now we are praying for a rainy winter!



### Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

**All popcorn orders & money due  
November 1**

**Prize orders due  
November 4**

## Council Information

### Merger talks with Warren

As many of you have heard, we have been in merger talks with the Greater Western Reserve Council, in Warren, since May of this year. The plan is to welcome two counties/districts into the Great Trail Council family on January 1, 2017. Trumbull County (Arrowhead District) and Mahoning County (Whispering Pines District) will be joining our council. The remaining counties/districts will join the Greater Cleveland Council. We will keep you informed of further actions on this discussion with Greater Western Reserve Council.

### Benefits

- Camps Manatoc and Butler will be the main camps. We insure greater attendance from programs by adding more youth to the area.
- We pick up 88 packs and troops that will use Camps Manatoc and Butler to insure their futures.
- We pick up Camp Stambaugh, a 150 acre camp in Youngstown, with 50 buildings to use for our programs freeing up space at Camp Manatoc and Camp Butler.
- By moving some activities and trainings to Camp Stambaugh we will be able to open up Camp Manatoc and Butler for more camps.
- Greater Western Reserve Council has only made 60% of their FOS goal for years. Under Great Trail Council we see 100% goals to increase funding for Scouting.
- The current income from the two districts in Greater Western Reserve Council will more than cover their expenses. Without a council service center in Warren it's about 45 minutes from Akron's service center.
- We believe Scouting will serve more youth, which is why our council's exist.

### 2017 Boy Scout Week February 5-11

More than four million Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers will observe the 107th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Scouting's anniversary week. For more than 107 years, Scouting has served youth with its fun and educational activities. In that time, the BSA has helped America's youth strengthen their character, develop good citizenship and enhance their personal fitness.

Woven through all the fun and adventure is an inspired program that really works.

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

### General liability and chartered organizations with Scouting units

The general liability insurance program receives 100% of the unit liability insurance fee (previously known as the unit charter fee).

Units are required to pay the annual unit liability insurance fee of \$40. This fee is submitted with the unit's charter renewal application. This fee helps defray expenses of the general liability insurance program.

The general liability insurance policy provides primary liability insurance coverage for registered adults and for all chartered organizations on file with the BSA. The coverage is for liability arising out of their operating a traditional Scouting unit. This policy provides coverage for claims alleging negligent actions that result in either personal injury or property damage.

### 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>

### Check out [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)



An interactive website designed to recruit Cub Scouts and help develop new packs is available at [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org).

The site is tailored for boys, parents, and potential chartered organizations.

Through games, videos, and challenges, boys are introduced to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting. Parents are informed about Cub Scouting's character development and family-building components. And potential chartered organizations will learn about the benefits of organizing a Cub Scout pack.

## Council Information

### Support Scouting with your AmazonSmile purchases

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Scouting every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0737790>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 1/2% to your favorite charitable organization.

Thanks for helping support the kids in our area to learn the skills that can make them a success in life.

### We have room for a few more!

We still have a few spots available for the GTC National Jamboree Contingent. The cost for the trip is \$1,350. It includes jamboree fees, food at the jamboree, transportation to and from the jamboree, pre-trip touring and meals, and an overnight hotel stay. The contingent will leave on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 and return on Friday, July 28. The jamboree is open to Boy Scouts ages 12-17 and Venturers ages 14-20. To register go to [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org). A \$350 deposit will be due to our council upon participation approval. Please contact Activities Director **Shannon Sinex** with any questions at [ssinex@bsamail.org](mailto:ssinex@bsamail.org) or 330-773-0415 ext. 217.

### Catholic Cub Scout Day



On Sunday, October 9, Scouts attended a day at Camp Manatoc to learn about Kateri Tekakwitha, presented by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. The Scouts earned the Footsteps of American Saint Activity Patch for St. Kateri. While earning the patch they had a visit from St. Kateri and did other activities including archery, crafts, a scavenger hunt at Minihaha and they learned how to compose a prayer. Lastly, a prayer service was conducted in the Manatoc Chapel. This was the second year the Catholic Committee on Scouting conducted a Cub Day. The next event will be on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

### Tributes & Memorials

**In Memory of:** William Heid  
**From:** Linda & James Palmeri  
 Houston Morgan

## Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
James Cross	48	08/23/16
Jonathan Dexheimer	501	08/31/16
Jason Graber	387	09/20/16
George Griffiths	777	09/20/16
Nicholas Huttinger	504	09/20/16
Benjamin Lucal	269	08/29/16
Wesley Martin	382	08/30/16
Brandon Moore	172	09/21/16
James Moravcik Jr.	513	09/06/16
Kyle Patrick	252	09/15/16
Zachary Reilman	506	09/17/16
Joshua Toth	265	09/15/16
John Walette	265	08/04/16
Trent Wash III	501	09/14/16
Jonathan West	5137	09/22/16



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## Council Information

### Cub Scout Leader Training

#### Cub Scout Leader 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: Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or [nathan.watson@scouting.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

##### 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](mailto:grhunsicker@gmail.com)

### University of Scouting Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for the 2017 University of Scouting. Our 2017 University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, location to be announced. Registration information will be available shortly after the first of the year.

### Dinner and a Movie



Come one, come all to Camp Manatoc's Dining Hall on November 19, at 6 p.m. Our famous Lady Engineers will be making dinner with all you can eat pasta, rolls, honey glazed corn and carrots, applesauce, cookies, and coffee or punch. The cost is \$10

per adult and \$6 for kids ages 3-12. Please leave your reservation count on the answering machine at 330-657-2418 by November 16 so that we have enough food for all!

### Every kid counts!

Keeping every kid we can in the Boy Scouts can make a difference, not only in the life of one Scout, but in the lives of countless generations of future Scouts.

Each of us has a role to play to keep kids in Scouting. Here are a few ways you can help:

- ◆ Personally invite youth back if they've been away;
- ◆ Involve parents in unit activities—**make them be a part** of Scouting with their child;
- ◆ Build a **Quality Program** filled with fun!;
- ◆ Teach kids leadership skills along the way;
- ◆ Stress Scouting's flexibility with families—don't force families to make a choice between Scouting and other activities;
- ◆ Emphasize ceremonies—make kids feel important;
- ◆ Make sure your unit program is relevant for today.

### 3rd Saturday Series

Special Needs here in Great Trail Council are addressed by AWESOME volunteers called district advocates. These **district advocates** get trained in how to best help units and families navigate through Scouting with a special need, and then may be asked to serve by the district in which they serve.

On Saturday, November 19, there will be training for district advocates beginning at 9 a.m. and running until noon at the Council Service Center. Topics covered include a special needs overview, resources, mentoring and moderating, and advancement and ISAPs. Those wishing to attend this FREE training should RSVP to **Wendy Greathouse** at [wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:wendygreathouse@gmail.com) or call **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415 ext. 214.

### Universal Scouting *Trained* Patch



What, exactly, does it mean to be **Trained** in Special Needs here in Great Trail Council?

It means you've taken the 6 course Universal Scouting Training Track offered at the University of Scouting. These basic courses give Scouters a broad overview of Special Needs Scouting and resources available. Also included with

this awesome package of training are practical applications and staff who are willing and ready to answer questions and find answers.

Don't miss your **ONLY** chance this year to earn this one of a kind patch—and gain some valuable insight and strengthen your Scouting program.

## Council Information

### Summer Camp fees for 2017

Here are the fees for summer camp 2017 at Camp Manatoc:



#### The Dining Hall Plan

##### Early Bird Fee

This fee is due no later than **May 19, 2017**

*Great Trail units—\$255*

*Out of Council units—\$265*

##### Basic Fee

This is the fee you pay if paid by the **Friday following your 10 day meeting**

*Great Trail units—\$275*

*Out of Council units—\$285*

##### Late Fee

This is the fee you pay at check-in

*Great Trail units—\$290*

*Out of Council units—\$300*

*The Dining Hall plan includes two (2) free leaders; additional leaders are \$125.00 each. Each unit bringing 20 Scouts receives an additional free leader. (Additional free leaders for each 10 Scouts above 10. E.g. 20 Scouts = 3 leaders, 30 Scouts = 4 leaders, this will not be pro-rated.)*

#### The Patrol Cooking Plan

##### Early Bird Fee

This fee is due no later than **May 19, 2017**

*Great Trail units—\$180*

*Out of Council units—\$190*

##### Basic Fee

This is the fee you pay if paid by the **Friday following your 10 day meeting**

*Great Trail units—\$190*

*Out of Council units—\$200*

*The Patrol Cooking plan includes two (2) free leaders; additional leaders are \$50.00 each. Each unit bringing 20 Scouts receives an additional free leader. (Additional free leaders for each 10 Scouts above 10. E.g. 20 Scouts = 3 leaders, 30 Scouts = 4 leaders, this will not be pro-rated.)*

### Summer Camp staff interviews

Interviews for summer camp at Manatoc in 2017 will be held on Wednesday, December 28, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the dining hall at Camp Manatoc.

[http://manatoc.org/summer\\_camp/forms/SummerCampStaffApplication.pdf](http://manatoc.org/summer_camp/forms/SummerCampStaffApplication.pdf)

And forward it to the Scout Service Center at least two weeks prior to the interview date. Applications are needed for both previous staff members as well as prospective staff members.

Questions? Contact **Chris Bergdorf** at [manatocbutler@windstream.net](mailto:manatocbutler@windstream.net).

### Important info about using cabins at Camps Manatoc and Butler

A few reminders when your unit rents facilities at our camps:

- Always make sure your facilities are rented before arriving in camp—go to <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA433>
- Make sure your Scouts and their parents know where you are camping and where to meet when they arrive—and make sure they know their pack, troop, or crew number!;

#### When you arrive at camp

- **Leader in charge for your unit** needs to first check-in with the campmasters, either at the Manatoc Administration Building or the Butler Director's Cabin, before going to your cabin. The campmasters will provide you with the key or combination to your building and a check-in form;
- What do you do with the paperwork? **The FIRST person to unlock the building needs to be THE leader in charge** and, needs to check the building for any problems, using the check-in form as the guide. Once that's completed Scouts and adults can enter. This will ensure that problems are noted before your unit uses the facility so previous damage can be assessed to the prior week's unit, not yours mistakenly;
- Then, **THE leader in charge** will need to turn in the check-in form and completed roster to the campmasters right after you've checked your building. We need to know who and how many are in camp in case of emergencies;

#### During your time at camp

- The campmasters are there to help you and they have the answers to any of your questions. They will know (or find) the answer—use them, they are your friends;

#### When you are ready to depart from camp

- Please, leave your building better than you found it! It's the "Boy Scout Rule," handed down from generation to generation—always "Leave It Better Than You Found It!";
- Let the campmasters know that you are ready to check-out and they'll come to your cabin and check it for damage, firewood left for the next unit to use and cleanliness;
- Once they've checked your building, you're ready to head for home!

Please keep all of these things in mind when next your unit comes to camp—it will help all of us keep our facilities nice, clean and sound for the generations to come after us.

## Council Information

### Behavior problems within your unit

There's help. Call the Special Needs Advisory Committee and talk with us. We can help—with advice, and training, for all of your parents and Scouters who are struggling. If you need help NOW, contact **Wendy** at 330-256-0996 or **Dennis** at [dvargo@bsamail.org](mailto:dvargo@bsamail.org).

The next training will be held at the University of Scouting on March 4, 2017. We have two classes that address behavior modification in Scouting, and one class that uses those techniques and applies them to a Scouting program. Interested in these classes? Please e-mail [wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:wendygreathouse@gmail.com) and we'll remind you to sign up once registration opens.

### From the Registration Desk...

#### Merit Badge Counselor List

The council advancement committee, Scoutmasters, committee chairmen and unit advancement chairmen will have access to the Merit Badge Counselor List. You should have received the password by now. Scoutmasters, please make your youth aware that they must come to one of you for a name and contact info of a merit badge counselor. This list is on our webpage at:

<http://www.gtcbasa.org/forms/MeritBadgeCounselorList.pdf>

#### Chartering Info

There are some changes in the Charter Time Frame Chart (right hand column). These changes have been made to help you get your charter done in a more timely manner. Most of the information that has been in your charter packet in previous years, will now only be available on our webpage by November 10. Your charter packet will have a list of info and a list of what is online. It will include your Access Code, a check list of what is needed with the charter in order to be processed at the council office including permission to use Store Account, Unit ID# for JTE, registration and Boys' Life fee chart, and Youth Protection Training info.

#### Registration Info

Please don't hold on to registration! It must be turned in as soon as possible. The effective date for registration is always the first day of the month that it is turned in. You can request that registration be backdated but the effective date can only be backed up to the beginning of the current charter year. A youth's registration date MUST be before any advancements that a youth earns. This is especially important for youth that are working towards their Eagle.

*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](mailto:pat.gaugler@scouting.org).*

### 2017 Charter Time Frame

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

## 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.

#### Welcome

- By Dave Harman, Moe District Commissioner

Within a few short months Great Trail Council will be welcoming two new districts to our Scouting family. When the Greater Western Reserve Council dissolves, the existing Arrowhead District (Trumbull County) and the Whispering Pines District (Mahoning County) will unite with the Great Trail Council.

We are looking forward to the addition of these districts and all of their rich history. Most importantly we look forward to welcoming the packs, troops, crews, posts, volunteers, BSA professionals, district chairmen, district commissioners, assistant district commissioners, and unit commissioners. All of these folks have a love of Scouting and a commitment to the youth we serve.

As part of the commissioner corps, we will be assisting in the transition. Specific activities will include the wrapping up of the rechartering process and Journey to Excellence scoring for 2016. For manpower, we will assist in the recruiting of new commissioners and provide commissioner training. One of the new commissioner tools is the pack, troop and crew unit assessments which are to be done annually. Finally, we will all begin to attend the monthly council commissioners meeting in Akron where all of the district commissioner and council commissioners attend.

All in all, this is a very exciting time for the Great Trail Council and its new districts. Please join me in welcoming Arrowhead and Whispering Pines to our council events and trainings.

### 2017 Wood Badge & NYLT Scholarship Dinner

All Wood Badge, NYLT and Powder Horn participants and spouses are invited to attend the 28th Annual Wood Badge Scholarship Dinner on February 19, 2017. The dinner will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1580 Brown St., Akron. Registration, trading post, and silent auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. The buffet dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. and be followed by the program.

Online registration will be available starting on December 1 at [www.gtcbasa.org](http://www.gtcbasa.org).

Questions? Contact **Shannon Sinex** at 330-773-0415 ext. 217 or [ssinex@bsamail.org](mailto:ssinex@bsamail.org).

### Minimize campfire impacts—the 4 D's

By Andrew and Bena Paisley



Who doesn't love a good camp fire? They're magical. I think if I polled my Scouts, the campouts that have campfires would definitely rank higher than those without. Scouts sometimes get frustrated when they have to start a fire, but then they get such a sense of accomplishment when it starts roaring. And then people just sit and watch the fire, talk to each other, and tell stories. It's extraordinary what happens around a campfire. But fires can be destructive and that's the reason *minimizing campfire impact* is one of the seven principles.

My troop went backpacking in the Otter Creek Wilderness in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia and saw a recurring problem. People had cut down trees in our campsite for their fire. The hacked up stumps were a terrible eyesore. And even though the trees were probably dead when they were cut down, removing trees reduces habitat for animals. It was completely unnecessary. Within 200 feet of the campsite there was more wood than we could possibly use.

That's the reason for the 4 "D's" of searching for wood: Dead. Down. Distant. Dinky. If you follow these rules you will help maintain the forest in a pristine condition and you will help to maintain habitat.

**Dead and Down** go together. If it's down, it's dead. But if it is NOT down, don't use it even if it appears dead. Remember one of the goals of Leave No Trace and Scouting is to leave the place better than you found it. By using fuel that is dead and down, you accomplish that important goal.

**Distant:** walk a few hundred feet away from the campsite to collect your wood. Campers that come in later will appreciate not having to scrounge for wood in the dark forest away from the camp.

**Dinky:** remember to collect tinder and kindling; and your fuel shouldn't be any bigger around than your wrist. That way you will ensure your fire will burn down all the way and leave only ashes. An armful of wood takes approximately 45 minutes to burn, so time your fires accordingly.

Always use an established fire ring. Before going contact the ranger for the most up-to-date fire regulations. If fire rings aren't available consider a mound fire or bring a collapsible fire pan. Always douse your fires and scatter your ashes randomly along the trail about a half hour away from your campsite.

Planning ahead and consideration of others can make our wilderness experiences so much better.

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## Council Information



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## Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

[www.gtccpopcorn.org](http://www.gtccpopcorn.org)

**\*Take Orders due Tuesday, November 1**

**\*Prize Orders due Friday, November 4**

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



## Council Information



### Win a free cabin for a night at historic Camp Manatoc!

That's right! Sign your unit up to have a 2017 Family Friends of Scouting presentation at your most attended unit function next year (blue & gold banquet, pinewood derby, court of honor, etc.) You must include date, time, and location. Contact your district executive (listed below) or attend your district's December roundtable to enter. Units must be signed up by roundtable on Thursday, December 8.

Each district will have a drawing at their roundtable for one lucky unit to receive a certificate good for **\$40 off the rental for one cabin** at Camp Manatoc.

\*Please sign up with your district executive at roundtable or through the email listed below.

#### District Executives

**Moecomdws**—Wayne Nieman at [wayne.nieman@scouting.org](mailto:wayne.nieman@scouting.org)

**Tri-Fires**—Brian Williams at [brian.williams@scouting.org](mailto:brian.williams@scouting.org)

**Chippewa**—Steve Jindra at [steve.jindra@scouting.org](mailto:steve.jindra@scouting.org)

**Lakes**—Tom Craig at [tom.craig@scouting.org](mailto:tom.craig@scouting.org)

**Old Portage**—Keith Doyle at [keith.doyle@scouting.org](mailto:keith.doyle@scouting.org)

**Seneca**—Nate Watson at [nathan.watson@scouting.org](mailto:nathan.watson@scouting.org)

**Council Family Chairman**—Gregg Townsend at [Gregg.townsend@osgtool.com](mailto:Gregg.townsend@osgtool.com)

### 2017 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman announced



The Great Trail Council is pleased to announce that **Gregg Townsend**, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 401, in Chippewa District, has been appointed as our 2017 Council Family Friends of Scouting Chairman.

Gregg was selected for his commitment, energy, enthusiasm, vision, and organizational skills. **Congratulations, Gregg!**

Remember, we want all **packs** to allow us to come to their blue & gold banquet and **troops** to their most highly attended function in February or March.

Please get your date, time, and location to your district executive as soon as possible.



### 2017 Family FOS Presenters Training

***Does Scouting have a special place in your heart? Would you like to share your Scouting story with the families of the Great Trail Council?***

Family Friends of Scouting presenters make two-three presentations to Scouting units in February and March, highlighting the incredible power of our Scouting programs and how dollars raised from our campaign allow us to change lives!

Training for our 2017 Family Friends of Scouting presenters will take place on two nights (you only need to attend one.)

**Tuesday, January 10—Scout Service Center—6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 19—Scout Service Center—6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner is provided!**

Questions? Contact Jody Gildersleeve at 330-773-0415 ext. 218 or [jgilders@bsamail.org](mailto:jgilders@bsamail.org)



## Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"

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

sschloenbach@akroncf.org  
 mgh2073@att.net



### Pecatonica River Popcorn

Our annual popcorn sale is finishing up! 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 1:** Show & Deliver money and orders due to Scout Service Center

**November 12:** Popcorn sorting—8:30 a.m.-noon—Cotter Storage, 1564 Firestone Pkwy.

**November 14:** Popcorn pick-up—9 a.m.—11 a.m.

**December 5:** Popcorn money due to Scout Service Center

We need as much volunteer help as possible for the pick-up on November 12. Please contact **Tosha Curren** at [gtcscoutmom@yahoo.com](mailto:gtcscoutmom@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### Get your leaders trained!

Are all of your leaders trained? Does anyone need help with the new Cub Scout program? Come to Tri-Fires District Training, Saturday, November 5. The training will take place at Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., from 8 a.m.-noon. If there are any questions, please contact **Dale Hartshorn** at 330-607-4381 or [dhartsrn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhartsrn@sbcglobal.net).

### All are welcome to attend roundtables

Roundtables are the second Thursday of each month at Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, in Tallmadge. Roundtables start at 7 p.m., and all are welcome to attend the fun! Roundtables are an essential tool for distributing information, informal training, building excitement, and making new friends!

The meeting this month will be held on November 10. The Boy Scouts will discuss Youth Protection, and BSA Program Awards.

### Cold and snow in the forecast? Must be Klondike time!



Please remember to keep the date. The Tri-Fires 2017 Klondike will be January 13-15, at Camp Manatoc. Flyers will be put in the saddlebags. Scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders, be sure to look for more information coming to you soon!

This year's Klondike is sure to be one of our best yet! We need as much help as possible. If you would like to assist in planning this year's Klondike, please contact Walt Welker at [walt\\_welker@goodyear.com](mailto:walt_welker@goodyear.com).

### Let's wrap up our fall recruiting

Have you turned in all of the new registrations for your unit? Check, check and check again! After that, do us a favor, and check one more time to be sure! The end of the year is coming and that means a few things are going to be happening. First, we will be doing membership roster reviews to be sure that all new registrations have been turned into the council office. We expect 100% participation with this, which means you work with a district staff member to confirm that your unit roster matches what is on file at the council office. Second, charter packets will be prepared and it is beneficial to your units to have all youth and adult registrations entered. It makes the recharter process much easier.

Please email your unit roster to **Brian Williams** in November at [Brian.Williams@Scouting.org](mailto:Brian.Williams@Scouting.org).



#### November

- 1 Popcorn orders and Show & Deliver money due to Council Service Center
  - 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 3 District Committee Meeting—6 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**

#### December

- 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
  - 5 All popcorn money due
  - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 23 Scout Shop/office closing at 1 p.m.
  - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
  - 25 Merry Christmas!
  - 29-31 Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Registration \$4** **Boys' Life \$2**

## Moecomdws District

### “It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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### Punkin Chunkin a success!



Moecomdws District held its second annual “Punkin Chunkin” event at Camp Butler on October 8. Over 100 Cub Scouts showed up to launch pumpkins, play games, eat donuts and climb monkey bridges! The event was a huge success, and we are already looking forward to next year. A huge thank you goes out to **Frank and Michelle Sheline, Mark Bean, Brian Borthwick, Becky Grimm, Ruth and Mike Mundy, Tom Brownridge, Bob Read, Chris Scott, and Troops 177, 273, 152, 160 and 172** for making it all happen.

### “Rocket into Scouting”

Have you turned in all of the new registrations for your unit? Check, check again, and then check just one more time to be sure. The end of the year is coming near and that means a few things are going to be happening. First we will be doing membership roster reviews to be sure that all new registrations have been turned in to the council office. We expect 100% participation with the reviews, this means that you work with a district staff member and confirm that your unit roster matches what is on file at the council office. Second, Pat is going to be preparing charter packets and it is beneficial to your units to have all youth and adults registered. It makes the recharter process much easier. If you discover that you do have registrations in your possession, please turn them in to the Scout Shop with the necessary fees as soon as possible.

### Popcorn sale wrapping up!

The popcorn sale is almost over but please keep selling! Don’t forget to register your unit at [www.prpopcorn.com](http://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](mailto:colesr0827@sbcglobal.net).

November 1 Show & 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

Distribution will be at VMI Group, 4670 Allen Rd., Stow, from 9 a.m.-noon. WE NEED HELP! Please let us know if you are able to help volunteer at distribution.

### 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](mailto:jericho.who@gmail.com), or **Wayne Nieman** at [wnieman@bsamail.org](mailto:wnieman@bsamail.org).

### It’s recharter time!

Congratulations to everyone on a great fall round up. At the December roundtable we will be having our recharter orientation meeting, so please send a few extra people from your unit to the roundtable on December 8. At the recharter orientation we will be going through the process of online rechartering as well as handing out the charter paperwork. Please make sure your unit is represented. Charter turn-in is Thursday, February 9, at roundtable.

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#### November

- 1 Take Order popcorn orders due/Show & Sell money due
  - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
  - 4 Popcorn prize orders due
  - 5 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
  - 10 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
  - 10 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
  - 12 Popcorn distribution
  - 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
  - 24-26 Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$8                      Boys’ Life \$4**

#### December

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
  - 5 Popcorn money due
  - 8 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
  - 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
  - 23 Scout Shop/office closing at 1 p.m.
  - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
  - 25 Merry Christmas!
  - 29-31 Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Registration \$6                      Boys’ Life \$3**

## Lakes District

### “Leads the Way”

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### Popcorn, popcorn, popcorn

Popcorn Take Orders sales and prizes, and show and sell popcorn payments are due on Monday, November 1. When the “sale” part of the popcorn sale is over, there is still a lot of hard work to be done. Popcorn take order distribution is Saturday, November 14, starting at 9 a.m. All units must be in line before 11 a.m. at CMS-Cotter Merchandise & Storage, 1564 Firestone Pkwy., Akron, Ohio 44301. Please note there is NO popcorn presorting and NO popcorn pick up available on Friday. We need a volunteer identified from EACH Lakes unit to help with the popcorn distribution process on Saturday, November 14. Please email Gena at [rvalloric@gmail.com](mailto:rvalloric@gmail.com) with the name of the volunteer from your unit who is available to help.

### It's recharter time!

Congratulations to everyone on a great fall round up. Hopefully all registrations were turned in at the October roundtable. If you have any lingering registration forms please turn them in ASAP. Remember, at the December roundtable we will be having our recharter orientation meeting, so please send a few extra people from your unit to the roundtable on December 8. At the recharter orientation we will be going through the process of on-line rechartering as well as handing out the charter paperwork. Please make sure your unit is represented. **We will see you at roundtable!**

### Friends of Scouting planning

As the end of the year grows near, it is time to begin planning our annual Family Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. The Lakes District Family FOS Chair will be contacting each unit to set up a presentation date at your blue and gold, court of honor or Venturing meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet at future roundtables as well as a unit commitment flier in each saddlebag. Please schedule your presentation as soon as possible.



### Cave Men of Lakes Klondike

The klondike committee is very busy planning events! This year's theme is “The Cave Men of Lakes District.” Get ready to bundle up and head out to Camp Manatoc on January 20-22, for our annual Lakes District Klondike. Final details are still being arranged. We will have details at a future roundtable. Questions? Call **Dave Polacek** at 330-825-2950 or email [riverrunner6@hotmail.com](mailto:riverrunner6@hotmail.com).

### Holiday party

This year we will be having our annual holiday potluck in conjunction with our December roundtable. The theme is “Good Morning Christmas!” The district will provide a scrambled egg dish. We encourage you to bring your favorite breakfast food to share with the group!

#### November

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera Bread, 790 Arlington Ridge
  - 3 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd.
  - 10 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
  - 12 Cub Scout Leader Training—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
- Registration \$8      Boys' Life \$4**

#### December

- 1 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
  - 6 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera Bread, 790 Arlington Ridge
  - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- Registration \$6      Boys' Life \$3**

## Chippewa District

### “Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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## Cub Scout Lock-In is November 4

Are you ready? The Cub Scout Lock-in is scheduled for Friday, November 4, at the Brunswick Recreation Center. Registration forms are in your saddlebags. The early-bird registration fee is \$12 and the deadline is November 2. The cost will be \$15 at the door.

You must have one adult for every two Cub Scouts and this is also a “Bring a Buddy” event, which means Cub Scouts can bring their friends. The boys have two jobs to do: the first is to have fun; the second is to keep their parents up all night long! This is just way too much fun to pass up! For more information contact **Shani Seacrist** at 330-410-5548 or email [shaniseacrist@gmail.com](mailto:shaniseacrist@gmail.com). If you would like to be a part of the staff for this event, contact **Steve Jindra** at 330-773-0415 ext. 235. We hope to see you there!

## Youth Protection Training is online

Reminder to all: our youth protection training course is online. If you know someone who hasn't completed the class, please refer them to [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). All adults must be certified before your application can be processed. At roundtable on Thursday, November 12, we will be offering a twenty minute training refresher. There is no need to register just arrive and we'll make sure you can participate.

## Monthly training at roundtable

Roundtable is a monthly training session conducted by our commissioners and district staff to provide an ongoing supplemental training program for all registered pack, troop, and crew leaders in Chippewa District. Come on Thursday, November 10, to learn about the latest policy changes, new program ideas, or share ideas and experiences that will help you deliver a better program to your Scouts and crew members. If you have never been to a roundtable, please consider attending and making it a part of your experience as a volunteer leader. The kids in your unit will benefit! **We meet on the second Thursday of each month at Medina United Methodist Church (4747 Foote Rd., Medina.)**

- November 10, 2016
  - ◇ Joint session- Training and how it ties into a successful program
  - ◇ Beascout.org
  - ◇ YPT Month
- December 8, 2016
  - ◇ Joint session- Decorative knotting

## Popcorn pick up

Popcorn orders are due to Great Trail Council on Monday, November 1. Finish strong! Popcorn distribution pickup is **Saturday, November 12, at the armory in Medina**. We could use some help sorting popcorn orders on November 10. Hint, hint. If you send someone from your unit to help they will be able to take your popcorn home that day preventing you from waiting in long lines on Saturday morning. For further details, contact: **Nicole Spry at 330-391-1753** or email [chippewapopcorn@frontier.com](mailto:chippewapopcorn@frontier.com).

## Thank you

Thanks to **Brad Root** for allowing us to use the A. I. Root shipping equipment to distribute show and sell popcorn orders last month at the Medina Armory.

Thanks to **Chuck Hale** for a running a great Cub Leader Training!



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

### November

- 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**

### December

- 3 Chippewa bell ringing
  - 5 Popcorn money due
  - 8 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
  - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
  - 23 Scout Shop/office closing at 1 p.m.
  - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
  - 25 Merry Christmas
  - 29-31 Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Registration \$8                      Boys' Life \$4**

## Seneca District

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

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### SNTJS III

In October we focused on Community Nights for SNTJS II, to try and pick up any kids that were unable to attend the SNTJS in September. For November we need units to run a Bring-A-Buddy program where you have your Scouts invite a buddy (not currently in Scouting) to a special meeting/event where they can see what it's like to join the BSA! For more detailed information about the Bring-A-Buddy program contact our Membership Chair Beth Meyer at 216-402-4858 or [bethmeyer608@hotmail.com](mailto:bethmeyer608@hotmail.com).

### Youth Protection Training provided at November roundtable

As everyone knows it is now a requirement to have Youth Protection Training if you are a paid, registered adult. Anyone seeking YPT training is invited to our November roundtable where we will spend 15-20 minutes on the training. The primary focus will be on the changing methods of communication involving; texting, emailing, and phone calls between youth and leaders. Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive this incredibly important training!

### Recharter!

Your unit needs to insure a representative attends roundtable on **November 10**, at Kent United Church of Christ. We will be handing out recharter packets that night and to make this as easy as possible, you will want to attain yours ASAP. If you or someone from your unit cannot attend roundtable on November 12, please contact Nate to set up an alternative option!

### Take Order popcorn pick-up

The Take Order popcorn pick-up location will be at **Duracote, Inc., 350 N. Diamond St., Ravenna.** Popcorn will be available to be picked up from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, on Saturday, November 12. The absolute deadline for pick up will be 11 a.m. There will be **NO Exceptions.** If you miss that deadline, you'll have to make your own arrangements to retrieve your order from our Council Service Center. The warehouse, space, time, and employees are being donated to Seneca District by Duracote for that specific time period. Please respect their generosity. If you have any questions, please contact District Popcorn Kernel Chuck Calalesina at [ccalesina@outlook.com](mailto:ccalesina@outlook.com) or 330-283-6691, or Nathan Watson at [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@scouting.org) or 330-773-0415 ext. 227.

### Popcorn pre-sorting at Duracote

Our popcorn will arrive at Duracote (350 N. Diamond St., Ravenna) on Thursday morning. On Friday, November 11, from 9:30 a.m.-noon, we will be sorting the popcorn into unit orders, like we did last year. We are asking for help with this important task! Anyone interested in helping please contact District Popcorn Kernel Chuck Calalesina at [ccalesina@outlook.com](mailto:ccalesina@outlook.com) or 330-283-6691, or Nathan Watson, [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@scouting.org) or 330-773-0415 ext. 227. **ANY UNIT THAT COMES AND HELPS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR POPCORN HOME ON FRIDAY!** Also, lunch will be provided by your district executive! So, come enjoy some free food, get your popcorn early, and have a great time with other volunteers!

### “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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#### 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
  - 11 Popcorn sorting—9:30 a.m.-noon—Duracote
  - 12 Popcorn pickup—9 a.m.-11 a.m.—Duracote
  - 24 Happy Thanksgiving
  - 24-26 Scout Shop/offices closed
- Registration \$6                      Boys' Life \$3**

#### December

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
  - 5 Popcorn money/prize orders deadline
  - 18 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
  - 18 District Commissioners Meeting—before roundtable
  - 23-26 Scout Shop/offices closed
  - 25 Merry Christmas
  - 29-31 Scout Shop closed
  - 31 New Year's Eve
- Registration \$4                      Boys' Life \$2**

## Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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Old Portage Website [www.oldportage.org](http://www.oldportage.org)



## Happy Thanksgiving

### Pecatonica River Popcorn

Keep up the good work! Please check your calendars for the following dates:

- November 1** Show & Deliver money and popcorn orders due to Council Service Center
- November 12** Popcorn Pick Up Cotter Storage 1564 Firestone Pkwy.  
Email Gene for more details at [gene.bunner@gmail.com](mailto:gene.bunner@gmail.com)
- December 5** Popcorn money due to Council Service Center

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

We are in the heart of a very busy fall School Night to Join Scouting. Remember to follow up with boys who came to the SNTJS and did not register as well as with the boys who turned in surveys that went home. Don't let any boys fall 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. Please turn in your registration forms to the Scout Shop as soon as possible! Email Keith with questions at [keith.doyle@scouting.org](mailto:keith.doyle@scouting.org).

## 2017 Old Portage Klondike



### Yukon Trail- The Search for Gold

The Old Portage Klondike will be returning to Camp Manatoc on 1/27/17-1/29/17. This year we will be running two events, one for Boy Scouts and crews, and the other for Cub Scouts. Every unit from the district is urged to participate. We will be offering some new events to go with the theme this year. Please check out our flyer.

Questions? Contact Mike Fasig at 330-329-8586 or [mfscouter@aol.com](mailto:mfscouter@aol.com).

### Roundtable—the place to be!

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., at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the “regulars” who bring a friend!

### 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 online training at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). Youth Protection Training is also required for all adult leaders and offered online at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org).



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#### 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 pick-up
  - 24 Happy Thanksgiving
  - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$10      Boys' Life \$5**

#### December

- 1 District Committee—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
  - 5 Popcorn money due to Council Service Center
  - 8 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
  - 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
  - 23 Scout Shop/office closing at 1 p.m.
  - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
  - 25 Merry Christmas
  - 30-Jan. 1 Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Registration \$8      Boys' Life \$4**

# Venturing/Exploring

## Energy...Excitement...Enthusiasm

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## Let us hear from you



Your crew president is your crew's representative on the Council's Venturing Officers Association. Join the discussions with Venturing President **Anna Grund** on the conference calls and occasional meetings. Be part of planning the fun and serving your crew. Fill out the short survey at <http://GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident> so we know who to invite.

## Adult Training at Peace, Love & Venturing on November 5

Registration is closed for this event, but if you act fast you can be included in the adult training opportunities at Camp Butler on November 5. We are offering **Venturing Advisor Position Specific Training, Crew Committee Challenge**, and a course for those adults already trained called **ALPS, plans and awards, oh my!** Email [Training@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:Training@GTCVenturing.org) to request to attend.

## Roundtables and our Venturing Congress



The Venturing Committee is going on the road from district to district. Our first stop will be hosted by the Chippewa District on Thursday, November 10 at 7p.m., 4747 Foote Rd., Medina. In January we will be in Seneca

District at their roundtable. There will be no more Venturing Congresses held at Camp Manatoc on the odd months. Questions to **Nathan Jarosz** at [VCCommissioner@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:VCCommissioner@GTCVenturing.org).

## Area 4 Leadership & Planning Conference, December 9-11

Encourage your best Venturers to attend A4LPC at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation on December 9-11. Attend and learn from the best. The National Venturing President and the Central Region Venturing President will be part of the staff. This conference is designed for all Council VOA officers and advisors, and any Venturer who wants to improve their leadership skills and learn to lead beyond the crew. The registration deadline is **November 18** 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](mailto:Area4President@CRVenturing.org).

## Venturing Leadership Awards

Consider nominating a worthy youth or adult for this prestigious award to be given at the annual Venturing banquet on Sunday, February 28, 2017. Deadline for submitting is in early January.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Venturing/pdf/512-501\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Venturing/pdf/512-501_WEB.pdf)

## Youth Training at University of Scouting

The VOA will be offering youth training on March 4, 2017. Courses have not yet been selected, but may include ILSC, Goal Setting and Time Management, Project Management and Mentoring. Please express your interest in any of these or other courses by emailing Council Venturing Advisor Kimberly Myers at [Advisor@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:Advisor@GTCVenturing.org). For adult training interest please contact Venturing Training Chair Brian Menke at [training@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:training@GTCVenturing.org).

## WorldFest April 28-30, 2017



"Through the Ages" is the theme in 2017. Make plans now to attend. Information and registration is 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](mailto:WorldFest@CRVenturing.org).

### November

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

### December

- 9-11 Area 4 Leadership & Planning Conference—Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation



# Marnoc Lodge #151

## Order of the Arrow

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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.

## Save the date and register for Winter Banquet



The Order of the Arrow is finishing up its 101st year. We have done a lot of work to improve our camp, lodge, and even the organization of the OA this year. But all good things must come to an end, so

coming up in the 102nd year of the OA, Marnoc Lodge would like to kick off another great year of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Help us continue to shape the new century and join Marnoc Lodge at our 2016 Winter Banquet. Together we can shape the next century. Don't forget to register early to renew your membership in the Lodge for a discount. I hope to see you all there to have a great night of:

- Food, games, and raffles;
- Our wonderful trading post;
- More ways to get involved with your Lodge;
- Earning requirements on your first year Arrowmen award;
- Silent auctions;
- Be within the first 151 people to register for this event and receive our 2016 Winter Banquet Lodge flap for free.

## Early registration for Winter Banquet includes 2017 membership renewal

**When:** Saturday, December 17, from 4:30-8 p.m.

**Where:** St. Thomas Banquet Hall  
555 South Cleveland Massillon Road,  
Fairlawn, OH 44333 (same as last year)

### Cost Per Person

Pre-Sale = \$35.00 (includes 2017 membership renewal) by **December 7**

At the Door = \$50.00 (includes 2017 membership renewal)

**How to register for Winter Banquet: Online registration only!**

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-wb2016>

## Lodge belt buckle



The Lodge will be selling belt buckles. The new belt buckle will be available for purchase at the 2016 Winter Banquet on December 17, for a cost of \$15.00. Here is a look at the buckle design

which is currently on order.

The Lodge is only making 100 of these belt buckles. They will make a great gift for any OA Lodge member.

## New Lodge flap



National BSA has informed the Lodge that a Lodge flap can no longer break the border. We needed to come up with a new design that conforms to the National BSA guidelines. The youth members of the LEC have voted for the above design which is currently on order.

The new Lodge flaps will go on sale soon.

## Revised unit election process

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 online;
- 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](http://www.marnoc.org).

## 2017 Conclave

I would also 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.

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Robert Saffle, Lodge Adviser  
adviser@marnoc.org

### November

- 4-6 ALTC—registration link <https://altc.oa-c4.org/>
- 16 LEC
- 23 2017 Unit Election Packets—in saddlebags

### December

- 14 LEC
- 17 Winter Banquet & Reunion

## ***Old Portage District cont'd.***

### **2016 Old Portage “Nova” Camporee**



The Old Portage Camporee was a great experience this year for our Scouters. The theme was centered around the NOVA award. There were educational sessions on

engineering, fun demonstrations from real world engineers like our friends from **Rockwell Automation** and much more. Thank you to **Mike Fasig** and all the leaders that helped make this event possible.

### **Retired flag drop box dedicated**



Above is **Todd Fitzwater**, Old Portage M&M Chair and parent/leader at Pack 3001 and Troop 1 (along with local Boy Scouts and council staff). On October 7, he, along with leaders throughout the community, dedicated a drop box for retired American flags at Resnik CLC. Todd was able to not only bring attention to this important practice for the American flag he also brought people together. Everybody seemed to have a hand in bringing this drop box to Resnik Elementary, from boys in the Cub Scout pack to top leaders in the community. Todd brought light to the BSA and Great Trail Council showing the good in our organization but more importantly he created unity in our community and brought attention to one of the most powerful symbols of our country, which is much needed in today's world (especially for our youth). Thank you Todd and the leaders that helped make this happen!

## ***Moecomdwys District cont'd.***

### **Klondike at Camp Butler**

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Klondike Derby, January 27-29, at Camp Butler. It will be hosted by Troop 155. More details to follow soon, keep an eye out!

### **Track your 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/scoutsorce/commissioners/journey.aspx>

### **Roundtable reminder**

Roundtables are the second Thursday of each month at St. Stephen Church, located at the corner of Rt. 59 and Charring Cross in Stow. Roundtables start at 7:15 p.m. and all are welcome to attend! This month we meet on November 10.

## ***Seneca District cont'd.***

### **Family Friends of Scouting presentation**

For all packs, troops, and crews—now is the time to begin thinking about having a FOS presentation at a blue & gold banquet, court of honor, or family night!

Start by selecting a unit FOS chair to schedule a presentation at your most well attended event in January, February, or March. Sign-ups will be held at roundtable with an opportunity to earn a certificate for a **FREE NIGHT OF CAMPING AT THE HISTORIC CAMP MANATOC!** (\$40 off rental fee of a cabin at Camp. Some cabins cost more than \$40 to rent.)

We need to make sure everyone has a chance to hear the Scouting story and give them the opportunity to make a financial contribution to help support the great experiences and activities we do to support the youth in our communities!

Contact Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@scouting.org) to get the show started!

### **Welcome to the district!**

We've added a couple of new faces to our district staff. Please join me in welcoming our newest district volunteer, Tom Torres, as our Cub Scout Training Chair. Tom comes to us from Pack 3269 and is excited about jumping on board our committee! If you're interested in joining our district staff, contact Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or email [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@scouting.org).

## Council Calendar

### 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

### December

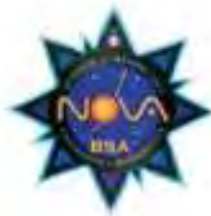
- 5 Popcorn money due
- 6 Membership & Marketing Meeting
- 6 Wood Badge Dinner Committee Meeting
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 [Breakfast with Santa—Camp Manatoc](#)
- 10 NYLT Staff Reunion interview
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 15 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 21 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 23 Scout Shop/office closes at 1 p.m.
- 24 Scout Shop closed
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26-27 Scout Shop/office closed
- 28 Camp Staff interviews
- 29 Camp Staff party
- 29-31 Scout Shop closed for inventory

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### **Hours**

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



Is your unit taking advantage of the NOVA and Super NOVA program for Cub Scouts as well as Boy Scouts and Venturers?

If you are interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), this program is for you!