

# Scouters' News

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## 2017 Silver Beaver Class

We are proud to recognize these Scouters who have helped make the Scouting movement the successful program that it is today. The Silver Beaver award will be presented at the Great Trail Council Annual Recognition Dinner on May 8. Registration sign up is at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-GTCAnnualDinner>.

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

## **Council Information**

### **Great Trail Council Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner Monday, May 8**

6:15 p.m.—Punch  
6:30 p.m.—Dinner & Program

**St. Thomas Orthodox Church**  
555 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd.  
Fairlawn, OH

**\$27 per person**

**Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 4**

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

### **Youth Protection— when driving to a Scouting event**



How does the Youth Protection policy of two-deep leadership apply when driving to Scouting events? Do two adults need to be in each car? Two adults are not required per car when traveling to meetings or Scouting events. That is, as long as the “no one-on-one contact” policy is followed. So, if you are driving Scouts to a meeting, make sure you are not

one-on-one unless the one youth is your own child.

### **Strengthen your Boy Scout troop**

Is your Boy Scout troop growing? Do you have monthly campouts and youth advancement in rank and merit badges? Do you have registered adults on the committee and several assistant Scoutmasters?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, then it is time to look at what can improve your Boy Scout troop. Strengthening methods that are readily available to all Boy Scout troops include crossing over Webelos from a Cub Scout pack and hosting a troop open house for your current Boy Scouts to bring a friend.

Each Boy Scout troop should have a person in charge of planning and conducting a Webelos-to-Scout plan and troop open house program. Materials and instructions for these important efforts were handed out at the district kick-offs last fall. If you need replacement or additional materials contact your district executive who will make sure you get the resources you need.

The challenge to Boy Scout troops is to host an open house and participate in crossing over Webelos into your unit by the end of April. The goal is to have as many boys participating in your unit on May 30, as you had on December 31.

### **Here’s why character counts**

Scouting doesn’t just “happen.” Strong financial support is required to ensure a quality program is delivered to an increasing membership. Dollars contributed through Friends of Scouting are wisely managed by a volunteer board of business and community leaders. Your investment in Scouting will help steer tomorrow’s leaders in a positive direction.

### **Your Friends of Scouting dollars at work**

- Year-round camping
- Program equipment
- Cub day camps
- Program planning
- Recruiting programs
- Adult leader training
- Cub Scout overnights
- Liability insurance
- Varied activities
- Youth/adult medical insurance
- Audio visual materials
- Camp insurance
- Program roundtables
- Meeting facilities
- Trained career staff
- Monthly newsletter
- Service Center support
- Literature & supplies

### **Spring Round-Up**

The spring round-up program is broken into:

#### **Tiger Cub Graduation**

Every pack should hold a formal Tiger Cub graduation ceremony in May.

Assign every newly graduated Tiger Cub (now Cub Scout) to a Cub Scout den. Invite the Cub Scouts to attend day camp.

The pack committee reviews the Tiger Cub roster to insure that all Tiger Cubs have graduated into the pack.

#### **Webelos Graduation**

The pack and troop leadership establish a fifth grade Webelos crossover ceremony date in February, 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 by contacting your district executive at 330-773-0415.)

## **Council Information**

### **2017 National Jamboree patch set**



Get your 2017 National Jamboree Great Trail Council Patch Set now! Available only while quantities last! Only \$40 per set. Stop into the Scout Shop or order by emailing [shardest@bsamail.org](mailto:shardest@bsamail.org). No phone orders will be accepted and ship date is early May. Don't wait as limited quantities are available.

### **Bronze Pelican Award presented**



This award recognizes adults who have made significant contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth.

Christopher Ulinski—St. Hilary

Jodi Szahlender—St. Joseph

BJ Sidari—St. Gabriel

Barbara O'Brien—St. John Vianney

Sarah Weber—Queen of Heaven

John Amedeo—St. Paul

William Canan—St. Paul

Rev. Matthew Pfeifer—St. Paul

### **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](mailto:casmarch5@yahoo.com). Course Scoutmaster **Jeff Peterson** at 330-523-6600 or [jdpete449@icloud.com](mailto:jdpete449@icloud.com). Staff Advisor **Dennis Vargo** at 330-773-0415 ext. 214 or [dvargo@bsamail.org](mailto:dvargo@bsamail.org).

### **Tributes & Memorials**

**In Memory of:** **John Strickland**  
**From:** Sophie & Steve Albrecht  
Renee & Howard Pinsky  
Karin & Roy Allen  
Jane Zimmer  
Bryan & Susan Kinnamon  
Mary Ann & Scott Haley  
Elizabeth Eastman  
Bain & Inky Malone  
David & Billie Ferguson  
Summit Racing Equipment  
Marie Gore

**In Memory of:** **Richard Hartman**  
**From:** Stouffer Realty, Inc.  
Rev. Victoria & Augustine  
Standard  
Larry & Sophia Morton  
Mary Jane & Bill McGinnis  
Fred & Betty Merryweather  
Ruth Cook  
Steve & Joy Decker  
Skipper Marine of Ohio/Marina  
Del Isle

### **Invitation to join Scouting Heritage Society**

Every Scouter and Friend of Scouting is invited to join the Great Trail Council Heritage Society.

The Heritage Society recognizes those individuals who clearly see the significant benefits of Scouting and who believe deeply enough in the Great Trail Council to invest in its future.

Anyone who chooses to may qualify for membership in the Heritage Society by making an outright gift to the Great Trail Council Endowment Trust Fund, or by a planned or deferred gift to the fund through their will or estate plan.

If you need additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Scout Executive Mike Jones at 330-773-0415 ext. 238.

The next meeting of the Great Trail Council Heritage Society is planned for September 12, at 6:30 p.m., at Portage Country Club. Members of the Heritage Society will receive personal invitations.



## ***Council Information***

### **Camp Manatoc is looking for volunteers**

Heating and Cooling: spring inspections for furnaces with ac units, hot water tanks, and fall inspections for all furnaces and repairs in between. If you are interested, please contact Tom Marzulli at 330-957-8149 or email at [zoolcool.tm@gmail.com](mailto:zoolcool.tm@gmail.com). There is a workday scheduled for June 4 for the spring inspection. Meet at maintenance at 9 a.m.

Masonry work: fixing fireplaces, tuck pointing chimneys, pillar repair, and cement work. Contact Jon White at [JWhite@thinkwelly.com](mailto:JWhite@thinkwelly.com).

Lady Engineers: help with food service during Haunted Hay Ride, Breakfast with Santa, Thanksgiving Dinner and a Movie, and the Scoutmasters Breakfast. Contact Chris Bergdorf at [manatocbutler@windstream.net](mailto:manatocbutler@windstream.net). Ladies only please, selection process in place, limited space.

Wilderness Engineers: many different type maintenance projects, Haunted Hay Ride, scheduled work days, and social events. Contact Scott Caldwell at [scott@gtcbsa.org](mailto:scott@gtcbsa.org).

Tuesday Work Days: many different work projects maintaining camp for weekend use. Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., September through May. Contact Jeff Kline at [bigjeff340@gmail.com](mailto:bigjeff340@gmail.com).

Climbing Committee: run various climbing events and facility equipment maintenance. Contact Ryan Culross at [rculross1@gmail.com](mailto:rculross1@gmail.com).

Electrical Committee: many different projects including repairs and upgrades. Contact Dave Effler at [dave.effler@att.net](mailto:dave.effler@att.net).

### **Service Projects at camp**

Here is a list of service project ideas that could be done during your stay at Camp Manatoc. If you are interested and would like to schedule a project and time, please contact Scott at maintenance either by phone at 330-657-2418 or email [scott@gtcbsa.org](mailto:scott@gtcbsa.org).

Trail Work: marking the trails, clearing the brush, small trees, and marking a map with problem areas.

Cabin Maintenance: during your stay at camp take some extra time and leave your cabin better than you found it. Including extra cleaning, bunk repair, window repair, and cleaning of appliances. Ask for supplies at Administration Building.

Keeping our camp clean by hiking around, cleaning up trash and various debris to feed the dumpster.

Thank you for keeping camp clean and safe for our Scouts.

- Road repairs
- Trail maintenance
- Organize areas of camp

### **Cub Adventure Camp at Manatoc**

#### **Camp Manatoc—Shooting Weekend May 12-13 or May 13-14**

Cub Adventure Camp is for registered Tigers, Cubs and Webelos. Tigers must have at least one parent present. The cost is \$40 per person and includes a snack on Friday or Saturday, two meals on Saturday or Sunday (depending on which session you're registered for) and a t-shirt. Activities include BB's, archery, and many more experiences. You will sleep in one of our rustic cabins and need to come prepared, camp proceeds rain or shine.

Everybody needs a signed medical form parts A & B. Check in at the Administration Building between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Questions? Call **Chuck Hale** at 330-225-1484 or email [cdhale@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdhale@roadrunner.com).

Registration is online. Please register as a pack. <https://scoutingevent.com/433-cubadventure>

### **Cub Adventure Camp at Stambaugh**

#### **July 7-8**

Cub Adventure camp is for registered Tigers, Cubs and Webelos. Tigers must have at least one parent present. The cost is \$40 per person and includes a snack on Friday, two meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt. Activities include BB's, archery, crafts, sports, obstacle course, inflatable climbing wall and a bungee run.

You will need a tent, sleeping bag/blanket, toiletries, flashlight, and a change of clothes. Come prepared, camp proceeds rain or shine. Don't forget, everyone needs a signed medical form parts A & B.

Check in is at the Rotary Cabin between 6 p.m.–7 p.m. on Friday. Check out is on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Questions? Call **Chuck Hale** at 440-554-1353 or email [cdhale@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdhale@roadrunner.com).

Please register as a pack online at:

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

### **Come to Wood Badge for a leadership training like no other**

The Great Trail Council Wood Badge course is filling up, but there is still time to register at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-2017WoodBadge>

The course dates are August 25-27 and September 22-24. The cost is \$260 and the first 30 folks paid in full get a \$30 discount. A deposit of \$50 is due when you sign up.

This is the year! Don't wait any longer.

## ***Council Information***

### **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>.

### **Short-term camping at Camp Stambaugh being offered this 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.

### **Check this out! 8 new roofs at Stambaugh!**



If you're out at Camp Stambaugh, please check out the new roofs. Thanks to K. Hovnanian Home Builders, John Chiarle Construction, and the Great Trail Council, Camp Stambaugh has eight new roofs.

John and his crew put down many squares of shingles, 100 plus sheets of new plywood, and repaired several trusses. John is a Scouter and donated the labor for four of the small roofs.

K. Hovnanian donated most of the shingles, all of the plywood and the truss materials.

We would like to thank these folks for helping to maintain Camp Stambaugh and making the buildings dry and safe for out Scouts. Thank you!

### **Come join the investigation at "Private Investigators" Webelos Camp**



**Session 1: July 23-26**  
**Session 2: July 26-29**

Webelos Resident Camp is about having fun. Spend 4 days and 3 nights boating, swimming, hiking, climbing, and shooting BB guns and archery while working on requirements for 7 Webelos Adventures. This is an exciting adventure in the great outdoors that every Webelos Scout should experience.

This year's theme is "Private Investigator." Scouts will be assigned to patrols to fight evil and win the day.

The cost is \$165 per youth and \$95 per adult if paid by July 14. After July 14 the cost is \$185 per youth and \$115 per adult.

Registration is available online at:

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

Questions? Contact **Chris Bergdorf** at 330-657-2418.

### **Webelos Leaders & Parents**

#### **Resident Camp Meeting is July 18**

A meeting for all Webelos den leaders and parents will take place on July 18, at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall, at 7 p.m. You will learn how the new check-in system works along with details of your adventure at camp. You will also have the opportunity to meet the camp director and key camp staff members who can answer all of your questions. The Leader's Guide and Program Guide for Webelos Resident Camp, an extremely helpful tool, can be found online at [www.manatoc.org](http://www.manatoc.org).

Attendance is important and will help make your camp experience more meaningful.

#### **First-Year Camper Open House**



All first-year Boy Scout campers and their families are invited to a special Open House at the Camp Manatoc dining hall, on May 13, at 9:30 a.m. Scouts and their families will gather at the dining hall to learn about summer camp before their troops arrive. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served. Scouts

will visit a typical campsite and tour Camp Manatoc to discover the various summer camp program areas. Parents will have an opportunity to chat with camp leaders and have their questions answered. The program will end at 11:30 a.m. **Please RSVP to Director of Camping Chris Bergdorf at 330-657-2418 or email [manatocbutler@windstream.net](mailto:manatocbutler@windstream.net).**

## Council Information

### 2017 Friends of Scouting

For 107 years, the Boy Scouts of America has continued to teach young people the virtues of honor, respect, character, healthy living, and a true sense of good citizenship all through the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Great Trail Council prides itself on teaching these virtues through our incredible programs, trained leaders, and state of the art facilities.

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.)

### We want you to become a Friend of Scouting!

If your unit has not yet **conducted a Unit Family FOS Presentation...**this date should be set NOW! We suggest 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!

#### Individual/Family Gift – You can now give online

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!

#### Family FOS Video

Please check out our Family FOS Video on our website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x4A9-p3E5w&feature=youtu.be>

Questions-Development Director Jody Gildersleeve, 330-773-0415 ext. 218 or [Jgilders@bsamail.org](mailto:Jgilders@bsamail.org).

### 2017 VIP Popcorn Party

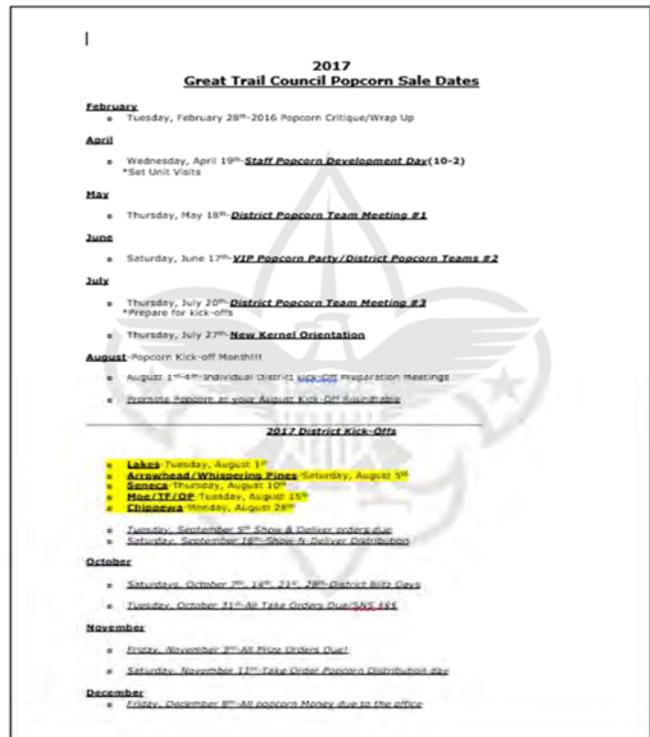
**Food, Prizes, Fellowship & Fun!!!**

**Saturday, June 17—10:00 a.m.-noon**

**Northeast Ohio Medical University(NEOMED)-4209  
OH-44, Rootstown, OH 44272**

**(Watch for your invitation in the mail!)**

### Important popcorn dates



### Camp Card money due Thursday, May 11

All Camp Card money is due to the Scout Service Center, 1601 South Main St., Akron, Ohio 44301

Attention: Brad Miller, 330-773-0415 ext.240

[Brad@gtcbsa.org](mailto:Brad@gtcbsa.org)

**Thanks for a Great Sale!**

### FOS Campaign Totals Report as of April 18, 2017

District	Goal	Family	Community	Majors	Volunteers	Total	% of Goal
Chippewa	\$82,000	\$29,956	\$14,475	NA	\$1,090	\$45,521	55%
Arrowhead	\$45,000	\$5,735	\$5,833	NA	\$2,284	\$13,852	31%
Whispering	\$33,500	\$14,875	\$25,025	NA	\$3,695	\$43,595	130%
Lakes	\$34,000	\$17,514	\$7,750	NA	\$3,175	\$28,439	84%
Moe	\$72,000	\$40,932	\$14,845	NA	\$3,320	\$59,097	82%
Old Portage	\$65,000	\$15,956	\$3,550	\$5,800	\$3,060	\$28,366	44%
Seneca	\$35,000	\$9,609	\$5,774	NA	\$2,280	\$17,663	51%
Tri-Fires	\$25,000	\$8,242	\$10,220	NA	\$2,569	\$21,031	84%
Board	\$84,000					\$80,000	95%
Business	\$149,000					\$72,076	49%
Council	\$50,000					\$20,248	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$142,819(65%)</b>	<b>\$87,472(60%)</b>	<b>\$5,800(77%)</b>	<b>\$21,473(113%)</b>	<b>\$429,888</b>	<b>64%</b>

## **Council Information**

### **From the Registration Desk...**

#### **Chartering Info**

By now all district charters should have been turned in to the council office. If we do not have your charter, you should not be meeting or having any outside activities as you are not covered by insurance. If you processed your unit's charter and received a defective notice by email your charter will remain on HOLD or the leaders needing info will not be registered. If you have questions regarding defective notices, please contact me as soon as possible.

#### **District Charters**

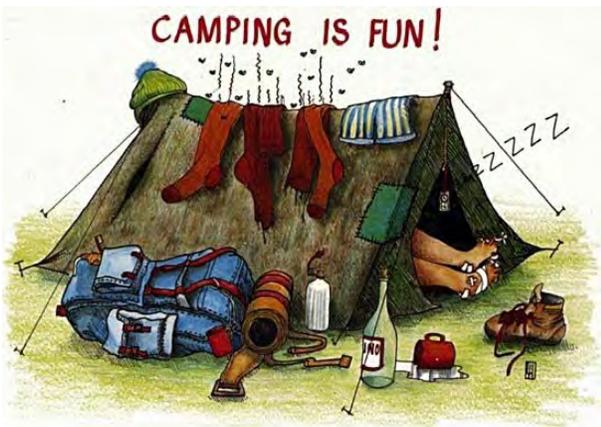
If you are registered at the district level your registration expires May 31, 2017. If you are registered as a multiple in your district position you will not receive a renewal notice. Your district executive has already approved your registration for the new charter year. If you pay in your district position you will receive a renewal notice. Please make sure that you review your renewal notice, sign and return with your \$24 registration fee by May 15. If your renewal is not received by May 31, you must complete an adult app and disclosure form, and turn in your \$24 registration fee in order to renew.

If you need to update your Youth Protection Training you should have been notified by your district executive. If it hasn't been updated by district charter time you will not be registered.

#### **Merit Badge Counselors**

We are working on the apps for new Merit Badge Counselors and hope to have that done soon so that the online list can be updated. We are finding that some of the counselors from Arrowhead and Whispering Pines were not on the online list. If you find that your name or another name is not on the list, please contact me so that I can verify your registration and what is needed.

*If you have any questions regarding registration, chartering, training records or internet advancements, or any of the above changes, please contact Council Registrar Pat Gaugler at 330-773-0415 ext. 210 or email [pat.gaugler@scouting.org](mailto:pat.gaugler@scouting.org)*



## **Eagle's Nest**



	<b>Troop</b>	<b>Eagle Date</b>
Dorian Bates	401	02/06/17
Dylan Biggs	1	03/15/17
Joshua Cain	9119	02/28/17
Nelson Custer, III	520	02/24/17
Garrett Fleming	361	03/16/17
Garret Freund	401	02/27/17
Alexander Habegger	402	03/19/17
Ryan Hartman	390	03/12/17
Tobias Kohl	500	03/07/17
Kaiden MacPherson	62	02/01/17
Gregory Muha	155	02/15/17
John Naizer	511	03/05/17
Steven Neveadomi	155	02/27/17
Theodore Renner	390	03/12/17
Stellan Riffle	777	03/13/17
Chase Saeger	517	02/15/17
Jacob Schul	310	03/28/17
Kyle Scott	9184	01/16/17
Matthew Shook	500	02/21/17
Christopher Sollenberger	511	03/01/17
Nolan Teece	575	02/14/17
Jacob Thoman	1	03/07/17
Connor Timko	4008	02/23/17
Joshua Vacarchuk	501	02/14/17
Braden Webb	400	03/02/17
Izaak Whisler	513	03/12/17

## **Council Information**

### **It's almost summertime!**

We here at SNAC (Special Needs Advisory Committee) are planning to again spend our summer with you. We'll be at Manatoc every Monday during summer camp for a special seminar, and to answer questions and concerns. Come see us, and share your triumphs and challenges with the Scouts in your care. Also, hanging out in the Admin Building, visit our intrepid Commissioner for Special Needs, Chris Scott—he's your man-on-the-scene for everything from program to problems....

And day camp is happening, with families and Cubs with Special Needs joining in to our wholly integrated council in every district. If there's a need that is out of the ordinary, please feel free to call us in advance so we can help. (Last minute, hysterical calls for help should be directed to Field Director Dennis Vargo 330-773-0415 ext. 214. He LOVES Emergent Situations!)

For those units with the more well-reasoned Scout leaders, who have read the medical forms, looked at the behavioral, physical and cognitive needs of their Scouts and perused the program to ascertain where issues may lie, please contact Wendy Greathouse with those issues—e-mail is best, wendygreathouse@gmail.com, but a call is absolutely acceptable, at 330-256-0996.

### **Eagle Scout candidates with a Special Need**

Folks, we're BEGGING you. If you have a Scout with a SIGNIFICANT disability, the time to address that issue is NOT a week before that Scout turns 18. Yes, we would rather not do the paperwork either—and yes, we know you're hopeful that the Scout may not need a time extension.

However, and let's be blunt here—your failure to plan does not constitute an emergency on our part. It would be a crying shame if a Scout didn't receive his Eagle, yes. But, let's be clear—a week is NOT enough time. The Special Needs Advisory Committee meets monthly. We will consider ALL REQUESTS at our Emergent Needs meeting, which is the second Wednesday of EVERY MONTH. Decisions will be MAILED OUT within a month of the meeting in which the request is introduced. Give yourselves enough time to receive the official response before the Scout turns 18.

Should you have an issue with the innate reasonableness of this request, you are welcome to email Wendy Greathouse at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or Dennis Vargo at dvargo@bsamail.org and share your grievances.

### **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.

#### **The Importance of a Unit Plan**

*By Joe Testa, Lakes District Commissioner*

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what keeps Scouts in the program. They like to have fun, do cool challenging stuff, go places, and learn new things, even though they might not want to admit it. But how does a unit make this happen? Good planning, that's how.

A Unit Plan is an important part of each unit. First, the planning calendar, this will inform your members of upcoming events. Each campout, meeting, and event is listed. Now, each leader and parent knows when an event will happen and can plan to be there to participate or to help. This is important, families can plan around the events the unit has on the calendar. Second, communication is also important. Emails, and newsletters will keep all informed of upcoming events and any changes to the calendar.

Ok, now you have these great events planned, but how do we pay for everything? A Unit Budget Plan will help fund your program for the year. Everyone sells popcorn, or should sell popcorn, right? Popcorn sales fund most of the units for a year. However, there are other fund raising ideas, Council Camp Cards, car washes, breakfasts, dinners, and plenty of other ideas. The important thing is to know what your unit's financial needs are for the year and to have a plan to support it. Remember, if you are not using a council run fundraiser, you need to fill out a Unit Money-Earning Application.

Now the committee can plan a successful year of Scouting. You have the events and outings, and a plan for how to pay for all the fun. A Unit Plan will make a stronger unit, it will keep everyone on the same page, and you will have the help needed to run these events. Remember, your unit commissioner is there to help. They can connect your leaders with others on the district committee to walk you through these plans. The commissioner staff is there to serve, advise, and help your unit.



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EARLY BIRD  
FEES DUE  
BY  
MAY 19!**

## Arrowhead District

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### Cub Scout Day Camp is June 5-9

Cub Scout Day Camp will be coming to the Arrowhead District June 5-9, at Packard Park. Register now to make sure your Cub Scouts are ready for a once in a lifetime experience!

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

Scouts: \$55

Siblings: \$45

Parents: \$10

Registered participants will receive a t-shirt, cup, and patch. (These items cannot be guaranteed for registrations after 05/26/17.) All participants will have the opportunity to shoot BBs and archery, make crafts, learn Scout skills, fish, and participate in games & sports!

Arrowhead District is also seeking adult Scouters, Boy Scouts, and Venturers that would like to volunteer as staff at day camp.

Day Camp Director Kim Danko can be reached at [Krystlmist@aol.com](mailto:Krystlmist@aol.com).

### Arrowhead Comic Con Spring Camporee



The Arrowhead Spring Camporee featured fun for all ages with merit badges such as Crime Prevention, Scout Skills Competition, a Magic Card Tournament, Costumes, and a Foam Party in the Parade Field! Thank you **Matt and Deanna Fuchilla** and **Troop 4054** for

putting on such a special weekend for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult Scouters.

**Congratulations to our Patrol winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Patrol Competition: **Troop 77**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Patrol Competition: **Troop 4050**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Patrol Competition: **Troop 4075**

**Costume Winner:** **Jacob Rintamaki** from Troop 77

Prizes were generously provided by Crystal Dragon Games and Hobbies, All American Cards and Comics, and Diamond Comic Distributors.

The Golden Spork Competition is an ongoing competition for adult Scouters featured at Arrowhead Camporees. This month's secret ingredient to include in the dish was Spam. Congratulations to Troop 4083's **Lucinda Lang** and **April Edwards** for preparing the winning dish of "Spam Sushi!"

### District Pinewood Derby was racing fun!

The Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby took place on April 1, at the Eastwood Mall. This was a chance for racers throughout the district to continue to compete and show off the Pinewood Derby cars skillfully crafted by each boy with the help of their families. Arrowhead District would like to thank **Mike Kaiser** and **Pack 4040**, in Girard, for orchestrating this tournament and providing a track and t-shirts for every participant. Trophies were awarded to the top three racers in Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Open Class.

**Grand Champions:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** **Hayden Billock** Pack 4025 Webelos

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** **Steven Grandon** Pack 4050 Webelos

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** **Tyler Holbrook** Pack 4050 Bear

### Eagle Scout advancement notes

With the transition to Great Trail Council there are some problems that have come up concerning Eagle advancement. First, I had asked all letters of reference come to me. Some do and some go to the troop advancement chair. From now on *all* reference letters will go to the troop advancement chair and must be on the GTC forms found on

[http://www.gtcbsa.org/GTC\\_info/forms.html](http://www.gtcbsa.org/GTC_info/forms.html)

Second, I will need to have the letters and original Eagle papers, service project workbook, and Scout's statement to me at least **3 days before the scheduled board** or the board will not be held. Please do not call to schedule the board until all of the above are in the advancement chair's possession.

The Advancement Committee meets on the third and fourth Thursdays of every month at Christ Episcopal Church at 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren. Advancement Chair: **Dr. Steve Watts** [bwatts1@neo.rr.com](mailto:bwatts1@neo.rr.com).

#### May

- 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
- 23 Arrowhead Friends of Scouting Breakfast—Avalon Inn
- 25 Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church  
**Registration \$16 Boys' Life \$8**

#### June

- 5-9 Day Camp—Packard Park, Warren
- 15 Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church
- 21 District Committee—Kent State Trumbull, Classroom Building Room #233
- 22 Advancement Committee—Christ Episcopal Church  
**Registration \$14 Boys' Life \$7**

## Chippewa District

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

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### Annual elections May 4

Chippewa's annual elections will take place at the district committee meeting on Thursday, May 4, at the Medina United Methodist Church (4747 Foote Rd., Medina, OH.) We will start at 6:00 p.m., sharp. Members-at-large and chartered partner representatives will each have a vote to approve the nominating committee report for members-at-large and district chairman.

### Program planning at roundtable

May roundtable is on Thursday, May 11, at the Medina United Methodist Church, starting at 7 p.m. We will be passing out the new 2017 council calendar along with distributing the program planning supplies for the upcoming Scouting year. Keep in mind after the May roundtable the district will break till the August Roundtable Kick-off on Thursday, August 10. GET OUTDOORS AND ENJOY WHAT CAMP HAS TO OFFER.

### Preparing for school rally nights

We need to be thinking about preparing for school rally nights this fall. Units need to select a marketing and membership chairperson to help with this year's class of fall recruits. The Chippewa District Executive and membership chairman (Andy Keller) will schedule appointments with the local school principals and submit the school flyers to the superintendent's office for approval. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Day camp's around the corner

Chippewa's Day Camp Staff has already started planning for day camp. See the list below for more information:

**Theme:** CSI

**Place:** Camp Butler

**Cost:** \$65.00

**Dates:** Session One June 26-28, Session Two June 29-July 1

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

### FOS by the numbers

Listed below are Chippewa's Friends of Scouting numbers. Thank you to all of you that have already supported the campaign. Because of you we are able to put on the best program possible for the Scouts. Our goal this year is: \$82,000 let's keep up the great work.

- Community Division \$12,225—39%
- District Volunteer \$1,090—109%
- Family Division \$29,216—58%
- OVERALL: **\$42,531—52%**

### Chippewa District says thank you!

**John Naizer, Terry Bingham, Ken Mann** for your help planning/organizing this year's District Awards ceremony, in addition to the district's roundtable program. It was nice to see so many active volunteers. Again congratulations to **Ken Kuczma, Sherri Buck,** and **Virginia Foust** who were this year's recipients of the District Award of Merit.

**Kelley McEntire** for organizing an awesome Chippewa District Pinewood Derby! Congratulations to all the racers. Believe it or not this year was the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the district derby! We are on a roll!

A special thanks to **Terry Bingham** and **John Naizer** for all the work you have done the past few months in preparation for Chippewa's elections. Along with the completion of the district recharter process. This is a very important role in sustaining a strong district.

Chippewa recipients for the Great Trail Council Silver Beaver Award: **Terry Bingham**

#### 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**

#### June

- No District Staff/Roundtable meeting this month
- 15 VIP Popcorn Meeting
- 26-28 Session 1—Chippewa Day Camp—Camp Butler
- 29-July 1 Session 2—Chippewa Day Camp—Camp Butler  
**Registration \$20      Boys' Life \$10**

## Lakes District

### “Leads the Way”

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### Cub Scout Investigation (CSI) 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 of June 30**. 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, that includes t-shirts. Please start planning now!

### 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!

### May-hem roundtable

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Council Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44301 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-hem.” We ask that attendees of this event 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.

#### 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 Commissioners 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**

#### June

- 3 Lakes District Fishing Derby—9 a.m.—ODNR District 3 Youth Ponds, 912 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron
  - 17 Lakes District Day Camp Early Bird Deadline
  - 30 Lakes District Day Camp Registration Deadline
- Registration \$18                      Boys’ Life \$9**

## Moecomdws District

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## Moe District Pinewood Derby

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual MOECOMDWS District Pinewood Derby was held Saturday, April 8, at Holy Family School in Stow. 60 Scouts from 19 packs raced in the recognition rally. The race was highlighted with prizes, t-shirts, and tons of fun! A special thanks goes out to **Tom Brownridge** and **Pack 3177** for hosting the event. The top three finishers were:

1. Rogan Allen, Pack 3180
2. Joseph Yeargin, Pack 3274
3. Brendan Elbin, Pack 3321

## “CSI, Honoring Local Heroes” 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](mailto:moedaycamp@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Congrats District Award recipients!

The following people are the recipients of this year’s district awards. Next time you see them please congratulate them. *Cub Scout Spark Plug*: **Ronda Roxbury-3161**, *Boy Scout Spark Plug*: **Tom Hutchins-177**, *Venturing Spark Plug*: **John Zastawnik-2309**, *Helping Hand Award*: **Steve Hannah**, *Partners in Scouting*: **Will** and **Jodi Munke-177**, *District Award of Merit*: **Rachel Brownridge**, *George C. Eisenman Award*: **Mike Ewald**

Also, a huge congratulation goes out to the *Silver Beaver Award* winners from Moecomdws in 2017, **Ruth Mundy** and **Jeff Kline!**

## Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with Wayne at [wnieman@bsaemail.org](mailto: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!

## Thank you, Dave!

The Moecomdws District would like to thank **Dave Harman** for 6+ years of service as district commissioner. This May, Dave will be stepping down from his position with the district, as he is being promoted to council commissioner! Congratulations Dave, it is well deserved. Your hard work and dedication to Moe District is greatly appreciated. We will miss you.

We would also like to extend a huge welcome to **Ruth Mundy**, as she will be taking over as district commissioner! She has some large shoes to fill and will do a fantastic job. Ruth has been involved with the district 15+ years, as a den leader, committee member, day camp staff member, FOS chair and presenter, and unit commissioner. She is a highly dedicated Scouter from Cuyahoga Falls, and we are thankful to have her on board!

## May planning roundtable

Be sure to join us for our 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 plan for the upcoming Scouting year. Get all the dates, flyers, and helpful information on May 11, 7:15 p.m., at St. Stephen’s Lutheran church!

This is your opportunity to see how to plan a quality year-round program. Benefits of planning ahead include:

- Journey to Excellence Award
- Summertime Pack Award
- Trained leaders
- Service to your community and your Chartered Organization
- Increased youth and adult retention

### 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 \$10**

### June

- 14 Flag Day
  - 17 VIP Popcorn—NEOMED—Rootstown
  - 18 Father’s Day—Week 1 Summer Camp
  - 19-21 Day Camp—Session 1
  - 22-24 Day Camp—Session 2
  - 24 Tiger Adventure Day
- Registration \$18      Boys’ Life \$9**

# Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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## Congratulations to our volunteers

Congratulations to **Rick Alkire and John Ertle**, this year’s recipients of the District Award of Merit and congratulations to the following Scouters who are the nominees for this year’s Old Portage District “Portage Awards”: **Brett Angle**—Pack 3390; **Stacy Bechtel**—390/District; **Giselle Davis**—Pack 3060/Troop 60/Team 6060 & Crew 2060; **Michele Dye**—District; **Felicia Lewis**—Pack 3300; **Bruce Geisendorfer**—Troop 382; **Jim Horvath**—Troop 390; **John Judge**—Pack 3390; **Shawn Robinette**—Troop 382; **Philip Slaght**—Pack 3390; **Erick Slazinski**—Troop 1.



## District Pinewood Derby was a resounding success

The Old Portage Pinewood Derby, held on Saturday, March 25, was a resounding success with over 25 Cub Scouts in attendance. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to **Steve Ferguson and Pack 3387** for all their help.

The winners are listed below!

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tigers	Sam Walker	Chad Carpenter	Christian Trenor
Wolves	John Gallagher	Henry Merrick	Logan Smith
Bears	Carter Hoffman	Leland Clark	Ian King
Webelos	Noah Angle	Joseph Demboski	James Mitter
Overall	Noah Angle	Carter Hoffman	John Gallagher

## 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 to 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.

## Old Portage Day Camp: “CSI, Honoring Local Heroes”

Day camp is coming up July 10-12, at Camp Butler, and this year’s theme is “CSI, Honoring Local Heroes.” Registrations are online, and you can email **Stacy Bechtel** at [stacybechtel@hotmail.com](mailto:stacybechtel@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## Pinewood Derby winners



### May

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

### June

- 11 NYLT begins
  - 18 Father’s Day
  - 18 Week 1 Summer Camp at Manatoc
- Registration \$20      Boys’ Life \$10**

## Seneca District

### “The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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## Family Friends of Scouting 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.

Start by selecting a unit FOS chairperson and then schedule your unit for a presentation. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation may be done at roundtable! Our Family Friends of Scouting chairman this year is **Mike Rowe**. He will be contacting you to help schedule. Mike can be reached at [mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net) or 330-351-3283. You may also call Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227, or [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](mailto: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 District Fishing Derby



The 2017 Seneca District Fishing Derby will be held on June 3, at Lake Hodgson, located at 5331 Lakewood Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266. Stay tuned for more

details about this incredible event! Questions? Talk to **Chad Roberts** at 330-221-9944, this year's chairman for the event.

## District day camp is coming soon!

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 persons 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! Our parent leaders meeting is scheduled for May 11, at the district roundtable. Please make sure all parents that have questions or are new to day camp attend this meeting! For questions or more information, contact **Cindy Olesh**, 330-221-2694 or [cindyolesh@gmail.com](mailto:cindyolesh@gmail.com) or **Stephanie McLean** at 234-218-0075 or [themcleancrew@gmail.com](mailto:themcleancrew@gmail.com). More information will be put in saddlebags!

## Seneca Recognition Night



On Thursday, April 20, at roundtable, Seneca District recognized outstanding volunteers for their dedication to Scouting and their service to the youth we serve. The following are our recipients for the 2016 Program Year District Awards: Den Leader of the Year – **Richard Lowe** (3233) Cubmaster of the Year – **Candi Urban** (3266), Scoutmaster of the Year – **Bob Osterland** (558) Committee Chair of the Year – **Anitra Roberts** (3233), Clyde Hazel Award - **Troop 257**, Seneca District Appreciation Award—**Brian Davis**, District Award of Merit – **Dan McClory** and **Elwin Robison**.

## Seneca District is online

Seneca District always strives to improve our communications to the district. Please consider “liking” our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SenecaScouts](http://www.facebook.com/SenecaScouts). Also check out our updated webpage for all the new information regarding advancements, trainings, and programs at [www.SenecaDistrict.org](http://www.SenecaDistrict.org)!



May	
4	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
6	BALOO/OWL Training
11	Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
14	Mother's Day
18	District Popcorn Chair Meeting
27-29	Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
	<b>Registration \$18      Boys' Life \$9</b>
June	
3	Seneca Fishing Derby—Lake Hodgson
18	Father's Day

## Tri-Fires District

### “Fired Up Scouting!”

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### Tri-Fires welcomes Todd Lennig

Greetings! My name is Todd Lennig, and I am glad to join Tri-Fires as your new district executive. I have two boys, 7 & 9 years old. My wife, boys and I moved to Canton in 2015 and have enjoyed getting to know the surrounding area and all that it has to offer. I look forward to meeting you all over the next several months and at different events.

### “CSI, Honoring Local Heroes” Day Camp

Day camp is coming on 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 District Executive Todd Lennig, 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](mailto:scoutmastertodd412@gmail.com).

### Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with Wendy Greathouse, [Wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:Wendygreathouse@gmail.com), 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!

### Scouting for Food

Saturday, May 6, the Great Trail Council needs you to help fight hunger in our area. Help us feed families by participating in our collection goal of 100,000 items (cans or non-perishable packages!) The food will be distributed to local food pantries of your unit’s choice throughout Summit, Portage and Medina counties to replenish their supplies after the holiday season. We challenge your district to collect 15,000 items of food!

### May roundtable planning session

Attention all district volunteers! Make sure your unit is represented at the May roundtable on **Thursday, May 11, at 7 p.m.**

Vital info will be available for your unit to start planning for next year.

Please make it a point to attend this very important roundtable. Please contact Todd Lennig 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.

### The best volunteers are in Tri-Fires!

The Tri-Fires District held its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual District Recognition Dinner on Thursday, April 20, at the Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, in Tallmadge. The district had nearly 60 people turn out to honor their fellow Scouters. Wendy Greathouse was responsible for preparing a meal fit for a king, and many others helped with registration. Many Scouters were honored with various awards (listed below). THANK YOU to the Northwest Ave. Church of Christ for being such gracious and accommodating hosts for our yearly event as well as hosting our roundtables monthly!

### Our 2017 Award Winners are...

Cub Leader of the Year	Josh Grove
Cubmaster of the Year	Tara Marr
Scoutmaster of the Year	Ken Brown
Scout Leader of the Year	Mary Ellen Selle
District Staff Members of the Year	Marnie Mellinger
Charter Partner of the Year	Firestone Park UMC
District Awards of Merit	Dan Cargill/Tosha Curren

#### 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**

#### June

- 16 M & M Chair/SNTJS Training
  - 16 Scout Day—Canal Park
  - 17 VIP Popcorn—Canal Park
  - 18 Father’s Day
- Registration \$16      Boys’ Life \$8**

## Whispering Pines District

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Whispering Pines Website <https://>



### Roundtables are held monthly

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.

### May's roundtable is for planning!

May's roundtable will be held on **Thursday, May 4**, beginning at 7 p.m. The May roundtable is our program year kick-off where you will receive your calendars and pertinent information for the upcoming year. This meeting is not one you will want to miss!

### "Cub Scout 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, EMTs, and more! Participate in Scouting activities such as BB guns, archery, and craft projects.

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

### 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, 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](http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central/NationalSummertime.aspx)

For individual planning and information on the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, please visit: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/CSOutdoorActivityAward.aspx>

### Scout Museum tours and programs

Tours can be arranged for the Scout Museum at Camp Stambaugh by calling **Bill Moss** at 330-755-6795 or better yet by emailing him at [billbpmoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billbpmoss@sbcglobal.net) with a request to tour the museum or request a special program for your unit. Both Cub packs and Scout troops are encouraged to come out to the museum and have their short meeting there and tour the museum. Boy Scouts can work on building a Commando Rope, which they get to keep - it's free. Cub Scouts can build an Indian Bone Game, which they get to keep - it's free.

We even do History Hunts for answers to questions about Scouting which can be run as a competition between dens and or patrols. We can even run a History Hunt as a station during district or council activities.

There also is a store in the museum where you can get FREE things and even buy some of the historical things from Scouting's past.



#### May

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| 3 | District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—<br>Boardman Public Library |
| 3 | Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—<br>Boardman Public Library  |
| 3 | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman<br>Public Library         |
| 4 | Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian<br>Church                 |
- Registration \$16                      Boys' Life \$8**

# Venturing

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## Annual Luau and Pool Party

Save the date, August 12, when once again the GTC VOA invites you to get all wet. Registration will open soon at [GTCVenturing.org/events](http://GTCVenturing.org/events). On the same weekend you can come to camp for the shooting weekend or the climbing weekend, both will end as the luau begins. The luau is open to Venturers from our council and the surrounding councils. Plan to spend the end of your summer with us before school starts and it gets serious again. Want to volunteer to help? Send an email to [advisor@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:advisor@GTCVenturing.org).

## Does everyone in your crew have the Venturing Award?

Everyone in your crew should have this award. This is the first step to the Summit Award and could not be easier. Even if a member chooses to not pursue the subsequent awards, this award is a recognition that your crew values their membership. The four requirements are an event with the crew outside of a regular meeting, talking to the president and advisor, taking personal Safety Awareness Training and participating in an induction ceremony. All of this is in the *Handbook for Venturers* and the requirements are online at:

<http://www.venturing.org/venturing-award.html>.

Advisors enter these awards in the online registration system (under awards) and can buy them at the Scout Shop.

## Philmont Training Center

This conference, *Growing a Venturing Program*, will be held July 9-15, at the Philmont Scout Ranch and is designed for current or future crew advisors, crew committee members, and crew officers and is open to youth 14-20 as well as adults 21+. The conference costs \$540 and other participant prices are in the 2017 Conference Brochure what can be acquired online at:

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>.

## Keep up to date

Do you read this column in *Scouters News*? You can subscribe to Scouters news on the [www.gtcbasa.org](http://www.gtcbasa.org) website to be notified of each issue. The same information in the *Scouters News* is also posted on our website at <http://GTCVenturing.org/news> so you can find even more information.

Venturing Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/GTCVenturing/>

## Are all of your adults trained?

Contact [training@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:training@GTCVenturing.org) for in-person training or check out the great online training resources now for Venturing at <http://my.scouting.org>. Here is the online plan of training for crew advisors and associate advisors including your time commitment at the computer. Committee members take the same modules to be trained and need to add SCO-530 on Journey to Excellence.

### Crew Advisor and Associate Advisor online plan.

#### **Before 1st Meeting**

SCO\_101 GETTING STARTED 8:41

SCO\_108 ADVISING VS. LEADING 10:46

SCO\_109 POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 10:37

TOTAL TIME: 31 MIN

#### **First 30 Days**

SCO\_102 OFFICER SELECTION 4:56

SCO\_103 CREW STRUCTURE 8:52

SCO\_107 EVENT PLANNING 16:56

SCO\_110 AWARDS PROGRAM 12:00

SCO\_111 OFFICER TRAINING 6:43

TOTAL TIME: 50 MIN

#### **Position Trained**

SCO\_104 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING 6:16

SCO\_105 FUNDRAISING & BUDGETING 9:29

SCO\_112 ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING 14:19

SCO\_113 SELECTING ADVISORS 8:50

SCO\_114 INTERACTING WITH YOUNG ADULTS 17:10

TOTAL TIME: 56 MIN

## Share your crew's spring and summer plans

Please share your crew's fun regardless of whether it is a bowling night or that epic trip to Philmont. Share your pictures and a paragraph about the fun. The best way is to post in the GTCVenturing Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GTCVenturing> or

send to one of our addresses such as

[advisor@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:advisor@GTCVenturing.org) or

[GTCVenturing@gamil.com](mailto:GTCVenturing@gamil.com). It will be fun to see what

everyone is doing and don't forget to include your meeting place and times in your post. A potential new member might discover a crew doing fun stuff near them.

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### June

1 New VOA officer's term begins

11-16 NYLT—Camp Butler

# Marnoc Lodge #151

## Order of the Arrow

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### Lodge officer elections notifications

All lodge officer positions will be elected during the Spring Fellowship on June 3, following lunch. Any youth member of the lodge, who will not turn 21 before August 12, 2018, is eligible for election. Any candidate for election must complete the following requirements before noon on June 2.

Excerpt from Article IV of the Lodge By-Laws:

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 p.m. (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.

In order to appear on the ballot all members intending to run must submit their nomination intent and position running for (you may nominate for more than one position) to [shannon@gtcbsa.org](mailto:shannon@gtcbsa.org) by noon on 6/2/2017. Late nominations will not be reviewed and no nominations from the floor will be accepted.

The positions that will be elected are: Lodge Chief; Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions; Lodge Vice Chief of Program; Lodge Secretary; and Lodge Treasurer.

For a complete job description visit <http://www.marnoc.org/data/08-09oajobs.pdf>.

The term of office begins and ends with the Lodge Summer Fellowship (8/5/2017 to 8/11/2018).

### Marnoc Lodge Spring Fellowship

The 2017 Marnoc Lodge Spring Fellowship will take place June 2-4, at Camp Manatoc. This event will include our annual Lodge officer elections, a bit of service (read Summer Camp Setup), some fellowship, and support of our first Ordeal of the year.

You can sign up now at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-springfellowship>.

### Renew your membership

The Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society, is made up of thousands of great Scouts and Scouters like yourself, who were elected to the Order by their fellow Scouts because they saw something in you, something special - those qualities of trust, leadership, friendship, brotherhood, and a desire to serve others - that set you apart.

You undertook the Ordeal to prove your dedication to the high ideals of service that is the hallmark of our Order. Perhaps you have achieved an even greater understanding of Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui by sealing your membership through the Brotherhood, or even now keep the flame of cheerful service alive through leadership in service. You are an Arrowman and we ask that you continue your support for the Order of the Arrow and its worthy goals which are more important now than ever.

An active member in Marnoc Lodge is someone who is a currently registered Scout or Scouter in the Great Trail Council with current dues paid. With active membership, you are entitled to attend all functions of the lodge appropriate for your honor level. It also entitles you to wear your OA flap. Technically, if you don't pay your dues, you are not a member, and the flap should be removed from your uniform.

Think back on your Ordeal. Remember the Obligation and Admonition. Remember ... "The one who chose you needs you." Visit:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-marnocdues> now to renew your membership.

*\*Thanks to the nice folks with the Sipp-O Lodge for this paragraph, I couldn't of said it better.*

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	<u>May</u>
19-21	Section C4a Conclave—Camp Manatoc
	<u>June</u>
2-4	Spring Fellowship/Ordeal #1/Brotherhood Ceremony—Camp Manatoc
20	Ice Cream Social/Brotherhood Ceremony—Camp Manatoc
21-22	Ordeal #2—Camp Manatoc

## **Marnoc Lodge cont'd.**

### **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.

You can register for conclave at:

<http://conclave.ou-c4a.org>.

### **Ordeal registrations**

Just a reminder that unit election reports, Ordeal registrations, and adult nominations were due to the Lodge by April 15. You can still register your youth election results and choose an Ordeal date online at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-OARreport>. 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. The fee for registering for an Ordeal is now \$75.00.

## **Venturing cont'd.**

### **VenturingFest 2018**

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](http://summitbsa.org/venturingfest).

### **VOA conference calls**

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. Conference calls are on the second Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Go to [GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident](http://GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident) to make sure we include you.

### **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.

## **Venturing cont'd.**

### **Have a trained youth lead your Crew Officer Seminar**

Contact [Advisor@GTCVenturing.org](mailto: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)

## ***Council Calendar***

### 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

### June

- 2 Wilderness First Aid Training
- 2 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 3 Chapel Work Day
- 3 Kiwanis Work Day
- 3 Wilderness Engineers Work Day
- 7 Jamboree Committee Meeting
- 7 M & M Training & SNTJS Kick-Off
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 Camp Staff Work Day
- 10 Summer Camp Swim Test
- 11-17 NYLT
- 11 Camp Staff Week
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Properties Committee Meeting
- 15 VIP Popcorn Meeting
- 16 Scout Day—Canal Park
- 17 Campmaster Meeting
- 18 Week 1—Summer Camp
- 18 Father's Day
- 21 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 23 Risk Management Committee Meeting
- 25 Week 2—Summer Camp
- 27 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 27 Religious Committee Meeting
- 29 FOS Victory Party

### **Great Trail Council Scout Shop**

**1601 S. Main St.**

**Akron, OH 44301**

**330-773-4078**

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](http://www.gtcbsa.org/forms/fax_order.pdf)

### **Camp Stambaugh Scout Shop**

**3712 Leffingwell Rd.**

**Canfield, OH 44406**

330-533-4538

Tuesday & Thursday 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

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



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