

Scouters' News

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



Gizmo and Mike Jones visit University of Scouting to promote summer camp.

University of Scouting - a huge success!

Last month we held our annual University of Scouting. This awesome training day, run by volunteers, was a huge success! We had 407 participants taking part in 146 different trainings. Thank you to Ravenna City Schools for letting us use their wonderful high school.

A huge thank you goes out to the University of Scouting Committee: **Chairman Leslie Smith, Brian Davis, Jane Davis, Allen Hoy, Tom Brownridge, David Rice, Wendy Greathouse, Bryan Menke, Gregg Townsend, Chad Roberts** and many more!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this University of Scouting such a huge success.

Council Friends of Scouting Campaign kicks off at 40%

On February 23, a reception was held at the Rubber Ducks stadium, hosted by 2017 Council FOS Chairman Ken Babby, owner of the Rubber Ducks, to kick off our Friends of Scouting campaign.

At this event, district and council divisions reported on their progress to date. We are excited to report that we kicked off at \$272,000 which is 40% of our overall goal of \$675,000.

Thanks to the many volunteers and professional staff who put forth the effort to make this event a grand success. Special thanks to **Chip Billows**, our 2017 Fleur de Lis Chairman.

Five out of six districts reached the 25% benchmark for that evening. Way to go!

Our April report meeting will take place on Thursday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rubber Ducks stadium.



Eagle Recognition Dinner

The 2016 class of 232 Eagle Scouts of the Rich Kramer Class of Eagles recently were honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement award in Scouting. The Scouts were recognized on March 16, at the 57th Annual Dinner and Program for the Great Trail Council, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. Each Eagle Scout was met at the ceremony by his Eagle sponsor, a prominent member of the area business community.

Only about four percent of Scouts ever achieve the Eagle Scout rank, which honors them for their leadership ability, and the service and outdoor skills.

At the ceremony, each Scout received a certificate from the class sponsor and is eligible to join the National Eagle Scout Association, a fellowship of men who have achieved the Eagle Scout award.

Rich Kramer, President and CEO of Goodyear Tire Company, delivered the address during the program and presented the certificates. Class sponsors are chosen for their support of Scouting and their recognition in the community.

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

See Page 6 for Breaking News on Tour Plans!

Council Information

Recruiting: spring round-up

The spring round-up program is broken into Tiger Cub graduation, Webelos graduation, and Boy Scout recruitment nights.

Tiger Cub Graduation

Every pack should hold a formal Tiger Cub graduation ceremony in April or May. Assign every newly graduated Tiger Cub to a Cub Scout den. Invite the Cub Scouts to attend day camp.

Webelos Graduation

The pack and troop leadership establish a fifth grade Webelos crossover ceremony date in March or April. The fifth grade Webelos graduate into a troop. New Boy Scouts attend camping events in the spring and attend summer camp.

Boy Scout Recruitment Night

Hold an open house in April or May for fifth grade boys. Pass out recruiting flyers to all fifth grade boys in the school(s) your troop draws from (obtain flyers from your district executive.)

Boy Scout open house program

The Boy Scout spring round-up open house program is 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.

The 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 survey cards.
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 the pro-rated fees to the Council Service Center.
9. Turn in the unit report form.
10. Enjoy your success!

Every newly registered Boy Scout who joins as a result of a troop open house will receive a new GTC carabiner (for non-climbing use only.)

Every current Scout who recruits a friend to join will receive the National Scout Recruiting patch.

Planning your unit's summer program

Well, spring has arrived. If you haven't started to make plans for your summer programs and activities, now is the time to start. Parents need to know when your troop is going to camp, or when your pack will be attending day camp, or going on a special outing. Families are planning summer vacations, so early unit planning will make it easier for more families to participate in your activities. Summertime is the pinnacle of Scouting programs for your Scouts. A boy who goes camping in the summer will come back even more excited about being a Scout.

Cub Scout Packs:



Many packs do not have weekly den meetings throughout the summer. However, your Cub Scouts have more time in the summer to participate in Scouting. Why not plan one or two activities a month for your Scouts? Day camp provides a great start to your summer

program. Now you can plan two or three special pack activities to go along with the camping programs. Plan a pack picnic, go to the park, or attend a baseball game. There are hundreds of great summer activities. Get the dates of council camping programs on your calendar, then set the dates for your pack activities. Communicate this information as early as possible to your families. Make your pack's summer activities a family event and lots of fun. Family schedules are busy during the summer and not all families will be able to attend, but if you plan early, most will be able to participate in a high percentage of your activities.

Boy Scout Troops:



Boy Scout summer camp is the highlight event for Scouting. Every boy deserves the chance to enjoy summer camp. Camp Manatoc provides a great camping experience for our Scouts. **The key is early planning.**

Plan a camp promotion night for your troop. Invite families to see the presentation. Your Order of the Arrow chapter and district camping chairman stand ready to provide this program. It is important to encourage every Scout to participate in camp. It will be an experience that he will never forget.

As we go into spring, continue to plan for your summer camping programs and activities.

Along with your district day camp, summer camp, and some activities mentioned in this article, your summer program is almost planned.

Council Information

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.

New campmaster sponsored programs at Camp Stambaugh

Camp Stambaugh's campmasters are offering some new programs this year! See the list below:

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/27/17	9 a.m.	CPR/First Aid	Rotary Cabin
6/3/17 & 6/4/17	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Wilderness First Aid	Rotary Cabin
6/3/17 Adults Only	9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.	BB Gun/ Archery Training	Brown Pavilion
7/7/17-7/8/17		Cub Adventure Camp	Camp Stambaugh
10/21/17	9 a.m.	JOTA	Camp Stambaugh
10/21/17	7:30 p.m.	Haunted Carnival	Stambaugh Dining Hall
September- April	1st Saturday of each month	Movie & Popcorn	Rotary Cabin

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)

It's a SNAC attack!

That's right, SNAC (the Special Needs Advisory Committee) is offering training and support for ALL of our units throughout Great Trail Council. Whether there is a Scout with hearing-impairment, or a den with a major behavioral problem, we can offer resources, observations, and real time help.

Advancement can also be an issue for Scouts with documented disabilities. If a Scout cannot advance, calling SNAC should be one of your FIRST actions. We have tools, the National resources, and expertise to help ALL Scouts wishing to advance do so on a level playing field. (**Don't wait** until the Scout is 17 years, 6 months, 3 days and 28 minutes old to decide there's a spontaneous disability that appeared out of thin air---those situations tend to end unhappily for all involved.)

If you'd like to JOIN our SNAC meetings, April 19 at 7 p.m., at Great Trail Council, we'll have lively discussion, training, planning and assignments, and reports on the status of Universal Scouting throughout our council.

Please feel free to contact Wendy Greathouse at 330-256-0996 or wendygreathouse@gmail.com or our intrepid Field Director Dennis Vargo at 330-773-0415 ext. 214. (Those panicking should call Dennis first. Those who have pre-planned and are calm and collected should ABSOLUTELY call Wendy first.)

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

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!

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.

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!**

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

2017 National Scout Jamboree

The Boy Scouts of America announced the official theme and logo for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, a celebration of Scouting held every four years for Scouts, Venturers, volunteers, and staff from across the nation.

The 2017 theme, “Live Scouting’s Adventure,” speaks both to Scouting’s century-old tradition of creating adventures that develop young people into the leaders of tomorrow and to the developing adventures of the next century of Scouting.

This will be the second jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia’s adventure sports region known as the New River Gorge. Located on a sprawling 10,600 acres, the property includes more than 5 miles of zip line and challenge courses, 36 miles of mountain bike trails, and 13 acres of shooting sports ranges, as well as venues for kayaking, rock climbing, bouldering, skateboarding, BMX, and various other activities.

The jamboree is open to active youth members and adult volunteers in BSA programs. The Great Trail Council Jamboree Contingent will be leaving July 18, for a day of touring before arriving at the jamboree on July 19. They will return to Akron on July 28. The cost of the 2017 National Jamboree is \$1,350. The first payment of \$350 is due with registration and will be invoiced after registration is accepted. The balance of \$1,000 is due on May 1. Youth ages 12 and older can register at www.bsajamboree.org. We have four Boy Scout slots and two Venturer slots that remain open. If you need more information contact **Shannon Sinex** at ssinex@bsamail.org.

2017 National Youth Leadership Training

June 11—June 16
Camp Butler



NYLT is an exceptional training opportunity for youth who are members of Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews and is open to both males and females. It’s 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 per participant payable by April 17. *After April 17 the fee is \$225.*

Space is limited so please sign-up early. Registration will be made **online only** at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-gtcnylt>. For more information contact Course Scoutmaster **Charmaine Schiele** at 330-607-8081 or casmarch5@yahoo.com. Course Scoutmaster **Jeff Peterson** at 330-523-6600 or jdpete449@icloud.com.

Staff Advisor **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415 ext. 214 or dvargo@bsamail.org.

Program Planning Workshops coming to district roundtables in May

Your district will conduct an important workshop designed to show you the importance and the how-to of developing a year-round, 12-month, planned program for your pack, troop, crew, or post. You’ll receive your unit’s entire program planning packet and materials.

All of this material, and the important training that goes with it, will ensure that you get a head start on planning your 2017-2018 program year—and it will ensure that your youth members and their families will be active, excited, and involved in your events, activities, and meetings because we know that a 12-month program keeps kids and families involved and active in Scouting.

Make sure your unit is represented at your district’s May roundtable!

District/Date	Location
Arrowhead May 10—7 p.m.	Electrical Trades Institute 4550 Research Pkwy., NW, Warren
Chippewa May 11—7 p.m.	Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
Lakes May 11—7 p.m.	Prince of Peace Church 1281 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Moecomdws May 11—7 p.m.	St. Stephen Lutheran Church 3725 Kent Rd., Stow
Old Portage May 11—7 p.m.	First Baptist Church 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron
Seneca May 11—7 p.m.	Kent United Church of Christ 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Tri-Fires May 11—7 p.m.	Northwest Ave. Church of Christ 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
Whispering Pines May 4—7 p.m.	Westminster Presbyterian Church 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman

Recognize your NYLT trained youth

Now there’s a new way to identify those Scouts and Venturers who have taken **National Youth Leadership Training**, the council-level course also known as NYLT.

The NYLT trained strip emblem, available at the Scout Shop, is worn instead of the “Trained” strip.

Council Information

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: **Victoria Schmidt**
From: Robert & Janet Hixenbaugh
 Chris Lammlein & Thomas
 Kreinbrink

In Memory of: **Nick Rusanowsky**
From: Lynne Abramovich
 Sue Howorth
 Dale Dettra
 Ellen Daugherty

In Memory of: **Charlotte Horvath**
From: Dawn Nabors
 Debra & Daniel Sutter
 Helen Fleming

Tour and Activity Plans no longer required by National office!

As of April 1, the National Council, BSA has terminated the Tour and Activity Plan requirement. Units will no longer have to file any trip forms. This is intended to cut back on paperwork for unit leaders.

The BSA has adopted a flexible risk assessment strategy for your use. This is summarized in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, and detailed in the *Enterprise Risk Management Guidebook*.

The BSA program includes several planning tools (*Checklists, The Sweet 16 of BSA Safety, Flying Plan*) that are designed not for "filing," but to prompt discussions and conversations about risks.

The program hasn't changed. For example, permission from parents is still needed to take youth on a trip, as would be program requirements for annual health and medical records for all participants. No policy or procedure can replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults and leaders at the point of program execution.

From the Registration Desk...

Chartering Info

By now all charters for all districts should have been turned in to the council office. We are working as quickly as possible to complete the charter process on our end. You should be receiving your charter certificates, rosters and membership cards soon. In the mean time, if you have someone that needs their membership card a temporary card can be printed from Internet Advancement or www.my.scouting.org.

Merger Info

The merger of the Arrowhead, Whispering Pines and Pathfinder Districts is complete as far as their files in ScoutNet, so we are now able to look up information for you. We are still processing some charters and registration, which should be done soon. Merit badge counselors and district leaders have been rechartered, as well as council leaders and executive board members new to our council. If you did not have current Youth Protection Training we were not able to register you. Emails have been sent to those needing YPT. When we receive the copy of your YPT certificate we will be able to get you registered.

Training Records

Each unit's Key 3 has access to their leaders training records. You can print YPT aging reports as well as training needed reports. It's to your advantage, especially at charter time, to make sure that each of your leaders has current Youth Protection Training. This is the number one defect on charters. If you do a unit training for YPT, one of the Key 3 can go to www.my.scouting.org and enter the Youth Protection Training.

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

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Ross Adair	252	02/01/17
Alexander Bajzer	387	01/31/17
Benjamin Bullock	65	01/17/17
Matthew Butt	454	01/07/17
Zachary DeWitt	387	01/31/17
Colin Hornish	304	02/05/17
Joseph Hritsko	132	02/17/17
Michael Koehn	513	01/31/17
Matthew Leu	518	02/06/17
Andrew Muha	155	01/31/17
Austin Mullen	777	02/15/17
Douglas Rohal	573	02/15/17
Thomas Rose	132	02/17/17
Noah Sigsworth	385	02/08/17
Jacob Stringham	4015	01/26/17

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.

Oh No, a New Thing!

By Barry Smith, Asst. Council Commissioner

Sometimes packs and troops are like boxes. Once we have a pattern of how to get things done with the activities and advancement and outings and camps, we get comfortable. We sigh in relief that things are going well, youth and adults seem happy, people are looking forward to events, some families even increased their Friends of Scouting contribution. Your troop got some Webelos over the bridge or your pack is looking forward to next fall's School Nights. Life is good.

I hate to mention this, but you may be stuck in the box. Like a cat in a carton, you may be comfortable, but the problem is everything you see is going swell, but you aren't looking outside of the box. Let me tell you what's out there, more youth (and their families.) There are boys that moved into the area recently or who couldn't make it to that last fall School Night or they DID make it but mom was worried about sister who was sick or dad was between jobs or any number of other things that meant the timing wasn't right.

Yeah, I know you knew that, but those boys are still out there. Some will never join, but some will if given a reason and another chance. And this is the season of reasons. Every Scouter knows the best time for outings is coming up. Weather is getting better for nature hikes or ballgames or field trips. And camp is coming soon. When is the best time to become a Scout? It's not now, I don't know when.

But for it to happen, you have to climb out of the box. Last month there was an excellent article on round-up. Great ideas that the best packs and troops already do. Maybe you don't feel like doing all the things mentioned, but to leave the box, you just have to do something, one thing, anything that shows a youth outside the unit that there's a world of fun to be had and that in Scouting, we care. Come on, jump out. Go get a new Scout, or two, or...

Spring

The meaning of the Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

- **Trustworthy:** A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises.
- **Loyal:** A Scout is loyal to those to whom loyalty is due.
- **Helpful:** A Scout cares about other people.
- **Friendly:** A Scout is a friend to all.
- **Courteous:** A Scout is polite to people of all ages and positions.
- **Kind:** a Scout treats others as he wants to be treated.
- **Obedient:** A Scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop.
- **Cheerful:** A Scout looks for the bright side of life.
- **Thrifty:** A Scout works to pay his way and to help others.
- **Brave:** A Scout faces danger even if he is afraid.
- **Clean:** A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses his friends who also live by high standards.
- **Reverent:** A Scout respects the beliefs of others.

Preventing emergencies



One of the best ways to deal with emergencies is to do everything you can to decrease the chances of them happening in the first place.

Before you head out on a Scout trip, keep in mind the BSA's Trek Safety plan:

- ◆ Make sure your group includes trusted adults who can take responsibility for the group's safety.
- ◆ Keep yourself in good physical condition.
- ◆ Make sure your trip plan matches the skillset of your group.
- ◆ Use the right gear.
- ◆ Leave details of your trip with someone back home.
- ◆ Keep an eye on the weather.
- ◆ Make sure everyone knows the rules.

Council Information

2017 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.

Units 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



2017 Friends of Scouting

The best method of funding our Scouting programs is through our **annual "Friends of Scouting" Campaign**. This campaign helps us maintain Camps Manatoc, Butler and Stambaugh, provides training for over 5,000 adult volunteers, allows us to provide supplemental accident insurance to all registered Scouts and leaders, and gives us the "backing" to provide a Scout Service Center (Scout Shop, training facilities, training records, and professional staff.)

How can you become a Friend of Scouting?

If you are a **unit** (Scouts, adult leaders, families) you will be asked by your District Family Chairman to pick a date to **conduct a Unit Family FOS Presentation**. This date should be the best annually attended Scout function so all families can hear our Scouting Story and have a chance to donate. Remember it costs the Great Trail Council \$150.00 above and beyond all registration fees to "Scout a Boy" for a year!

New Great Trail Council video

Please check out our new community leaders video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW3XURWXDI0> "Distinguished Akronites Talk Scouting."

Make an online donation

If for some reason you are unable to attend your unit's Family FOS presentation, you can donate online by going to:
<https://scoutingevent.com/433-FOS2017>
It's as easy as that!

Questions? Call Development Director Jody Gildersleeve at 330-773-0415 ext. 218 or email Jgilders@bsamail.org.

THANK YOU!
For Helping Scouts Earn Their Way to Camp!
Over 85% Goes to Scouting

The proceeds from each Camp Card sold, directly supports local BSA Councils and their goal of sending as many Scouts to camp as possible. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy the discounts on the front of your card. We also hope you take advantage of the great local offers available to you as an exclusive benefit found on the backside of your card.

Over \$100 in local savings when you activate your membership

Activate Your Membership
Visit: www.boyscoutscampcard.com

Download Mobile App
Search: "SaversGuide" in the Apple or Android App Store

Once you've activated your membership, simply download the mobile app and login with the email address and password that you registered with.

- Over 400,000 offers available throughout North America
- Enjoy up to 50% off on EVERYDAY savings
- Save on Dining, Shopping, Entertainment, Travel, Services, & Online Deals
- Save at home, work, or where you vacation

Have a customer service question: 1-800-464-0249

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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



Arrowhead Cub Scout Day Camp



This year's theme is "CSI: Honoring Local Superheroes." Arrowhead Day Camp is partnering with the City of Warren to hold the five day event in Warren's **Packard Park, June 5-9**. Save the date now to make sure your Cub Scouts are ready for a once in a lifetime experience! Registration will be online at

www.scoutingevent.com/433-ahcsdc, please start your planning now.



Come on out to roundtable!

Roundtables are the second Wednesday of every month at the Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio, **4550 Research Parkway NW, Warren, OH 44483**.

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.

Recognition Dinner is May 7

This year the Arrowhead District Recognition Dinner will be May 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church in Warren. Please look 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.

35th Annual Mill Creek MetroParks Earth Day Cleanup!



Come join us for the 35th Annual Mill Creek MetroParks Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 22. Put this date and community service project in your calendar for your program year planning. Details from Mill Creek MetroParks has been emailed out to all unit leaders,

committee chairman and chartering organization representatives. Registration is now open. As in past years, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Register early per the instructions to reserve your favorite site.

New this year: Mill Creek MetroParks Ford Nature Center is hosting a Conservation Cookout (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) after this year's Mill Creek MetroParks Earth Day Cleanup, so come celebrate and enjoy some food, snacks and drinks while also learning about conservation and environmental science.

Registration is required for this activity so that the Ford Center will have enough food on hand.

Questions? Contact Cleanup Chairman **Mike Kupec** at mike.kupec@gmail.com or by phone at 330-519-3988.

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 April 19 meeting will be held at our new location: **4314 Mahoning Ave., Warren, OH 44483, Classroom Building Room #233**

April

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| 1 | District Pinewood Derby—Eastwood Mall, Target Concourse |
| 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 |
| 22 | Earth Day—Mill Creek Metroparks Ford Nature Center |
| 27 | Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church |
| 27 | FOS Breakfast—Avalon Inn |
| | Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9 |

May

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| 7 | District Recognition Dinner—Christ Episcopal Church |
| 10 | Roundtable Picnic—Electrical Trades Institute |
| 17 | District Committee—Kent State Trumbull, Classroom Building Room #233 |
| 18 | Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church |
| 25 | Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church |
| | Registration \$16 Boys' Life \$8 |

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. 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 or **Tracy Buchheit** at labreeze@frontier.com.

Rank	Registration Start/End	Race Start/End
Bear	8:30-9:20 a.m.	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Webelos	8:30-9:20 a.m.	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Adult/Siblings	11:15-11:40 a.m.	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Tiger	Noon-12:50 p.m.	1:00-2:30 p.m.
Wolf	Noon-12:50 p.m.	1:00-2:30 p.m.

And the award goes to...

Dedicated volunteers, on April 13, at Medina United Methodist Church, we will award deserving recipients the Award of Merit. This award symbolizes outstanding service at the district level. It is the highest recognition a community staff volunteer can receive. Over the years the Chippewa District has honored several peers. Most recently, **Dick Heilman, Tom Mole, Steve Trommer, Paul Turner, Betsy Nicewander, Andrew West, Wayne Kosman, Richard Walker, Alan Hallock and Linda Sullivan** to name a few. Please join us at 7 p.m., for our roundtable program to unveil this year’s outstanding Scouting leader. We plan to celebrate with coffee and bakery after the meeting.

Thank you

Thanks to **John Naizer** and all the active **commissioners** for the work you’ve done in preparation and completion of rechartering units! Thank you for your efforts!

Have some fun, learn new things! Come to roundtable!

Roundtables are a fun interactive way for Scouters to learn about programs and meet fellow Scouters within the Chippewa District. If someone from your unit hasn’t been attending roundtable we would encourage you to attend. Listed below is the upcoming schedule.

- **April**
District Awards & Recognition
- **May**
Council calendar distribution, summer programs
- **June**
Scouting intermission– roundtable break. Enjoy the outdoors!
- **July**
Scouting intermission– roundtable break. See you at camp!
- **August**
Fall Kick-Off Scouting recruitment



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
May	
11	District Annual Elections/Roundtable—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
27	Honor Our Heroes—Rittman National Cemetery
27-29	Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
	Registration \$22 Boys’ Life \$11

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Lakes District Dinner is April 20

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 20. The dinner will be at: Health & Wellness Center, Green, 1940 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Catering will be provided by Nosh Eatery and Creative Catering. 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, 2017 for consideration.

May roundtable

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron for the Lakes District Roundtable. May is our annual **program planning** roundtable. This is where all the units get their packets to plan their program for the following year. It seems way too soon to start thinking about September now, but the object is to have a committee meeting over the summer to plan so that your unit is up and running in September. This year we will be continuing our tradition of having meatball subs, we like to refer to this as Meatball May. We ask that attendees bring a covered dish with them and everyone participates in the banquet that we will enjoy. So, mark your calendar and we'll see you there.

National Summertime Pack Award

Your pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities during the summer – one in each June, July and August.

The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during time periods when school is out. The main benefit of participating in this program is to keep the interest of the Scouts over the summer and to retain their membership for the following year.

Look in the resources and forms section of your Cub Scout Leader book for the National Summertime Pack Award form and start planning for the summer!

CSI: Cub Scout Investigation Lakes District 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 and includes t-shirts. Please start planning now! Register at:

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

April

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera, Arlington Ridge Marketplace, 790 Arlington Rd., Akron
 - 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 13 Roundtable—6:50 p.m.—Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
 - 20 District Dinner—6:30 p.m.—Health & Wellness Center, 1940 Town Park Dr., Uniontown
 - 29 District Pinewood Derby—MAPS Air Museum, 2260 International Pkwy., North Canton
- Registration \$22 Boys' Life \$11**

May

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Panera, Arlington Ridge Marketplace, 790 Arlington Rd., Akron
 - 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 11 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
 - 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
- Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10**

Moecomdws District

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District Awards

Thank you to everyone for submitting your nominations for District Awards. The results will be in next month’s *Scouters’ News*. This year’s awards will take place on April 20, 7:15 p.m., at St. Stephen’s Lutheran. Desserts and refreshments will be served, and we are taking donations for payment! Flyers can be found at roundtable, the Council Service Center, saddlebags, or emails wnieman@bsaemail.org.

Camp Cards are available!

Are you looking for an easy fundraiser to help send Scouts to camp? **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 in 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 two special offers (front tabs) at Bob Evans and Papa Johns and also allows the consumer to select up to 10 “premium discounts”!

Units participating in this program will **earn 50% commission** (\$5.00) on each \$10 Camp Card they sell. Units can sign up at roundtable or at the office, and can sell until May 11, giving Scouts over two months to sell and make lots of cash!

Please contact **Brad Miller** at Brad@gtcbsa.org or 330-773-0415 ext. 240 to get your Camp Cards!

CSI: Honoring Local Heroes Moe Day Camp



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.

Register at:
<http://www.scoutingevent.com/433-moecsdsc>.

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.

Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with Wayne at wnieman@bsaemail.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!

May roundtable

Be sure to join us for our VERY IMPORTANT planning roundtable in May. It is the final roundtable of the year, and very important for your yearly planning conferences. At the roundtable, packets will be distributed that will help your unit successfully plan for the upcoming Scouting year. Get all of the necessary dates, flyers, and helpful information on May 11, 7:15 p.m., at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church!

Moe District Pinewood Derby



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!

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April

- 1 Cub Leader Training—Holy Family School, Stow
- 8 District Pinewood Derby—Holy Family School, Stow
- 14-16 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 20 District Awards—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen’s Lutheran
Registration \$22 **Boys’ Life \$10**

May

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 14 Mother’s Day
- 11 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen’s Lutheran
- 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
Registration \$20 **Boys’ Life \$9**

Old Portage District

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Family Friends of Scouting



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 and council camporees, klondikes, 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 in the Great Trail Council. If you have any questions about the FOS campaign please contact Old Portage Family FOS Chair **Eric Matheny** at matheny54@hotmail.com.

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 & streamer. The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet after school is out.

Old Portage Day Camp



Mark your calendar now! 2017 Old Portage Day Camp will be a couple of weeks earlier this year—**July 10-12**. If you are interested in helping out this year (or have Boy Scouts that would be interested), please let **Stacy Bechtel** know ASAP as we are

in the beginning stages of planning. Contact Stacy at stacybechtel@hotmail.com.

More information to come!

Annual Recognition Night is April 20

This year we will meet at **Faith Lutheran Church at 2726 W. Market St., 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.



Worked on that recharter?

We hope so! The internet recharter window was open February 1 until March 31. **If you have not turned in your charter, any additional applications that you added to your charter, copies of Youth Protection cards and your check, are now past due. Please bring to the Great Trail Service Center (1601 S. Main St., Akron) immediately.**

Don't forget to complete the **Journey to Excellence** form along with your other recharter paperwork—JTE is very important as we work, across the country, to make our Movement the quality program for kids we all want it to be. Journey to Excellence helps us set goals, measure how we're doing at "Delivering the Promise" of a quality Scouting program to kids and families, and gives us tangible ways of making our units better. So, don't forget to complete your JTE form when you turn in your charter.

Questions on JTE or recharter or need help? Contact our District Commissioner **Anbu Kuppusamy** at 330-696-0074 or anbu_nee@yahoo.com.

April

- 1 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 20 District Annual Recognition Night—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
Registration \$24 Boys' Life \$12

May

- 4 District Committee/Annual Elections—7 p.m.—Bath United Church of Christ
- 5 Boy Scout Leader Training
- 5 BALOO/OWL Training
- 8 Council Recognition Dinner
- 11 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
- 12 Roundtable/Camp Card Turn-In—7:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
Registration \$22 Boys' Life \$11

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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Family FOS Campaign

The 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.

Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation may be done at roundtable in April! **Our 2017 Family Friends of Scouting chairman this year is Mike Rowe. He will be contacting you as well to help schedule. Mike can be reached mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net or 330-351-3283. You may also call 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.

Seneca Recognition Night

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: Clyde Hazel Award, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chair, and Crew Advisor. **Nominations were due on March 10.**

Day camp is right around the corner

CUB SCOUT INVESTIGATORS, are you ready for Seneca's Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Butler? Be sure to put July 13, 14, and 15 on your calendar to enjoy three fun filled days of crafts, swimming, archery and many other advancement opportunities. Watch for the announcement on Facebook when online registration begins. Be the first in your pack to sign up and encourage your fellow Scouts to join in the fun. Parents and Cubs can also participate in an overnight experience for only \$10 more a person. Parents and leaders are encouraged to join us on Thursday, May 11, from 7-8, at the Kent United Church of Christ for more information and a Q&A session. For questions or more information contact Camp Director **Stephanie McLean** at themcleancrew@gmail.com or 234-218-0075, or Program Director **Cindy Olesh** at Cindy@Maverickindustries.com or 330-221-3694.

Cub Scout Fishing Derby

This is a “save the date” for the 2017 Fishing Derby, to be held on **June 3!** We are going to be partnering with the Kent Parks and Rec again this year at Lake Hodgson! Look for updates in your saddlebags and at upcoming roundtables!

Seneca Pinewood Derby

Hey Cub Scouts, mark your calendars for the best district level pinewood derby to be held on **Saturday April 8, at Maplewood Career Center, 7075 St. Rt. 88, in Ravenna.** Registration and weigh-in will be held from 9-10 a.m. Racing will start at 10 a.m. There will be plenty of activities for all to keep everyone interested! Contact **Valerie Lucarelli** at digitalchick@gmail.com for any questions. For official rules go to:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6owD9ZouNMoUTNCNUNibUZCZG8/view>.

Cutting edge communications

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

Also take a look at our updated website, www.SenecaDistrict.org to be kept up to date on all the happenings in the district and the council!



April

- 8 District Pinewood Derby—9 a.m.—Maplewood Career Center, 7075 St. Rt. 88, Ravenna
- 14-16 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 20 Roundtable/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent (Note: this is the third Thursday of the month, NOT the second!)
- 27 FOS Report Meeting #3
Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10

May

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 6 BALOO/OWL Training
- 11 Roundtable/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 14 Mother's Day
- 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9

Tri-Fires District “Fired Up Scouting!”

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District Pinewood Derby



Thank you to **Greg Upole** and **Pack 3361** for hosting this year's Tri-Fires District Pinewood Derby. Over 50 racers showed up for a day of racing, fellowship, and fun! This was Pack 3361's second and final year hosting the derby, so we are looking for a host for 2018-2019. The results of the race were:

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tigers	Nathan Graham	Nathan Heath	Eli Clark
Wolves	Landon Brown	Wyatt Kugler	Dominic Nichols
Bears	Keagan Leffers	Logan Kakiiov	Skyler Gordon
Webelos	Brendan Daugherty	Tristan Mellinger	Bobby Shaddix
Family	Noah Graham	Jason Henthorn	Alexus Marr

Every Scout deserves a chance to camp!

All donations to the donation jar at roundtable will be applied to camperships.

Each adult leader attending roundtable February through May will have a ticket entered for a drawing. (More attendance from your unit means more chances for your unit to win!)

At the May roundtable all donations will be counted and split 50/10. Two tickets will be drawn (one pack, one troop) for camperships.

“CSI—Honoring Local Heroes” Tri-Fires Day Camp



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 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.



Recognition Dinner/Awards Nominations

Come join us Thursday, April 20, from 6:30-8 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 have your reservations in to the Scout Shop or turned in at roundtable by April 1.

New spring recruits

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with **Wendy Greathouse** at 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 leader in the spring? Don't miss out on a great opportunity. Also, every troop should have an open house!

Make a plan 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 & 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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April

- 1 Cub Leader Training—Holy Family School, Stow
 - 14-16 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
 - 20 District Dinner/Volunteer Recognition—6:30 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- Registration \$20 Boys' Life \$10**

May

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 8 Council Dinner—St. Thomas Orthodox Church
 - 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge
 - 14 Mother's Day
 - 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9**

Whispering Pines District

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Roundtables held monthly

Roundtables are held monthly at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., in Boardman. 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, April 6**, 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 Aquatics
- Boy Scouts:** Swimming and Water Safety

"CSI Investigators" Day Camp



Join us this summer for **Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Stambaugh**. Registration is now open for our "Cub Scout Investigators" Day Camp! Cub Scouts should be ready for visits from our local police, fire, EMT, and more! Participate in Scouting activities such as BB guns, archery, and craft projects.

Cost is \$65/Scout until June 1 and \$85/Scout after June 1. The day camp will be **July 24-28** from 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Direct all questions to Day Camp Director **Samantha Marscio** by e-mailing smmarscio@gmail.com. Register online today: <http://www.scoutingevent.com/433-wpcsdsc>

Summer planning

It is important to make sure that both Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops are making their summer plans accordingly. For Cub Scout packs specifically, sometimes it may be a bit more difficult to decide what types of activities you want to include in the summer months.

For pack planning, and information on the Summertime Pack Award, please visit: http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central/NationalSummertime.aspx
For individual planning, and information on the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, please visit: www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/CSOutdoorActivityAward.aspx

2017-2018 calendars coming!



Please mark your calendars for our annual Calendar Kick-Off Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 4, at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. This will take place during our monthly roundtable meeting. You will receive your 2017-2018 calendar complete with planning information for the upcoming

Friends of Scouting Campaign

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who have made this year's Friends of Scouting Campaign a HUGE success! Because of the hard work of our Family Friends of Scouting presenters: **Kenny Day, Tony Di Tomasso, Ed Filicky, Alex Gabriele, Beth Harnishfeger, Brian Hetzel, Kurt Hilderbrand, Tim Kneen, Bill Moss, Rory Phelan, Shar Phelan, and Paul Pinto**; and also our 2017 Celebration of Scouting Breakfast Committee: **John Barkett, Katie Burkey, Albin Dearing, Stephen Halloran, Kurt Hilderbrand, Mike Kupec, Laura Kupec, Mark Luke, Bill Moss, John Russell, and John Yerian**, the Whispering Pines District has been able to reach 100% of their overall Friends of Scouting goal! Without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, this would not have been possible, a sincere THANK YOU to you all.

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
- 22 35th Annual Millcreek Park Cleanup
- 25 12th Annual Celebration of Scouting Breakfast—7:30 a.m.

Registration \$18 Boys' Life \$9

May

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Public Library
- 3 Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Public Library
- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman Public Library
- 4 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church

Registration \$16 Boys' Life \$8

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Highest Council Award for Grund and Murphy



At the Council Venturing Dinner, on February 26, our VOA President, Anna Grund, and our Council Venturing Chairman, Elizabeth Murphy, were honored by receiving the Council Venturing Leadership Award. The VLA

is chosen by past recipients based on nominations submitted and is the highest council award given for service to Venturing. Congratulations.#

Applications for Council Venturing President and Vice Presidents

Do you know someone who has a passion for Venturing and a desire to have fun and grow as a leader? Then get them to apply for a Council VOA officer by April 15. They can get an application at www.GTCVenturing.org/apply and will need parents' and Crew Advisor's signature. For more information see the job descriptions on the application form or contact Kimberly Myers at Advisor@GTCVenturing.org.

Crew elections and officer training

CREW OFFICER BRIEFING

Crew elections for a one-year term begin your crew's program year. Most crews hold this election in the summer or early fall to follow the school year. This has the advantage of putting summer high-adventure plans far enough off for adequate preparation. After your crew elections, the Crew Advisor immediately holds a *Crew Officer Briefing* with the new Crew President and officers to (1) cover the history of the crew and its program, (2) review the agenda and date of the upcoming *Crew Officer Seminar* including tasks that need to be completed before the seminar, and (3) discuss the crew's code of conduct and operating procedures.

VOA Conference Call, 2nd Sun., 7:30 p.m.

Crew Presidents and Crew Advisors are members of the Council Venturing Officer Association and are invited to each conference call if we have your contact information. Go to: www.GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident to make sure we include you.

Have a trained youth run your seminar



Contact

Advisor@GTCVenturing.org to arrange for a trained youth facilitator to lead your *Crew Officer Seminar*. You can do this at any time, including before your elections, but allow at least a month

between contact and the *Crew Officer Seminar*. The earlier you make contact the better. A member of the VOA, a council Crew Officer Facilitator, will meet with the Crew Advisor and Crew President before the day of the seminar to help you understand and be ready. This seminar should be held in a place you choose in a relaxed setting mixing in fun with the work. You may plan your annual program during the seminar, or have your officers trained to do so at a future meeting of your crew. The new officers should complete *Crew Officer Orientation* online before the *Crew Officer Seminar*. (From Chapter 3 of *Handbook for Venturers, especially pp 86-93*)

ILSC and other youth training

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) is a training for all crew members, is required for the Discovery Award and for attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and should be scheduled during the program year and in any event before NYLT is offered. If your crew does not have the resources to put on this course contact the VOA about whether a course can be scheduled. The VOA offers ILSC and other youth training annually at the University of Scouting.

Wood Badge and mentoring

Adult advisors should take Wood Badge to be able to speak the language of the youth trained in NYLT, to know their capabilities and to help them understand how to implement their leadership skills. Mentoring for Venturers is required of Venturers before they mentor another youth for the Summit Award. Advisors should also take this training so they know what their Venturers have learned and how they can apply it in their crew.

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April

- 15 Applications for Council Venturing President and Vice Presidents due
- 28-30 WorldFest 2017 "Through the Ages" - contact WorldFest@CRVenturing.org to register

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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All hands on deck!

We have two very important events we need maximum assistance in completing. First on May 19-21, the Section 4a Conclave will be held at Camp Manatoc. What is the Section 4a Conclave? It is the gathering of six Order of the Arrow Lodges and nearly 300 Arrowmen. We will need assistance with physical arrangements, food service, and getting our buildings opened and closed.

As a special bonus and thank you Marnoc Lodge members (youth or adult) who have renewed their membership for 2017 by 5/1/2017 and provide service to the conclave will have their Marnoc Lodge Spring Fellowship (June 2-4, 2017) fee waived (a \$25.00 value!)

You can register for conclave at <http://conclave.oa-c4a.org>. If you register before 4/2/2017 it is only \$45.00.

Adult Advisor Meeting

Big Guys!

Please plan to attend an "Advisor" meeting May 6, at the Parade Field Shelter at Camp Manatoc. Before you say, but I'm not an advisor, if you're over 21 you ARE an advisor! We have not had an "adult-only" meeting in a long time, and it seems an opportune time with our lodge getting ready to grow at the end of the Conclave that we take time to huddle and get on the same page. So join our new lodge advisor (more on that in another article) for lunch at 11 a.m., on May 6, at Camp Manatoc.

New Lodge Adviser

Scout Executive Mike Jones is pleased to announce that **Allen Hoy** has agreed to serve as the Marnoc Lodge Adviser effective February 15, 2017. Allen is currently a Committee Member of Old Portage Troop 380, the GTC NCAP Chairman, and is a former Lodge Chief (back in 1983) of Marnoc Lodge. Please welcome Allen in his new role.

Ordeal #5

A fifth ordeal will be added at Camp Stambaugh on September 15-16. This is chiefly to support the members elected from units in Whispering Pines and Arrowhead Districts as well as provide service to Camp Stambaugh, but all members elected from ANY UNIT in the council are welcome to participate in any Ordeal that works into the individuals' schedule.

Ordeal Registrations/Adult Nominations

Just a reminder that Unit Election reports, Ordeal Registrations, and Adult Nominations are due to the Lodge by April 15. You can register your youth election results and choose an Ordeal date online at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-OAReport>. You can pay for the Ordeal at that time, or choose to let your Scouts' parents pay, click on the link "Letting Parent/Adult Pay for Ordeals" at the bottom of the page for the procedure. Remember that your final election report (for those units conducting their own election) and adult nominations must be submitted by April 15, for consideration with this years Ordeal Class.

Lodge Officer Elections

Will be held during the Spring Fellowship. In accordance with the Lodge By-Laws:

Article IV Paragraph 1.

"Nominations for lodge officers shall be received from (a) the nominating committee and (b) individual members of the lodge. A letter of intent from any Scout running for a Lodge Officer position must be received by the Staff Professional [Adviser](#) prior to 12:00 PM (noon) on the business day prior to elections. Both the nominees and the member submitting the nomination must be active, dues-paid members of the lodge, and consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, must have been obtained."

If you are self-nominating or are nominating another member for a position please submit those nominations to shannon@gtcbsa.org by noon on June 2, 2017. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

Vigil Honor Reunion

Please join us for our Annual Vigil Honor Reunion dinner on July 8, at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. The cost is \$15 for a steak dinner. All Vigil Honor members whose membership is current are encouraged to attend. Further information to come.

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15	Unit Elections Due
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	<u>May</u>
6	Adult Adviser Meeting—Parade Field Shelter—Camp Manatoc
19-21	Section C4a Conclave—Camp Manatoc

Marnoc Lodge cont'd.

Special Meeting

The April Lodge Executive Committee meeting will begin with a special meeting of the lodge for consideration of by-law changes. The proposed changes were approved by the Lodge Executive Committee on March 15. All youth members who have renewed their membership for 2017 are welcome to attend and vote.

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Merit Badge Midway

Please join us for Troop 177's 3rd Annual Merit Badge Midway on April 29. This event will be held at Holy Family Stow in the Lower Church Hall. This cost of this event is \$5 for the whole day. This is a great event for Scouts to meet with counselors, finish merit badges, or work on prerequisites for summer camp. For the list of merit badges or to register for this event go to <http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/> and click on the Ohio event. If you have any questions, please contact troop177meritbadgemidwat@gmail.com.

Tri-Fires District cont'd.

May planning roundtable

Be sure to join us for our VERY IMPORTANT planning roundtable in May. It is the final roundtable of the year, and very important for your yearly planning conferences. At the roundtable, packets will be distributed that will help your unit successfully plan for the upcoming Scouting year. Get all of the necessary dates, flyers, and helpful information on May 11, 7 p.m., at Northwest Ave. Church of Christ!

Venturing cont'd.

Are you recruiting?



The best crew sustainability practice is to constantly recruit. Use each event as an attraction to new members and encourage your members to invite a friend to service projects and other fun activities. If you currently do not have any 14 year old members that is a sign you need to start now. One danger to crew health is that all the members are in the same age group and thus all leave the crew about the same time. Another danger is the adults all leave at the same time as the youth. Leave your crew better than when you found it. Work hard to keep all ages involved in your crew. Ask us for ideas and check how to hold an Open House on pp. 94-99 in the *Handbook for Venturers* and see the resources on the national website <http://www.venturing.org/recruiting.html>. So hold some open houses and let us know when they are.

Seven habits for highly effective crews

Check out <http://gtcventuring.org/news/2017/01/7habits> and start improving your crew.

New national website—Venturing.org

The National VOA has just created (in 2017) a new and fantastic website at <http://Venturing.org>. Check it out, it is amazingly complete.

VenturingFest 2018 details and registration



VenturingFest 2018 will be held **at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 1-6, 2018** to celebrate Venturing's 20th birthday! Join us for quick access to the latest activities at the Summit, social events with Venturers from across the nation, an incredible birthday

celebration, and the opportunity of a lifetime! The pricing is announced well in advance, so you and your crew can fundraise to make this dream a reality: Youth: \$500 and adults: \$400 (both \$100 higher if paid after 04/30/18). Additional fee for half-day rafting excursion is optional. Register now at summitbsa.org/venturingfest.

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

May

- 1 Training Committee Meeting
- 3 Auction Committee Meeting
- 4 Finance Committee Meeting
- 5-7 [Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills](#)
- 5-7 NYLT Staff Development—Camp Butler
- 6 [BALOO/OWL Training](#)
- 6 Scouting for Food
- 8 [Council Dinner](#)
- 10 Boy Scout Camp Promotions
- 11 Camp Card money due
- 12-14 [Cub Adventure Camp](#)
- 13 New Scout Orientation
- 14 Mother's Day
- 17 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 18 District Kernel's Meeting
- 19-20 Wood Badge Staff Development—Camp Butler
- 20 [Cub Shooting Sports Training](#)
- 22 Executive Board Meeting
- 22 Funding Committee Meeting
- 23 Camping Committee Meeting
- 25 FOS Report Meeting #4
- 26 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 30 Council Commissioners Meeting

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sherrie@gtcbsa.org

Hours

Monday—Friday: 9 A.M.-6 P.M.

Saturday: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

<http://www.gtcbsa.org/scoutshop.html>

Fax order form

http://www.gtcbsa.org/forms/fax_order.pdf

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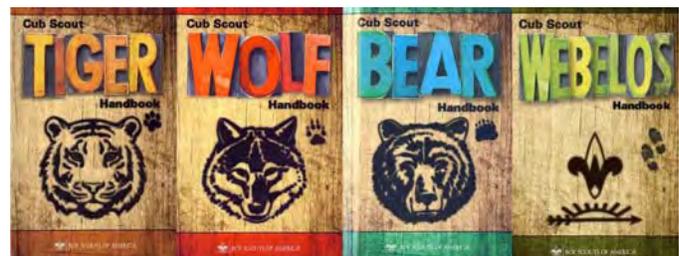
Canfield, OH 44406

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Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cub Scout Program Modifications Give Leaders More Flexibility



For more info:

www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/programupdates.aspx?=17