

# Scouters' News

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

### New family program update "Girls joining Cub Scouts"

The goal for the Great Trail Council is to prepare our charter partners and Cub Scout packs for full Family Scouting by June 1. The official launch date nationally is set for the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year. The Great Trail Council understands that the highlight of the Scouting year is attending camp and we will be ready to take both boys and girls at our Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub Adventure Camps and WEBELOS Resident Camp this summer. Early payment discounts will be extended to new enrollees until **June 30, 2018** or **one week prior to the start of the camping program that they choose to attend.**

Packs should now begin the process of talking with existing families to see how many sisters will want to participate. Based upon the feedback, begin securing den leadership for both boys' and girls' dens at each rank. During April and May each pack should then plan on holding a spring recruitment event. Even if your pack has not done a spring recruitment in the past, we will need each pack to do one this year. This recruitment will be an opportunity for each pack to prepare for the larger fall recruitment events that take place in August and September. Please contact your district membership chair or your district executive to set your spring recruitment date. As soon as applications and membership fees are received at the Scout Service Center the new youth are considered registered and can participate fully in Cub Scouts. Applications will not be posted until after the annual grade roll-up takes place the weekend of June 9-10, but all will be considered registered if the application and membership fees are received at the Scout Service Center. If an application is not given to your district executive or turned in at the Scout Service Center, the new Scout is not considered registered and is not covered under any accident or liability insurance and cannot earn any advancements. This is the most crucial step in the process.

Each month we will be posting information to help prepare our charter partners and Cub Scout packs to prepare to serve the entire Scouting family. If you have any questions please contact your unit commissioner, district executive or the Scout Service Center. As we grow our Scouting family, we are all ready to help you make this a positive and rewarding experience for all of the youth we serve.

### 180 Action Plan/Family Scouting

#### • January 2018

- ◇ Review Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp dates and select options for pack attendance.
- ◇ Charter partner visits
  - Meeting with pack leader(s), district executive, charter organization representative and executive officer of charter organization.
  - The meeting will decide whether the pack will be: all boy, all girl or family with boy and girl dens.
  - Survey unit leadership for participation.

#### • February 2018

- ◇ Identify den leadership for new all girl packs or den leadership for new girl dens.
- ◇ New leadership completes training. (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)
- ◇ Set Spring Recruitment Plans

#### • March 2018

- ◇ Promote all summer camp opportunities to existing members. (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
- ◇ Finalize plans for Spring Recruitment.

#### • April 2018

- ◇ Begin Spring Recruitment Events.
- ◇ Promotion of summer camp opportunities. (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
- ◇ New leadership completes training. (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)
- ◇ Turn in applications to Scout Service Center or district executive.

#### • May 2018

- ◇ Complete Spring Recruitment Events.
- ◇ Promotion of summer camp opportunities. (Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp and WEBELOS Resident Camp)
- ◇ All new leaders complete training. (Youth Protection, BALOO and Position Specific)

#### June 2018

- ◇ New Scouts are entered into the registration system.
- ◇ Early bird fees for June camps are due at least one week prior to start of the camp.
- ◇ Early bird fees for July and August camps are due by June 30.

# Council Information

## We're having a winter uniform day— Wednesday, February 7!

It's time to use the best recruiters we have to bring more youth to Scouting and to tell everyone the BSA is alive and well here in Great Trail Council – that means we need to “suit up” our youth members to mark Scouting Anniversary Week 2018.

On **Wednesday, February 7**, we want to have every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer and Explorer in the council to wear their uniform to school. Let's make sure our Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers wear their uniforms completely and correctly so they show only the best of Scouting that day. Sharp looking uniforms make the difference.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers who participate in Winter Uniform Day will receive a new Winter 2018 Great Trail Council Uniform Day patch. See Scout Shop for these free patches.

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

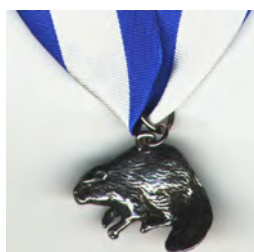
### 2018 Eagle Dinner sponsor



**Matthew Wilson**, Eagle Scout and President of The University of Akron, has agreed to be the 2018 Eagle Dinner Speaker. President Wilson was the dean of the University of Akron School of Law from 2014-2016. He was named the 17th President of the University of Akron on October 19, 2016.

All Scouts receiving their Eagle Rank in 2017 will receive a special invitation to attend our recognition dinner which will be held on March 11, 2018, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn.

### Silver Beaver nominations



Chairman of the Council Silver Beaver Committee, Jim Nilsen, reminds all Great Trail Council Scouters that Silver Beaver applications are due by **March 9, 2018**.

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

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

### Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Samuel Bluso	327	11/06/17
Joseph Brick	501	11/01/17
Zachary Brown	361	11/01/17
Nathan Craig	155	11/07/17
Victor DiTommaso	9002	10/30/17
Daniel Hardy	4122	11/16/17
Joseph Karickoff	118	11/14/17
Myron Koyle III	172	11/08/17
Nathan Lett	330	11/05/17
Timothy O'Connor III	4063	11/16/17
Elliot Ortiz-Witter	333	11/14/17
Mark Owen Jr.	4040	11/16/17
Xavier Smiechowski	406	11/06/17
Benjamin Stevenot	777	11/20/17
Noah Toth	517	11/21/17

### News you need

1. The **National Duty to God Award** recognizes adults who help young people better connect with their faith.
2. **Journey to Excellence** is a self-evaluation tool that allows unit leaders to see, how well their unit is meeting the goals of Scouting. Find the latest JTE scorecards at [www.scouting.org/JTE](http://www.scouting.org/JTE).
3. The **2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference**, or NOAC, will be July 30 to August 4 at Indiana University in Bloomington. Visit [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) for details.
4. The BSA's **Adopt-a-School** program helps strengthen relationships between schools and Scout units. You'll find a range of resources at <https://adoptaschool.scouting.org>.
5. Are you involved with keeping advancement records in your unit? Be sure you're using the latest advancement guidelines by downloading the **2017 Guide to Advancement** at <https://scouting.org/advancement>. Changes are made every other year based on feedback from Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders.

## ***Council Information***

### **Scoutbook youth advancement sync**

All Scouting units with active Scoutbook subscriptions have recently been invited to complete the Scoutbook youth advancement sync with ScoutNet. The Scoutbook unit admins have been notified and given instructions on how to activate this sync by December 31, 2017.

This sync will allow units to approve advancement in Scoutbook and have it automatically sync with the BSA national database. **Scoutbook users** will no longer need to access Internet Advancement to track and report their unit advancement.

Starting January 1, 2018, units with active Scoutbook subscriptions will only be able to approve advancements for Scouts who are in the advancement sync. If you have not activated your unit and/or Scouts within your unit, you will not be able to approve advancements for that Scout(s).

Note that as a unit activates the sync, if there are Scouts who have not yet been registered (entered into ScoutNet or My.Scouting), the unit can unapprove those Scouts and continue the sync for the rest of the unit. Once registration is complete for the outstanding Scouts, the unit can then approve them and they will then be included.

The user guide on activating the sync is here: <http://bit.ly/syncadv>

If you have any questions about the Scoutbook youth advancement sync or if your Scouting unit has not received the sync instructions, please send an email to: [Scoutbooksync@gmail.com](mailto:Scoutbooksync@gmail.com).

### **Journey to Excellence for your unit**

1. A framework for planning the year.
  - The JTE standards are based on what successful units do to continually improve.
2. A method for evaluating your unit.
  - JTE provides tangible measurements based on things you are likely already tracking, such as how many campouts you have, how many youth are advancing, etc., and uses simple ways to calculate your performance.
3. Guidance in areas where you might do better.
  - As you track your performance against the JTE standards you can easily see where you could do better.
4. Specific guidelines and standards of what is considered good performance.
  - JTE has specific, simple measures to help you. You can easily compare what you are doing against the standards.

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### **Are you the best leader you can be?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Journey to Excellence Continued from column to left**

5. Early warning of potential problem areas.
  - You track any areas where your unit is not performing as you might like and have plenty of time to make corrections.
6. Recognition for good Scouting.
  - You can proudly receive your Bronze, Silver, or Gold recognition for your Scouting unit for the year.
7. Benchmarking to get ideas and tips from other good units.
  - You can receive help and best practices in areas where other units have met the gold standard.
  - In areas where you are doing well, you can give help and ideas to other units.

## Council Information

### University of Scouting is on March 3!

The 2018 University of Scouting will be held on **Saturday, March 3, at Ravenna High School.**

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

Who should attend? Adults are invited to attend the college or colleges of their choice. Wear your uniform, if you have one. You may want to bring a notebook, camera, good will and a smile!

Online registration and class information will be available in January.

### Wood Badge and NYLT Scholarship Dinner

Have you attended a Wood Badge course? Has someone from your troop or crew benefitted from attending NYLT? Come to our Wood Badge and NYLT Scholarship Dinner! We will have a fantastic meal along with an auction and trading post. All proceeds from this event help to provide scholarships for our Scouts to attend NYLT and our Scouters to attend Wood Badge, allowing them to experience the highest level training available. The dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2018**, at 12:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Catholic Church (1580 Brown St., Akron 44301). Online registration opens December 1, at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-WBNYLTdinner>.

### Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Board of Review

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

The Boards of Review will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Archbishop Hoban High School, 1 Holy Cross Blvd., Akron, OH 44306, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Applicants for the religious emblems should make sure they have all the required signatures. Please make sure they bring their completed books and applications to the Board of Review.

Cost for the medals will be \$11. Checks are to be made payable to DCCS.

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

For more information email [ccs@gtcbsa.org](mailto:ccs@gtcbsa.org).

### Tributes & Memorials

**In Memory of:** Charlotte Horvath  
**From:** John & Carrie Nouse

**In Memory of:** George Qua  
**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Emery C. Prior

### 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.gtcbsa.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](mailto:scoutmaster777@york.net).

### 2019 World Scout Jamboree

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree application process is open! The World Scout Jamboree dates are **July 21 – August 2, 2019**, held at The Summit. This is the first time the WSJ will be held in the United States since 1967 (Farragut State Park, Idaho), only the second ever held in the U.S., and the first WSJ held in North America since 1983 (Alberta, Canada).

Youth must be between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time the Jamboree starts. Adult unit leaders and International Service Team (Staff) members must be 18 or older at the start of the WSJ.

A \$250 deposit is required at the time of application. If you apply before January 31, 2018, make your deposit, and make all additional payments on time, you will have a \$100 early-bird discount applied to your final payment. Applying does not guarantee a spot with the U.S. contingent. Once you finish your application, it will be sent for approval and review by the Great Trail Council and the national office. Click here to begin the process: <https://wsj2019.us/apply>. The World Scout Jamboree Contingents are at the regional level, not at the council level, and spaces are limited. If you are interested, apply now!

## Council Information

### Camping reservation update

Remember you can...

- You can make reservations for Camp Manatoc, Camp Butler, and Camp Stambaugh at [www.gtcbbsa.org](http://www.gtcbbsa.org), click on Weekend Camping Reservations.
- In council (Great Trail) units may reserve a cabin 12 months in advance, but remember that's from the last day that you will need the cabin NEXT year.
- Please distribute the total number of campers you will be bringing between your cabins.

### 2018 Summer Camp Staff Apprentices



Our outstanding summer camp staff apprentice program returns again in 2018.

Fees for the 2-week program are \$100 per participant.

Apprentices receive room and

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

Applications are available at:

[http://manatoc.org/summer\\_camp/forms/CounselorInTrainingApplication.pdf](http://manatoc.org/summer_camp/forms/CounselorInTrainingApplication.pdf)

Questions? **Contact Director of Camping Chris Bergdorf at 330-607-6376 or by email at [manatocbutler@windstream.net](mailto:manatocbutler@windstream.net).**

### Stambaugh needs Wilderness Engineers

Camp Stambaugh needs you! In 2018 we'll be restarting the Wilderness Engineer group at Camp Stambaugh. Meeting day will be Thursdays at 9 a.m. There is always an endless list of projects and any skill level is welcome, just bring your coffee cup. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Contact **Ranger Nathan** at [Nathan.plesea@scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.plesea@scouting.org) or 330-974-8476. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

### More new comfort stations at Manatoc



Davey Crockett and Forester areas will soon have new comfort stations, just like the ones you see in the state parks. The new restrooms will replace older latrines at camp

and provide better facilities for our Scouts and leaders.

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



### 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.)*

## Council Information

### Big changes coming to Stambaugh

The new year brings big changes to Camp Stambaugh.

1. Prints for the new water system at Camp Stambaugh have been sent out for bid. City water will be installed by the end of January.
2. Marnoc Lodge has agreed to buy a new lakefront shelter at Camp Stambaugh.
3. The ODNR has confirmed they have no jurisdiction for Lake Stambaugh. Now we are in the process of taking water samples and if all goes well after remedial repairs Lake Stambaugh will be open in 2018.
4. **Dave Deibel** has offered to donate a shelter near the camp's maintenance area for storage of equipment.
5. The pool pump has been ordered.
6. The liner is being inspected to determine if it needs replaced. The pool will be open in 2018.
7. New mattresses and covers have been placed at Camp Stambaugh.
8. The dining hall will be brought up to code in January. The Great Trail Council signed a quote with the Hobart Company to make remedial repairs at Camp Stambaugh's dining hall.
9. Nathan and volunteers (Rich and Ron) have been working hard to refresh the dining hall bathrooms.

### Cub Adventure Camp at Stambaugh



Cub Adventure Weekends are Cub and family friendly camping programs. Come to camp as a family or unit. Meals, T-shirts, and activities are planned.

Cub Adventure Weekend—  
**Friday, May 11-Sunday, May 13**

Cub Adventure Weekend—  
**Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29**

Cub Adventure Weekend—  
**Friday, Sept. 21-Sunday, Sept. 23**

Registration will be available soon!

**University of Scouting**  
**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2018**  
**Ravenna High School**

### 3rd Saturday Series is back!

Are you interested in being trained as a district advocate to help units, Scouts and Scouters with extraordinary needs find the most appropriate way to work together?

Join us on **Saturday, January 20**, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Great Trail Council Service Center in Akron for our intensive District Advocate Training. This in-depth training outlines National Boy Scouts of America policies, procedures and the quirks of Great Trail Council as we work together to provide Scouting in the most appropriate way possible to the most participants.

To RSVP to any class, shoot an e-mail to [wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:wendygreathouse@gmail.com).

### Plan now for Universal Scouting Training

During the University of Scouting, which will be held at Ravenna High School on **March 3, 2018**, please plan to earn our **trained patch** and show your fellow Scouters that you're interested in serving all of our Scouts. We'll have 18 courses to choose from. 18!

If you have questions about Boards of Review for a special needs Scout, bring them to the University of Scouting. Need specific behavioral modification techniques to tame your den or troop? You'll find it there.

If you can't wait until training happens, please contact us. We can help with emergent situations, and make your Scouting experience much more pleasant for everyone involved. Email **Wendy** at [wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:wendygreathouse@gmail.com) or **Dennis** at [dennis.vargo@scouting.org](mailto:dennis.vargo@scouting.org).

### Bullying? Scouts climbing wall-spouts?

One of the most frustrating things in all of Scouting is when something happens that *just shouldn't*. How do you handle the unexpected? How do you bring all of the parties together to agree on a reasonable course of action?

Well, if you're at the end of your rope, the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) has trained mediators who can come help Scouting proceed in the most appropriate manner possible. SNAC Advocates problem solve, understand Scouting, policies, and available resources to help every unit, and every Scout, enjoy the program that we all volunteer for.

If you're at the end of your rope, speak to your unit commissioner, or call SNAC directly at 330-256-0996 to speak with **Wendy**, or 330-773-0415 ext. 214 to speak with **Dennis**.

## Council Information

### 2017 Popcorn Sale sets new record!



**Council Popcorn Chairman Brad Siefke** is happy to report that our 2017 Pecatonica Popcorn campaign topped 1.86 million dollars. 221 units participated with over 4,500 Scouts selling 96,000 containers! Hats off to everyone who made this a fantastic sale. Thanks to all of our District Popcorn Chairmen:

**Arrowhead**—Teresa Prentise  
**Lakes**—Gena Valoric/Kate Breth  
**Chippewa**—Julio Esis  
**Moecomdws**—Andrew Cole, Sr.  
**Old Portage**—Trent Dye  
**Seneca**—Sabrina Finney/Lori Fronk  
**Whispering Pines**—Marion Sweely  
**Tri-Fires**—Tosha Curren

#### Top Popcorn Salesman

- #1-**Andrew Cole, Jr.**-\$10,461-Troop 270-Moecomdws
- #2-**Christian Renna**-\$10,348-Pack 3322- Lakes
- #3-**Jamie Faur**-\$10,115-Pack 3527-Chippewa

#### 2017 Council Top 10 Selling Units

- #1-**Pack 3390**-\$43,105-Old Portage
- #2-**Pack 3517**-\$35,215-Chippewa
- #3-**Pack 3322**-\$34,500-Moecomdws
- #4-**Pack 3334**-\$31,245-Lakes
- #5-**Pack 9025**-\$25,900-Whispering Pines
- #6-**Pack 9184**-\$25,550-Whispering Pines
- #7-**Pack 3269**-\$25,145-Seneca
- #8-**Pack 3402**-\$24,395-Chippewa
- #9-**Troop 4101**-\$23,785-Arrowhead
- #10-**Pack 3527**-\$23,745-Chippewa

#### 2017 Top Browns/Steelers “Battle of the Border”

**Browns**—**Jamie Faur**-53 Tins-Pack 3527-Chippewa  
**Steelers**—**Noah Lisy**-27 Tins-Pack 3334-Lakes



### 2018 Family Friends of Scout Campaign “Climbing to New Heights”

The Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce that **Gregg Townsend**, Chippewa District, has been appointed as our 2018 Council Family Friends of Scouting Chairman.



*Congratulations Gregg!*



### 2018 Family FOS Presenters Training

*Help us spread the Scouting Story  
and Change Lives!*

Family Friends of Scouting presenters make 2-3 presentations to Scouting units in February and March, highlighting the incredible power of our Scouting programs and how dollars raised from our campaign allows us to change lives!

2018 Family Friends of Scouting Presenters  
Training

We will hold three trainings (you only need to attend one):

- \*Tuesday, Jan. 9, Scout Service Center, 6:30 pm
- \*Saturday, Jan. 13, Camp Manatoc, 10:00 am
- \*Wednesday, Jan. 18, Scout Service Center, 6:30 pm  
*Dinner provided!*

**Contact - Jody Gildersleeve 330-773-0415 ext. 218**  
[Jody.Gildersleeve@scouting.org](mailto:Jody.Gildersleeve@scouting.org)

# Council Information

## From the Registration Desk...

### Thank you

Wow! It's hard to believe that we're in the beginning of the new calendar year. 2017 held many changes in leadership, adding new districts, processing of registration, new ways of doing old things and much more. At times it has been a challenge to keep up with all that is going on. It hasn't been easy but working together we made it through. Your continued patience is appreciated as we continue to move forward in making Scouting the best program available to youth and adults. Thank you for all you have done to help during this process. It is greatly appreciated. Here's to a great year in Scouting.

### Charter info

Arrowhead, Whispering Pines and Pathfinder GWR charters should be turned in by now. See the chart to the right for the time, date, and location. Units in Tri-Fires and Seneca should turn your charters in by your January roundtable. If you aren't able to turn it in, please contact your district executive as soon as possible to make arrangements to turn it in.

Moe and Lakes received their charter packets at the December roundtable. Your charter window opens January 1 and closes on February 28. Your charters must be turned in by your February roundtable. Our goal is to make sure that each district's charters are processed by their expiration date.

### Registration fee increase

As you are aware, the registration fees for both youth and adults increased from \$24 a year to \$33 a year. The fee increase went into effect December 1.

**Please Note:** This fee increase includes all unit, district, council and executive board registration.

*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).*

## Chivalry isn't dead The Knight's Code of Conduct

1. Love the Lord your God with your heart, soul, mind and strength.
2. Obey those in authority over you.
3. Stand against injustice and evil.
4. Defend and protect the weak.
5. Respect and honor women.
6. Refrain from wanton offense.
7. Speak the truth at all times.
8. Be generous and willing to share.
9. Persevere and finish the task at hand.
10. Pursue excellence in all you do.

## 2018 Charter Time Frame

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

**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





# Arrowhead District

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## Boy Scout Winter Event January 12-14 at Camp Stambaugh

Registration for Winter Event is NOW OPEN and closes at midnight on Friday, January 5, 2018! The registration fee is \$10 per attendee (youth and adult). This fee covers program materials, a delicious dinner Saturday night, a custom event patch, and a full day of fun and activities.

Event competitions will include: Trebuchet, Long Distance Fire Lighting Challenge, Tomahawk and Knife Throwing, Shelter Building, Lumberjacks, Blindfolded Stretcher Carry, Sled Inspection, Ice Rescue, and more to come including a surprise station. There will be a closing campfire and awards ceremony where each patrol is encouraged to perform a song or skit.

Leader's Guide and Registration at:  
<https://scoutingevent.com/433-AHKlondike2018>

If you have any questions or would like to help with this this year's event, contact **Tim Sandor**.

Klondike Chairman: Tim Sandor  
[timinohio@gmail.com](mailto:timinohio@gmail.com) or 330-565-8560



## Cub Scout Freeze-Out



Arrowhead's annual Cub Scout Winter Event is planned for Camp Stambaugh on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. This year's theme is "All Around the World" with stations and activities named for different countries. Information of each country is shared

to the Cub Scouts as they participate in the station. Registration is \$10 per participant and everyone will receive a patch, a hot lunch in the dining hall, and a craft!

Cub Scout Winter Event Chair: **Tim Sandor**  
[timinohio@gmail.com](mailto:timinohio@gmail.com)

## Get the latest info at roundtable!

All adults are welcome and 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. We hope that you will join us as the training and opportunity for fellowship at these meetings is one that cannot be matched!

### Wednesday, January 10, at 7 p.m.

Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio  
4550 Research Pkwy., Warren, OH 44483

If you have any requests for delivery from the Scout Shop in Akron, call 330-773-4078 and place an order over the phone. I will bring all Scout Shop orders for pickup at roundtable.

Roundtable Commissioner: **Ray Deluga** email at [rayd1664@gmail.com](mailto:rayd1664@gmail.com).

## Join the Camp Stambaugh "Thursday Crew"

Ranger Nathan is seeking volunteers to help with various projects around Camp Stambaugh during the day on Thursdays. If you are available during this time frame, please contact Nathan at 330-533-4538.

Camp Stambaugh Ranger: **Nathan Plesea**  
[nathan.plesea@scouting.org](mailto:nathan.plesea@scouting.org)

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### January

- 10 Roundtable—7 p.m.—ETINEO
  - 12-14 Klondike—Camp Stambaugh  
<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-AHKlondike2018>
  - 17 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
  - 18 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., Warren
  - 25 Advancement Committee—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St., Warren
- Registration \$33.00      Boys' Life \$12.00**

### February

- 14 Roundtable—7 p.m.—ETINEO
  - 15 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
  - 17 Cub Scout Freeze-Out—Camp Stambaugh
  - 21 District Committee Meeting—Kent State Trumbull
  - 22 Advancement Committee Meeting—Kent State Trumbull
- Registration \$30.25      Boys' Life \$11.00**

# Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Sr. District Executive Steve Jindra 330-773-0415 X 235 steve@gtcbsa.org  
Chippewa Website: www.facebook.com/pages/GTC-Chippewa-District



## Recharter Training—January 11

Chippewa District Commissioner **Ed Martin** will be conducting unit rechartering training at roundtable **Thursday, January 11, starting promptly at 7 p.m.** at the Medina United Methodist Church (4747 Foote Rd., Medina, OH) **Attention Scouting units:** All unit leaders and committee chair members should be in attendance. If another leader from your unit has been assigned the charter renewal duties plan on attending this informative meeting. There will be a complete review of the recharter process and information on where to get help. Your unit recharter kits and materials will be on hand for distribution. Charter kits will include guidelines for internet rechartering and registration along with a copy of your unit roster, adult and youth applications, and a charter turn-in worksheet. Be prepared. Be there!

## “Race for Gold” Klondike



This year Klondike is scheduled for **January 12-14**, at Camp Butler. All troops and webelos may attend. Check-in will start at 5 p.m., on

Friday, January 12, or 8:30 a.m., on Saturday morning. Make sure to bring your cold weather camping gear and patrol sleds. The cost is \$10 to attend. It is going to be a great time! Dress warm! Flyers are in your saddlebags. If you have any questions contact **John Naizer** at: [campwalkingstick@gmail.com](mailto:campwalkingstick@gmail.com).

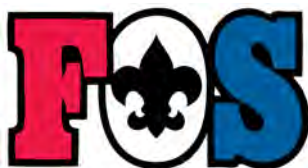
## Friends of Scouting

If you haven't done so already please schedule and turn in your FOS presentation date to our family campaign manager **Glen Murduck** at [gamduck@aol.com](mailto:gamduck@aol.com).

### FILL-OUT & RETURN ELECTRONICALLY:

**EXAMPLE: 1/20- T533, 2200 BANQUET HALL- 1000 GIVING LANE, MEDINA OH. 44256 1pm Steve Jindra 330.773.0415 [steve.jindra@scouting.org](mailto:steve.jindra@scouting.org) (Court of honor)**

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



## 2018 Chippewa District Campaign goals

**Family Campaign GOAL: \$50,000**

**Community Campaign GOAL: \$30,000**

**District Volunteer Campaign GOAL: \$5,000**

**Overall District Campaign GOAL: \$85,000**

## Start thinking about day camp

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

**Place:** Camp Butler

**Cost:** \$65.00

**Dates:** Session One June 25-27 , Session Two June 28-30

**Contact:** Camp Director **Steve Trommer:** [chippewadaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:chippewadaycamp@gmail.com)

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

## Exceptional volunteer service

Thank you to **Tracy Buchheit** for her help with the Salvation Army bell ringing. And thank you **Ed Martin** for conducting recharter training!

## Bad weather alert

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



### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 11 Roundtable/District Committee Meeting (Recharter Training) - Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd.
- 12-14 Klondike—Camp Butler
- 15 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed  
**Registration \$8.25      Boys' Life \$3.00**

### February

- 1 FOS District Kick-Off
- 8 District Committee Meeting & Roundtable, Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 22 Friends of Scouting Fleur De Lis Kick-Off  
**Registration \$5.50      Boys' Life \$2.00**

# Lakes District

## “Leads the Way”

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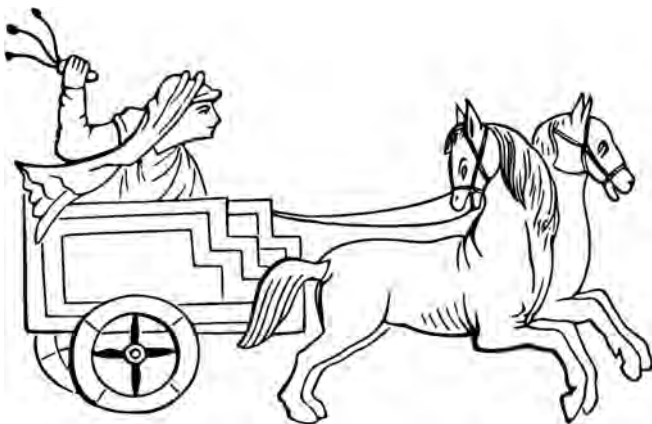


### Lakes District Charter Turn-In

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

### Planning for Friends of Scouting

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



### Cub Scout Chariot Race

The Lakes District Chariot Race for all Cubs will be **Sunday, January 28, 2018** at the Green Intermediate School, 1737 Steese Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Check the website at <http://chariotrace3330.org/> for the rules and plans to make your chariot. See you there charioteers! For more information contact **Kate Breth** at 330-631-4354.

### Lakes District Retreat

The Lakes District Retreat will be on Saturday, January 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are also going to work on planning the 2018-2019 program year and work to improve the functioning of our Cub packs and Boy Scout troops. We look forward to seeing every unit represented for this supplemental training that is designed to enhance and improve the way your units function.

#### Manchester United Methodist Church

5625 Manchester Rd.

Akron, OH 44319

Saturday, January 13, 2018

10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

### “Abominable Zombies” Klondike



The Klondike committee is very busy planning events! This year's theme is “Abominable Zombies.” Get ready to bundle up and head out to Camp Manatoc on **January 19-21**, for our annual klondike. Details will be available at the December roundtable. Questions? Call **Bill Hedrick** at 330-524-0381 or email [walterhedrick288@gmail.com](mailto:walterhedrick288@gmail.com).

#### January

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
  - 4 District Commissioners Meeting—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
  - 11 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
  - 13 Lakes District Retreat—10 a.m.-2p.m.—Manchester United Methodist Church, 5625 Manchester Rd., Akron
  - 19 “Abominable Zombies” Klondike—Camp Manatoc
  - 28 Cub Scout Chariot Race—Noon—Green Intermediate School, 1737 Steese Rd., Akron
- Registration \$5.50      Boys' Life \$2.00**

#### February

- 1 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
  - 8 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
  - 15 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
- Registration \$2.75      Boys' Life N/A**

# Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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## 2018 Unit Elections

Coming soon...your *2018 Unit Election Packet*. All troops are encouraged to conduct their 2018 Unit Election at their earliest opportunity. The unit election packet will be sent to unit leaders in early January.

Once your unit completes their election the report will be submitted to [http://bit.ly/2018\\_151election](http://bit.ly/2018_151election). Adult nominations will be submitted to [http://bit.ly/2018\\_151\\_adult](http://bit.ly/2018_151_adult). Using this electronic submission system will enable us to better track the completed elections.

## 2018 Ordeal Registrations

All candidates for the Ordeal will need to register at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-ordeal> as soon as possible after elections. Ordeal dates are posted on that site. June, July, and August Ordeals will be at the Manatoc Scout Reservation. The September Ordeal will be at Camp Stambaugh. Ordeals are limited to 55 candidates, and are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please remember that having a candidate "Called-Out" is not a pre-requisite to participating in an Ordeal, it is just a "public" recognition of their election.

## OA Troop Representative and OA Troop Adviser

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the same time fulfilling the lodge's role in the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow of being an integral part of the council. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

More information on the Troop Representative program may be found at

<https://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative>

More information on the Troop Representative Adviser program may be found at

<https://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative-adviser>

When you complete your 2018 Unit Election report you will be asked to provide the names and contact information for these two positions.

## 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.

[www.gtcbsa.org/scout-shop](http://www.gtcbsa.org/scout-shop)

Fax order form

[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.



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

# Moecomdws District

## “It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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District Website: [www.moescouts.org](http://www.moescouts.org)



### Moe Cub Scout Bowling Day

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018  
Where: Legend Lanes, 4190 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, 330-928-3794  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes two rounds of bowling, hot dog, bag of chips, drink and bowling patch (non-bowlers may purchase lunch for \$5.00).

Deadline: January 19, 2018 **RESERVATIONS ONLY – NO WALK-INS.**

Questions: Contact Ronda Roxbury, 330-957-2386 or [rondaroxbury@gmail.com](mailto:rondaroxbury@gmail.com)

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

### “Iditarod” Klondike January 26-28



Have you started planning for the Klondike?! If not, you better get on it ASAP! Troop 273 is planning an Iditarod themed Klondike Derby, packed full of fun and challenging events. And

we are predicting tons of snow!

The cost of the event is \$15 a Scout, and that will pay for camping, a patch, and dinner Saturday night. You can register Friday night, but we would like an approximate RSVP sent by January 11, to the Council Service Center. You can view the program guide at [www.MoeScouts.org](http://www.MoeScouts.org). Questions? Contact **Mark Bean** at [scoutmastertroop273@gmail.com](mailto:scoutmastertroop273@gmail.com).

### Join us for our District Fireside Chat

Come be heard! Come learn about what’s going on in YOUR district. District Chair Paul Schumacher will host our 2018 Moecomdws District Fireside Chat, **Saturday, January 28, at 9 a.m.** This will take place at the Camp Butler Conference Center, across from Atwater Lodge. Join us as we discuss a variety of topics including: 2017 year in review, Family Scouting, training, new member recruitment, district and council events, and district leadership. This is also a great networking opportunity!

### Family FOS Campaign starting soon

Our 2018 Family FOS campaign is about to begin. All units need to schedule a presentation date, preferably the date of your blue and gold banquet or court of honor. Please give your date to Family FOS Chair Greg Dykes. He can be reached at [GregDykes@gmail.com](mailto:GregDykes@gmail.com).

### Help us grow day camp!

The district day camp team is looking for your help. We would love to come visit your pack and promote day camp. Someone from the district squad will be reaching out to your pack soon. Day camp is the highlight of the summer in Cub Scouts, and we look forward to providing a fantastic program this summer. Please contact [moedaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:moedaycamp@gmail.com) with your day camp coordinator’s information for a free day camp t-shirt!

### Charter Turn-In on February 8

This year we will be collecting charter paperwork during the February roundtable on **Thursday, February 8**. You will have an opportunity to talk with a unit commissioner to make sure that all of the paperwork is complete including applications, signatures, money and Journey to Excellence. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner. Remember, we are adjusting this year to the new rules. Next year all charters, signatures, and money must be turned in before the charter expiration date.



#### January

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| 1     | New Year’s Day—Scout Shop/office closed  |
| 4     | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church                           |
| 9     | Family FOS Presenters Training—6:30 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Broadway, Akron |
| 11    | District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church                            |
| 11    | Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church  |
| 15    | Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed  |
| 18    | Family FOS Presenters Training—6:30 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Broadway, Akron |
| 20    | Family FOS Presenters Training—10 a.m.—Camp Manatoc                                    |
| 26-28 | Klondike—Camp Butler   |
| 27    | District Fireside Chats—9 a.m.—Camp Butler Conference Center                           |
|       | <b>Registration \$5.50</b>   |
|       | <b>Boys’ Life \$2.00</b>   |

# Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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



## January 2018 Roundtable

Looking for a New Year's resolution that's easy to keep? Plan to attend the monthly roundtables in 2018. **It's recharter time** for all units in the Old Portage District and we will be distributing the recharter packets at the January roundtable on **January 11**. Have questions on the process? We'll have answers.

## How we support the Scouting program

Delivering a high quality Scouting program costs the Great Trail Council \$150 per Scout per year over and above membership fees. On average, only 25% of our families support the Friends of Scouting campaign. We must increase this percentage, and with your help, WE WILL! **FOS is an outstanding opportunity to increase the dollars available** for the maintenance of Camps Manatoc, Butler and Stambaugh; the administration of registrations, training records, membership and advancement records; activities such as the University of Scouting and Council Camporalls, Klondike, summer camps and day camps; and for training courses to ensure that every Scout has the trained adult leader that they deserve.

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

Thank you for your support in promoting Friends of Scouting.

Yours in Service of the Spirit of Scouting,  
Eric Matheny

Old Portage District Friends of Scouting Family Chair  
matheny54@hotmail.com or 330-285-4791.

## Old Portage Day Camp

**Mark your calendar now!** 2018 Old Portage Day Camp will be the same time as last year – **July 9-11**. If you are interested in helping out (or have Boy Scouts that would be interested) please let **Stacy Bechtel** know ASAP as we are in the beginning stages of planning: [stacybechtel@hotmail.com](mailto:stacybechtel@hotmail.com). More information to come!

## “The Legend of the Bumble” Klondike

**It's time for the event of the year, the Old Portage Boy Scout and Cub Scout Klondike.**



That's right, both divisions will have their own Klondike on the same day at the same location. The Old Portage Klondike will be moving this year to **Camp Butler, January 19-21**, with the headquarters at the Conference Center. This year we will be running two events, one for Boy Scouts and crews and the other

for Cub Scouts. Every unit (troops, crews and packs) from the district is urged to participate. “The Legend of the Bumble” will be the theme this year. We will be offering a variety of events that will be in line with the theme. The Boy Scout event will contain a race and ten patrol stations on Saturday. The Cub event will contain a race with six event stations on Saturday. We will be having an awards ceremony for Boy Scouts on Saturday night. We look forward to seeing you all there for the district event of the year.

Each patrol and den will guide their Klondike sled through the event stations on Saturday. At each station the team will have a skill or activity to demonstrate. Each activity will have a point value and most will be timed. Questions? Call **Mike Fasig** at 330-329-8586 or [mfscouter@aol.com](mailto:mfscouter@aol.com).

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### January

- 1 Happy New Year—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 11 District Commissioners Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 11 Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 15 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 19-21 Klondike—Camp Butler
- Registration \$8.25      Boys' Life \$3.00**

### February

- 4 Scout Sunday/Scout Anniversary
  - 7 Uniform Day at Schools
  - 8 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 8 District Commissioners Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 8 Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
  - 10 Scout Sabbath
  - 20 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 24-25 Scout Ski Days
- Registration \$5.50      Boys' Life \$2.00**

# Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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Seneca Website: [www.senecadistrict.org](http://www.senecadistrict.org)



## Membership growth!

The Seneca District is proud to announce overall membership growth for three years in a row! Our membership numbers are the highest they've been since 2011! Great job to every unit out there! This goes to show that we are delivering a quality program that more and more families want to be a part of! My hat is off to all of our units that hosted a School Night to Join Scouting! Let's hope our recharter numbers are even better than last year. Last year we rechartered with 76% of our Scouting families returning to the program, our district goal with this is 80%!

## Seneca District Staff Retreat

The Seneca District Staff Retreat will be held on **Saturday, January 13**, at the Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent (where roundtable takes place). We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast. Our retreat this year will go until approximately 2 p.m. Watch your mail for a special invitation. If you hold any type of district position or want to know more about what the district does, we encourage your participation and attendance, so mark your calendars now!

## Recharters are due January 11

Recharter packets are due at the roundtable on **Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.**, at the Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent, OH 44240. If for some reason you or a representative from your unit cannot attend roundtable to deliver the charter, please contact Nate ASAP to arrange an alternative, 330-773-0415 x.227 or [Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org). We NEED all charters by the January roundtable. If you finish it sooner, feel free to drop it off at the Scout Office in Akron to give our registrar ample time to iron out any issues or details that may pop up.

## Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim



The 2018 edition of the Seneca Polar Bear Swim will be held **February 3!** Please mark the date down in your calendars and look for the final details at January's roundtable! This year's event is sure to be a **FREEEEEEZING GOOOD TIME!** Give your Cubs

**a chance to earn their belt loop and a patch at this great event!**



## Klondike at Camp Stambaugh

This year's Klondike is going to Camp Stambaugh on **January 19-20**. We will be meeting at the Conference Center. Pay attention to saddlebags and roundtable for more information! We have tent camping sites available for use, but if your unit wants to rent a cabin you will need to take care of that on your own! Note: Heavy snow will prevent access for vehicles back to campsites, please plan accordingly! Contact **Nate Watson** at [Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org](mailto:Nathan.Watson@Scouting.org) or **Chad Roberts** at [logdog1974@gmail.com](mailto:logdog1974@gmail.com) for more information.

## District Pinewood Derby

Hey Cub Scouts, mark your calendars for the Seneca District Pinewood Derby to be held on **Saturday, April 14!** Watch for additional details!

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### January

- 1 Scout Shop/office closed
- 9 Family FOS Presenters Training—7 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- 11 **All charters due at January roundtable!**
- 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 13 District Retreat—8:30 a.m.-noon—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St. Kent
- 15 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 18 Family Presenters Training #2—6:30 p.m.—Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
- 19-21 Seneca District Klondike—Camp Stambaugh  
**Registration \$2.75 Boys' Life N/A**

### February

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 3 Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim—1 p.m.-5 p.m.—Kent Roosevelt Pool
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 22 Friends of Scouting Kick-Off  
**Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

# Tri Fires District

## “Fired Up Scouting!”

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## “Manatoc Ice Age” Klondike



The Tri-Fires 2018 Klondike will be **January 25 - 27!** This year's event will be chaired by **Mike Thompson**. Flyers will be in saddle bags soon! Be sure to come to roundtable if you have any questions.

## Recharter Turn In

Recharters are due at the roundtable on **January 11**. If you cannot make that time line, please contact **Wes Ramp** at [wesramp@gmail.com](mailto:wesramp@gmail.com) or **Dean Tunberg** at [dean.tunberg@scouting.org](mailto:dean.tunberg@scouting.org).

## Friends of Scouting 2018

In February the 2018 Friends of Scouting Campaign kicks off! Please contact our Family Campaign Chair, **Chris Kuhn** to schedule a presentation! To schedule contact him at email: [chriskim2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chriskim2@sbcglobal.net)

## Roundtable reminder

Roundtable will be held on **January 11**, 2018, at Northwest Ave. Church of Christ in Tallmadge. Roundtable starts at 7 p.m., and all are welcome to attend the fun! Roundtables are an essential tool for distributing information, informal training, building excitement, and making new friends!

## Tri-Fires District Retreat

Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, committee chairman, unit commissioners, district committee, chartered org reps and all the other adult leaders, come one, come all and help plan out 2018 for Tri Fires! **January 13**, 9:30 a.m., at the Ohio Living Rockynol, 1150 W. Market St., Akron. This is a very important event! Come help us set up Tri-Fires District for success. Any questions call **Tosha Curren** at 330-715-3012.

## Pinewood Derby



Mark your calendars for the District Pinewood Derby, **April 14**, 2018. Pack 3310 will be hosting this year, and the location will be at St. Matthew Parish, 2603 Benton Ave., Akron, OH 44312. Any questions or concerns, please contact **Dennis Parado** at 330-907-5639 or [dparado@kent.edu](mailto:dparado@kent.edu).



## Let The Adventure Begin

### Leadership tips from your district executive

I have used the following **BASIC** leadership fundamentals as a sort of self-check throughout my Naval career and now here in Tri Fires:

1. Are you an inspiration to others? If so, then others will be more apt to have that drive to learn and grow.
2. Are you organized? Are you thinking ahead? Do you take a time out after the execution of an event to discuss process improvement for the next time?
3. How often do you check your integrity? Do you live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law? Our morals when matched with BSA ethics provide the cornerstone of effective leadership to our fellow adult leaders and the **Scouts** we volunteer to serve!
4. Communication is key. How are you at communicating in both written and spoken form? More importantly, do you know where any weakness lies? How are you actively improving this?

### January

- 1 Happy New Year—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 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
  - 9 Family FOS Presenters Training #1
  - 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 13 District Retreat—9:30 a.m.—Ohio Living Rockynol, 1150 W. Market St., Akron
  - 15 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 18 Family FOS Presenters Training #2
  - 25-27 District Klondike—Camp Manatoc
- Registration \$2.75** **Boys' Life N/A**

### February

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 4 Scout Sunday
  - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
  - 10 Scout Sabbath
  - 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
  - 24-25 Scout Ski Days
- Registration \$33.00** **Boys' Life \$12.00**



# Whispering Pines District

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## Join us at roundtable

Join us for our January roundtable on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 7 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church 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.

## 2018 Family Friends of Scouting Presentations

It's that time of year! Please make sure you send your 2018 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation date to our Family Friends of Scouting Chair **Marion Sweely** by emailing the information to [msweely@zoominternet.net](mailto:msweely@zoominternet.net). This year we are asking that all Cub Scout packs conduct their presentations at their blue and gold banquets and that all troops conduct their FOS presentations at a court of honor. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact John Brkic or Marion Sweely.

## Cub Scout Freeze Out



This year's Cub Scout Freeze Out program 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 Event Chair **Steph Kelly** at [ifindthem@gmail.com](mailto:ifindthem@gmail.com). You can register for Freeze-Out online at:

[https://scoutingevent.com/433-18WP\\_FreezeOut](https://scoutingevent.com/433-18WP_FreezeOut)

## District Committee Meeting location change

**Starting in January of 2018 the monthly district committee meetings, commissioner meetings, and advancement committee meetings will move to Boardman United Methodist Church.** The church is located at 6809 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44512.

**This affects all district committee members, unit commissioners, and those Scouts presenting their Eagle Scout projects for approval.**

## 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 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.



### January

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 3 Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 4 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
  - 5 Klondike Derby—Camp Stambaugh
  - 27 Cub Scout Freeze Out—Camp Stambaugh
- Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

### February

- 7 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 7 Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
  - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Registration \$30.25 Boys' Life \$11.00**

## ***Arrowhead District cont'd.***

### **Friends of Scouting planning**

It's time to schedule our annual Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. Start by selecting a Unit FOS Chair to schedule a presentation at your most well attended event in January, February, or March by contacting David Michalec at 330-883-7096 or [David.Michalec@scouting.org](mailto:David.Michalec@scouting.org).

We would like everyone to have a chance to hear the Scouting story and give them the opportunity to make a pledge to support the great experiences and activities supporting youth in our community!

Family FOS Co-Chairs: **Eric and Erica Neiheisel**  
[gvillepack62@yahoo.com](mailto:gvillepack62@yahoo.com)

### **Save the dates**

#### **District Pinewood Derby**

- April 7, 2018  
Eastwood Mall

#### **Spring Camporee**

- April 13-15, 2018  
Camp Stambaugh

## ***Seneca District cont'd.***

### **Family Friends of Scouting Campaign**

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

Start by selecting a unit FOS chairperson and then schedule your unit for a presentation in January, February or early March. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation should have been done by December roundtable, if you missed that deadline contact **Nate Watson at 330-773-0415, ext. 227 or [Nathan.Watson@scouting.org](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.

## ***Old Portage District cont'd.***

### **Online rechartering**

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

### **University of Scouting**

Are you registered for the 2018 University of Scouting? This is an opportunity to learn from the best of the best! Experienced leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your Scouting knowledge. This is a great opportunity for both new and experienced leaders to learn "the tricks of the trade". You get to customize your own experience by choosing from over 100 different courses. The University of Scouting will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Ravenna High School**. More information to follow. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!



## Council Calendar

### January

- 1 Happy New Year! Scout Shop/office closed
- 2 Program Committee Meeting
- 3 Auction Committee Meeting
- 8 Training Committee Meeting
- 9 FOS Family Presenter Training
- 10 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 11 Camp Card sign-up
- 15 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 16 Camping Committee Meeting
- 17 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 18 FOS Family Presenter Training
- 18 Risk Management Committee
- 19 Council FOS Steering Committee
- 20 FOS Family Presenter Training
- 20 Special Needs Training
- 22 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 24 Advancement Committee Training
- 24 Properties Committee Meeting
- 25 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 26 Investment Committee Meeting
- 26 Marketing Committee Meeting
- 27 Executive Board Retreat
- 27 Scoutmaster Specific Training
- 30 Commissioners Meeting
- 30 District Key 3

### February

- 4 Scout Sunday
- 6 Membership Committee Meeting
- 7 Auction Committee Meeting
- 7 Wear your Uniform Day
- 8 Camp Card Sign-up
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 Scout Sabbath
- 10 NYLT 1—Camp Butler
- 12 Eagle Dinner Committee Meeting
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 15 Cub Camping Promotions Meeting
- 18 Wood Badge Dinner
- 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 20 Religious Committee Meeting
- 21 Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 22 FOS Kick-Off/Fleur De Lis
- 24 Campmasters Meeting
- 24 Religious Committee Board of Review
- 24-26 Scout Ski Days
- 26 Day Camp Committee
- 27 Commissioners Meeting
- 27 Religious Committee Meeting



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