



Scouters' News

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



A message from the National Key 3

This is an exciting and important time for the BSA. Our recent historic decision to serve families by inviting girls to Cub Scouts and delivering a program that will enable them to earn the rank of Eagle Scout sustains our mission of preparing more young people to live the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We have expanded our scope, but our mission and Scouting's time-tested, proven programs remain unchanged. We believe this nation needs and deserves more youth focused on the foundations that still serve as bedrock of our movement — **duty to God and country with a desire to help other people at all times.**

We know this decision has sparked conversation and debate, but we want to be very clear that we remain committed to serving boys and young men as we invite girls and young women to benefit from our iconic programs by experiencing the same opportunities to develop leadership, face the same character-building challenges, and have the same fun adventures.

The Boy Scouts of America, in name and as an organization, has stood for character development and values-based leadership training for more than 107 years. It is, unequivocally, one of the most recognized, respected and valuable brands on the planet. Therefore, while we have expanded the reach of our programs among today's youth and their families, **our name remains the same, and our brand will continue to be a source of pride** that we will protect and foster as we look to extend the reach of our promise to more families.

While our curriculum is relevant both to boys and girls, our commitment to single-gender offerings remains the same. **Our decision does not make our programs co-ed.** We acknowledge and celebrate that boys and girls develop differently, and there are times that single-gender learning is most appropriate. We will maintain the experience boys have had in our organization while at the same time expanding our time-tested programs to girls and young women. In fact, we have outlined a structure that would enable us to continue providing single-gender environments — dens within Cub Scout packs and a single-gender Scouting program for older girls within a broader structure that will allow us to serve the whole family.

By expanding the program to more youth, we ensure that families of the present and the future will have an even stronger connection to the values we hold dear.

As we move forward implementing these programs, we keep foremost in our minds that this decision was driven by the many members of our Scouting family, people who live the Scout Oath and Scout Law every day. Together, we understand and believe in the BSA's mission, and we want what is best for all young people — to experience everything that Scouting has to offer, and to be Prepared. For Life.

Thank you for joining us in sharing this message throughout our communities and this great country.

Sincerely,

Randall Stephenson
National President

Charles Dahlquist
National Commissioner

Mike Surbaugh
Chief Scout Executive

Council Information

Congratulations to a GTC family!



Congratulations to one of our Great Trail Council families. On Friday, October 6, 2017 Julio Esis, Sr. and his wife, Antonieta, became citizens of the United States of America. Julio Sr. and Antonieta have two sons: Julio Jr. and Cesar. The family is very active in

Scouting in the Chippewa District. Julio, Jr. is a Boy Scout in Troop 501, Star rank. Cesar is a Bear in Pack 3507. Julio Sr. has held many volunteer positions including several den leader positions, assistant Scoutmaster, and Chippewa District Committee. Antonieta is not a registered Scouter, but according to Julio Sr., "She is the glue that keeps the pieces together at home" and without her love and support he wouldn't be able to do half of the things that he does in Scouting.

Born in Venezuela, Julio Sr. didn't have an opportunity to be a Scout. While Scouting did exist, it was not a popular program. Julio enjoys being outdoors, camping, backpacking, all things that he sees Scouting doing today. In 2007 Julio had a work opportunity that brought the family to the United States, at that time it was Julio Sr., Antonieta and Julio Jr. Cesar was born in the United States in 2009. In April of 2012 they became permanent residents of the United States. After becoming permanent residents they had to wait five years before they could apply for citizenship. They waited patiently for those five years to pass, they wanted, "With all our heart and soul to become citizens."

Julio Sr. was born in Venezuela, and has lived in Guatemala, and visited many other countries and believes that the United States of America is the best country in the world as there are opportunities to make things better. He believes that Scouts and Scouters are a big part of that, everyone who has a hand in the Scouting world is working to make our country even better. Our Scouts are working to become better citizens, they will have solid moral values and strong character, they can tell right from wrong, make ethical decisions, and help those in need in their communities. Julio Sr. remembers his mother telling him, "The future does not depend on the children, the future depends on the adults that are educating those children." Julio believes that this is our most important contribution to the future of our country, as parents, but also as Scouters.

Congratulations to Julio Sr. and Antonieta! What an honor to call you fellow Americans! Thank you for sharing your story with the Great Trail Council.



Thanks Dominion! On September 20, Dominion Energy provided Manatoc Scout Reservation with 50 employees to help maintain our camps. They brought dozers, tools, dump trucks, and lots of hands.

The bike barn got a new roof. The Dining Hall floor was sealed, both decks at the Dining Hall were stained, new road behind the pool, lots of wood split and many other projects! **Thanks everyone.**

Fall Cub Leader Training

To be a trained Cub Scout leader you must complete the appropriate Cub Scout Position Specific Training and have up-to-date Youth Protection Training.

All courses are \$6. There are additional fees if you choose to purchase a book.

You may attend any course.

Saturday, November 18—8 a.m.-11 a.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Questions? Contact **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or nathan.watson@scouting.org.

Fall Boy Scout Leader Training

Scoutmaster & ASM Specific
November 18—8 a.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent—Cost \$6—Contact **Dan McClory** at 330-677-4628 or dkmclory@gmail.com

University of Scouting

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Ravenna High School

Council Information

Eagle Scout application process

Eagle Scout Application Certifications



Eagle Scout rank applications need council certification by the Scout's 18th birthday and **prior** to the Board of Review. All signatures (applicant, Scoutmaster, and committee chair) must be on the application at the time of council certification. The application may be scanned and emailed to Peggy Paskiet in the Akron office at peg.paskiet@scouting.org, faxed to 330-773-4084, or brought to the Akron office, 1601 S. Main St., Akron. Peggy is in the office Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you bring the application to the office, it will be checked while you wait (usually 5-10 minutes).

Completed Eagles

After the Board of Review, Eagle applications, project books, and reference letters may be dropped off at the Akron office. The books may also be mailed to the Akron office, but copies should be made of all contents prior to mailing. You may also scan the book in its entirety and email it to Peggy Paskiet (peg.paskiet@scouting.org). Books can also be dropped off at Camp Stambaugh's Rotary Cabin on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m., Thursdays from 4-6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to be transported to the Akron office. Questions? Contact Peggy via email or at 330-773-0415 ext. 221.

Please note: after review and approval by the National office you will be notified when your book and materials from National will be ready for pick up (generally 3 to 4 weeks after it's received at council office). You can either pick up at the Akron office or at Camp Stambaugh during the designated drop off times. Eagle kits are available at the Akron Scout Shop or Camp Stambaugh (please see store hours).

Dinner and a Movie November 18—6 p.m. Camp Manatoc Dining Hall

All you can eat pasta dinner!
\$10 adults—\$6 kids (ages 3-12)
Brought to you by the Famous Lady Engineers!
Reservations: Please leave count on answering machine at 330-657-2418
(Deadline: November 15)

Lights, Camera, Action! Boy Scouts & Venturing video contest



Lights, Camera, Action! Is a Great Trail Council video contest for Boy Scouts and Venturers to show what Scouting/Venturing means to them. All you need to do is record a short 1-3 minute video showing you and your fellow Scouts/Venturers participating in fun activities.

All videos need to be reviewed by troop/crew leaders to ensure that they meet the contest requirements, however a troop/crew can submit as many videos as they like. Videos will be judged on their ability to educate, engage, and entertain while telling a story about how the activity showcases Scouting/Venturing. The contest will run in two segments, the first segment ends September 31 and the second segment runs **October 1-December 31**. The troop/crew with the best video in each contest segment will receive a \$100 GTC gift card that can be used at either the Scout Shop in Akron or the Scout Shop at Camp Stambaugh. All Scouts/Venturers who participate in creating and submitting a video will have their names entered into a drawing for a GoPro Camera!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email gtcvideocontest@gmail.com. The flyer and all rules can be found at: <http://www.gtcbasa.org/council-event-information>.

2018 GTC Philmont Contingent



The council announces the 2018 high adventure trip to Philmont! The council has secured 3 crews of 12 per crew to travel to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico from **June 16-June 29, 2018**. The budgeted cost of this trip is \$1,900 and includes all travel, touring, all meals, 2 custom sweat-wicking t-shirts, GTC Philmont hat, all Philmont

fees and transportation in New Mexico! This is a highly popular, once in a lifetime trip, and participants will be assigned, first come (with deposit), first served! The \$400 deposit is due with the registration form. Forms have been placed in the saddlebags and online at: <http://www.gtcbasa.org/council-event-information>.

This trip is open to Scouts, Venturers, and registered adults. Youth must be at least 14 by January 1, 2018 or must complete the 8th grade in June, 2018 to be eligible to go. Participants must be physically capable to complete a backpacking trek in the mountainous region of Philmont (6,000-12,441' elevation.)

Questions? Contact GTC High Adventure Chair **Stephen York** at scoutmaster777@york.net.

Council Information

Summer Camp fees for 2018

Here are the fees for summer camp 2018 at Camp Manatoc:

The Dining Hall Plan



Early Bird Fee

This fee is due no later than **May 21, 2018**

Great Trail units—\$265

Out of Council units—\$275

Basic Fee

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

Great Trail units—\$285

Out of Council units—\$295

Late Fee

This is the fee you pay at check-in

Great Trail units—\$300

Out of Council units—\$310

The Dining Hall plan includes two (2) free leaders; additional leaders are \$135.00 each. Each unit bringing 20 Scouts receives an additional free leader. (Additional free leaders for each 10 Scouts above 10. E.g. 20 Scouts = 3 leaders, 30 Scouts = 4 leaders, this will not be pro-rated.)

The Patrol Cooking Plan

Early Bird Fee

This fee is due no later than **May 21, 2018**

Great Trail units—\$190

Out of Council units—\$200

Basic Fee

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

Great Trail units—\$200

Out of Council units—\$210

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

Summer Camp staff interviews

Interviews for summer camp at Manatoc in 2018 will be held on Wednesday, December 27, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the dining hall at Camp Manatoc.

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

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

Questions? Contact **Chris Bergdorf** at manatocbutler@windstream.net.

Important info about using cabins at Camps Manatoc and Butler

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

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

When you arrive at camp

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

During your time at camp

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

When you are ready to depart from camp

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

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

Council Information

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: Robert Bauch
From: Ed & Charlotte Mickels & Family
Mary Tahir

Scouting Representation in Congress



Of the 535 members of the 115th U. S. Congress, 150 have some sort of connection to the BSA. That's 28 percent.

We define connection as one or more of the following:

- They were in Scouting as a youth (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, Sea

Scout, Explorer)

- They earned the Eagle Scout rank
- They served (or are still serving) as a BSA adult volunteer

These Scouting alumni come from nearly every state and represent both major political parties. The list includes an impressive 33 Eagle Scouts.

See the full list at <https://bit.ly/BSA115th>.

Catholic Committee Saints Day

On Sunday, September 24, Cub Scouts attended a day at Camp Manatoc to learn about St. Isidore the Farmer presented by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. The Scouts earned the Footsteps of the American Saints Activity Patch for St. Isidore. While earning the patch, they went on a hayride with St. Isidore and participated in other activities including archery, crafts, and nature. They also learned about the Mass, which was very important to him. Lastly, a prayer service was conducted at the Butler Memorial. This was the third year the Catholic Committee on Scouting conducted a Cub Day.



Announcing a GTC adventure partnership with Bechtel National Scout Reserve

The Great Trail Council announces an adventure partnership with Bechtel National Scout Reserve. This will serve as an adventure program for Great Trail Council Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers ages 13 and up.

The Great Trail Council will be hosting two such out trips during the 2018 camping season. Scouts may sign up online at www.gtcbsa.org. The Scouts and leaders will arrive at Camp Manatoc on Monday morning, then meet and greet the contingent during a continental breakfast. The Scouts will be taken in rented vans to Summit/Bechtel, arriving 5 hours later. The Scouts will get settled in their campsite. After dinner they will choose a Monday night activity. Tuesday, they will arrive at the extreme sports area where they will try their hand at skateboarding and BMX. Tuesday night they again will pick an evening activity. Wednesday brings them to water sports where they will raft the New River and try other water sports. Wednesday night will lead them to another evening program. Thursday is shooting sports day where they can take aim with cross bows and lasers. The trip will end Friday afternoon at the Manatoc Scout Reservation. First trip will be June 25 - 29, second trip will be July 9 - 13. Cost will be \$395.00 per person. We will be looking for leaders interested in going on the trip. One leader must be at least 25 years of age with a valid driver's license and the other must be over 18. Leaders fee is \$100.00 to cover food. Questions? Call Chris Bergdorf at 330-607-6376.

College of Commissioner Science



The College of Commissioner Science is advanced training designed to help commissioners keep up to date with the newest training materials and problem solving techniques to better help units deliver a quality Scouting program. All commissioners should attend this nationally

recognized program. There is a four-year cycle to this program; Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate Degrees can be earned.

The college will be held on **November 17**, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., at Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent. Cost is \$25 before October 31 or \$30 after.

Register at:

https://scoutingevent.com/433-2017COCS_GTC

Council Information



By Andrew and Bena Paisley
 If your troop would like to have a trainer come to your troop or pack to do awareness training, please contact Andrew Paisley at bena.paisley@gmail.com.

Keep close to Nature's heart...and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.—John Muir

Trail Observations

I went to Philmont for the sixth time this summer and I love the way they teach Leave No Trace. In a recent poll conducted by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics 23% of responders got involved with Leave No Trace through youth programs. That suggests that Scouting has a big impact when it comes to teaching outdoor ethics. Philmont is so clean even though 22,000 Scouts go through every year. It demonstrates that if people are educated about the outdoor ethic, we really can use our outdoor areas responsibly and preserve them.

The mission of Leave No Trace is far from over. From the same poll, the most common impact noticed while enjoying the outdoors is trash. While backpacking in Zaleski State Forest in Southern Ohio my campsite had old banana peels on the ground and tin foil in the fire ring.

The National Parks and the Appalachian Trail Association are considering drastic measures because people do not know how to dispose of human waste properly. That's why Leave No Trace is so important and why each training session you do in your unit can have a great impact.

There are a lot of misconceptions. Here is a list that I compiled: "it's ok to throw fruit peels and cores on the trail because they are biodegradable." Answer: Not really. There are too many people using recreational areas and it can take fruit up to two years to decompose so it is better to pack it in, pack it out. "I loved pitching my tent right next to the river."

Answer: Did you know that you could be blocking the path for animals to get water. Are you walking 200 feet away from the water to dispose of your human waste? "It's ok to cut a dead tree down for firewood."

Answer: Did you know that dead trees are habitat for animals and insects? You want wood that is both dead and down. "Wilderness First Aid is only required for the 4 High Adventure Camps not regular backpacking trips." Answer: The BSA recommends at least one and prefers two individuals trained in Wilderness First Aid on every back country trip.

Some of these rules may seem silly. But we have over 300 million people using the national parks and twice that many in the state parks, we have to think differently. Philmont has shown that if we educate ourselves, the impact on the environment can be significant.

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Robert Bechtel, Jr.	390	09/24/17
John Bollinger	380	09/12/17
Luke Bowser	9025	09/13/17
Jonathan Burke	177	09/25/17
Tyler Canada	4040	08/24/17
Alan Cohn	4112	09/28/17
Devin Danko	4025	09/28/17
Devon Fisher	501	09/26/17
Daniel Garner	6060	09/24/17
Trevor Gill	9046	09/11/17
Ethan Kemp	4086	08/24/17
Christian Kosmos	304	09/19/17
Corey Kramer	48	09/27/17
Thomas LaPolla	520	08/19/17
Brandon Leap	252	09/20/17
Liam McGee	4028	08/24/17
Zakary Miller	215	09/12/17
Alexander Milne	4083	08/31/17
Frank Mularcik	390	09/27/17
Grant Norman	777	09/07/17
Anthony Petruzzi	506	09/05/17
Kyle Rhine	4122	08/24/17
Alejandro Rivera	154	09/20/17
Mason Seachrist	252	10/04/17
Christian Sincich	4122	09/28/17
Alexander Stavarz	110	10/10/17
Eric Swansiger	9119	09/12/17
Zachary Swantek	9119	10/03/17
Bill Thomas	4112	08/24/17
Brian Towne	501	09/25/17
David Warburton	380	10/09/17
Matthew White	4122	08/24/17

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Recharter Process

The recharter process has begun. Units in Arrowhead and Whispering Pines and Pathfinder GWR should have their charter packets by now. If not please contact your district executive as soon as possible. Your charter window opens on November 1 and closes on December 31. It's important that you do your online charter process as soon as possible so that it can be turned in at your December roundtable. See the chart in the next column for your charter turn-in date and location. Our goal is to make sure that when the charter is turned in to the office it will be correct so that we can post the charter by December 31.

Charters for Tri-Fires, Seneca and Pathfinder GTC will be available at the November roundtable. See the chart in the next column for your pick up date and locations. If someone from your unit cannot be at the roundtable, please make sure that you contact your district executive right away to arrange a time to pick up your charter packet. Your charter window opens December 1 and closes January 31, 2018.

Emailed Registration and Payment

If you are emailing registration to me the following must be done. Make sure that all required information is on the application and that the parent and unit leader for a youth application and leader and charter organization representative signature for the adult, disclosure form and YPT certificate are included, and either approval to use the store account by someone on the signer's card, or a request for a call to get credit card info.

If paying by check, **DO NOT** email the applications. Mail them in with the check enclosed or bring them in to the Scout Shop with the check.

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training is required for all registered adults except the institutional heads, Tiger Cub adult partners, and Lion Cub adult partners. In order to get the most current information, please use the YPT training that is available through www.my.scouting.org. Please destroy any DVDs that you may have from previous years. Don't forget if you're registering a new adult leader (never been registered) their Youth Protection Training certificate must be included with their app and disclosure form when it is turned in or it will not be accepted.

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.

2018 Charter Time Frame

Access Codes will be in each unit's charter packet on bright green paper!

Arrowhead District serving Trumbull County

****Charters must be turned in by Wednesday, December 13, 2017****

Charter Training/Pick-Up—Wednesday, October 11—Roundtable—7 p.m., Electrical Trade Institute of NEO, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren

Charter Window Opens November 1

Charter Turn-In Party—Wednesday, December 13—Roundtable—7 p.m., Electrical Trade Institute of NEO, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren

Whispering Pines District serving Mahoning County

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, December 7 OR Thursday, December 14, 2017****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, October 5, - Roundtable, 7-7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman

Charter Window Opens November 1, 2017

Charter Turn-In Party—Thursday, December 7, 7-7:30pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman, OH **OR** Thursday, December 14, 6-7 p.m., Starbucks, 4546 Boardman-Canfield Rd., Canfield

Tri-Fires District serving the East Akron area and Tallmadge

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, January 11, 2018.****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, November 9—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge

Charter Window Opens December 1, 2017

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge

Seneca District serving Portage County

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, January 11, 2018****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, November 11—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent

Charter Window Opens December 1, 2017

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent

Moecomdws District serving Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson area

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, February 8, 2018****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, December 14—Roundtable, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen's Church, 3725 Kent Rd., Stow

Charter Window Opens January 1, 2018

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen's Church, 3725 Kent Rd., Stow

Lakes District serving southern Summit County

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, February 8, 2018****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, December 14—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron

Charter Window Opens January 1, 2018

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7 p.m., Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron

Chippewa District serving Medina County

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, March 8, 2018****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, January 11—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina

Charter Window Opens February 1, 2018

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 5-8:30 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina

Old Portage District serving the west Akron area

****Charters must be turned in by Thursday, March 8, 2018****

Charter Training & Pick-Up—Thursday, January 12—Roundtable, 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron

Charter Window Opens February 1, 2018

Charter Turn-In Party—Roundtable, Thursday, March 9, 2018, 7 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron

Council Information



2017 Peconica River Popcorn Sale www.gtccpopcorn.org

Everything you need to know about this year's Popcorn Sale:

- Products...what we are selling.
- Sales methods...how you should be selling.
- Incentive items...awesome prizes and rewards.
- Ordering...how to order your popcorn and prizes.
- Sales dates...important!
- Unit Kernels Guide...your popcorn sale "playbook".
- Popcorn sale Excel worksheet...help manage your sale.
- Online sales

Important websites

- **Commit Unit to Sell, Order Popcorn, Online Sales, Winners Circle Prizes Peconica River Popcorn Website**—www.Prpopcorn.com
- **Brochure Prizes** - www.boyscouts-gcc.com
- **Popcorn Guidebook, Forms, Incentives**—Great Trail Council Website www.gtccpopcorn.org
- **Q For a Day Website**—Quicken Loans Arena Website- www.theqarena.com/boyscouts

Council Popcorn Advisor—Jody Gildersleeve
330-773-0415 ext. 218 or email
jody.gildersleeve@scouting.org

Council Popcorn Assistant—Lisa Lambert
330-773-0415 ext. 241 or email
lisa.lambert@scouting.org

Important dates

September November

- **All prize orders due**—Friday, November 3
- **Take Order distribution**—Saturday, November 11

December

All popcorn money due to council office—Friday, December 8



District popcorn contacts

	Popcorn Chair	Email
Arrowhead	Teresa Prentiss	teresaprentiss@yahoo.com
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Chippewa	Julio Esis	esis.julio@gmail.com
Whispering Pines	Marion Sweely	msweely@zoominternet.net
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Old Portage	Trent Dye	trentdye74@gmail.com
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Staff Advisor	Jody Gildersleeve	jody.gildersleeve@scouting.org
Admin	Lisa Lambert	lisa.lambert@scouting.org

Arrowhead District

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www.facebook.com/ArrowheadGTC



Popcorn sorting and distribution

Our annual popcorn sale is nearing an end and the hard work will soon pay off! On **Friday, November 10, from noon – 7 p.m.**, we will be *sorting* the initial popcorn orders then *distributing* after all orders have been built. Pizza and pop will be provided! All units participating in popcorn sales are asked to send representatives to help sort at your earliest convenience. Anybody from your troop or pack is permitted to pick up orders, *it does not have to be your popcorn kernel*.

Everett Industries
3601 Larchmont Ave NE
Warren, OH 44483

Remember, selling popcorn once a year makes it possible for your unit to fund its activities for the Scouting year! Keep up the good work!

District Popcorn Kernel: Teresa Prentiss at teresaprentiss@yahoo.com
www.gtccpopcorn.org

Welcome Ginny Bond as District Chair



We are pleased to announce that **Ginny Bond** will be taking over responsibilities as the Arrowhead District Chair. We would all like to thank **Dr. Ken LaPolla** for his time and dedication as the 2017 District Chair and wish him the best of luck in his new role as Scoutmaster of Troop

101. The district committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month, November's meeting has been cancelled. All committees are urged to meet separately and we will meet again in December at Christ Episcopal Church.

All are welcome at roundtable!

All adults are encouraged to attend our monthly roundtables on the *second Wednesday of every month*. These meetings offer important announcements about upcoming events, handouts and informational flyers for district events, plus information about council-wide programs. The training and opportunity for fellowship at these meetings is one that cannot be matched!

Please consider signing up to host opening or closing ceremony, or crackerbarrel. If you are interested, please contact **Ray Deluga** at rayd1664@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 8, at 7 p.m.
Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio
4550 Research Pkwy., Warren, OH 44483

Friends of Scouting planning

As we near the end of the first year as part of the Great Trail Council, it is time to begin planning our annual Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. This year's Family FOS Chairs are **Eric and Erica Neiheisel** of Pack 62. All Arrowhead units will be contacted to set up a presentation date at your unit's largest event, such as a blue and gold banquet or court of honor.

There will be a signup sheet at roundtable, please schedule your presentation as soon as possible. Your unit can win a \$50 Scout Shop gift card if you are signed up by December's roundtable. We will hold a drawing on **December 13** to determine the winner. This can be used for either Scout Shop purchases or for Summer Camp/ Day Camp.

Thanks for a great fall camporee!



October 13 - 15 was the Arrowhead Fall STEM Camporee, *MacGuyver Challenge*, at Camp Stambaugh! We would like to thank **Troop and Crew 4054** for hosting camporee and Scoutmaster **Matt Fuchilla** for chairing. Boy Scouts and

Webelos attended from Arrowhead, Whispering Pines, Seneca, and Lake Erie Council. A very special thank you goes to Crew 4054's **Megan Bockelman** for converting Hunter Cabin into an "Escape Room." Scouts needed to work together as a team to figure out clues in order to reach the next room. The escape room quickly became the highlight of the event with its close attention to detail and planning.

November

- 3 Popcorn prize order due
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute of NE Ohio, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren
- 10 Popcorn sort and distribution—noon-7 p.m.—Everett Industries, 3601 Larchmont Ave., Warren
- 16 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., Warren
Registration \$4 Boys' Life \$2

December

- 8 Take Order popcorn payment due to Council Service Center
- 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute of NE Ohio, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren
- 20 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., Warren
- 21 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., Warren
Registration \$2.75 Boys' Life N/A

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Popcorn

Unit take orders are complete and Pecatonica River popcorn product is on its way to Ohio Army National Guard for sorting and distribution. Our boys and families have been working hard selling popcorn and now it is time to deliver the orders. Unit leaders, our staff volunteers must have help sorting popcorn orders on Thursday, November 9. Hint, hint. If you send someone from your unit to help they will be able to take your order home early Thursday afternoon, preventing you from waiting in long lines on Saturday morning.

SCHEDULE- Assistance, Pick-up Appointment
District Popcorn Kernel: Julio Esis
esis.julio@gmail.com 305-607-5339

Communication & Logistics Coordinator: Nicole Spry
chippewapopcorn@frontier.com 330-391-1753

IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS

11/3 Scout prize forms are due
12/8 bills are due

SHIPMENT, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTION

- Thursday, November 9, Chippewa - Take Order delivery at Ohio Army National Guard (920 Lafayette Rd., Medina) 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unit volunteer assistance is needed. Any adult volunteers able to help will be allowed to pick up their orders early.

- Saturday, November 11, Chippewa - Take Order distribution at Ohio Army National Guard (920 Lafayette Rd., Medina) 8 a.m.-noon

*Pick is by appointment only.

Membership

Any new youth or adult applications must be submitted to the council office. Scouts and leaders cannot participate without being registered. The National fee to join in the month of November is: **\$10.00 (application fee) Boys' Life magazine (optional), \$5.00**

***Email your district commissioner your unit's participation roster: Ed Martin**
martinedp@outlook.com 330-350-1290

Exceptional volunteer service



Thank you, district training and commissioner service volunteers for all your help this past month!

Roundtable—Resources

Roundtable's purpose is to train, educate, and inspire adult unit leaders by directing them towards the tools and resources needed to create and sustain a quality youth Scouting program. This month, Thursday, November 9, the “Big Rock” discussion session will focus on youth protection training. All adult leaders must take the certification to be involved with any unit functions or events. This requirement is in the BSA *Guide to Safe Scouting* and more information can be found on www.my.scouting.org. There you will have the ability to complete the course.

- Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. - Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd.
Joint Session- “Big Rock” discussion- YPT
Breakout Session- CS & BS
- Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. - Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd.
Joint Session- “Big Rock” discussion
Breakout Session- CS & BS

Course instructors:

Boy Scout Chair: **Andrew West**
adwscout@gmail.com 330-461-0305

Cub Scout Chair: **Chuck Hale**
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District Commissioner: **Ed Martin**
martinedp@outlook.com 330-350-1290



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November

- 3 Popcorn prize orders due
- 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 9 Roundtable/Committee Meeting—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd.
- 11 Popcorn distribution—Ohio Army National Guard, 920 Lafayette Rd., Medina
- 14 Council FOS Orientation—Silver Lake Country Club, 1325 Graham Rd.
- 23-26 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5

December

- 1 Bell ringing
- 8 Popcorn payments due to council office
- 14 Roundtable/Committee Meeting—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd.
- 23-26 Christmas holiday—Scout Shop/office closed
Registration \$11 Boys' Life \$4

Exploring

“Discover Your Future”

Exploring Executive Caroline Altizer 330-773-0415 X 245 caroline.altizer@scouting.org



Akron Police Explorers Post 2001 and Akron Fire Explorers Post 330 promoting new membership activities.



Exploring open houses happening now!

Open house season is in full swing! Congratulations to Akron Police Explorers Post 2001 and Akron Fire Explorers Post 330 on more than doubling their membership this fall! Executing your fall open house is a critical event in promoting new membership in each school year. At your open house, be sure to have three to five hands-on and engaging activities that will give the youth and their parents an idea of what to expect from your program. If you have not yet scheduled your open house and would like to, please reach out to your district executive today! Don't forget to check back often to find up to date information on upcoming open houses and events at www.facebook.com/ExploringGTC

Exploring registration fees

As you may have heard the BSA registration fee will be increasing from \$24 annually to \$33 beginning December 1, 2017. Our Learning for Life Executive Board met on October 8, to discuss the impact of this fee on our Exploring program. Following this meeting, the decision was made to delay the fee increase for EXPLORING ONLY until August 1, 2018. Here is their reasoning:

“Many Exploring posts and clubs, including police and fire departments, pay the registration fees from their operating budgets, and since there was not ample time to make them aware of this increase, the implementation timeline has been pushed back.”

If you have any further questions regarding this information please reach out to your District Executive Caroline Altizer.

Recharter season

Annual charter renewal is right around the corner for most of our Exploring posts. This year, all our charter renewal will be online. Your district executive will be walking you through this entire process. If your charter expires in December please be prepared to complete your charter renewal paperwork and fees no later than Friday, December 15.



Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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District Website: www.lakesdistrict.org



Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn

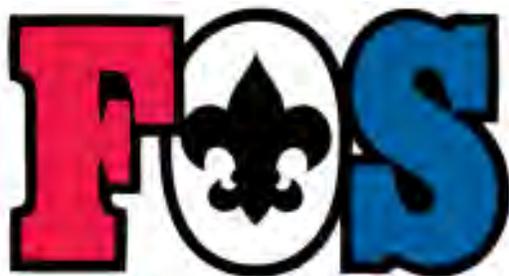
Popcorn Take Order sales and prizes, and Show'N'Sell popcorn payments are due on Tuesday, October 31. When the “sale” part of popcorn is over, there is still a lot of hard work to be done. Popcorn Take Order distribution is **Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, at CMS-Cotter Merchandise & Storage, 1564 Firestone Pkwy., Akron, Ohio 44301. Please note there is NO popcorn presorting and NO popcorn pick up available on Friday. We need a volunteer identified from EACH Lakes unit to help with the popcorn distribution process on Saturday, November 11. **Please email the name of the volunteer from you unit who is available to help to Gena at rvalloric@gmail.com.**

It's recharter time!

Congratulations to everyone on a great fall round up. Hopefully all registrations were turned in at the October roundtable. If you have any lingering registration forms please turn them in ASAP. Remember, at the December roundtable we will be having our recharter orientation meeting, so please send a few extra people from your unit to the roundtable on **December 14**. At the recharter orientation we will be going through the process of online rechartering as well as handing out the charter paperwork. Please make sure your unit is represented. **We'll see you at roundtable!**

Planning for FOS begins

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



“Abominable Zombies” Klondike



The Klondike committee is very busy planning events! This year's theme is “Abominable Zombies”. The Zombie Apocalypse has arrived! Do you have the Scout Skills to survive? Come join us and let's find out! Get ready to bundle up and head out to Camp Manatoc, **January 19-21**, for our annual Lakes District

Klondike. Final details are still being arranged, we will have details at a future roundtable. Questions? Call **Bill Hedrick** at 330-524-0381 or walterhedrick288@gmail.com.

November

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
 - 9 District Roundtable Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
- Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4**

December

- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
 - 7 District Commissioners Meeting—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 14 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
- Registration \$8.25 Boys' Life \$3**

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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Join us for our winter banquet

Join us on **December 16**, at the St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church in Fairlawn, for the 2017 Marnoc Lodge Winter Banquet.

The program will begin at 5 p.m., and include dinner, fellowship, awards and the formal installation of our Lodge officers. Members who pay by December 8 will also get their 2018 Membership Renewal (dues) included with their banquet payment! Dinner and dues are \$35.00. Guest meals are available at \$20.00.

Visit <https://scoutingevent.com/433-winterbanquet> to reserve your space now. (Space is limited to 300)

A special thank you

A special thanks to all the members who participated in the Fall Fellowship/Hayride Setup/Dock Rebuild at Camp Butler on October 7.

Another thank you to the members who participated in the Hayride Tear Down on October 28!

2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference contingent application

Arrowmen who are interested in attending the 2018 NOAC (July 30-August 4, 2018) at Indiana University please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-noac> apply to apply for the contingent. We have space for 22 youth and 7 adults. The contingent will be selected from the Arrowmen who express interest using this application procedure. The working budget for the trip is approximately \$800 but is still a bit of a work in progress. Applications will close on December 4, 2017 and those selected will be notified shortly thereafter.

December

16 Winter Banquet—St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church, Fairlawn

Chippewa District cont'd.

Friends of Scouting

Units, it's time to start planning for the Great Trail Council's Friends of Scouting 2018 campaign. Your participation is vital to making Scouting possible. Our volunteer fundraising team asks to be invited to your blue & gold or court of honor to conduct a five to ten minute presentation with the purpose of asking our families for their financial support. Planning helps execute the BSA - motto: "Be Prepared." Take a moment to review you unit calendar. Then contact family campaign chairman Glen Murduck gamduck@aol.com or 216-701-6650.

FILL-OUT & RETURN ELECTRONICALLY: DATE - UNIT # - LOCATION - ADDRESS - TIME - LEADER NAME - PHONE - EMAIL - EVENT

*This event should be your best attended parent and family Scout function. In-between the months of January to April.

EXAMPLE: 1/20 - T533, 2200 BANQUET HALL- 1000 GIVING LANE, MEDINA OH 44256 1 p.m. Steve Jindra 330-773-0415 steve.jindra@scouting.org (court of honor)

Last year's campaign totals:

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT

1. Family Campaign

- Total Family dollars in to date: **\$42,522**
- Total percentage of family goal: **85%**

2. Community Campaign

- Total Community dollars in to date: **\$28,425**
- Total percentage of Community goal: **92%**

3. District Volunteer Campaign

- Total District Volunteer dollars to date: **\$1,090**
- Total percentage of District Volunteers goal: **109%**

4. Majors Campaign

- Total District Major dollars to date: **\$10,000**
- Total percentage of goal: **100%**

5. Overall District Campaign

- Total District dollars in to date: **\$82,037**
- Total percentage of overall goal: **100%**



Moecomdws District

"It's A Matter Of Pride"

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"Iditarod" Klondike

Calling all troops and crews! The 2018 Moecomdws Klondike will take place January 25-28 at Camp Butler. Our Vice Chair of Program Rachel Brownridge is proud to announce that Troop 273 will be this year's host. This year's event will have an Iditarod theme, and is sure to be a hootenanny! If you have any questions, contact scoutmastertroop273@gmail.com.



Punkin' Chunkin' a success!

This year's Punkin' Chunkin' was our third annual, and it was bigger than ever! Over 300 people showed up to launch pumpkins, play games, eat donuts and climb monkey bridges! The event was a huge success, and we are already looking forward to next year. A huge thank you goes out to **Wes Perry, Mark Bean, Steve Hodges, John Pearson, Becky Grimm, Ruth and Mike Mundy, Tom Brownridge, Bob Read, Jackie McDonnell and Troops 177, 273, 152, and 160** for making it all happen.

Volunteers needed for popcorn distribution

Popcorn is almost done! Be sure to get your orders and money turned in. We will have popcorn distribution on **November 11**, from 9 a.m.-noon at VMI Group. Please sign up on the SignupGenius! If you have any questions, please contact Moe Popcorn Kernel, Andrew Cole at colesr0827@sbcglobal.net.

October 31 Show-n-sell money and popcorn orders due to Service Center

November 3 Popcorn prize orders due

November 11 Popcorn pick-up

December 8 Popcorn money due to Service Center

We need volunteers for distribution! Come help us out!

2017 Journey to Excellence

As we get started in the new Scouting year please remember to track your unit's Journey to Excellence. Journey to Excellence is the BSA's performance recognition program designed to encourage, reward success, and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. You can follow your journey at the link below:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/commissioners/journey.aspx>

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November

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
 - 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
 - 9 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 9 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 11 Popcorn distribution—VMI Group, 4670 Allen Rd., Stow
 - 23-26 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$8 Boys' Life \$4**

December

- 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
 - 8 Popcorn money due
 - 14 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 14 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 23-26 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 28-30 Scout Shop closed for annual inventory
- Registration \$8.25 Boys' Life \$3**

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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Old Portage Website <https://oldportage.com/>



Pecatonica River Popcorn

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

November 3 Popcorn Prize Orders due to Service Center

November 11 Popcorn pick-up **Cotter Storage, 1564 Firestone Pkwy.** (just west of the Council Service Center)

Questions: Trent Dye - trentdye74@gmail.com

December 8 Popcorn money due to Service Center



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

Are your new Scouts all registered?

Remember to follow up with boys who came to the SNTJS and did not register as well as with the boys who turned in surveys that went home. Don't let any boys fall through the cracks, we want every boy to have the opportunity to be a Scout! Also, please don't let any registration forms linger in briefcases or boxes. Please turn in your registration forms to the Scout Shop as soon as possible! Email Dennis with questions at dvargo@bsamail.org.

Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your pack this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within the pack? If either of these situations applies to you, then you need to be aware of the on-line training at www.my.scouting.org. Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders and offered online at www.my.scouting.org.

Old Portage Day Camp 2018

All Cubs will be meeting at Camp Butler **July 9-11, 2018**. Volunteers and ideas are needed.

Call or email **Stacy Bechtel** at 330-929-1326 or stacybechtel@hotmail.com.

2018 Old Portage Klondike

 The Old Portage Klondike will be returning to Camp Butler **January 19-21, 2018**, with the headquarters at the Conference Center. Every unit (Boy Scout and crews) from the district are urged to participate. More details to follow.

Questions? Contact **Mike Fasig** at 330-329-8586 or mfscoouter@aol.com.

Keep up to date at roundtable

Let's not forget our monthly leaders' roundtable. For those of you who don't know, the roundtable is a monthly training meeting for **all** Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders. Roundtable is the best place to keep up to date on current activities and information, get **supplemental training**, and mingle with leaders from other units and hear what they have going on. The Old Portage District Roundtable is on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the "regulars" who bring a friend! Questions: Dale Sroka at herbear2@aol.com.

November

- 3 Popcorn prize forms due
 - 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
 - 9 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 9 District Commissioners Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 9 Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 11 Popcorn distribution
 - 23-26 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$10 Boys' Life \$5**

December

- 2 Popcorn money due to Council Service Center
 - 14 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 14 District Commissioners Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 14 Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Fairlawn
 - 23-26 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 25 Merry Christmas
 - 28-30 Scout Shop closed for annual inventory
- Registration \$11 Boys' Life \$4**

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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November is Youth Protection month

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

Take Order popcorn pick up

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

Pre-sorting popcorn at Duracote

Our popcorn will arrive at Duracote (350 N. Diamond St., Ravenna.) on Thursday morning, November 9. On Friday, **November 10, from 10 a.m.-noon**, we will be sorting the popcorn into unit orders, like we did last year. We are asking for help with this important task! Anyone interested in helping, please contact District Popcorn Kernel **Sabrina Finney** at sabrinafinneypopcorn@gmail.com, or Nate Watson at Nathan.Watson@scouting.org, or 330-773-0415 ext. 227. **ANY UNIT THAT COMES AND HELPS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR POPCORN HOME ON FRIDAY!** Also, you will have lunch provided by your district executive! So, come enjoy some free food, get your popcorn early, and have a great time with other volunteers!

Klondike is coming!

SAVE THE DATE! The Klondike will be happening the weekend of January 19-January 21 at Camp Manatoc! Let's hope for some snow this year! More info at roundtable and through emails! Leader's Guide will be available at November's roundtable.

SNTJS III

In October, we focused on Community Nights for SNTJS II, to try to pick up kids that were unable to attend the SNTJS in September. For November, we need units to run a Bring-A-Buddy program where you have your Scouts invite a buddy (not currently in Scouting) to a special meeting/event where they can see what it's like to join the BSA! For more detailed information about the Bring-A-Buddy program contact Nate Watson at Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org.

Welcome to Seneca District

We have been very busy these last few months and have added a couple of new faces to our district staff. Please join me in welcoming our newest district volunteer, **Jackie Demyan**, our new Cub Scout Day Camp Director and Roundtable Commissioner. Jackie comes to us from Pack 3269 in Aurora and is extremely excited about jumping on board with our committee! If you are interested in helping with a district event or joining our district staff, contact **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org and we'll see where your experience will be the most beneficial to the Scouting program and the youth of Portage County.

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November

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 9 District Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 10 Popcorn sorting—10 a.m.-Noon—Duracote
- 11 Popcorn pick-up—9 a.m.-11 a.m.—Duracote
- 18 Seneca Cub Leader Training—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 23-25 Happy Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
Registration \$6 Boys' Life \$3

December

- 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 8 Popcorn money/prize orders deadline
- 9 Breakfast w/Santa—Camp Manatoc
- 14 Roundtable/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Methodist Church, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 22-26 Scout Shop/office closed
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 28-31 Scout Shop closed for annual inventory
- 31 New Year's Eve
Registration \$5.50 Boys' Life \$2

Tri Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”

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2017 Pecatonica Popcorn Sale



Attention ALL units: PLEASE call or email Toshi Curren at 330-715-3012 or gscoutmom@yahoo.com with your unit's adult representative to help out with the **November 11** popcorn distribution! Help make Tri Fires burn bright on November 11! ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT!

November 3 Popcorn prize orders due
November 11 Popcorn pick-up
December 8 Popcorn money due to Service Center

Are your leaders trained?

Did you have any new or current leaders change positions and become a direct contact leader? This would be any of the following positions: Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, den leader and assistant den leader. Do they still need training? There are a few more dates for 2017:

Cub Scout Leader Specific

- 11/18, 8 am at Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent, OH 44240

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific

- 11/18 8am at Kent United Church of Christ

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills

- 10/13, 7 p.m. at Camp Manatoc

Roundtable—November 14

Theme: Canned Food Drive and Pizza Party!



Bring canned food to roundtable and get free pizza! Also, remember to have at least one person from your unit there to collect the 2018 charter package. The breakouts will be: Big Rock: Clear

Communication; Cub Breakout: Internet Resources; Boy Scout Breakout: Social Media and Scouting.

District executive's breakout at November 14 roundtable

There will be a district executive's breakout for the chartered organization representative at the **November 14** roundtable. The topics will be: 2018 Charter and Chartered Organization Representative training.

Tri-Fires “Ice Age” Klondike



Camp Manatoc—**January 26-28** will be the Tri Fires Klondike! Cost will be \$10 which will pay for tent camping, awards, patches and Friday night's cracker barrel!

Saturday's games will consist of: Sling Shot, Fire Building, Sled Race, First Aid, Knot Tying, Saw Tooth, Orienteering, Lashing River Crossover, and Morse Code.

Around the council

Want to join the Camp Manatoc Summer Camp staff? Applications are now online at www.manatoc.org. Interviews will be held on **December 27, 2017!** You must be 16 years and older for the summer camp staff! Youth 14-15 years old can apply to become a staff associate!



November

- 2 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
 - 5 District Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 11 Popcorn distribution
 - 23-26 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$6** **Boys' Life \$3**

December

- 7 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 8 All popcorn money due
 - 14 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 24-27 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 25 Merry Christmas
 - 30-31 Scout Shop closed for annual inventory
- Registration \$5.50** **Boys' Life \$2**

Venturing

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Venturing Fun Weekend



A Venturing Fun Weekend - for youth 14 and over based on a Harry Potter theme with costumes and games including the Triwizard tournament.

All meals are provided and heated cabin space is available. Come and enjoy Harry Potter Jeopardy, Best Costume contest, Quidditch Games, Horcrux Hunt, Sorting Ceremony and Goblet of Fire Harry Potter Movie plus some surprises. Signups can be done by individual or as a crew at:

<http://GTCVenturing.org/events>. Price is \$20 for tenters and \$30 for housing in a heated cabin. Saturday only price is \$20 and includes all meals and events. 6 p.m. Check in Friday, November 3; 10 a.m. Check out Sunday, November 5. You must have a health form (part A and B), a broom and if under 18 without a parent or advisor a signed activity consent form. Yes we said BYOB – bring your own broom!

Adult training on November 4

Youth deserve excellent crews and trained leaders. To get 300 points in your Journey to Excellence, the advisor and all associate advisors and at least two committee members must be trained. This is our goal for you. We are offering three in-person trainings: (1) Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training, (2) Venturing Crew Committee Challenge and (3) Building Stronger Crews (for those already “trained”) on Saturday, November 4, in the conference center at Camp Butler during the Fall Fun Weekend starting at 8:30 a.m. Come out and take it while your youth have a great time. Sign up for training by going to the Fall Fun Venturing event registration site <http://GTCVenturing.org/events>.

VenturingFest 2018 GTC contingent meeting November 4



The Great Trail Council Venturing is forming a council contingent to **VenturingFest 2018** (July 1-6) at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Visit our page and sign up for more information at:

<http://gtcventuring.org/news/venturingfest>. An informational meeting will be held after lunch on November 4, in the conference center at Camp Butler.

Area 4 holds SPARK: the ultimate leadership training experience

Join Central Region Area 4 Venturing President Grace Prorok at Area 4s newest event. This will be a Venturing Training Conference like you've never seen before. December 1-3, Camp Lazarus, Delaware, OH. We'll have training on tons of topics, for everyone, youth and adults, new Venturers and seasoned officers. Register your whole crew or come as an individual.

<http://tinyurl.com/A4VOASpark>

Sustain your crew—plan on open house

Crews in Venturing are small. The average size of our traditional crews are less than 10 Venturers. You need new members, especially those new high school freshmen. We need a lot of new 14 year olds to be invited to join in the fun. So go get them!

Pick an open house date for a fun activity at a bowling alley, that trampoline place up the road, or plan a game night at your regular meeting location, that is, meet anywhere you can have fun. Let your new friends enjoy the fun and invite them back for more. Oh yeah, and spend some time sharing your plans and hopes for the coming year and showing them about Venturing. Recruit them, tell them about Harry Potter, Spark, WorldFest, and VenturingFest. Invite them or they won't join. Find some help online at <http://www.venturing.org/recruiting.html>. Be sure to ask your DE for help to get the word out to as many as you can including your crew members' friends, the local troop, school, anywhere.

Start a crew, join a crew

If you are interested in starting a crew contact Dennis.Vargo@scouting.org or check out our page <http://GTCVenturing.org/join>.



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30	VOA Officers and Advisors Midyear Planning Meeting

Whispering Pines District

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Get the scoop! Come to roundtable!

Join us for our roundtable on **Thursday, November 2**, at 7 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman, OH 44512.

Our November topic will be new gadgets and equipment.

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.

Annual recharter packet turn in

Recharter packets are due to be turned in next month on **Thursday, December 7**, at roundtable. Please mark this date on your calendar and make sure that your recharter packets are turned in on time.

Recharter packets must be turned in directly to **John Brkic** prior to being taken to the Scout Service Center in Akron. **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES MAIL YOUR CHARTERS TO THE OFFICE.**

Popcorn sale information



Our Take Order distribution will be held at Dearing Compressor and Pump Co. on **Friday, November 10**. Please pay attention to your e-mails for further instruction.

A HUGE Thank YOU! Goes out to the team at Dearing Compressor and Pump Co. for allowing us to use their facility as our popcorn distribution warehouse this year. We wouldn't have been able to do it without them!

Webelos Woods

Thank You to **Steph Kelly** for everything you did to plan this year's Webelos Woods! Another successful event was held at Camp Stambaugh on November 4.

Klondike Derby 2018

This year's Klondike Derby will be held on **January 5 – 8, 2018** at Camp Stambaugh. Registration is open and can be completed online at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-WPKlondike2018>

Cub Scout Freeze Out 2018



This year's Cub Scout Freeze Out will be on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. If you are participating in the morning session, you will be camping on Friday evening. If you are participating in the afternoon session, you will be camping on Saturday evening. For information about this program, please contact the event chair, **Steph Kelly** at ifindthem@gmail.com.

You can register for Freeze Out online at:

https://scoutingevent.com/433-18WP_FreezeOut

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 billpmoss@sbcglobal.net with a request to tour the museum or request a special program for you 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.

November

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Library
 - 1 District Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman Library
 - 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman Library
 - 2 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Dr., Boardman
 - 4 Webelos Woods Campout—Camp Stambaugh
 - 10 Popcorn distribution
- Registration \$4 Boys' Life \$2

December

- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Location TBA
 - 7 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
 - 7 Recharter packets due
- Registration \$2.75 Boys' Life N/A

Seneca District cont'd.

Sign up now for a Family Friends of Scouting presentation

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

Start by selecting a unit FOS chair to schedule a presentation at your most well attended event in January, February, or March. Sign-ups will be held at roundtable with an opportunity to *earn a certificate for a free night of camping at any of our council owned properties (\$40 off rental fee of a cabin at camp. Some cabins cost more than \$40 to rent.)*

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

Contact Nate Watson at 330-773-0415 ext. 227, or Nathan.Watson@scouting.org to get the show started!

It's recharter time!

Your unit needs to ensure your charter processor attends roundtable on **November 9**, at the Kent United Church of Christ. We will be handing out recharter packets that night and to make this the easiest experience possible, you will want to attain yours ASAP. If you or someone from your unit cannot attend roundtable on November 9, please contact Nate to set up an alternative option. **We have a new system this year and will be going over all the changes in the new packet!**

Council Information cont'd.

2018 VenturingFest contingent

We are getting excited for next summer's celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Venturing. An organizational meeting will be held on November 4, at Camp Butler, in the conference center during the Harry Potter TriWizard Tournament weekend. Visit our page and sign up for information about this at <http://gtcventuring.org/news/venturingfest/>.

Venturing is forming a council contingent to **VenturingFest 2018** (July 1-6) at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. It's a great deal for a week of high adventure and is very cheap at \$500 for youth and \$400 for adults. Your crew can sign up on its own for VenturingFest or signup with the council contingent. Please let us know at the link. In the council, there will be a charge to cover transportation, shirts and patches. As a contingent we are guaranteed to be able to camp together.

Moecomdws District cont'd.

A message from Wayne—Thank You!

Hello MOE, it's your District Director, Wayne here. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work, dedication, and cooperation this fall. We tried a few radical things with our fall membership campaign this year. We added a 2nd (and later a 3rd!) School Night to Join Scouting in Hudson, and all the FANTASTIC Scouters in Stow worked together to conduct one city-wide sign up night. The results were incredibly successful. I am proud to announce that Moecomdws District has reached our year end membership goal of 1,325.....and we still have 2 months to go! We did it....we finally made MOE GROW!

A handful of great volunteers were key to our District success, and I must thank them. **Jackie McDonnell** (Membership Chair), and **Jericho Johnson** (Cub Scout Roundtable and Cub Scout Training Chair) did a wonderful job at our School Night Kickoff Training, preparing leaders to conduct a successful rally night. **Jeff Kline** (District Committee and Council FOS Chair) and **Vince Marchetti** (Assistant District Commissioner) stepped up to the plate, helping me out with some last-minute school talks. **Ruth Mundy** (District Commissioner) fearlessly led our commissioner staff through this membership season, and was sure that every pack had district representation at their sign-up night. She's also a bulldog at getting applications turned in! **Paul Schumacher** (District Chair) was instrumental in the planning and promotion of some of my radical ideas. To all these wonderful Scouters, as well as the pack leaders, unit commissioners, district committee members, and parents who helped this fall....I say THANK YOU!

Finally---a congratulations to the two packs winning the fall membership contest, "Win Wayne's Money". **Pack 3273** from Stow has grown from 11 boys to 30+ in the past year, and **Pack 3169**, also from Stow, recruited 26 new Cub Scouts this fall. These two packs will get their Bobcat advancements paid for by me. Nice job!

Venturing cont'd.

Journey to Excellence

Go to:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/mission/pdf/2017_Crew_JTE_Guidebook.pdf to check out the resources and download the 2017 guidebook for JTE. Get your VP of Administrations to work with the youth to see how you are doing and what you need to do to get Bronze, Silver or Gold. Don't wait until recharter time, use the form now to improve your crew and give your youth excellent crews. Need help? Contact your unit or district commissioner.

Council Calendar

November

- 1 Auction Committee Meeting
- 1 M&M Training Committee Meeting
- 1 Philmont Committee Meeting
- 3 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 3 Popcorn Prize Orders due
- 4 Goodwill/Good Turn Day
- 4 [Shooting Sports Saturday](#)
- 6 Eagle Dinner Committee
- 8 Boy Scout Camp Promotion
- 8 Wood Badge Dinner Committee Meeting
- 9 Finance Committee Meeting
- 11 [College of Commissioner Science](#)
- 11 Popcorn distribution
- 13 Council Board FOS Kick-Off
- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 13 Funding Committee Meeting
- 14 Camping Committee Meeting
- 14 Council FOS Orientation
- 16 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 17 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 17 Nominating Committee Meeting
- 18 [Dinner & Movie—Camp Manatoc](#)
- 18 NYLT Reunion & Interviews
- 23-25 Scout Shop/office closed
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 29 Properties Committee Meeting

December

- 6 Auction Committee Meeting
- 7 Finance Committee Meeting
- 8 Popcorn money due
- 9 [Breakfast with Santa—Camp Manatoc](#)
- 12 Wilderness Engineers—Christmas
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 Boy Scout Camp Promotion
- 16 [Breakfast with Santa—Camp Stambaugh](#)
- 22-26 Scout Shop/office closed
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 27 Camp staff interviews
- 28 Camp Staff Party
- 28-30 Scout Shop closed for inventory

Great Trail Council Scout Shop

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



Let's not forget our feathered friends during the fall and winter season.

We have birdfeeders, birdhouses, and lots of other wood kits.

Come see what we have to offer.