

Scouters' News

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

Spring Round-Up— a tool not to be overlooked

Timing is sometimes everything that is needed to make a plan successful. Following a few steps carefully can add tremendously to your youth membership and adult manpower.

We should examine first the opportunity of transition, then the new opportunity of boys not already in the program.

1. **Transition:** A successful transition occurs when each boy and his parents are asked to formally join the regular Cub dens or join Boy Scouts from Webelos. To accomplish this, one should have a ceremony for Tiger Cubs to acquaint the Tigers with customs and the organization of Cub Scouting. Don't forget to promote Lion Cubs to Tigers with a ceremony. This orientation will help clear up any ideas one may have concerning parental responsibility, plus the need to help provide leadership to the pack. Webelos, on the other hand, must begin with the boys learning who the adults are in Boy Scouting. We recommend that the Scoutmaster or his assistants be invited periodically to join in with the Cub pack activities.
2. **Retention:** Make plans to find out which leaders will remain in a leadership role. Follow up on boys that have not rechartered. Do they want to go to camp?
3. **Training:** The easiest way to keep the boys you already have is to get your new and old leaders the training necessary to serve boys. Every boy deserves a trained leader. If you're not trained you're not fooling anyone, especially the boys.
4. **Focus on Events and Programs:** It's easier to recruit potential Boy Scouts when they are asked to attend something exciting like a lock-in, a camporee, a hike, swimming, or some other troop activity.
5. **Incentives:** Every unit should recognize its youth who recruit new boys with a gift. It could take the form of a free campout, patch, pizza party, etc.
6. **Support Materials:** Flyers for distribution to schools and Sunday schools to recruit youth to your pack or troop, and online trainings including Youth Protection Training for the adults. Applications, posters, and additional help are available upon request. Call your district executive at the Scout Service Center (330-773-0415) for materials.

Council Annual Dinner and Silver Beaver Recognition Event

The big event will be held on Monday, May 8, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church on Cleveland-Massillon Rd., in Fairlawn. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$27 per person.

We will be honoring our 2017 Silver Beaver recipients as well as our 2017 District Award of Merit recipients.

Reservation deadline is April 30, no walk-ins, please! Reservations are online at:

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

2017 National Camp Card Sale



We're pleased to announce the 2017 Camp Card Sale. This sale is designed to help

Scouts earn their way to Great Trail Council summer camp, day camps, high adventure treks, or jamboree. In these challenging economic times, we don't want family finances to keep a Scout from attending camp. Sign up at your district's March roundtable!

Camp Stambaugh news!

We're excited to announce good things in the works for Camp Stambaugh in Canfield. In March we will upgrade the HVAC in the Rotary Cabin and new Scout Shop. Also this summer an additional parking lot will be added at the Stambaugh dining hall (no more hill walking!) to make it more user friendly. We are also starting a water line study to improve water issues at camp. More news to come!

Visit the Camp Stambaugh Scout Shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

University of Scouting
Saturday, March 4
Ravenna High School
All volunteers are welcome

Sign-up today at

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

Council Information

Boy Scout Open House Program



Our Boy Scout Spring Round-Up/Open House programs are designed to bring new youth into your troop at a time when our outdoor program is moving toward its peak—a week-long summer camping experience for every Scout.

It includes a proven Boy Scout recruiting plan.

Ten Steps to Success:

1. Develop a troop youth recruiter incentive program.
2. Set a date for your troop open house.
3. Select the troop open house leadership.
4. Do all the planning and let your district executive know the date.
5. After the district executive's school visit, work the "boy fact" surveys. Fifth grade boys can join now!
6. Conduct the troop open house and have fun with the potential new Scouts and their families.
7. Complete the new youth applications and collect the fees that night.
8. Turn in all applications and fees to the Council Service Center.
9. Turn in the unit report form.
10. Get the new Scouts to Camp Manatoc this summer.

March Leaders Checklist

Cub Scout Pack Checklist

- Schedule FOS presentation for pack meeting.
- Turn in FOS money.
- Recruit new day camp chairman.
- Send new leaders to training.
- Attend roundtable.
- Hold blue and gold banquet.

Boy Scout Troop Checklist

- Conduct a Family FOS campaign.
- Turn in FOS money.
- Sign up for Camp Card sale.
- Sign up for summer camp.
- Send new leaders to training.
- Attend roundtable.

Venture Crew/Explorer Post Checklist

- Send new leaders to training.



M & M Chair's job—upsizing your troop!

We know your task as a Scoutmaster is not organizing troops, though on occasion you might be called on to help. You should, however, be vitally involved in upsizing. Before we discuss this issue, let's review some facts. First, the median troop size is 16 Scouts. Second, the quality of program increases significantly when troop size reaches 21. Our best troops (11% of the total) serve 33 or more youth. In our study of dropped troops, 71% had five or fewer adults and 78% had fewer than 16 Scouts.

How do you upsize? First of all you must be willing to move out of your comfort zone. Sit down with your troop committee, parents, or your commissioner and your new unit membership and marketing chair—someone who will help you take an honest look at your troop. Look at your program, adult leadership, and youth involvement. Determine what you need to do to serve more Scouts. There are no pat answers, because every troop in America is different. Your solution may be as easy as buying more equipment—more likely, it will involve a number of solutions.

Develop a plan for success and set some realistic goals. Bring the committee, chartered organization, parents and Scouts along for the ride. It must be the troop's plan, not your plan. Don't expect overnight success, but do set some checkpoints along the way to monitor your progress. Plan a troop celebration on the target date you set for achieving your goals. Remember that the bottom-line goal is to "deliver the promise."

Once you have the program on track, you might ask, "Where are the new Scouts?" Unfortunately, they may not be standing in line to join your troop, unless you have convinced your current Scouts to sell the program to their friends.

Is there an activity your troop does that would entice potential members? Send a letter to potential members, describing the activity and inviting them to attend. Build up the exciting, challenging aspects of the event.

Now is the time to answer the big questions, "Am I delivering the promise to the Scouts in my troop?" If your answer is no, then this is the time to begin making that promise come true.

Council Information

2017 National Youth Leadership Training



June 11 to June 16

Camp Butler, Peninsula, OH

NYLT is an exceptional training opportunity for youth who are members of Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews open to both males and females. It is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide all youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and crews.

Cost: \$200.00 per participant payable by April 17.

After April 17 the fee is \$225.00.

Space is limited so please sign-up early.

Registration will be made **online only** at

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

For more information contact the NYLT Course Scoutmasters or Council NYLT Advisor at:

Charmaine Schiele, Course Scoutmaster at 330-607-8081, or email at casmarsh5@yahoo.com.

Jeff Peterson, Course Scoutmaster at 330-523-6600, or email at jdpete449@icloud.com.

Dennis Vargo, Council NYLT Staff Advisor at 330-773-0415, ext. 214, or email at dvargo@bsaemail.org.

Goodwill Industries is offering Disability Awareness Merit Badge Training on Saturday, April 22



Check-in and continental breakfast will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Goodwill Service Center, 570 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron. The training session will run from 8 a.m. until noon.

Prior to the training you will need to do these things:

1. Visit your school, place of worship, or Scout camp site and take notes about accessibility.
2. List 5 things that could improve accessibility.
3. List 5 things that make the accessibility friendly to visitors and/or staff.

Disability Awareness merit badges will be awarded at the end of training on **April 22**.

Scouts may register for training at:

<http://www.goodwillakron.org/scout> or call 330-786-2547.

Good Friday Fish Fry

Camp Manatoc Dining Hall

April 14

5-7 p.m.

Adults \$10 Kids 5-12 \$6
4 years and under eat free

RSVP to Chris Bergdorf—330-657-2418
(Leave count on answering machine)

Planning ahead for Special Needs

Summer! Camp! Hikes, bikes and YIKES! What about swimming? And asthma, and....

Breathe, yes, your unit probably has a Scout (or maybe a Scouter) with medical challenges. Here's what you **COULD** do:

When in danger, when in doubt

Run in circles, scream and shout

Here's what the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) thinks would be more effective:

Talk it out

That's right. SNAC thinks you should talk to the humans involved—and their families. Most times, most issues, are more troublesome if those issues are poorly understood. Many, many, units in Great Trail Council deal effectively with such issues as epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, anxiety, autism and sooooo much more.

If, after you've talked, your unit is still in danger of screaming and shouting and running in circles, please contact **Dennis Vargo**, the intrepid Field Director for Special Needs, at 330-773-0415, ext. 214. Conversely, if you are no longer at the screaming stage but need more in depth assistance with a special need in Scouting, please call **Wendy Greathouse** at 330-256-0996.

Camp Stambaugh rental price adjustment

Reservations for Camp Stambaugh made after **June 1** will be adjusted to conform to the current Great Trail Council structure.

1. All reservations will be for both Friday and Saturday night. Prices on the facility reservation website will reflect a two-night reservation. Tent camping will continue to be priced by the campsite, per day.
2. Units participating in district events can rent buildings on a first come-first served basis.
3. Tent camping for district sponsored events will be "packaged" into the unit's cost of the event.
4. There will be different rental pricing for in-council (Great Trail Council units) and out of council units.

The new pricing will be available following the March Great Trail Council Camping Committee's approval and will then be posted to <http://manatoc.org/weekends.html>.



Council Information

Why not come to Camp Manatoc for a second week this summer?



Camp Manatoc will offer a special week, July 16-22, for Scouts who wish to come to camp for a second week. The cost is only \$200 and we'll provide the adult leadership. Scouts can work on more merit badges, STEM merit badges, Scout Lifeguard, special night programs and lots of fun.

A special provisional troop made of Scouts from all over the council will team up to make this one-week troop with leadership from camp.

If you haven't attended Camp Manatoc earlier in the summer you will still be able to attend. The week is July 16-22 and the cost is \$255. Check us out at www.manatoc.org.

Webelos Resident Camp— 4 days and 3 nights of fun!



The Best Webelos Resident Camp in Ohio is set for **July 23-26** and **July 26-29** at our own Camp Manatoc with Webelos only in camp those days. We also have a new Camp Director, **Chuck Defer** and he will be assisted by the Manatoc camp staff.

Webelos Resident Camp is a great opportunity for Webelos Scouts to experience the adventure waiting for them in a week of Boy Scout summer camp. It's days filled with exciting activities like swimming, boating, rafting, archery, bb-gun marksmanship, hiking, fire building, and working on Webelos Advancement Adventures!

Campers sleep in BSA canvas tents on wooden platforms, just like our Boy Scouts do, and **camp as a unit under their own adult leadership.**

Most meals are served, family-style, in the historic dining hall and every day features our camp's traditional "Pass in Review" retreat ceremony at the Butler Memorial.

Time at Webelos Resident Camp equals a whole school year's worth of den meetings so, Webelos den leaders and Webelos parents, now's the time to start making Webelos Resident Camp a part of your summer plans.

Cost is \$165 per Webelos Scout and \$95 per adult if paid on or before July 14.

Registration brochures are available in the lobby of the Scout Service Center and are posted online at www.manatoc.org.

Make plans now and we look forward to seeing your first and second year Webelos Scouts at resident camp this summer!



Summer Camp Leader's Meeting

Scoutmasters! It's time to bring your SPL to the annual Summer Camp Leader's Meeting for troops attending Manatoc this coming summer!

It's set for **Saturday, April 22**, 9 a.m. till about 10:30 a.m., at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. We will offer "all you can eat" breakfast at 8 a.m. Cost is \$8 per person at the door for breakfast.

Once again, we'll be offering the **BIG PRIZES** for Scoutmaster and SPL attendance at this important meeting.

The Scoutmaster attendance prize drawing will be for a brand-new 5-gallon Coleman drink cooler! This prize will be a great addition in your campsite.



The Senior Patrol Leader attendance prize drawing will be for a pair of new Coleman lanterns! These will be great to light up your campsite this summer.

These drawing prizes are gifts for **your troop**, not the SM or SPL personally. But remember, the only way to get in the drawing is to be in attendance at the April 22 meeting.

Again, our meeting starts at 9 a.m., and we will be covering many of the details of camp including our 2017 theme, new merit badge offerings, a revised daily instruction schedule, and some new optional program activities. **We'll see you April 22 at camp!**

2017 Summer Camp Apprentice program



Our outstanding summer camp staff development program (camp apprentices) returns again in 2017.

Fees for the 2-week program are \$100 per participant. CIT's 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://www.manatoc.org/summer_camp.html

Questions? **Contact Director of Camping Chris Bergdorf at 330-657-2418 or by email at manatocbutler@windstream.net.**

Council Information

An important message from Manatoc

Due to safety reasons the bridge across the ravine from the Manatoc Administration Building will be removed. The properties committee voted at their last meeting to remove the bridge because of structural issues. There are no plans to replace the bridge at this time. The trail continues and exits on the road by the obstacle course. Sorry for any inconvenience but the safety of the Scouts is our number one priority.

Short-term camping at Camp Stambaugh being offered this summer!

Thinking of an inexpensive getaway? This is your chance to come enjoy nature in Boardman's "hidden treasure" Camp Stambaugh! Scout troops would you like a two day camp out in the middle of the summer? During the summer, most camps don't allow short term camping, here is your chance.

The Great Trail Council announces that Camp Stambaugh will be available for family and unit campouts during the 2017 summer season. There will not be a formal program. Check-in time will be at 4 p.m. on your arrival day and noon on check-out day.

All Scouts must be registered before unit camping reservations are made. For family camping, at least one person attending must be registered in the Scouting program. Registration may be done online at <http://www.manatoc.org/weekends.html> or call Peggy at 330-773-0415 ext. 221.

Tributes & Memorials

- In Memory of:** **Scott Eberhart**
From: Paul & Sally Tople
Roger & Evelyn Gedeon
Edward & Caroline Kosman
Robert & Mona Mimms
Dale & Carol Sherry
Earl & Gloria Daugharty
Carolyn Spraggins
- In Memory of:** **Charlotte Horvath**
From: Paul Orchosky
Troop 380
Greg & Sandy Horvath
Debra & Daniel Sutter
- In Memory of:** **Victoria Schmidt**
From: Robert & Jan Hixenbaugh
- In Memory of:** **Joyce Thacker**
From: Russell Martin
Doris & Douglas Lassond
Lake Refrigeration, Inc.

BALOO/OWL Training on May 6



Effective January 1, 2017, the BSA National office has merged the previously separate Cub Scout BALOO and OWL trainings into a single training course! In case you're not familiar with these outdoor trainings:

BALOO = Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation; BALOO teaches the basic outdoor skills that leaders must know in order to take Cub Scouts on a campout. For every campout that a pack conducts, there must be a minimum of one BALOO trained leader in attendance.

OWL = Outdoor Webelos Leaders Training; OWL training is for leaders who will be leading a Webelos patrol. This course teaches the changes that must occur in the Webelos years in order for the boys to be ready for crossover to the Boy Scouts in addition to the more advanced outdoor skills that leaders must have to help guide that transformation. If you are a Bear leader, now is the perfect time to take this training.

Date: May 6—8:30 a.m. to early evening (lunch provided)

Cost: \$16 on or before April 21—\$21 after April 21

Register: online at:

https://scoutingevent.com/433-Baloo_Owl_2017



Council Information

2016 Peconica River Popcorn Sale Results



Great Trail Council Scouts Set All-Time Popcorn Sales Record in 2016!

Congratulations to all of our Scouts and units who sold a record \$1,540,000 worth of popcorn in 2016. Here are some of the incredible facts:

- **Total Sales-\$1,540,00**—an 8.7% increase over 2015
- **Scouts Selling-3,500**—a 1% increase over 2015
- **Units Participating-204**—an increase of 12 over 2015
- **Containers Sold-76,000**—an increase of 2,500 over 2015
- **Districts with Increase in Sales-100%** of our districts made their goals!

Council Top 3 Sellers

- #1-Andrew Cole, Jr.-Troop 154 Moecomdws-\$9,105
- #2-Jamie Faur - Pack 3527 Chippewa-\$8,135
- #3-Tyler Tice - Pack 3269 Seneca-\$5,485

Top 3 Council Units

- #1-Pack 3390-\$37,665-Old Portage
- #2-Pack 3334-\$30,935-Lakes
- #3-Pack 3501-\$25,935-Chippewa

Browns/Steelers Top Sellers

- Browns Top Seller**
Mitchell Anstine—52 Tins—Pack 3334 Lakes
- Steelers Top Seller**
Jack Cole—24 Tins—Pack 3334 Lakes

Boy Scout National Camp Card Sale



\$10.00 card...units make \$5.00 per card!

**All new "Limited Edition" cards
with over 200,000 offers!**

Free App for your smart phone

Offers good anywhere you travel!

The Great Trail Council is pleased to announce the **ALL NEW 2017 "Camp Card" Sale**. This sale is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Great Trail Council's summer camp, day camps, high adventure treks, jamboree, or resident camps.

Our 2017 Great Trail Council Camp Card will be **sold for \$10.00**. Consumers will be able to get access to over **200,000** offers in your hometown and throughout North America using a custom BSA website powered by the "Entertainment Discount Network." **Enjoy up to 50% savings on dining, shopping, attractions, travel, services, and online deals.** Simply register your card online and print your savings or redeem at the merchants by showing the app on your Smartphone.

Each card includes

2 special offers (front tabs)

Offers TBA

Units participating in this program will **earn 50% commission** (\$5.00) on each \$10 Camp Card they sell. The sale will be promoted in January/February. Units sign-up in February. Receive cards in March and can sell until May, giving Scouts over 2 months to sell and make lots of cash!

- **We will only allow units to check out 100 cards at a time**

- **Units may return 50% of their cards—deadline Thursday, April 13 at roundtable**

(cards must be in good condition)

Program Sign-Up

Brad Miller—Brad.miller@scouting.org or 330-773-0415 ext. 240

Jody Gildersleeve—Jgilders@bsamail.org or 330-773-0415 ext. 218

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.

Great Minds of the 20th Century

By Jim Dade, Arrowhead District

The early 20th Century was an amazing time that effected the world we live in today. It's remarkable that ideas conceived over 100 years ago can still effect our everyday life to such an extent.

Henry Ford utilized one of these concepts when he decided to use an assembly line process to build cars. Until Mr. Ford set up his factory in a manner in which many people did one specific task in the process of building a car, it was much different. His concept changed an entire industry. His innovation made cars affordable and available to the vast majority of our population.

Around the same time new concepts were introduced by William D. Boyce, James E. West, Daniel Carter Beard, and Ernest Thompson Seton. What they had in mind was similar to Mr. Ford's concept in that many people would be involved in a process that created something that anyone could afford and enjoy. That program was the Boy Scouts of America.

Today Ford still operates on the basis of an assembly line. Many people doing specific tasks and creating a quality product. The Boy Scouts of America also still uses that same concept. Ours is not an assembly line, but it requires many people doing specific tasks to create quality products. This starts at a National level, filters down through councils and districts and eventually to the unit level. The National Council is structured on the same principles as a unit. We have similar responsibilities in both. Let's look at the Quality Control Department and the results they are seeing with our products. Are we turning out what we had hoped to?

Our product is Quality Young People who are heading out into the world to make their own way and to shape things for generations to come. Is our process working? Do we offer what is truly a value to the public? We can answer yes to these questions and we can improve in all of these areas.

Units need to fill all of the jobs that need to be done. We need to have people who are willing to do the jobs. This starts in the units with the functions of the unit committee. First, we fill the position, then we train our workforce, then we go to work. We should educate our prospective workers as to what is involved, and all of the help and education that is available to make them successful.

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Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Thomas Catalano	262	12/21/16
Marc Cheline	172	12/22/16
Benjamin Ferling	507	06/10/16
Nathanael Harris-Jones	382	12/13/16
Benjamin House	402	01/09/17
Travis Huffaker	503	01/10/17
Matthew Jokkel	507	01/24/17
Ethan Jones	252	11/16/16
Connor Kline	172	01/02/17
Jeffrey Nelson Jr.	556	01/10/17
Nathan Olesh	575	01/24/17
James Serri	177	01/03/17
Jordan Shaw	554	01/24/17
Adam Smerek	513	01/22/17
Shane Starling	9002	05/24/16
Kyle Willette	517	12/21/16
Alexander Wintering	265	01/25/17

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Chartering Info

All districts have completed or are near completion and have turned in their charters. Chippewa and Old Portage charters are due at the March 9 roundtable.

In order for us to process your charter, you must turn in the Charter Renewal Application, apps for new youth and adults, disclosure forms and YPT for new adults, YPT certificates for those needing YPT and money or approval to take the required amount out of your 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 is not turned in will delay the processing of your charter. If you have questions regarding your charter, please contact me as soon as possible.

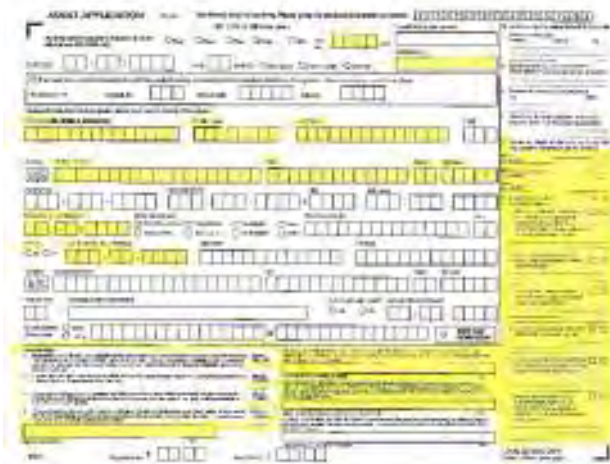
New charters, membership cards and rosters will be mailed to the unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor, Skipper or Varsity Coach) soon.

Merger Info

The merger of the Arrowhead, Whispering Pines and Pathfinder Districts has been completed by our national office and can now be accessed from ScoutNet. We can now look up information for you, but there is a lot of work to do yet. Your patience during this transitional period is greatly appreciated.

Adult Applications

It is important that the current application is being used as there is information on that app that is required. See the sample of the current adult app and note the highlighted areas. If the highlighted areas are not complete the app cannot be processed. Please destroy all old applications.



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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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

Don't forget to file your unit's tour plans

Tour Plans are needed for any unit traveling outside of our council's boundaries. This now includes the Warren and Youngstown areas. Tour Plans are online at www.my.scouting.org under "Legacy Tools." This is the format that the national office wants all units to use. There is no approval process, just print out a copy when you are finished filling out the form and hit the submit button.

Great Trail Council phone numbers

Council Office - 330-773-0415 plus extension number

- Camping—Peggy—Ext. 221
- Commissioners—John—Ext. 213
- Eagles—Megan—Ext. 215
- Endowment—Mike—Ext. 238
- Exploring—Tom—Ext. 239
- FOS/Popcorn—Lisa—Ext. 243
- Medical Insurance—Bill—Ext. 243
- NYLT/Wood Badge—Dennis—Ext. 214
- OA—Shannon—Ext. 217
- Pathfinder—Dennis—Ext. 21
- Registration/Recharter—Pat—Ext. 210
- Special Camp Rentals—Chris—330-607-6376
- Training Cub Scouts—Shannon—Ext. 217
- Training Boy Scouts—Tom—Ext. 239
- Venturing—Dennis—Ext. 214
- Other—Pat—Ext. 210

Arrowhead District

District Chairman	Dr. Ken LaPolla	330-716-3838	drkenny@msn.com
District Commissioner	Jim Dade	330-883-1002	owl4bd@aol.com
District Executive	David Michalec	330-883-7096	david.michalec@scouting.org



Cub Scout Winter Event

The annual Cub Scout Winter Freeze-out was held at Camp Stambaugh on February 18. This event has grown to be a beloved event with more attendance each year, this year with more than 400 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult Scouters in attendance! We wish to thank **Tim Sandor** for all of the planning he did and for the people that he brought together to make this happen. There was a record turnout with staff for the event, bringing in 75 Boy Scouts and Venturers to run all of the exciting stations.

District Pinewood Derby on April 1



Join us April 1, for the Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby, sponsored by Pack 4040 from Girard, OH. The race is being held at the Eastwood Mall in the Target concourse. We are inviting the top 2 racers from each den from every pack in Arrowhead to participate in the Rank Finals, where Cub Scouts will compete against other Scouts of the same rank. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for each rank. There is also a Cub Scout Only Open Class for other Scouts that might not have placed in 1st or 2nd at their pack race, but still want in on all of the fun. Trophies will be given for the top three finishers of Open Class, as well. Then, the top two racers from Rank Finals and Open Class will race in the Grand Champion Round. 1st place winner will receive an Arrowhead Grand Champion Trophy and all the bragging rights that a Cub Scout can handle! All participants will receive the official Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby Patch. Please be aware of the rules and guidelines on the registration website before the day of the race.

Register here:

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

District Pinewood Derby Chair: Mike Kaiser at cordialsdeli@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp is coming!

Cub Scout Day Camp will be coming to the Arrowhead District June 5-9. Save the date now to make sure your Cub Scouts are ready for a once in a lifetime experience! Arrowhead Day Camp is partnering with the City of Warren to hold the five day event in Warren's Packard Park.

"Comic Con" Spring Camporee

The Arrowhead Spring Camporee will take place at Camp Stambaugh on April 7-9.

Comic Cons are conventions held all over the country, the two main ones are located in New York and San Diego. These have taken place for over 40 years and the attendance continues to grow each and every year. It is when all the nerds express their fandom for all things geek. From movies to TV shows to comic books to collectible action figures, it's all there. We are bringing a smaller version to camp for our Scouting community!

There will be merit badges, patrol competitions, and costume contest (Scout and Scouter.) A DJ and Foam Party will be in the evening. Prizes will be awarded to patrols and costumes.

Register Here:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-AHSC17>

Spring Camporee Chair: Matt Fuchilla at mfuchilla@gmail.com

District Committee—new location

The Arrowhead District Committee has a new night and meeting place. From now through the end of 2018, we are booked at Kent State Trumbull. **We will be using conference room #233 in the Classroom Building**, which is the main administration building at Kent Trumbull located to the right.

The District Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. The February 15 meeting will be held at our new location: **4314 Mahoning Ave., Warren, OH 44483, Classroom Building Room #233**

March

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| 8 | Roundtable—7 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute, 4550 Research Pkwy, NW, Warren |
| 15 | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull, Classroom Building Room #233 |
| 16 | District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., NE, Warren |
| 23 | District Advancement Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., NE, Warren |
| | Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10 |

April

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| 1 | District Pinewood Derby—Eastwood Mall |
| 7-9 | Spring "Comic Con" Camporee—Camp Stambaugh |
| 12 | Roundtable—Electrical Trades Institute |
| 19 | District Committee—Kent State Trumbull, Classroom Building Room #233 |
| 20 | Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church |
| 27 | Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church |
| 27 | FOS Breakfast—Avalon Inn |
| | Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9 |

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Let's roll at the district pinewood!



Chippewa's gearing up for the 2017 district pinewood derby at Claggett Middle School located at 420 E. Union St., in Medina. The district derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. The top two

racers from your pack advance to the district tracks. Bears and Webelos sign in at 8:30 a.m. Tigers and Wolves sign in at noon, adults and siblings can register at 11:15 a.m. Cubmasters make sure your Cubs show good sportsmanship before, during, and after the race. Information packets and registration forms have been distributed in your unit's saddlebag. If you have any questions contact Chippewa Pinewood Derby Chairman **Kelly McEntire** at: kmcentire@roadrunner.com. Good luck racers!

Answer the call



Chippewa's Family Friends of Scouting campaign is underway. Soon we will be following up by calling families and asking for participation. If you could donate your time for one evening helping our team make phone calls to the Scout families in Medina County, the

kids will truly benefit. If you can volunteer one evening of your time, please contact **Glen Murduck** at gamduck@aol.com. Lastly please be receptive to volunteers calling to solicit a donation to better serve this great organization.

Are you attending roundtable?

Is your unit prepared? Come to roundtable once a month for an informative session covering a wide variety of topics ensuring quality Scouting programs. When you turn in your charter on **March 9**, please stick around for our informative roundtable program. You will be glad you did!

Bad weather alert



It is the time of year when 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 the day of the scheduled meeting. If you haven't received a cancelation message before 5 p.m., the meeting is proceeding as planned.

Recharterers due at March 9 roundtable...

...at the Medina United Methodist Church (4747 Foote Rd., Medina) from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., on **March 9**. Commissioners and district staff will be available for assistance in reviewing your charters. Units must submit their charter renewal by March 9. If you would like to turn in your packet ahead we encourage you to do so. If you have any questions contact Chippewa District Commissioner **John Naizer** by email at chippewacommissionerservice@gmail.com.

District Award of Merit

Do you know of a great volunteer deserving of recognition for the work they do for the Scouts in our community? Nominations for the District Award of Merit are being accepted. If you would like to nominate an individual representing the Chippewa District fill out the online form and submit it to a Key 3 member. There are a lot of good volunteers in the district they deserve to be recognized for their dedication and hard work.

Chippewa thanks

Thanks to all the volunteers and units participating in the Great Trail Council Friends of Scouting 2017 Campaign. With your help, we should be able to achieve our goal of raising a total of \$82,000!



March

- 4 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
 - 9 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 9 Roundtable & Recharter Turn-In—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 23 Super Thursday
- Registration \$2 Boys' Life N/A**

April

- 13 District Committee Meeting—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 13 Roundtable—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 29 District Pinewood Derby—Claggett Middle School, 420 E. Union St., Medina
- Registration \$24 Boys' Life \$12**

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Gentlemen, start building your cars!

The Lakes District Pinewood will be held Saturday, April 29, at MAPS Air Museum. For more information please contact **Ron Halverson** at 330-771-3025 or Ronnie.halvorson@gmail.com.

District Recognition Dinner is April 20

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 20. Please be looking for more information at roundtable. Also don't forget that the district dinner is a time to recognize your fellow Scouters for all of their hard work, dedication and service. If you know someone who goes above and beyond expectations please take the time to nominate him or her for either the District Award of Merit or the Lakes Commodore Award. Each year Lakes district gets to award two District Awards of Merit and as many Commodore Awards as there are worthy recipients. You can get forms either from roundtable or from www.lakesdistrict.org. Nominations must be turned into Tom Craig no later than March 10 for consideration.

“Cub Scout Investigation” Day Camp

This year the theme for day camp is CSI (Cub Scout Investigation) honoring our local superheroes! Join us at beautiful Craftsmen Park for a camp to remember. Please be aware that this year there will be a final registration date (that date is still being determined.) No late registrations will be accepted and there will be no walk-ins allowed at day camp. Also registration for day camp will be exclusively online including t-shirts. Please start planning now!



Webelos-to-Scout transition

February is the month in which most Cub Scouts make the transition into a Boy Scout troop. This can be both an exciting and scary time for these young Scouts. The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of the Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Webelos dens should visit several troops before deciding which unit they want to join, and the Boy Scout troops should welcome these Webelos realizing that these boys may be the future of that troop. In order to make the passage from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts as smooth as possible, with no time lost in between when the Webelos are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities. They should feel excited about beginning this new adventure. Also, to make the transition complete, the troop leaders need to make sure that there is a Boy Scout application on file for all of the new Scouts. Without an application on file, any advancement the new Scout earns cannot be recorded. So, please let's do everything possible to make this transition as smooth and comfortable as possible for our new Boy Scouts.

March

- 3 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
 - 10 District Awards nominations due
 - 31 District Awards recipients announced
- Registration \$24 Boys' Life \$12**

April

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera, Arlington Ridge Marketplace, 790 Arlington Rd., Akron
 - 13 Roundtable—6:50 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
 - 20 District Dinner
 - 29 District Pinewood Derby—MAPS Air Museum, 2260 International Pkwy., North Canton
- Registration \$22 Boys' Life \$11**

Moecomdws District

“It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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Award nominees wanted for 2017



The MOE District couldn't run without great volunteers like you - and we would like to take time to recognize your efforts. However, great volunteers need great supporters to nominate them. We are calling on supporters to recognize great district and unit level volunteers through various awards, including the District Award

of Merit, Spark Plug Awards, Partners in Scouting and the Eisenman Award. It is truly an honor to receive any of these district awards. Be the first to recognize someone that has put your needs before their own. Do a “good turn” for a great person in our district today. Forms will be available at roundtable. Below is a brief description of the awards available:

District Award of Merit: Council level award presented by districts to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at a district level.

Spark Plug Award: Honors registered adults working at the unit level who put an extra “spark” in the unit’s program in the past year.

Partners in Scouting: A unique Moecomdws District award for married couples with involvement in the leadership roles of their unit

Eisenman Award: A special Moecomdws District award that was established to select an outstanding Scouter each year who highly exemplifies the image of Scouting and who would represent all district Scouters.

This years District Awards will take place on April 20, 7 p.m., at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Stow. Nomination forms can be found at roundtable, and will be placed in saddlebags and emailed to unit leaders.

District Annual Election Notice

District Chairman Paul Schumacher has announced that the Annual District Elections will be held on Thursday, May 4, at the District Committee Meeting. Nominations from the field can be sent to **Wayne Nieman**, Moe District Executive, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309. The annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m., at Hudson Presbyterian Church. No nominations will be accepted from the floor and must be submitted in writing by April 1, 2017

Moe Day Camp: CSI, Honoring Local Heroes

Day camp is coming up June 19-24, at Camp Butler, and this year’s theme is “CSI, Honoring Local Heroes.” Don’t forget, you can get free placemats for your blue and gold banquet. They contain games along with day camp information. Let Wayne know how many you need. Registrations are online, and you can email moedaycamp@gmail.com with any questions.



District Pinewood Derby is April 8

We are all set to go for the 2017 Moecomdws District Pinewood Derby. Pack 3177 will be hosting this year’s event on April 8, at Holy Family School. Weigh in starts at 11 a.m.! Go to <http://bit.ly/moederby> for more info!

Planning for summer!

Don’t forget to include the National Summertime Pack Award in your plans for this summer’s activities. Plan and conduct three pack activities during the summer—one in June, July and August and qualify for a certificate and streamer. The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet after school is out.

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<u>March</u>	
2	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
4	University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
9	District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
9	Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
23	Super Thursday
30	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
	Registration \$24 Boys’ Life \$12
<u>April</u>	
1	Cub Leader Training—Holy Family School, Stow
8	District Pinewood Derby—Holy Family School, Stow
20	District Dinner/Volunteer Recognition—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
	Registration \$22 Boys’ Life \$10

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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Klondike was a huge success!

The “Yukon Trail- Search for Gold” Old Portage District Klondike on January 27 through 29, at Camp Manatoc, was a fun-filled and challenging event. The weather was cold but there was a lack of snow causing some events to be changed. There were 190 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouters in attendance this year. There were ten events and a lashing race on the Boy Scout side with five events on the Cub Scout side. There were nine Boy Scout units and one crew along with two Cub packs from the district. The competition was fierce. The events included first aid, ravine crossing, tomahawks, ravine rappelling, survival shelters, croquet, panning for gold, nitro transport, fire building and orienteering. The top three patrols were the Bison Patrol - Troop 385, Gamma Flapjacks - Crew 2001, and Moose Patrol - Troop 382. The Old Portage Camping Flag went to Crew 2001 for first place and the Millennium Cup went to Troop 382 for second place with Troop 380 coming in third.

Family Friends of Scouting... Because Scouting matters!

Delivering a high quality Scouting program costs the Great Trail Council \$150 per Scout per year over and above membership fees. 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, camporees, klondike, summer camps and day camps, and for training courses to ensure that every Scout has the trained adult leader that they deserve. **Thank you** to those of you who have participated in Friends of Scouting to make this amazing Scouting program possible. If you have any questions about the FOS campaign please contact OP Family FOS Chair **Eric Matheny** at matheny54@hotmail.com.

Cub Scouts, start your engines!



The Old Portage District Pinewood Derby is March 25, and will be hosted by **Steve Ferguson**, OP Pinewood Derby Pro (ferg442@windstream.net). It will be held at First Baptist Church, on Shatto Ave. Check-in will begin at 9 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting and Elections

The Old Portage Annual Business Meeting and Elections will be on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m., at Bath United Church of Christ, 3980 W. Bath Rd., Akron. The district nominating committee will present a new slate of district volunteers for 2017-2018 to be elected. Nominations for district committee members must be received in writing by March 28, at 5 p.m. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the time of the election. Nominations are to be sent to: Old Portage Nominating Committee, Great Trail Council, BSA, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068.

District Annual Recognition Night

This year we will meet at Faith Lutheran Church on W. Market St. for our Annual Recognition Night. On Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., the Old Portage District will recognize outstanding volunteers for their dedication to Scouting and their service to the youth we serve. We're looking for nominations for the District Award of Merit and the OP Portage Award. Copies of nomination forms will be placed in unit saddlebags and be available at roundtable. Deadline for nominations is Monday, March 28. Forms should be mailed to: **Dennis Vargo**, Great Trail Council, BSA, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068 or emailed to dvargo@bsamail.org.

Welcome

We would like to welcome **Carla McBain** for coming on board as crew commissioner. She has been in Scouting for many years and ran a very successful crew for most of those years. Join us in welcoming Carla as she brings her experience and talent to the commissioner corps.

March

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
 - 4 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
 - 10 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
 - 19 Super Saturday District Training
 - 25 Old Portage District Pinewood Derby
 - 30 District Committee Meeting (for April) - 7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- Registration \$2** **Boys' Life N/A**

April

- 20 District Annual Recognition Night—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
- Registration \$24** **Boys' Life \$12**

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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Family Friends of Scouting

The “Reverent” 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 by early March. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation may be done at roundtable **NO LATER THAN MARCH! Our Family Friends of Scouting chairman this year is Mike Rowe. He will be contacting you as well to help schedule. Mike can be reached at mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net or 330-351-3283. You may also call Nate Watson, (330) 773-0415, ext 227, or email**

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.

Rev ‘em up!



Hey Cub Scouts, mark your calendars for the **best ever** district level pinewood derby to be held on **Saturday, April 8, at Maplewood Career Center!**

Registration and weigh-in will be held from 8-9 a.m., racing will run from 9 a.m.-noon. There will be plenty of activities for all including a concession stand and other activities for the kids! Questions? Contact **Valerie Lucarelli** at digitalchick@gmail.com.

Polar Bear Swim

Thanks to **Kirk Gordon** and his team for putting on yet another successful Polar Bear Swim over the first weekend of February! Close to 50 boys participated in our annual swim. A special thanks goes out to the staff at Kent Roosevelt for allowing us to use their pool yet again!



District Annual Meeting

Seneca District's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at Kent United Church of Christ, 1440 E. Main St., Kent, for election of district committee members and officers. All district committee members, members-at-large, council board members within the district, and all charter partner representatives of the district are invited to attend as we elect a new slate of district volunteers for 2017-2018. Nominations for district committee members must be received in writing by Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5 p.m. Nominations are to be sent to: **Great Trail Council, Seneca District Nominating Committee, Nate Watson-Secretary, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068.** Nominations will NOT be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer?

On Thursday, April 20, at roundtable, Seneca District will recognize outstanding volunteers for their dedication to Scouting and their service to the youth we serve. We're looking for nominations for the following awards: District Award of Merit, Clyde Hazel Award, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chair, and Crew Advisor. **The drop dead date to hand in nominations is March 10, however, it will be best to hand them in March 9, at roundtable!**

Cutting edge communications

Seneca District always strives to improve our communications to the district. Please consider “liking” our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SenecaScouts.

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March	
2	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
4	University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
9	Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
29	FOS Report Meeting #2
30	District Committee Meeting/Annual Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
	Registration \$22 Boys' Life \$11
April	
8	District Pinewood Derby—9 a.m.—Maplewood Career Center, 7075 St. Rt. 88, Ravenna
20	Roundtable/District Awards—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
27	FOS Report Meeting #3
	Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10

Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"

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On your mark! Get set! Go!

It's time to start building your pinewood derby cars! We need volunteers from your pack to help this year's event become a success. Please contact Interim District Executive **Wayne Nieman** at 330-773-0415 ext. 2425 or wnieman@bsamail.org to register as a volunteer. More info to follow at roundtable.

Tri-Fires District Pinewood Derby

- What:** The 2017 Tri-Fires District Pinewood Derby Championship!
- Who:** The **top racer** in the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Sibling/Family division from each pack and their families
- Where:** First Congregational Church, 85 Heritage Dr., Tallmadge
- When:** March 11—weigh in at **8 a.m.**, racing begins at **9 a.m.**
- Cost:** \$15 per pack—due to the Council Service Center by March 1.

We will use the official pinewood derby rules

******Concession stand will be available!******

Learn something new at roundtable!

Hoping to see all of you at roundtable on Thursday, March 9!

- This is a great opportunity to learn something new, meet new Scouters and hang out with some really awesome people!
- Beginning in February, each attendee will receive a ticket into a drawing for a campership for their unit to be drawn in May. (More attendance from your unit means more chances to win!)
- Our coffee donation jar will be put out for campership money donations instead of coffee money. (Coffee has already been donated.)
- Come Thursday night for more details!
- **March 9** Topic: "Youth Leadership Development in Troops" presented by Gary Hunsicker.
- Tri Fires Roundtable Commissioner **Tosha Curren** at gtcscoutmom@yahoo.com.

Tri-Fires Day Camp: CSI, Honoring Local Heroes

Day camp is coming up July 20-22, at Camp Butler, and this year's theme is "CSI, Honoring Local Heroes." Don't forget, you can get free placemats for your blue and gold banquet. They contain games along with day camp information. Let **Wayne Nieman** at 330-773-0415 ext. 242 or wnieman@bsamail.org know how many you need. If you would like to have someone talk to your pack about day camp, contact Camp Director **Todd Mosko** at 330-618-8822 or scoutmastertodd412@gmail.com.

District Recognition Dinner/Awards

Come join us Thursday, April 20, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., for the Tri-Fires District Dinner as we recognize our adult leaders. The event will be held at the roundtable location, Northwest Ave. Church of Christ (737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge.) Please make your reservations at the Scout Shop or turned in at roundtable by April 1.

Be sure to nominate leaders for the awards! Nomination sheets can be picked up at roundtable or at the Council Service Center. Please have your nominations for District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster of the Year, Cubmaster of the Year, Venturing Leader of the Year, Scout Leader of the Year, Cub Leader of the Year, District Staff Member of the Year and Charter Partner of the Year turned in by March 23. Awards will be handed out on April 20 at the Tri-Fires District Dinner.

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March

- 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
 - 4 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 11 Pinewood Derby
 - 23 Super Thursday
 - 30 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 30 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- Registration \$22 Boys' Life \$11**

April

- 1 cub Leader Training—Holy Family School, Stow
 - 20 District Dinner/Volunteer Recognition—6:30 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10**

Whispering Pines District

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Whispering Pines Website <https://>



Come learn something new at roundtable

Roundtables 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 roundtables. These meetings offer important announcements about upcoming events, handouts and informational flyers for district led endeavors, plus information about council-wide programs.

March's roundtable will be held on **Thursday, March 2**, 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: Cub Scout Camping

Boy Scouts: Cycling

Family Friends of Scouting

Our Friends of Scouting Family Chair **Marion Sweely** 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 msweely@zoominternet.net to set a date, time, and location for your presentation.

Whispering Pines Cub Scout Day Camp

Save the date! Information is coming to you soon about the Whispering Pines District Cub Scout Day Camp that will be held at Camp Stambaugh, July 24-28. We will be bringing back our program director from previous resident camp programs, **Samantha Marscio** who is sure to plan a wonderful program as our new day camp director.

New Whispering Pines District Website

If you haven't already, please visit the new Whispering Pines District website located at www.whisperingpinesdistrict.org. Information about district events, calendars, etc. will be posted on the website for your one-stop destination for all things Scouting in the Whispering Pines District. If you have any questions about the website, or would like to see information added, please feel free to contact District Executive John Brkic by e-mail at john.brkic@scouting.org.



District Recognition Dinner

Event Day: Sunday, April 2, 2017

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
7640 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, OH

Theme: "Blazing a New Trail"

Time: 5:30 p.m. Dinner/Program

Cost: \$10/person (2016 Eagle Scouts free)

Come join us for an evening of relaxation, food, fellowship, and recognition!

Please join us when we recognize our 2016 Outstanding Eagle Scouts, Units, Scouters, Journey to Excellence Troops/Packs, District Award of Merit, Top Popcorn Sellers, and all who have given exceptional service to the district and the community throughout the 2016 year.

Invite your fellow leaders, assistant leaders, committee members, parents, spouses and Scouting friends, too!

Register and download awards applications here:
<https://scoutingevent.com/433-WPRecDinner>

March

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman
 - 1 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman
 - 2 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman
- Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10**

April

- 2 District Recognition Dinner—5:30 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 7640 Glenwood Blvd., Boardman
 - 5 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Public Library
 - 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman Public Library
 - 6 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
 - 25 12th Annual Celebration of Scouting Breakfast—7:30 a.m.
- Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9**

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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2017 Unit Election Packets are in your troop's saddlebag

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

- Unit Elections will be conducted January 1 – April 15
- All Ordeal registration will be done on line.
- The online registration will be extended. Registration January 1-April 15 will be \$50, April 16-June 30 will be \$75.
- **Note: The 4th Ordeal date was changed to August 4-5, to align with Camp Manatoc.**

After your unit elections are conducted the second step in this process is to submit your unit elected youth names, and place them into the ordeal they have chosen.

Use the following link

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

Note: Ordeal reservations are only accepted electronically using the above link this year.

Only 55 elected candidates are allowed in an Ordeal. This new system will lock entries past 55 from being part of the ordeal.

If the ordeal chosen is closed out, a new ordeal date will need to be picked.

For each ordeal date, multiple candidates can be entered. If you have a unit with candidates to be registered in different ordeal dates, complete the first ordeal date you have chosen to have entries placed and then you must start from the beginning to choose a different ordeal date and add its entries.

Only two of the forms are not able to be submitted electronically and must be mailed in from the Election Packet:

- Adult Candidate Nomination Form (Page 9-10)
- Marnoc Lodge, #151, Unit Election Report (Page 11)

If you have questions or need help, feel free to contact me at unit_elections@marnoc.org.

2017 Conclave

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

Special Lodge meeting 4/19 7pm

The April LEC meeting will also be a special meeting of the lodge to vote on proposed by-law changes this is an official notice of that meeting. All current youth members are welcome to attend/vote.

2017 Winter Fellowship

When: March 11, 2017

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: Kendall Cliffs

60 Kendall Park Road, Peninsula Ohio (attached to Appalachian Outfitters)

Cost Per Person: \$25.00

Join us for the Marnoc Lodge Winter Fellowship. This year our fellowship will be a one day event at Kendall Cliffs. We will rock climb on a 7,000 square foot wall, eat pizza, and meet other Arrowmen.

\$25.00 will cover all equipment, entry, and food fees for the afternoon. Feel free to attend even if you do not have any past experience climbing. Be sure to bring a friend from the OA and help them get active this year.

For those Arrowmen who have never attended a fellowship join us for this one and find out how fun the Order of the Arrow can be. If you have never been to Kendall Cliffs visit their website at:

<http://www.kendallcliffs.com/>

IMPORTANT

Be sure to fill out the permission form on their website which can be found at:

<http://www.kendallcliffs.com/waiver/>

For any questions or concerns, direct them to the Vice Chief of Program at vc_program@marnoc.org.

University of Scouting

The Lodge is helping provide service to the 2017 University of Scouting which is being held at Ravenna High School this year. We will need Arrowmen to help with the set-up on Friday, March 3, at 6 p.m. If you can come out and support this cheerful service to the council, please email the Chief at chief@marnoc.org. We will also be in attendance all day Saturday, March 4, providing cheerful service when called upon.

At the University of Scouting this year. The Lodge will be conducting (2) classes. Please sign up to attend these courses.

1. Ordeal to Brotherhood course.
2. Unit Elections training course.

March	
4	University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
11	Winter Fellowship
15	LEC
April	
15	Unit Elections Due
19	LEC

Seneca District cont'd.

Cub Scout Day Camp is coming right up!

The Seneca District is pleased and proud to be running our own Seneca Day Camp. Mark your calendars for July 13-15, at Camp Butler. This year's theme will be "CSI- Cub Scout Investigations." We are currently looking for people to staff stations at camp. Day camp is the one activity that your boys will talk about all year! Junior staff is also needed from our troops! For questions or more information contact **Cindy Olesh** at 330-221-2694 or cindyolesh@gmail.com or **Stephanie McLean** at 234-218-0075 or themcleancrew@gmail.com. More information will be put in saddlebags!

Tri-Fires District cont'd.

Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with **Wendy Greathouse**, iamwendyann@yahoo.com or **Wayne Nieman** at wnieman@bsamail.org as soon as possible to coordinate your spring recruitment! If you have an active summertime pack, why not recruit your upcoming Tiger den in the spring? Don't miss out on a great opportunity. Also, every troop should have an open house!

Annual elections

ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHARTER REPRESENTATIVES!!! You are invited to attend the Tri-Fires Annual Meeting to exercise your right to vote for the new slate of district officers and members-at-large on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m., at the Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge.

Help a Scout in need

There is a Scout in Pack 3048 who has anaplastic large cell lymphoma. His name is **Carson Stewart**, and he is a third grader at Windemere CLC.

Pack 3048 is having a benefit spaghetti dinner for Carson and his family.

Here are the details:

When: Saturday, March 11

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Where: Wedgewood United Methodist Church, 2350 Wedgewood Dr., Akron, OH 44312 (across from Hyre CLC)

Cost: \$10 adults; \$7 kids ages 6-12; 5 and under are free

Cost includes all you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, coffee, punch, and dessert.

Moecomdws District cont'd.

Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with Wayne at wnieman@bsamail.org as soon as possible to coordinate your spring recruitment! If you have an active summertime pack, why not recruit your upcoming Tiger den in the spring? Don't miss out on a great opportunity. Also, every troop should have an open house!

Moe Cub Leader Training

Are your leaders trained? Do you need to re-up on your training? A trained leader leads to a quality program----so get trained! Moecomdws will be hosting a Cub Leader Specific Training on April 1, at Holy Family School. You can register at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-cubtraining2017> and contact Jericho Johnson with any questions at jericho.who@gmail.com.

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If we do this, then we don't scare anyone off before we start. The units that don't do this are generally those who have too few people who eventually become overwhelmed and drop out. They also don't offer the program opportunities in all areas that are the basis for creating those Quality Young People we talked about earlier.

Take some time and give your unit a good look. Do you have all of the positions filled? Are you taking advantage of the training available? Do you have too few involved who spend too many hours to offer a program? Do you know where to go for help to remedy the problems, or to ask questions? Are you willing to take the actions needed to help improve or do you even know where to start?

I can't answer these questions for you. Your unit's membership retention, number of new members, advancement, camping nights, service hours and other things tell the tale. If things in all of these areas look good, then you have a pretty good operation going. If one or more don't look so good, we need to help you get it improved. That's what your commissioner staff does. They help you improve.

Give us a call, or come talk to us at a roundtable or other event. We'd like to hear from you, and help you if you need it. Or you might help us by informing us of the needs you have that aren't yet being filled.

Thanks for being a part of our process, and for all you do in Scouting. Together we will make a huge impact on the future and I'm looking forward to working with you in accomplishing that task.

Council Calendar

April

- 1 [Scout Leader Training](#)
- 3 Eagle Dinner Committee Meeting
- 4 Council Membership Committee
- 4 Program Committee Meeting
- 7-9 NYLT Staff Development #3
- 12 Auction Committee Meeting
- 12 Boy Scout Camp Promotion Meeting
- 12 Jamboree Committee Meeting
- 13 Camp Card Return Deadline
- 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- 14 Fish Fry—Camp Manatoc
- 14-16 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 Religious Committee Meeting
- 19 [BB/Archery Recertification Training](#)
- 19 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 20 Cub Camping Promotion Meeting
- 21-22 Camp Staff Training
- 22 Summer Camp Leaders Meeting
- 22 Webelos Staff Development
- 24 Day Camp Directors Meeting
- 25 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 26 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 27 FOS Report #3
- 28-30 Wilderness First Aid Training

March

- 1 Auction Committee Meeting
- 3 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 4 Commissioners Training
- 4 [University of Scouting](#)
- 6 Training Committee Meeting
- 8 Boy Scout Camp Promo Committee Meeting
- 9 Camp Card Kick-Off
- 9 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 Camp Staff Training
- 10-12 NYLT Staff Development #2 at Camp Butler
- 10 Silver Beaver Applications Due
- 11 Silver Beaver Colony Breakfast
- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 13 Funding Committee Meeting
- 14 Camp Committee Meeting
- 16 Eagle Dinner—Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
- 17 Wood Badge Staff Development
- 22 Properties Committee Meeting
- 23 Super Thursday—Key Scouters
- 24 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 24 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 25 [Edge Training](#)
- 28 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 29 FOS Report #2
- 30 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 30 Risk Management Committee Meeting

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