



Scouters' News

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

Great Trail Council merger



Welcome to the family, Arrowhead District (Trumbull County) and Whispering Pines District (Mahoning County). Look for your page in this issue of *Scouters' News*.

Exciting plans are in the works with the opening of a new Scout Shop at Camp Stambaugh. The hours for the new shop are Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

See www.gtcbasa.org to make a cabin reservation for all three camps—Stambaugh, Manatoc, and Butler. Click on "Weekend Camping Reservations" in the right hand column.

We would also like to welcome new Great Trail Council board members. Pictured above are Ned Gold, Dr. Ken LaPolla, Fritz Coombs, Dave Deibel, Dr. Tom James, Brad Siefke, Ed Kolodziej, John Barkett, and Stephen McGovern.

107th Scout Anniversary, February 5-11

An anniversary celebration is many things, it's activities, it's people, and it's communications. Cub Scout packs celebrate with blue and gold banquets and Boy Scout troops hold courts of honor.

Some of the ways for the unit to tell the story of Scouting to the community are to:

- Take part in a religious service to celebrate our birthday;
- Take part in a PTA or PTO meeting serving as the opening or closing ceremony;
- Conduct an outstanding blue and gold banquet or court of honor with family and friends in attendance;
- Invite new boys to be a part of this great movement through a unit "Bring-A-Buddy" activity;
- Take a few moments at each den meeting or troop meeting to talk about how this great movement was started and the issues we are addressing in today's society;
- As well as making leaders of tomorrow through the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

2017 Eagle Dinner Sponsor



Rich Kramer, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, has agreed to be the 2017 Eagle Dinner speaker. Very involved within the Akron community, Mr. Kramer is also engaged in community leadership roles with the Akron Regional Chamber of Commerce and

Akron Tomorrow.

All Scouts receiving their Eagle Rank in 2016 will receive a special invitation to attend our recognition dinner which will be held on March 16, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn.

2017 Family Friends of Scouting kicks off



The 2017 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign kicked off on December 3. The council has set a 2017 FOS goal of \$675,000 to fund Scouting programs.

Council Family FOS Chairman Gregg Townsend congratulated all districts for setting the "bar high" this year. The council FOS campaign theme for 2017 is "A Scout is Reverent."

More new comfort stations at Manatoc



Cherry Cove and Birchbark areas will soon have new comfort stations, just like the ones you see in the state parks. The new restrooms (now 4) will be tested over the year as a model to replace older latrines at camp and to provide better facilities for our Scouts and

leaders. Next on the list are Basswood and Cypress campsites.

Special thanks to our donors who provided funds for their construction. Good Scouting!

Mark your calendar
University of Scouting
Saturday, March 4
Ravenna High School

www.scoutingevent.com/433-uos2017

Council Information

Winter Uniform Day is February 8!



It's time to use the best recruiters we have to bring more youth to Scouting and to tell everyone the BSA is alive and well here in Great Trail Council – that means we need to “suit up” our youth members to mark Scouting Anniversary Week 2017.

On Wednesday, February 8, we want to have every Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturer in the council to wear their uniform to school. Let's make sure our Cubs, Boy Scouts and Venturers wear their uniforms completely and correctly so they show only the best of Scouting that day. Sharp looking uniforms make the difference.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers who participate in Winter Uniform Day will receive a new Winter 2017 Great Trail

Council Uniform Day patch. See Scout Shop for these free patches.

Let's use our walking, talking “billboards for Scouting” during Anniversary Week!

Wood Badge and NYLT Scholarship Dinner

Calling all Wood Badgers and past NYLT participants! Please join us for our 28th Annual Scholarship Dinner. We will be gathering on Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m., at St. Paul Catholic Church (1580 Brown St., Akron) to celebrate and raise funds for future Great Trail Council Wood Badge and NYLT participants. Central Region Wood Badge Coordinator **Dave Savone** will be our guest speaker.

Be sure to register by February 6, to take advantage of the discounted rate of \$15 per person. Register online at:

https://scoutingevent.com/433-WBNYLT_Dinner

Silver Beaver nominations

Chairman of the Council Silver Beaver Committee, Jim Nilsen, reminds all Great Trail Council Scouters that Silver Beaver applications are due by March 10, 2017.

Forms are available at the council office or through your district executive.

This is the highest volunteer award a council can present to an adult Scouter. The award will be presented at the Annual Council Dinner in May.



2017 Scout Ski Days—February 25 & 26



Join us at Boston Mills/Brandywine and Alpine Valley for a weekend of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing during the annual Scout Ski Days!

Where: Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley Ski Resorts and PolarBlast Snowtubing

What: Exclusive discounts on Snowpasses, tubing sessions and rental packages for the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Registered participants are eligible for the following discounts:

\$28—All Day Lift Only

\$50—All Day Lift, Rental, 1-hour beginner lesson

\$20—3-hour tubing session

When: February 25 and 26

How: Register by February 23 to attend this event.

To pre-register, complete the form at <http://www.gtcbbsa.org/events/2017SkiDaysFlyer.pdf>

or in unit saddlebags with your desired ticket order and submit **WITH PAYMENT** to the Group Sales office at Boston Mills/Brandywine, PO Box 175, Peninsula OH 44264. Forms and payment may be submitted in person at Boston Mills prior to February 23. Skiing/Snowboarding tickets are valid at all three resort locations.

Beginner Intro Group Lessons will be held 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, and Sunday at BRANDYWINE and ALPINE VALLEY (lessons are not required to participate in the Scout Days) and cost \$5 per person. In addition, Merit Badge Lessons will be offered at 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday@BRANDYWINE AND ALPINE VALLEY ONLY for \$15. There will be **no** lessons available at BOSTON MILLS. Helmets are available to rent for \$10. Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley will provide PSIA/AASI certified instructors to fulfill the lesson requirements of the Snowsports Merit Badge; written portion of exam to be completed through your council.

Questions? Call 1-800-875-4241 ext. 2021 or email groups@bmbw.com.

Council Information

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, March 4, at Ravenna High School. It is the largest supplemental training course offered by Great Trail Council to Scouting volunteers at all levels. During this fun-filled day, experienced volunteer leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your knowledge. You will also meet other leaders, gather new resources, and share ideas on building the best possible program for your Scouts.

Adults are invited to attend the college or colleges of their choice. Wear your uniform, if you have one. You may want to bring a notebook, comfortable shoes, money for the trading post, good will and a smile.

Create your own customized experience by choosing your courses. Register online at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-uos2017>

We have room for a few more at Jambo!



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. 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 or 330-773-0415 ext. 217.

Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Board of Review

The Catholic Committee on Scouting will be conducting boards of review for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII.

The boards of review will be held Saturday, February 25, at Archbishop Hoban High School, 1 Holy Cross Blvd., Akron from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Applicants for the religious emblems should make sure they have all of the required signatures. Please make sure they bring their completed books and applications to the board of review. Cost for the medals will be \$11. Checks are to be made payable to DCCS.

The award ceremony will be in April. Details will be mailed to the award recipients upon completion of the board of review.

For more information email ccs@gtcbsa.org.

Are you the best leader you can be?

One of the most important qualifications for good leaders is the willingness to perform the job to the best of their abilities.

If a mechanic is promoted to shop foreman and is not trained on how to order stock, the shop will soon run out of parts and fold. Without proper training in his/her job responsibilities and prior knowledge of the resources available to him/her, he/she cannot carry out his/her job responsibilities.

In most cases, years of advanced education and practical training are needed before advancing to a leadership position. In Scouting, all that is required for a leadership position is a willing heart, but just as the mechanic who turned shop foreman was not supplied with the tools and knowledge of available resources to get the show running smoothly, a Scout leader without training will not possess the tools and knowledge of available resources to keep the pack or den running smoothly with a high rate of efficiency and advancement.

In order to run a quality program, our leaders need to know the basic rules, regulations, and policies of the Boy Scouts of America. They need to know how to respond to the needs of our children.

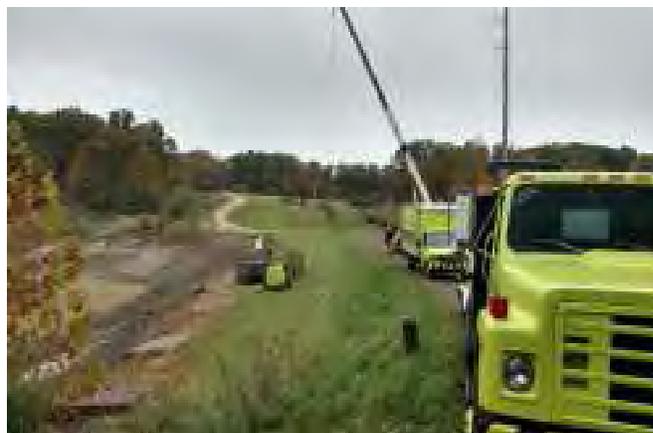
In the Leader Specific training you are given all the ingredients to develop a great program. You are given the resources to expand your knowledge and try new ideas. You are given the resources to answer any question you may have along the way.

Roundtable is a monthly meeting to enhance your training. A place to get new ideas to spice up your program. It's a 90-minute session for answers to questions, sharing of ideas with other leaders, and fellowship with others like yourself who want to give the best program they can to our Scouts.

Take time to become a trained leader, your contribution to a quality program.

Repairs at Lake Litchfield dam

Many thanks to Kenmore Construction! The Lake Litchfield dam has now been repaired.



Council Information

New Chief Campmaster at Camp Stambaugh announced



Brad Lang has accepted the new position as Chief Campmaster for Camp Stambaugh as part of the Great Trail Council Scouting family.

We are reaching out to any Scouters who are interested

in becoming a weekend campmaster at Camp Stambaugh. Great Trail Council Director of Camping **Chris Bergdorf** will be organizing upcoming training and a meeting for all current campmasters and those who would like to join the campmaster corp. If you are interested in being a new campmaster, **please let Brad know at 330-883-8921 or stambaughcampmasters@gmail.com**. He will be happy to send you an application.

Brad is excited to be part of this new adventure and being welcomed into the Great Trail Council. He is sincerely looking forward to providing good service to the youth and adults who will be using Camp Stambaugh.

Camping reservation update

- After January 1, 2017 you will be able to make reservations for Camp Manatoc, Camp Butler, and Camp Stambaugh at www.gtcbasa.org, click on Weekend Camping Reservations.
- In council (Great Trail) units may reserve a cabin 12 months in advance, but remember that's from the last day that you will need the cabin NEXT year.
- Please distribute the total number of campers you will be bringing between your cabins.

2017 Summer Camp Staff Apprentices



Our outstanding summer camp staff apprentice program returns again in 2017.

Fees for the 2-week program are \$100 per participant. Apprentices receive room and board,

food, staff t-shirt, and a great experience learning what it takes to be a member of the Manatoc Summer Camp Staff.

Applications are available at:

http://manatoc.org/summer_camp/forms/CounselorInTrainingApplication.pdf

Questions? **Contact Director of Camping Chris Bergdorf at 330-607-6376 or by email at manatocbutler@windstream.net**.

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.)

Stambaugh needs Wilderness Engineers

Camp Stambaugh needs you! In 2017 we'll be restarting the Wilderness Engineer group at Camp Stambaugh. Meeting day will be Thursdays at 9 a.m. There is always an endless list of projects and any skill level is welcome, just bring your coffee cup. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Contact **Ranger Nathan** at Nathan.plesea@scouting.org or 330-974-8476. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Council Information

Training available for special needs!



Is your unit struggling to provide services for a Scout with differing needs? Are you worried about the progress a Scout in your unit is making towards advancement, and you don't know whether he'll qualify for an extended

period of time to complete his Eagle?

Or, are you a parent of a Scout who has been unable to communicate effectively to your kid's Scoutmaster about a learning disability? Are you frustrated with the red-tape and traditions that are hampering your Scout's progress?

Are you a committee member watching as retention slips down because unit leaders appear unable to deal with behaviors in one Scout?

You're in luck.

At the University of Scouting, we have **18 courses** to address all of your questions and concerns.

Our Core Curriculum, with the opportunity to earn a patch to show your awesomely trained self, is a full day of classes designed to address basic programming and awareness within Scouting. This 6-course block is good for all Scouters, parents, committee members and interested parties.

For those looking for answers to specific questions, please plan on attending one of our two scheduled question and answer sessions. Conveniently located at the beginning and end of the day at University of Scouting, these Q and A sessions will be staffed with Great Trail Council's Special Needs Advisory Committee members who will either give you the answer to your quandary, or figure out how to get to the answer you so richly deserve.

For those interested in the quest for knowledge, advanced special needs topics like medication administration, food allergies, advancement in Scouting, ISAP and its role in Scouting, and bullying round out our course list.

If, at the University of Scouting, you yourself have a special diet please sign up for our third period-through lunch course (and provide us with your specific dietary restrictions) and you'll get to help prepare an allergen free feast for yourself and your fellow Scouters choosing this awesome course.

Questions, stray comments and non-sequitur thoughts may be directed to **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415, ext. 214. Concrete needs and emergencies may be addressed by e-mail to **Wendy Greathouse** at wendygreathouse@gmail.com.

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: **Scott Eberhart**
From: Connie & Andy Klemens
 Nancy Sprowls
 Karen Brown

In Memory of: **Owen Millsaps**
From: Friends & Neighbors of
 Sandy Lake, Inc.
 Richard & Carol Haas
 Jane Smith
 Gloria Falstad

In Memory of: **Harold Pulcini**
From: Bob Gordan

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Ryan Alvis	371	11/01/16
Zachary Callahan	310	11/08/16
Jacob Ceccoli	514	11/21/16
Matthew Chidsey	454	11/13/16
Bailey Collier	252	10/25/16
Ian Doemling	269	11/14/16
Harrison Fisher	253	10/27/16
John Griffiths	101	11/16/16
Andrew Heller	321	09/26/16
Trevor Lee	327	11/15/16
Richard Mansfield	327	11/07/16
Nathan Mingle	182	11/22/16
Tyler Morris	452	11/01/16
Aldi Novianto	382	11/08/16
Jacob Opperman	517	10/30/16
Derek Radcliff	172	11/07/16
Bryan Rees	265	11/03/16

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Chartering Info

By the time you receive this issue of *Scouters' News* Moecomdws and Lakes Districts will have had their charter pick-up and training. Your charter window opened on Thursday, December 8. You must have your charter turned in at the roundtable on Thursday, February 9.

Chippewa and Old Portage Districts will be able to pick up their charter packets on January 12 at roundtable. The charter window will open that day as well.

In order for your charter to be processed at the council office, you must turn in the Charter Renewal Application, apps for new youth, and apps, disclosure forms and YPT for new adults, YPT certificates for those needing YPT and money or approval to take funds out of the unit's Scout Shop account. The Renewal Report E-Z or the Draft copy of the charter **will not** be accepted. Any required information that has not been turned in will delay the processing of your charter. If you have any questions regarding your charter, please contact me as soon as possible.

What is the difference between the Unit ID# and the Access Code?

Your Unit ID# never changes unless there is a lapse in the unit status or a change in charter organizations or unit numbers. Your Unit ID# can be found on the yellow sheet in your charter packet. It is used for Internet Advancement, JTE entry, camping reservations, and tour plans.

The Unit Access Code is used **only** for online charter renewal. It is on the bright green sheet in your charter packet. Every year it changes, so every year the first time you enter online charter renewal you will go in as a new user.

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

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

- By David Rice, Assistant Council Commissioner

"The times they are a changing'." Two years ago I began this edition of the *Commissioners' Corner* with these words, sung by Bob Dylan in 1964 and I begin this first edition for the year 2017 with them as well. Change is an ever present constant in our culture today and it looms over our council in a special way as we begin the new year.

January 1 marks the beginning of changes in many ways. With the new year we welcome the commissioners and Scouters in our two new districts, Arrowhead and Whispering Pines. With the retirement of Mike Panasiti, we welcome a new Assistant Council Executive, John Schlobohm, in May we will elect new council leadership, and there are significant changes in JTE that affect all the units we serve; and before we catch our breath from all of this, there will be the standard, day-to-day changes that are ever before us.

As commissioners we come face to face with those on whom change has the greatest impact—unit leaders. How each of us deals with change in our personal lives has an impact on how we effectively serve the leaders under our care. To that end I offer two thoughts on change for your consideration. First, for you personally, embrace change. Change presents us with the opportunity to do new things, to innovate, to grow as persons and as leaders. Second, be an attentive listener to the leaders you serve. They will tell you their concerns and needs and in return to you serve them and in your serving become a better leader yourself.

I hope for each of you that this new year will be a time of innovative change and growth.



Fluff your duff

By Andrew and Bena Paisley



"Walk away quietly in any direction and taste the freedom of the mountaineer. Camp out among the grasses and gentians of glacial meadows, in craggy garden nooks full of nature's darlings."

- John Muir

Travel and camp on durable surfaces has many implications. The more I think about Leave No Trace principles the more I realize that the string that ties it all together is consideration of others. How do you want to find that vista when you get there? Pure and undisturbed, right? Then leave it that way. It is impossible to leave NO trace but you can minimize impact and you can cover your tracks.

That's why it is so important to keep to the established trails. Don't short cut the switch backs. You'll cause long-term damage. Don't widen the trail just because it is muddy. Wear waterproof boots and go right through the middle. Dirt can be cleaned off your boots after the hike.

Entering a meadow with a group? Learn proper meadow walking technique. If there is a deer path, use it. Otherwise, spread out so you don't create a path and crush beautiful wildflowers. Leave it like you found it.

Do you fluff your duff? When camping on grass or leaves, the weight of your tent will leave "an impression." While you always want to leave a good impression, in this case a "good" impression is leaving no impression at all. Fluff your duff. Remember how Daniel Boone used to cover his tracks so he couldn't be followed? It's the same idea. Mess up the leaves a bit so no one can tell you were there. Take your trekking poles or use your boot and stand the grass back up. Daniel Boone would be proud.

Be like Big Foot and Leave No Trace!

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https://scoutingevent.com/433-LNT_Trainer_Course



Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"

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Popcorn Sale Results

Congratulations to Tri-Fires on selling \$114,459 worth of popcorn. This amount is an increase of \$18,169 from 2015. I'd like to give special thanks to Tri-Fires Popcorn Chairman Tosha Curren, and all the units that participated in sales. Looking forward to a great 2017. Let's all work together to continue the success in all aspects of Tri-Fires District. Thanks for all you do for Scouting!

Tri-Fires District Klondike

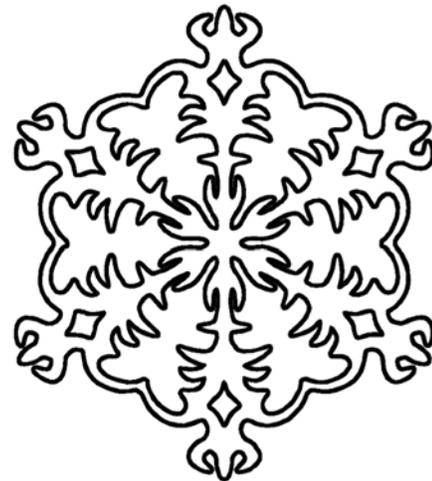
Please remember to keep the date! The Tri-Fires 2017 Klondike will be January 13-15. Any questions about the klondike can be directed to **Walt Welker** at walt_welker@goodyear.com. The cost is \$10. Please get your registrations into the Scout Shop ASAP.

District Retreat is set for January 21

District committee members and commissioner staff; please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21, 9:30 a.m., at the Akron Community Foundation, for our Annual District Retreat. Come join us for fellowship, fun, and more as we plan and critique our programs for the 2017-2018 Scouting year!

Please note that our monthly district commissioner and district committee meetings will be part of this day. Lunch will be served!

Any questions or suggestions to the day's agenda should be directed towards our District Chairman Dan Cargill at 330-631-8810 or cargilldan@gmail.com.



Roundtable reminder

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 January 12. The focus of January's roundtable will be Planning and Prep for Blue and Gold (Cub Scouts), and Proper Uniform Knots, Patches and Sashes (Boy Scouts).

District Pinewood Derby

Mark your calendars for the District Pinewood Derby, March 11, 2017. Pack 3361 will be hosting this year, and the location will be at First Congregational Church, 85 Heritage Dr., Tallmadge. Any questions or concerns, please contact **Greg Upole** at 330-835-3493 or cubscouts3361@gmail.com.

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
 - 2 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 10 Family FOS Presenters Training #1
 - 12 Roundtable (**Charter Turn-in**)—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 13-15 Klondike—Camp Manatoc
 - 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
 - 19 Family FOS Presenters Training #2
 - 21 District Retreat—9:30 a.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- Registration \$2 Boys' Life N/A**

February

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 5 Scout Sunday
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 20 Presidents Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$24 Boys' Life \$12**

Moecomdws District

“It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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2017 Family FOS campaign starting soon



Our 2017 Family FOS campaign is about to begin. All units need to schedule a presentation date, preferably the date of your blue and gold banquet or court of honor. Please give your date to

Family FOS Chairs **Don** and **Val Moffa**. They can be reached at 216-990-4412, or by email at Valmoffa@yahoo.com or Dmoffa@gmail.com.

Charter due at February roundtable



This year we will be collecting charter paperwork during the February roundtable on Thursday, February 9. You will have an opportunity to talk with a unit commissioner to make sure that all of the paperwork is complete including applications, signatures, money and Journey to Excellence. If you have any

questions, please contact your unit commissioner. Remember, we are adjusting this year to the new rules next year, when all charters, signatures and money must be turned in before the charter expiration date.



Mark your calendars for the 2017 Klondike Derby, January 27-29 at Camp Butler. It will be hosted by Troop 155. The theme will be “Mad Max: Flurry Road.” Emails will be sent out periodically, and you can sign up for the event at scouttoop155.org/flurryrd. Registering early might be to your benefit. You can also follow the klondike on Twitter at @flurryrd, or email flurryroad@gmail.com for questions!

Moe Cub Bowling Day

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017
Where: Legend Lanes, 4190 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, 330-928-3794
Time: 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes two rounds of bowling, hot dog, bag of chips, drink and bowling patch (non-bowlers may purchase lunch for \$5.00).
Deadline: January 23, 2017 **RESERVATIONS ONLY – NO WALK-INS.**

Questions: Contact Ronda Roxbury 330-957-2386 or rondaroxbury@gmail.com

Registration forms have been put in saddlebags. Please register as a pack and register in advance, we cannot take walk-ins. There is lots of work that needs to be done ahead of time by volunteers to make the day run as smoothly as possible.

District Retreat at Camp Butler

Please join us for our 2017 District Retreat, Saturday January 28, 9 a.m., at Camp Butler. We will be discussing the upcoming year in Scouting, as well as going over the council calendar. Breakfast and refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to express your opinions to the district, and get information for the year 2017. We hope to see you there!

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- 1 Happy New Year
- 1-2 Scout Shop/office closed
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 12 District Commissioners Meeting—6:45 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 12 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 27-29 Klondike—Camp Butler
- 28 District Retreat—Camp Butler

Registration \$4 Boys' Life \$2

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 4 Cub Bowling Day—Legend Lanes
- 9 District Commissioners Meeting—6:45 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 9 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church—**all unit charters due**
- 20 Presidents Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 25-26 Scouting Ski Days

Registration \$2 Boys' Life NA

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Charters due at roundtable

This year the Lakes District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, at Lakes District Roundtable. Unit commissioners will be there from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., to sit with you for a few minutes to make sure that you have all that you need for your charter to be complete. Please bring your signed charter, any additional applications that you added to your charter, copies of Youth Protection Training certification and your check. Last year the Lakes District charters were very clean, with few errors. Hopefully with the process of online rechartering we will be 100% error free!

FOS planning has begun

As the end of the year grows near, it is time to begin planning our annual Family Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. This year the family FOS committee will be contacting each unit to set up a presentation date at your blue and gold or court of honor. 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 district klondike. Details are available at

www.lakesdistrict.org. Questions? Call Dave Polacek at 330-825-2950 or email riverrunner6@hotmail.com.

District Cub Scout Chariot Race



The Lakes District Chariot Race for all Cubs will be Sunday, January 29, at the Green Intermediate School, 1737 Steese Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Check the website at <http://chariotrace3330.org/> for the rules and plans to make your chariot. **For more information contact Kate Breth at 330-631-4354.** See you there charioteers!



Planning for 2017-2018 at Lakes District Retreat

The Lakes District Retreat will be on Saturday, January 14, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will be introducing a new leadership program for adults with interest in making a difference in the district at a higher level. We are also going to work on planning the 2017-2018 program year and work to improve the functioning of our Cub packs and Boy Scout troops. We look forward to seeing every unit represented for this supplemental training that is designed to enhance and improve your unit's functioning.

Manchester United Methodist Church

5625 Manchester Rd.

Akron, OH 44319

Saturday, January 14, 2017

10:00 am until 2:00 pm

January

- 2 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera, 790 Arlington Ridge, Akron
 - 5 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 12 Roundtable—6:50 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
 - 14 District Retreat—10 a.m.-2 p.m.—Manchester United Methodist Church, 5625 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
 - 20 Klondike—Camp Manatoc
 - 29 Chariot Race—Green Intermediate School
- Registration \$4 Boys' Life \$2**

February

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera (Arlington Ridge Marketplace), 790 Arlington Ridge, Akron
 - 9 Roundtable—6:50 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- Registration \$2 Boys' Life NA**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Recharter Training—January 12

Chippewa District Commissioner John Naizer will be conducting unit rechartering training at roundtable on **Thursday, January 12, starting promptly at 7 p.m.** at Medina United Methodist Church (4747 Foote Rd., Medina)

Attention Scouting units: all unit leaders and committee chair members should be in attendance. If another leader from your unit has been assigned the charter renewal duties plan on attending this informative meeting. There will be a complete review of the recharter process and information on where to get help. Your unit recharter kits and materials will be on hand for distribution. Charter kits will include guidelines for internet rechartering and registration along with a copy of your unit roster, adult and youth applications, and a charter turn-in worksheet. Be prepared. Be there!

Boy Scouting Olympics Klondike



This year klondike is scheduled for January 13 -15, at the Brooklyn Exchange Cabin located in Hinckley. All Scout troops and Webelos may attend. Check-in will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13, or 8:30 a.m., on Saturday morning. Make sure to bring your cold weather camping gear and patrol sleds. The cost is

\$10.00 to attend. It is going to be a great time! Dress warm! Flyers are in your saddle bags. If you have any questions contact **Tom Ables** at tables1046@hotmail.com.

Chippewa thanks you

Thanks to **Tracy Buchheit** for her help with the Salvation Army bell ringing.

Thanks to **John Naizer** for conducting recharter training!



Bad weather alert

It is the time of year where we will start to see heavy snowfall making the roads and driving conditions dangerous. To find out if a meeting has been cancelled please check your email before leaving your home for a regularly scheduled meeting.

Day camp’s around the corner

Believe it or not—it is time to start planning for day camp. See the list below for more information:

Place: Camp Butler

Cost: \$65.00

Dates: Session One June 26-28, Session Two June 29-July1

Contact: Camp Director, Steve Trommer at Strommer453@gmail.com.

If you are available to give some of your free time this year to help on the day camp committee, please do so. It is an awesome experience to help teach and assist the youth.



January

- 1 Happy New Year
 - 2 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 12 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 13-15 Klondike—Brooklyn Exchange Cabin, Hinckley
 - 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$6 Boys’ Life \$3**

February

- 1 Chippewa’s 2017 Friends of Scouting campaign begins
 - 8 Scout Uniform Day—wear your Scout t-shirt to school
 - 9 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 20 President’s Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$4 Boys’ Life \$2**

Seneca District

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

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Seneca Website: www.senecadistrict.org



Membership growth!

The Seneca District is proud to announce overall membership growth for two years in a row! Great job to every unit out there! This goes to show that we are delivering a quality program that more and more families want to be a part of! My hat goes off to all of our units that hosted a School Night to Join Scouting. Let's hope our recharter numbers are even better than last year. Last year we rechartered with 74% of our Scouting families returning to the program. Our district goal with this is 80%! In 2017 we hope to not only cross that threshold of 1000 youth members (which is only about 20 more members than 2016), but sky rocket past it!

Seneca District Staff Retreat to be held January 14

The Seneca District Staff Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 14, at the Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent (where roundtable takes place). We will gather at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. Our retreat this year will go until approximately noon. Watch your mail for a special invitation. If you hold any type of district position, we encourage your participation and attendance, so mark your calendars now!

Recharter packets due at January roundtable

Recharter packets are due at the January roundtable on Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m., at the Kent United Church of Christ (1400 E. Main St. Kent OH 44240). If for some reason you or a representative from your unit cannot attend roundtable to deliver the charter, please contact Nate ASAP to arrange an alternative at 330-773-0415 x.227 or email Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org. We NEED all charters by the January roundtable (if you finish it sooner, feel free to drop it off at the Scout Office in Akron) to give our registrar ample time to iron out any issues or details that may pop up.

Save the date for pinewood derby!



Hey Cub Scouts, mark your calendars for the best ever district level pinewood derby to be held on Saturday, April 8! Watch for additional details!

Klondike at Camp Butler

This year's klondike is going back to BUTLER! On January 20-22, we will be meeting at the Conference Center. Pay attention to saddlebags and roundtable for more information! We will have tent camping sites available for use, but if your unit wants to rent a cabin you will need to take care of that on your own! Note: Heavy snow will prevent access for vehicles back to campsites, please plan accordingly. Contact **Nate Watson** at Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org or **John Sargent** at j01sargent@hotmail.com for more information.

Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim



The 2017 edition of the Seneca Polar Bear Swim will be held **February 4!** Please mark the date in your calendars and look for the final details at January's roundtable. This year's event is sure to be a **FREEEEEEZING GOOOD TIME!** Give your Cubs a chance to earn their belt loop and a patch at this great

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January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 1-2 Scout Shop/office closed
- 5 District Committee Meeting—CANCELLED
- 10 Family FOS Presenters Training—7 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- 12 **Charters due at January roundtable!**
- 12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 14 District Retreat—8:30 a.m.—Noon—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 19 Family Presenters Training #2—6:30 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- 20-22 Klondike—Camp Butler Conference Center
Registration \$2 Boys' Life N/A

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 4 Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim—1-5 p.m.—Kent Roosevelt Pool
- 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 20 Presidents Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 23 Friends of Scouting Kick-Off
Registration \$24 Boys' Life \$12

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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District Executive	Keith Doyle	330-773-0415 X 230	
Old Portage Website			https://oldportage.com/



January Roundtable

Looking for a New Year’s resolution that’s easy to keep? Plan to attend the monthly roundtable meetings in 2017. **It’s recharter time** for all units in the Old Portage District and we will be distributing the recharter packets at the January roundtable. Have questions on the process? We’ll have answers.

Online rechartering

This year, the Old Portage District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at the Old Portage Roundtable. Unit commissioners will be there from 7:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to sit with you for a few minutes to make sure that you have all that you need for your charter to be complete. Please bring your signed charter, any additional applications that you added to your charter, copies of Youth Protection training certification and your check. Last year the Old Portage District charters were very clean, with few errors. Hopefully with the process of online re-chartering we will be 100% error free!

“Yukon Trail” Klondike

2017 Old Portage Klondike



The Old Portage Klondike will be returning to Camp Manatoc on **January 27-29, 2017**. This year we will be running two events, one for Boy Scouts and crews and the other for Cub Scouts.

Yukon Trail- The Search for Gold

Every unit (troops, crews and Cub packs) from the district are urged to participate. We will be offering some new events to go in line with the theme this year. Please check out our flyer for more info:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Questions: **Mike Fasig** at 330-329-8586 or mfscouter@aol.com.

Day camp planning

Mark your calendar now! 2017 Old Portage Day Camp will be a couple weeks earlier this year – July 10-12. If you are interested in helping out next year (or have BOY SCOUTS that would be interested) please let **Stacy Bechtel** know ASAP as we are in the beginning stages of planning at stacybechtel@hotmail.com. More information to come!

How we support the Scouting program



Delivering a high quality Scouting program costs the Great Trail Council \$150 per Scout, per year over and above membership fees. On average, only 25% of our

families support the Friends of Scouting campaign. We must increase this percentage, and with your help, WE WILL! **FOS is an outstanding opportunity to increase the dollars available** for the maintenance of Camps Manatoc, Butler and Stambaugh, the administration of registrations, training records, membership and advancement records, activities such as the University of Scouting and council camporees, klondike, summer camps and day camps, and for training courses to ensure that every Scout has the trained adult leader that they deserve.

Leaders please spread the word about Friends of Scouting. Inform your parents about the presentation before the scheduled event so that parents are prepared that evening with check book or credit card to make a pledge. Lead by example by having the first pledges of the evening be from the unit leaders.

Thank you for your support in promoting Friends of Scouting. For more info contact: **Eric Matheny**
Old Portage District Friends of Scouting Family Chair
matheny54@hotmail.com or 330-285-4791.

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January	
1-2	Happy New Year—Scout Shop/office closed
5	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
12	District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
12	Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
16	Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
27-29	Klondike—Camp Manatoc
	Registration \$6 Boys’ Life \$3
February	
2	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
5	Scout Sunday/Scout Anniversary
8	Wear Your Uniform Day
9	District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
9	Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
20	Presidents Day—Scout Shop/office closed
25-26	Scout Ski Days
	Registration \$4 Boys’ Life \$2

Arrowhead District

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New district chair announced

Arrowhead would like to formally announce its new District Chair **Dr. Ken LaPolla**. Dr. LaPolla has a long history with the Arrowhead District and is looking forward to being a part of the Great Trail Council. We all wish to thank our former District Chair **Rick Jugenheimer** for the outstanding job he has done. The district committee meets the first Monday of each month at the Coleman-Miller Service Center, in Warren, at 7 p.m.

January roundtable

Roundtable meetings are held monthly at the Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio located at 4550 Research Parkway NW, Warren, OH 44483.

All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly roundtable meetings. These meetings offer important announcements about upcoming events, handouts and informational flyers for district led endeavors, and information about council wide programs. The training and opportunity for fellowship at these meetings is one that cannot be matched in any other format.

January's roundtable meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**, beginning at **7 p.m.** The general session will be conducted from 7 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. we will break out into two groups to focus on the needs of our Boy Scout volunteers and our Cub Scout volunteers.

Attendance will be tracked at all roundtable meetings. Each person who attends the roundtable will receive an entry into a prize drawing!

"A Northern Lights Adventure" Klondike

The Boy Scout Klondike Derby is being planned by Whispering Pines Troops 46 and 80. The event will be held at Camp Stambaugh the weekend of January 13, 2017. The theme for this klondike will be "A Northern Lights Adventure." Registration is now open. The fee is \$13/person and this includes the event and cost of your campsite or cabin. All cabins and campsites are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Cabin/campsite reservations and event registration is all done in the same place. You don't need to know how many youth or adults are coming with you on your initial registration. Changes to your registration can be made by contacting me at david.michalec@scouting.org.

Cub Scout Winter Event is February 18

The Annual Arrowhead Cub Scout Winter Event will be held the weekend of February 18, 2017.

Packs are invited to either camp out the night before the morning session of the event or the evening after the afternoon session, similar to last year. The cost of the Cub Winter Event will be \$13/person and this includes a patch, lunch provided by Troop 8, and a campfire. Events include sling shots, fire-building, cooking, a rope crane, and some exciting new events.

Please contact Cub Scout Winter Event Chair **Tim Sandor** at timinohio@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer as staff for any of the events.

Register for Winter Event Here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-CSWE2017>

Popcorn sale results

Arrowhead District has made over \$177,205 with Show-N-Sell and Take-Order as add-ons are still being picked up by units. All units have paid in full. We would like to thank all troops and packs for all of the hard work put in to making this a successful fundraiser! A special thank you goes to our District Popcorn Kernel **Teresa Prentiss** for everything she has done for all of us and to **Bill Everett** for not only providing us with a warehouse, but also volunteering his time for sorting and distribution, and operating the forklift.

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January

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Coleman-Miller Service Center, Warren
- 7 Scout Shop Grand Opening—10 a.m.—Camp Stambaugh
- 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute, 4550 Research Pkwy. NW, Warren
- 13-15 Klondike—Camp Stambaugh
- 19 District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren
- 26 District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren

February

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Coleman-Miller Service Center, Warren
- 7 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training—7 p.m.—Camp Stambaugh
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute, 4550 Research Pkwy. NW, Warren
- 16 District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren
- 18 Cub Scout Winter Event—Camp Stambaugh
- 23 District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren

Whispering Pines District

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Whispering Pines Website <https://>



Recharter completion

Thank you to everyone who was able to complete and turn in their recharter packets by the deadline of December 12, 2016. If you have not yet at this time turned in your recharter, please contact District Executive John Brkic, or District Commissioner Beth Harnishfeger, immediately. It is crucial that all charters are turned in so that we can ensure that all of our youth and adults are registered Scouters who are covered by the benefits our program.

Get the scoop at roundtable!

Roundtable meetings are held monthly at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman. Westminster Presbyterian is located at 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman, OH 44512.

All adults are welcome and **encouraged** to attend our monthly roundtable meetings. These meetings offer important announcements about upcoming events, handouts and informational flyers for district led endeavors, plus information about council wide programs.

January's roundtable meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017**, beginning at 7 p.m. The general session will be conducted from 7 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. we will break out into two groups to focus on the needs of our Boy Scout volunteers and our Cub Scout volunteers.

This month's breakout sessions will focus on:
Cub Scouts: Family Involvement/Working as a Team
Boy Scouts: Mentoring

Cub Scout Winter Freeze-Out



The Annual Cub Scout Winter Freeze Out will be held the weekend of January 28, 2017.

Packs will be invited to either camp out the night before the morning session of the event or the evening after the afternoon session of the event similar to

last year. The cost of the Cub Winter Freeze-Out will be \$12/person and this includes the cost of your cabin or campsites for the event. The theme of the event will be "Cub Freeze Out Go"

Registration for Cub Scout Freeze Out is now open. Units can sign up here:

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

"A Northern Lights Adventure" Klondike



The Annual Boy Scout Winter Klondike Derby is being planned collectively by **Troops 46 and 80**. The event will be held at Camp Stambaugh the weekend of January 13, 2017. The theme for this year's Klondike will be "A Northern

Lights Adventure." Registration is now open. The event fee is \$13/person and this includes the event and cost of your campsite or cabin. All cabins and campsites are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Cabin/campsite reservations and event registration is all done in the SAME PLACE. You do not need to know how many youth or adults are coming with you on your initial registration. Changes can be made to your registration until 12/31/2016 online. After that date, please contact **John Brkic** via e-mail at john.brkic@scouting.org to make changes to your registration.



FOS Family Presentations

Marion Sweely, our Friends of Scouting Family Chair has been reaching out to all units to schedule their 2017 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation. If you have not yet scheduled your presentation, please e-mail Marion at mwsweely@zoominternet.net to set a date, time, and location for your presentation.

January

- 4 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Library—Children's Activity Room, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman
- 5 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman
- 13-15 "Northern Lights Adventure" Klondike—Camp Stambaugh, 3712 Leffingwell Rd., Canfield
- 28 Cub Scout Freezeout—Morning 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.—Afternoon 12:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.—Camp Stambaugh, 3712 Leffingwell Rd., Canfield

February

- 1 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman
- 2 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman

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Let us hear from you

Tell us who your crew president is. Your crew president is your crew's representative on the Great Trail Council's Venturing Officers Association. Anyone in your crew can complete this short survey <http://GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident>. Presidents and advisors join the discussions with Council Venturing President Anna Grund on the monthly conference calls and occasional meetings. Be part of planning the fun and serving your crew. Fill this online survey out so we know who to invite.

Venturing Banquet

Sign up to enjoy dinner and have some fun with the greatest youth in the Council. All registered Venturers, their families and friends are invited to join us for a few fun hours and some really great food. Check our website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/gtcventuring/home/events> for details on the banquet and to register. A highlight of the evening will be to present the *Council Venturing Leadership Awards*.

Nominations for Venturing Leadership Awards deadline is January 31

The VLA is one of two neck-ribbon medallion awards given by a local council. The other is the Silver Beaver. Such is the importance of the VLA. Consider nominating a worthy youth or adult for this prestigious award to be given at the annual Venturing Banquet on Sunday, February 26. You must use the form found online here http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Venturing/pdf/512-501_WEB.pdf

Roundtables and our Venturing Congress January 12



The Venturing Committee is going on the road from district to district. On January 12, we will visit the Seneca District roundtable. All Venturing adults from any district are encouraged to join. Join us at 7:00 p.m., at

Kent UCC, 1400 E. Main St., Kent, OH.

Contact: **Nathan Jarosz**, VCCommissioner@GTCVenturing.org. or **Anna Lott**, Assistant Council Commissioner for Venturing, commissioner@GTCVenturing.org.

World Fest discounts ending on January 20



Hurry and register now. As of this writing nine crews have already registered. The theme is "Through the Ages" and your crew may come dressed as any era you choose. The date of the event is April 28-30. Make plans now to attend.

Information and registration is at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>. Early registrants secure a discount and a heated cabin. For the third year this is being held close to GTC at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation in Kensington, OH. Last year over 400 attended. Don't miss out and make sure you register early before the January 20 early-pay deadline. Save the date! Questions can be sent to WorldFest@CRVenturing.org

Apply to be a local council or a national council officer

Qualifications are being registered as a Venturer, having a passion for Venturing, and being under 21 for your entire term. To express your interest in running for a council position email **Kimberly Myers**, Advisor@GTCVenturing.org. If interested in an Area position contact Area4President@CRVenturing.org. Applications for both can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/gtcventuring/home/voa-and-committee>.

Youth training at University of Scouting, March 4

The VOA will be offering youth training. 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. For adult training interest please contact Venturing Training Chair, **Brian Menke**, at training@GTCVenturing.org. Registration for youth training will be at <https://sites.google.com/site/gtcventuring/home/events> and registration for the adult University of Scouting at <http://scoutingevent.com/433-uos2017>.

January

31 Venturing Leadership Award nominations deadline

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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Renew your membership

As a reminder, 2017 membership renewal has started. Please start renewing your membership for 2017. You can renew your 2017 membership online at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-marnoc-dues>.

Lodge belt buckle is available



The Lodge is selling belt buckles. The new belt buckle is available for purchase at any OA event. The cost is \$15.00. There is a limited number available so get one while they last.

Above is a look at the buckle design.

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 following design which is currently on order.

The new Lodge flaps are available now. You can buy them at any OA event or at the Scout Shop.

Lodge event season pass for 2017

This year the Lodge is going to offer a season pass for all the 2017 events. The cost will be \$100.00. This is a way to attend all the 2017 Lodge events and save some money. The season pass will include admission to the winter, spring, summer, and fall fellowships and the winter banquet. The season passes have gone on sale and are available up to the winter fellowship.

2017 Conclave at Camp Manatoc

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.

WWW,

Robert Saffle
Lodge Adviser
adviser@marnoc.org

2017 Unit Election packets placed in troop saddlebags

The Lodge has revisited the unit elections and their 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.

January

1 Unit election registration begins
18 LEC

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CAMPAIGN!

Congratulations on a record year!



Visit any Pizza Hut - as a troop, in uniform -
GET FREE SOFT DRINKS with your pizza purchase.

Find participating locations at InnerCrust.com.

Old Portage District cont'd.

University of Scouting

Are you registered for the 2017 University of Scouting? This is an opportunity to learn from the best of the best, experienced leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your Scouting knowledge. This is a great opportunity for both new and experienced leaders to learn “the tricks of the trade.” You get to customize your own experience by choosing from over 100 different courses. The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. More information to follow. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Arrowhead District cont'd.

Save the dates

The Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby will be held on April 1, at the Eastwood Mall in Niles. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact our Pinewood Derby Chair **Mike Kaiser** at cordialsdeli@yahoo.com.

The Arrowhead Spring Camporee will be held **April 7-9** at Camp Stambaugh. It's an all-inclusive event with camping, four meals provided, and a patch. The theme for spring camporee is “Comic-Con” with Scout competitions, costumes, the “Golden Spork” competition for the leaders, and more to come! Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Spring Camporee Chair **Matt Fuchilla** at bsatroo4143@gmail.com.

Council Information cont'd.



Our popcorn sale was amazing. Pictured left to right: Jody Gildersleeve and David Pinter.

Seneca District cont'd.

Family Friends of Scouting campaign

The 2017 campaign is underway for all Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venture crews. Now is the time to think about having a FOS presentation at a blue and gold banquet, court of honor, or parent night.

Start by selecting a unit FOS chairperson and then schedule your unit for a presentation in January, February or early March. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation should have been done by December roundtable, if you missed that deadline contact **Nate Watson at 330-773-0415, ext. 227 or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org to schedule**. Make sure the date you select is a date when you will have the most family and friends of Scouts in attendance and we'll arrange for a FOS presenter to attend your event. Presentations typically take 10 minutes, with a short follow-up at the end of your program.

We need to be able to tell the “Scouting Story” to every family and give them the **opportunity** to make a financial contribution to help support the great things we do with the youth of our communities.

Top popcorn seller announced!

Congratulations to **Tyler Tice** from Pack 3269 in Aurora, the TOP SELLER in our district FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW! Tyler sold a whopping total of \$5,485! A very special thanks to **Chuck Calalesina** for all of his hard work this year and to all your individual popcorn kernels, without you, we wouldn't be able to do this! We sponsored an \$8,000 growth in sales throughout our District this year. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

As a special treat, here's a picture of Nate keeping up with his end of the bargain to get pied in the face!



Council Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Scout Shop/office closed
- 3 Program Committee Meeting
- 9 Training Committee Meeting
- 10 Family FOS Presenter Training
- 11 Camp Promotional Meeting
- 11 Wood Badge Committee Meeting
- 12 Camp Card Sign-Up
- 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 17 Camping Committee Meeting
- 18 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 19 Family FOS Presenter Training
- 19 Risk Management Meeting
- 19 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 21 Special Needs Training
- 23 Eagle Dinner Committee Meeting
- 23 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 25 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 25 Properties Committee Meeting
- 27 Investment Committee Meeting
- 27 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 28 Executive Board Retreat
- 28 SM/ASM Specific Training
- 31 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 31 District Key 3 Meeting

February

- 1 Auction Committee Meeting
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 7 Council Membership Meeting
- 8 Boy Scout Camp Promotion Meeting
- 8 Jamboree Committee Meeting
- 8 Wear Your Uniform Day
- 9 Camp Card Sign Up
- 9 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10-12 NYLT Staff Development—Camp Butler
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Wood Badge Dinner Committee Meeting
- 15 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 16 Cub Camp Promotion Meeting
- 18 Special Needs Training
- 19 [Wood Badge / NYLT Dinner](#)
- 20 Presidents Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 21 Religious Committee Meeting
- 22 New Unit Blitz Day
- 23 FOS Kick Off
- 25 Campmasters Meeting
- 25-26 [Scout Ski Days](#)
- 27 Day Camp Directors Meeting
- 28 Council Commissioners Meeting

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Pinewood race time is coming soon. Stop by to check out all the supplies. We have cool new decals, weights, and awards!