

Scouters' News

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

Cornerstone qualities of the Boy Scouts are invaluable to all

A message from

Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh

Consider for a moment the benefits of camaraderie, confidence, resilience, trustworthiness, courage and kindness. If we hope to see these attributes in our children and in the future generation of leaders, it is important that we strengthen efforts to instill those values. I will celebrate every institution that seeks to do so—and that includes the Girl Scouts.

Since its inception in 1912, the Girl Scouts' renowned program has helped empower generations of courageous and confident young women who seek to make the world a better place. It is a strong program that works. I believe in the Girl Scouts just as I believe in Boy Scouts and all character-building efforts. Nonetheless, we decided it was time to open our doors, and welcome girls into Cub Scouting. This decision does not make our programs co-ed; it provides single-sex programs for girls, in addition to the current programs for boys.

But the policy change isn't as dramatic as many people seem to think. We've had girls participating in Scouting for generations. It started in 1971, when we invited girls to join our Exploring program and strengthened in 1998 when we introduced Venturing as an adventure program for boys and girls. For years, too, we've been hearing about sisters unofficially participating in Cub Scouting by "shadowing" their brothers. So officially or unofficially, we've been including girls for a long time. And that led us to formally evaluate the matter this year to determine how best to serve today's families.

Through market research, we learned that about 90% of families not currently involved in Scouting are highly interested in a program designed like the one we plan to offer. Many of these families echoed a common theme: They are busier than ever, and they need activities they can do as a family.

But in addition to all of this, we wanted to know whether our curriculum and program content is relevant to young women. To that end, we asked a panel of educators to make an assessment. They determined it was 100% applicable to girls.

Based on all of these factors, our board voted unanimously that the time to act was now.

We acknowledge and celebrate that boys and girls develop differently, and there are times that single-gender learning is most appropriate. That is why we have outlined a structure that enables us to continue providing single-gender environments—like 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. It will be up to local Cub Scout packs, parents and chartered partners to choose whether to include boys and girls in family packs or only serve boys or girls; we anticipate a similar structure at the Boy Scouts level.

Let me also be clear about this once more: We know there are many other fantastic youth organizations—4H, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts and more—that provide character development opportunities for American children. Parents deserve the ability to choose which option is best for their children. For many girls, Girl Scouts will remain the preferable option. We celebrate and support that decision. Why? Because it is a strong, time-tested program that builds character.

Yet it's also true that most families in this country are not currently engaged with any character-building youth development program. There are over 70 million children in America that could benefit from our programs, and today, organizations like ours and others only serve a fraction of them. That is a huge unmet need, but one we can help address. Our country needs and deserves more young people focused on the values that serve as the bedrock of our movement: duty to God and country, with a desire to help other people at all times.

For skeptics that ask if our decision was made to boost membership, consider what membership means. It means that more children can benefit from the Scouting program, which has been proven to build character and leadership. It means that more young people will learn life skills that will empower them to take on challenges with greater resilience. I fervently believe in the strength of our programs, and their ability to change lives. If this decision allows us to bring the transformational power of our programs to more young people, then, yes, that is our motivation.

We are exhilarated at the possibilities this decision offers, not simply for the Boy Scouts of America, but for the future of our youth members and future generations of leaders.

University of Scouting
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Ravenna High School

Register at:

www.scoutingevent.com/433-UoS

Council Information

What you need to know for 2018's Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath



Although it feels like 2018 just started (since it just did), February is only a few weeks away, which means Scout Sunday is just around the corner! Keep reading for the breakdown on Scout Sunday, and

Scout Sabbath in 2018, then head to [Bryan on Scouting](#) for an in-depth look at these upcoming BSA holidays and ways you can celebrate!

Scout Sunday

When: February 4, 2018

Why: Scout Sunday always falls on the Sunday before February 8—the anniversary of the BSA!

While Scout Sunday is officially on the calendar for **February 4**, charter organizations are encouraged to celebrate on whichever Sunday works best, such as the United Methodist Church, who will celebrate Scout Sunday 2018 on February 11. Be sure to check with your charter organization to find out when to celebrate.

Scout Sabbath

When: February 9 and 10, 2018

Why: Scout Sabbath, or Scout Shabbat, always falls on the Saturday after Scout Sunday. This year's celebrations start on **Friday, February 9** at sundown through Saturday, February 10.

Similarly to Scout Sunday, charter partners may choose to celebrate Scout Sabbath at a different time. You can learn more about these dates from your council.

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 and Venturer in the council to wear their uniform to school. Let's make sure our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers 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 and Venturers 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!

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
James Arthur	257	12/11/17
Anthony Brown	310	11/29/17
Diego Calderon	9002	12/19/17
Robert Cerrito	520	12/20/17
Ian Fuller	330	12/27/17
Justin Godshalk	501	12/04/17
Joseph Hathaway	380	12/04/17
Seth Hedrick	154	12/04/17
Jesse Irons	4020	12/21/17
Timothy Irons	4020	12/21/17
Michael Konopka	513	12/06/17
Colin Leporis	110	12/18/17
Benjamin Lindner	777	12/13/17
Nicholas Locke	9101	11/30/17
Joseph Marsicano	777	12/20/17
Brendan Martinez Sweeney	4020	12/21/17
Nickiforos Mastorides	4101	12/21/17
Anthony McNeil	334	11/21/17
Justin Michalski	5137	12/12/17
Justin Neff	9115	12/19/17
Christian Pinto	9060	12/05/17
Robert Read II	160	12/06/17
Drake Safranic	9115	12/19/17
Michael Smithers	172	11/28/17
John Spinner	179	12/05/17
Brian Supina	520	12/28/17
Joshua Van Horn-Nissel	257	12/06/17
Andrew Villers	122	11/20/17
Matthew Waino	172	12/03/17
David Weygandt	269	12/21/17

Council Information

University of Scouting is March 3



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 3**, at Ravenna High School, to be part of University of Scouting for 2018. Scouters teaching Scouters is the driving force

behind University of Scouting. It 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 also meet other leaders, gather additional resources, and share ideas on building the best possible program for your Scouts. Basic training is also available. You can register online or send in a paper registration from a mailing you will receive. The earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting the classes you want. You can create your own personalized set of classes based on your Scouting roles and level of experience. The day begins with coffee and rolls at 7:30 a.m., includes a box lunch, time to network, and ends at 4:10 p.m.

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, tape recorder, comfortable shoes, some money for the Trading Post, your good will, and a smile. Hope to see you at Ravenna High School on March 3!

Create your own customized experience by choosing your courses. Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-UoS>

Ad Altare Dei And Pope Pius XII Boards 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 at 1 Holy Cross Boulevard, Akron, OH 44306. The boards of review will be held 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 \$15. 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.



2018 Wood Badge and NYLT Scholarship Dinner

Calling all Wood Badgers and past NYLT participants! Please join us for our 29th Annual Scholarship Dinner. We will be gathering on **Sunday, February 18**, at 12:30 p.m., at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1580 Brown St., Akron, to celebrate and raise funds for future Great Trail Council Wood Badge and NYLT participants. Central Region Wood Badge Coordinator **Dave Savone** will be our guest speaker.

Be sure to register by February 5 to take advantage of the discounted rate of \$15 per person. Register online at:

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

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.

Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can present to an adult Scouter for outstanding service to Scouting and his/her community. The award will be presented at the Annual Council Dinner on May 6, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Fairlawn.

24th World Scout Jamboree United States/BSA Contingent

The Summit—Bechtel Reserve

July 22-August 2, 2019

Size and Scope of BSA Contingent

- 7,200 participants (6,480 youth and 720 adults) in 180 troops and crews, consisting of 36 youth and 4 adults
 - ◊ Youth must have been born between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005
- Central Region Area 4 is allotted 5-6 contingents
 - ◊ Area councils will establish their own contingent

Registration and Costs

Registration is open! Register at <https://wsj2019.us>

- BSA Contingent Participant Fee is \$2,500
- A location-based fee structure includes travel cost from "gateway cities."
- To help reduce costs, no pre- or post- Jamboree touring is planned

Questions?

Email Area VP Outdoor Adventure and WSJ Area Contact **Gary Gole** at wjrc4two@gmail.com

Council Information

180 Action Plan/Family Scouting

- **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.

Tributes & Memorials

- In Memory of:** Bruce Lapierre
From: Gail & Michael Dowell
Barbara Heinzerling
- In Memory of:** Howard Pierce
From: Howdy Pierce
- In Memory of:** David Wagner
From: The Directors, Officers and Staff of the Apple Creek Banking Co.

Plan now for Universal Scouting Training

During the University of Scouting, which will be held at Ravenna High School on March 3, 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. E-mail **Wendy** at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or **Caroline** at caroline.altizer@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 to speak with **Caroline Altizer**, our NEW professional Scouter covering our Special Needs Scouting program. Please, be gentle.



Council Information

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



Camp Manatoc will offer a special week, July 15-21, for Scouts who wish to come to camp for a second week. The cost is only \$200 and we'll provide the adult leadership. Scouts can work on more merit badges, STEM merit badges, Scout Lifeguard, special night programs and lots of fun.

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

If you haven't attended Camp Manatoc earlier in the summer you will still be able to attend. The week is July 15-21 and the cost is \$265. Check us out at www.manatoc.org.

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



The Best Webelos Resident Camp in Ohio is set for **July 22-25** and **July 25-28** at our own Camp Manatoc with Webelos only in camp those days.

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

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

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

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

Cost is \$175 per Webelos Scout and \$105 per adult if paid on or before July 13.

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

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



Summer Camp Leader's Meeting

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

It's set for **Saturday, April 21**, 9 a.m. till about 10:30 a.m., at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. We will offer "all you can eat" breakfast at 8 a.m. Cost is \$8 per person at the door for breakfast.

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

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



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

These drawing prizes are gifts for **your troop**, not the SM or SPL personally. But remember, the only way to get in the drawing is to be in attendance at the April 21 meeting.

Again, our meeting starts at 9 a.m., and we will be covering many of the details of camp including our 2018 theme, new merit badge offerings, a revised daily instruction schedule, and some new optional program activities. **We'll see you April 21 at camp!**

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

Questions? **Contact Director of Camping Chris Bergdorf at 330-607-6376 or by email at manatocbutler@windstream.net.**

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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—Cost \$40 per person**

Cub Adventure Weekend—**Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29—Cost \$40 per person**

Cub Adventure Weekend—**Friday, Sept. 21-Sunday, Sept. 23—Cost \$40 per person**

Register at:

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

Cub Adventure Camp at Manatoc

Cub Adventure Weekend Session 1—**Friday, May 18-Saturday, May 19—Cost \$40 per person**

Cub Adventure Weekend Session 2—**Saturday, May 19-Sunday, May 20—Cost \$40 per person**

Fall Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Butler—**Friday, September 28-Saturday, September 29—Cost \$40 per person**

Register at:

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

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

Camp Stambaugh patch design winner



Congratulations to **Gabe Kale**, a Tenderfoot Scout, in Troop 4557 in Greene, for winning the Camp Stambaugh patch design contest sponsored by the Camp Stambaugh Campmasters. The first Great Trail Council Camp Stambaugh patch is available at the Stambaugh Scout Shop and at the Campmasters Store

located in Camp Stambaugh's Eagle cabin every weekend. Get yours today!

2018 Scout Ski Days



Join us at Boston Mills/Brandywine and Alpine Valley for a weekend of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing during the annual Scout Ski Days!

What: Exclusive discounts on snow passes, tubing sessions and rental packages for the Boy Scouts. Registered participants are eligible for the following discounts:

\$33—All Day Lift Only

\$48—All Day Lift, rental, 1-hour beginner lesson

\$20—3-hour tubing session

When: February 24 and 25

How: Register by February 19 to attend this event. To pre-register, complete the form that was in your saddlebag (or pick one up at the Scout Shop) with your desired ticket order and **send to the Group Sales office at Boston Mills/Brandywine, PO Box 175, Peninsula, OH 44264. This form must be received by February 23.** Forms may be submitted in person at Boston Mills prior to February 23. Skiing/Snowboarding tickets are valid at all three resort locations.

Beginner Intro Group Lessons will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, at Brandywine and Alpine Valley (lessons not required to participate in Scout Ski Days) and cost is \$5 per person. In addition merit badge lessons will be offered at 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at Brandywine and Alpine Valley only, for \$15. No lessons are available at Boston Mills. Helmets are available to rent for an additional \$10. Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley will provide PSIA certified instructors to fulfill the lesson requirements of the Snow Sports Merit Badge; written portion of exam to be completed through a merit badge counselor.

Questions? Call 1-800-875-4241 ext. 2021 or email groups@bmbw.com.

BSA Family Program— What's not changing!

Some big things won't be changing. The Scout Oath and Scout Law, activities, rank advancement requirements and Youth Protection policies remain the same. Uniforms will remain the same, too, though the fit and styling may change.

Existing program content and activities are appropriate for boys and girls alike, so there's no need to change anything there. Great volunteers like you can tailor the activities to meet the developmental needs and abilities of your kids.

What about Youth Protection? The policies will match existing rules in place for the Venturing program for young men and young women. When a Scouting activity includes both boys and girls, there must be both female and male leaders present

Council Information



You are invited to attend!

**2018 Friends of Scouting Campaign Kick-Off
and**

Fleur De Lis Club Reception

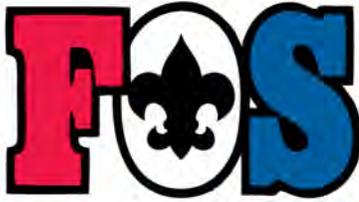
Thursday, February 22

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Canal Park Duck Club

“Home of the Akron RubberDucks”

Please RSVP to Lisa Lambert
lisa.lambert@scouting.org
330-773-0415 ext. 241



Help us continue the tradition of Scouting

Please don't forget to set up your unit's 2018 Family FOS Presentation. Remember, we want all packs to allow us to come to their blue and gold banquets and troops to their highest attended function in February or March.

To set up your unit's presentation please contact your district representative listed below:

Arrowhead	Eric/Erica Neiheisel	gvillepack62@yahoo.com
Chippewa	Glen Murduck	gamduck@aol.com
Lakes	Kim Schreckenberger	clschreck@aol.com
Moecomdws	Greg Dykes	gregdykes@gmail.com
Old Portage	Eric Matheny	matheny54@hotmail.com
Seneca	Mike Rowe	mikeroweops@aol.com
Tri-Fires	Chris Kuhn	chris@moisture-guard.com
Whispering Pines	Marion Sweely	msweely@zoominternet.net



2018 Camp Card Sale

A whole “Entertainment Book” right on your smartphone!

- **Sells for \$10.00**...over 200,000 offers...good nationwide...use locally or when you travel!
- **Scouts earn \$5.00 per card**....directly funding their camp and other Scouting adventures!
- Custom BSA website powered by Entertainment Network...it's a whole Entertainment Book online!
- Enjoy up to 50% savings in dining, shopping, attractions, travel, services, and online deals
- Sale kicks off on Thursday, March 8 and concludes Thursday, June 7
- Unit sign-up form will be available at gtcbasa.org by February 1
- For more information, please contact **Nique Hart-Saxton at 330-773-0415 ext. 216 or veronique.saxton@scouting.org**

Sale Key Dates

February 8—Units sign-up online or at roundtables.

March 8—Camp Card Kick-Off at roundtables/commit to sell/pick-up cards—**sale begins!**

May 10—Continue to pick-up cards at roundtables. Last day for units to return up to 50% of unsold cards.

June 7—Sale ends. Camp Card payments due at roundtables.

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Charter Info

The charters for Arrowhead and Whispering Pines that have been received and are not on HOLD have been processed. You will be getting your charters, membership cards and rosters in the next week or so. They will be mailed to the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor. Units in Tri-Fires and Seneca should have their charters turned in to the council by now as your charters expired on January 31. We are currently working on the charters that have come in for Tri-Fires and Seneca. Moe and Lakes charters are due at your roundtable on February 8.

Chippewa and Old Portage charters were passed out at your January roundtable. Your charter window opens on February 1 and will close on March 31.

Multiple ID Numbers

Many leaders have multiple files in ScoutNet which gives you multiple ID numbers. When creating a log-in and password in my. Scouting.org, if you do not have your ID number, National will create one for you, which creates an additional file in ScoutNet. If we find multiple files for a leader when processing registration throughout the year or at charter time we will merge the files into the correct file. To make sure that your training updates to your current ScoutNet file, please verify your ID number in my. Scouting.org. If you do not have it, contact your unit leader, committee chair, or charter organization rep and they will be able to check for you or you can send an email to me at pat.gaugler@scouting.org. To change your ID in my. Scouting.org, log-in and go to Legacy Web Tools then Maintain Member ID, add your correct ID and remove the other one.

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.

It's time to set your fitness goals

Be realistic—Set realistic goals and build toward more difficult ones as the months go by.

Be specific—Specific goals are easier to reach than non-specific goals. Instead of saying, "I want to exercise more," say, "I want to run one mile three times per week."

Be patient—Remember that making mistakes along the way is ok. It will take time to get comfortable with your new routine.

Have fun—You'll be more motivated to succeed if you're having fun. Try fitness activities that you know you'll love doing.

Be organized—Keep a journal to track your progress. Record your goals and mark them off.

2018 Charter Time Frame

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

Moe and Lakes 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

National Boy Scouts Day

Since 1910 boys across America have been doing good deeds, learning survival skills and developing moral foundations through the Boy Scouts of America. February 8 annually recognizes National Boy Scouts Day. Boy Scouts have had a profound impact on the United States. Many presidents and other dignitaries have been Boy Scouts. A total of 181 astronauts have also been a part of the Boy Scout program.

Top 5 merit badges awarded

1. First Aid—6,537,232
 2. Swimming—5,929,179
 3. Camping—4,364,027
 4. Cooking—4,122,629
 5. Citizenship in the Community—3,178,473
- Eagle Scout Awards—2,043,375
- Statistics provided by National Boy Scouts of America.

Arrowhead District

District Chairman Ginny Bond 330-717-3234 ginny.bond@brokerssold.com
 District Commissioner Jim Dade 330-883-1002 owl4bd@aol.com
 District Executive David Michalec 330-883-7096 david.michalec@scouting.org

www.facebook.com/ArrowheadGTC



Attend roundtable for fun and info

This month's program will cover best practices of using Scoutbook and Mike Kupec will be a guest speaker to discuss the 36th Annual Mill Creek Metro Parks Earth Day Cleanup on **Saturday, April 21**.

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, February 14, 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. Your order will then be available for pickup at roundtable in your unit's folder in the Arrowhead mailboxes.

Roundtable Commissioner: Ray Deluga
 rayd1664@gmail.com

Boy Scout Klondike was a success!



Camp Stambaugh had 60 degree weather the weekend of Klondike until a winter storm came rolling through on Friday night to start off Winter Event. We are thankful that everybody's trip to

camp was safe and that there was plenty of fresh snow to start the competition. Here we can see the Scouts of Troop 8 with their sled in front of the dining hall enjoying themselves!

Tim Sandor would like thank **Jim Rapone, Bud Bower, Nathan Plesea, Teresa Prentiss, Brad Lang, Lucinda Lang, Jim Kaminski, Tina Kaminski, Mike Kaiser, Nick Katradis** and the **Scouters from Troop 4025, Ken Workman, Mary Hostetler** and the other **Scouters from Troop 4008, Steve Brown, Mark Bockelman** and the **Scouts from Troop 4050, Matt Fuchilla, De Anna Fuchilla** and the **Scouters, Scouts, and Venturers from Troop and Crew 4054, Dr. Ken LaPolla, Cole Kuzmaul** and the other **leaders from Troop 4101**, and everyone that participated in Klondike!

Cub Scout Freeze Out

Saturday, February 17, at Camp Stambaugh



Arrowhead's annual Cub Scout Winter Event 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. Events will include: Canadian

Lumberjacks, Schutz!, Italian Stretcher Carry, Egyptian Sled Balancing Act, Iceland Ice Rescue, Swedish Meatballs, and Great Wall of China Sharpshooter.

Registration is \$10 per participant and everyone will receive a patch, a hot lunch in the dining hall, and a craft! Register at:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-CSWE18>

Cub Scout Winter Event Chair: Tim Sandor
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Save the dates

District Pinewood Derby

- April 7, 2018
- Eastwood Mall

Spring Camporee

- April 13-15, 2018
- Camp Stambaugh



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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—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
 - 22 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
- Registration \$30.25 Boys' Life \$11.00**

March

- 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
 - 14 Roundtable—7 p.m.—ETINEO
 - 15 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
 - 22 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
- Registration \$27.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Introducing Timothy Rupert Chippewa Senior District Executive

Great Trail Council is pleased to welcome Timothy Rupert as the new Chippewa Senior District Executive. Tim has served in the Allohak Council in Parkersburg, West Virginia, since 2012, and the National Capital Area Council in Bethesda, Maryland, from 2006-2012.

Tim is an Eagle Scout, past Lodge Chief of Langundowi Lodge #46, and has completed Wood Badge. He also served on summer camp staff for five years at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation.

He is a graduate of Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. He has also been active with Rotary Clubs in both councils.

Tim and his wife Cindy have a daughter, Katelyn, who is a sophomore in high school.

Tim will start serving the Chippewa District on March 1. Please join us in welcoming Tim and his family to the Great Trail Council.

Pack, troop, crew or post recharter packets

Any packs, troops etc., that did not pick up their packet at January roundtable, will have their packet delivered by a unit or area commissioner. If you haven't received your packet at this time contact District Commissioner **Ed Martin** at 330-350-1290 or email martinedp@hotmail.com.



District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Date: April 28

Location: Claggett Middle School, 420 E. Union St., Medina

Who: Top 2 winners from each Cub Scout Rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I, Webelos II) - up to 10 racers per pack

More details next month!



Cub Scout Leader Training

Date: March 24

Time: 8 a.m.-noon

Location: Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina

Cost: \$6

RSVP: Chuck Hale at cdhale@roadrunner.com



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.



February

- 1 Commissioner Staff Meeting—7 p.m.—home of Ed Martin
 - 8 District Committee Meeting—6 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 8 Roundtable & Camp Card Sign-up—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
 - 24 Recharter Turn-In—9-11 a.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- Registration \$5.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

March

- 1 Commissioner Staff Meeting—7 p.m.—home of Ed Martin
 - 8 Roundtable (Recharter packets due)—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
 - 8 Camp Card distribution at roundtable
 - 24 Cub Scout Leader Training—8 a.m.-noon—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd., Medina
- Registration \$2.75 Boys' Life N/A**

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Chariot Races were awesome!

January 28, was a great Sunday for racing. No not NASCAR! Chariots! All who participated had a great time and congratulations to the winners! A special thanks to **Kate Breth**, **Dan Berlyoung**, and the **adults from Pack 3330** for another flawless race.

Gentleman, start building your cars!

The Lakes District Pinewood Derby will be held **Saturday, April 14**, at MAPS Air Museum. For more information please contact **Ron Halverson** at 330-771-3025 or ronnie.halverson@gmail.com.

2018 “Bug Hunters” Day Camp



This year the theme for day camp is Bug Hunters! Join us at beautiful Craftsmen Park for a camp to remember. Please be aware that this year there will be a final registration date (that date is being determined). No late registrations

will be accepted and there will be no walk-ins allowed at day camp. Also registration for day camp will be exclusively online and that includes t-shirts. Please start planning now!

Webelos-to-Scout transition

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



Online rechartering

This year, the Lakes District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for **Thursday, February 8**, at Lakes District 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 cards 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!

Lakes District Recognition Dinner

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 19**. Please be looking for more information at roundtable. Also, don't forget that the district dinner is a time to recognize your fellow Scouters for all of their hard work, dedication and service. If you know someone who goes above and beyond expectations please take the time to nominate him or her for either the District Award of Merit or the Lakes Commodore Award. Each year Lakes District gets to award two District Award of Merits and as many Commodore Awards as there are worthy recipients. You can get forms either from roundtable or from www.lakesdistrict.org. Nominations must be turned into **Tom Craig** no later than **March 9**, for consideration.

February

- 1 District Commissioners 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**

March

- 1 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
 - 6 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
 - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
 - 9 District Award nominations due
 - 30 District Award recipients announced
- Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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Marnoc Lodge Unit Elections

The 2018 Marnoc Lodge Unit Election material is now available at www.marnoc.org, click on the **2018 Election Forms** button. Please review the information with your youth leadership, and plan to conduct your election at the earliest opportunity.

2018 Election links

Here are direct links for the 2018 election process.

2018 Marnoc Lodge Election Package:
http://marnoc.org/election/2018_election_package.pdf

Election Registration:
http://bit.ly/2018_151electdata

Election Results (Youth):
http://bit.ly/2018_151elect

Nomination Application (Adults):
http://bit.ly/2018_151_adult

Ordeal Registration and Fee Payment (Youth and Adult): <https://scoutingevent.com/433-ordeal>

Adult nominations

Units that elect at least one youth member are eligible to nominate adult members to the Order of the Arrow. Information on the nomination procedure is available in the election packet, and the forms may be submitted electronically at: http://bit.ly/2018_151_adult

2018 Ordeal dates

There are five Ordeal ceremonies scheduled for 2018, each Ordeal is limited to 55 candidates. Please schedule your ordeals as soon as your elections are completed as they fill quickly.

June 1-3 at Camp Manatoc

June 27-28 at Camp Manatoc

July 18-19 at Camp Manatoc

August 10-12 at Camp Manatoc

September 14-16 at Camp Stambaugh

The fee for the Ordeal is \$55 and must be paid when registering. Registration for the Ordeal is at:

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

University of Scouting

Don't forget the OA when selecting courses at the University of Scouting. We will offer three courses during the day including *Order of the Arrow Induction Process – Election through Brotherhood*, *Order of the Arrow Unit Election Training*, and *Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (and Troop Adviser Training.)* The Lodge also provides service during the day and you can also renew your membership at the event.

March chapter events

We're taking the March Fellowship to the field! Watch www.marnoc.org for information on the March Chapter events. Our Chapter Chiefs are planning events near you to make March 10 an exciting day. More information soon!



Moecomdws District

“It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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February District Committee

Just a friendly reminder due to the District Retreat on January 28, there will be no district committee meeting in February. Our next district committee meeting will take place on March 1, 7 p.m., at Hudson Presbyterian Church. Also, an announcement for all of our chartered organization representatives: we will hold our annual election on Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Hudson Presbyterian Church, before our district committee meeting.

Charter Turn-In

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, when all charters, signatures, and money must be turned in before the charter expiration date.

Journey to Excellence

For the 2017 year, MOE District will be a Gold District again! Thank you to everyone for your hard work. This really does reflect the quality of the packs, troops and crews in our district. How did your unit do in 2017? Please remember that the Journey to Excellence is part of the recharter process. Take just a few minutes to review the form (that was included in your recharter packet), evaluate your unit, fill in the form and turn it in with your charter. Our goal this year is to have 90%+ participation and more gold units than we did last year.

Start your engines!



Pack 3177 and Holy Family Catholic Church is proud to be your host for the 2018 Moecomdws District Pinewood Derby! They did a great job last year, and they are sure to make this year’s

race a ragin’ good time. The event will take place on **Saturday, April 14**, (please check your calendars, this date has changed from the original date posted in the council calendar). More information will be out soon. Please check your saddlebags, email and www.moescouts.org. If you have any questions, email tombrownridge@gmail.com.

Award nominees wanted for 2018

The MOE District couldn’t run without great volunteers like you - and we would like to take time to recognize your efforts. However, great volunteers need great supporters to nominate them. We are calling on supporters to recognize great district and unit level volunteers through various awards, including the District Award of Merit, Spark Plug Awards, Partners in Scouting, and the Eisenman Award. It is truly an honor to receive any of these district awards. Be the first to recognize someone that has put your needs before their own. Do a “good turn” for a great person in our district today. Forms will be available at roundtable. Below is a brief description of the awards available:

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

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

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

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

This year’s District Awards will take place on **April 12**, 7 p.m., at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Stow. Nomination forms can be found at roundtable, the Moe website, and will be emailed out to unit leaders.

February

- 3 Cub Bowling Day—Legends Lanes
 - 4 Scout Sunday
 - 8 District Commissioners Meeting—6:45 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church—**all charters are due**
 - 24-25 Scout Ski Days
 - 19 President’s Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$2.75 Boys’ Life N/A**

March

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
 - 3 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
 - 8 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 24 Super Saturday
 - 30 Fish Fry at Camp Manatoc
 - 30-31 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$33.00 Boys’ Life \$12.00**

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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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, klondikes, 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 they 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 the Spirit of Scouting,

Eric Matheny

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

Pack, troop, and crew rechartering



This year the Old Portage District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, at the Old Portage District 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 (Journey to Excellence)

Have you registered for 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, at Ravenna High School.

More information to follow. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Go online to register at: www.scoutingevent.com/433-uos



February

- 1 Commissioner Staff Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 4 Scout Sunday/Scout Anniversary
- 7 Uniform Day at Schools
- 8 National Boy Scout Day (incorporated in 1910)
- 8 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 8 Roundtable & Camp Card Sign-up—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 10 Scout Sabbath
- 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 24-25 Scout Ski Days

Registration \$5.50 Boys' Life \$2.00

March

- 8 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 8 Commissioner Staff Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 8 Roundtable & Recharter Turn-in—7:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 8 Camp Card distribution at roundtable

Registration \$2.75 Boys' Life N/A

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

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

Start by selecting a unit FOS chairperson and then schedule your unit for a presentation in February or early March. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation may be done at roundtable in February and **NO LATER THAN MARCH!** Our Family Friends of Scouting chairman this year is Mike Rowe. He will be contacting you as well to help schedule. Mike can be reached at mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net or 330-351-3283. You may also call John Brkic, 330-773-0415, ext. 230, or John.Brkic@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.

Polar Bear Swim date changed!



The 2018 edition of the Seneca Polar Bear Swim IS RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 3, and will be held February 24, 2018 at Kent Roosevelt High School from 1-5 p.m.!

This event is limited to the first 80 swimmers. The cost for this event is \$4.00 and all participants will receive a limited edition patch! For any questions contact Kirk Gordon at 330-958-7851. This year's event is sure to be a **FREEEEEEZING GOOOD TIME!**

District Pinewood Derby is April 14



Hey Cub Scouts, mark your calendars for the **best** district level pinewood derby to be held on **Saturday, April 14.**

Registration and weigh-in will be held from 8-9 a.m. Racing will run from 9 a.m.-noon!

There will be plenty of activities

for all including a concession stand and other activities for the kids!

Seneca District Annual Retreat

On Saturday, January 20, leaders from the Seneca District hunkered down to conduct the district's annual retreat. Over 20 leaders from the district gave up their morning to come out and review the district's progress in 2017! A lot of good critiquing took place! Also discussed was the future of Seneca coming up in 2018 and beyond. Be sure to check saddlebags, Scouters' News, and as always, attend roundtable every month to hear about new exciting activities going on in the district as well as changes that may be coming to you as well! Thanks again to all those who joined us!

Klondike was incredible!



The Klondike was held on **January 19-21**, we had over 300 Scouts and Scouters show up for this incredible event!

Congratulations to **Troop 558 of Edinburg**, for becoming “Back-to-Back” Champions of our Klondike!

Great job to all of our participants who braved the muddy terrain to come and have a great time! A special thanks to **Chad Roberts, Stephanie McLean, Jackie Demyan, Cindy Olesh**, and all of their teams! Without all of your commitment and dedication we would not have been able to put together such an incredible event! Stay tuned for next year's dates to be released at the May roundtable!

February

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 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
 - 24 Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim—1-5 p.m.—Kent Roosevelt High School
- Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

March

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 3 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
 - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 29 FOS Report Meeting #2
 - 30-31 Easter Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$30.25 Boy's Life \$11.00**

Tri Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”

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2017 Tri Fires JTE District results



Congratulations Tri Fires! The 2017 Tri Fires District has reached Gold! This would not have happened had it not been for the dedication of the district commissioners, district committee and all the unit leaders volunteering this year! Congratulations again on coming together as a team and making this happen!

Roundtable reminder

Roundtables are the second Thursday of each month at Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278. Roundtables start at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend the fun! Roundtables are essential for distributing information, informal training, building excitement, learning programming and building positive relationships through Scouting!

The meeting this month will be held on **February 8**. The focus in February will be an abridged version of the district retreat to talk about Tri Fires 2017 District Journey to Excellence goals and how we can make 2018 another stellar JTE Gold year!

Tri Fires District Pinewood Derby

Mark your calendars for **April 14**, at St. Matthew's Parish, 2603 Benton Ave., Akron, OH 44312 for this year's Tri Fires District Pinewood Derby! For additional information contact **Dennis Parado** at dparado@kent.edu or 330-907-5639.

Klondike thank you

Thank you, **Mike Thompson**, for putting together this year's Klondike. Results will be posted next month.

Sail into spring recruitment



This spring is extra special in recruiting Scouts with the addition of the **Family Scouting Program**. As we know for the Great Trail Council, June 1, will mark the date when girls can join the Cub Scout program. If you and your chartered organization have selected to use the Family Cub Scout model, are you recruiting additional den leaders now? By doing so, this will give those new leaders the time to complete the appropriate training. As a result, this will allow for your program and recruiting this spring to be smooth sailing!

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign

The Great Trail Council 2018 Friends of Scouting Family campaign is set to kick off on **February 22**! If you have not yet scheduled the date and time for your Family FOS presentation, please do so with Family FOS Chair **Chris Kuhn**. He can be emailed at: chris@moisture-guard.com or 330-858-1353.

Day camp is coming...

This year's day camp will be held **July 19-21** at Camp Butler. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Mosko at tigerscout3412@gmail.com for more information.

Troop 310 is heading to Alaska this summer—they have room for three more!

Troop 310 is headed for Chilkoot High Adventure Base from August 6-17, 2018. The cost will be \$2,400 for the ultimate Scouting experience. This wilderness adventure will be filled with exciting challenges and learning experiences. The Great Alaska Council and the International Wilderness Leadership School offer young people a way to safely explore the incredible wilderness of Alaska's mountains, rivers and fjords, and develop the skills for a lifetime of adventure and leadership.

If you would like to be included in this spectacular adventure or need more information, please contact **Phil Schoch at 330-571-8341**.

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
- 7 Uniform Day
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 19 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 24-25 Scout Ski Days

Registration \$33.00

Boys' Life \$12.00

March

- 3 University of Scouting—Ravenna High School
- 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
- 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge

Registration \$30.25

Boys' Life \$11.00

Venturing

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Game Night planned for February 25



Join us Sunday, February 25, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron, OH 44313. All Venturing-age youth and adult advisors from all over our

great council (and beyond) are welcome. Please sign up for free at <http://GTCVenturing.org/events> and pay at the door. The cost is \$5 at the door with a snack to share. Questions: Izzy Zager, vp-administration@GTCVenturing.org.

If you wish to bring a game, contact Izzy first! If you bring a video game you must bring all you need and are fully responsible for its setup, tear down and use. You will need to provide a monitor/TV screen, although a very limited amount of screens are available. The Scout Law and the regular rules of each game will govern this event.

Nominate someone for Venturing Leadership Award

Applications are due by March 15 for the Council Venturing Leadership Award. The Council VLA is the highest award a Council can bestow on both youth and adults in Venturing for their exceptional service. Nominate Venturers and adults who have offered exceptional service to Venturing. For more information and a nomination form go to <http://www.venturing.org/vla.html>. Complete the form and turn into Dennis Vargo by March 15.

Recharter time, Journey to Excellence

Complete the JTE form and turn in with your charter. 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. Need help? Contact your unit or district commissioner.

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>.

It's Venturing's 20th birthday in 2018

In this birthday year, recall back to June 2010 when Great Trail Council hosted the first class of Female Venturers in NYLT. Of the eight many went on to staff NYLT in the coming years. Other birthday celebrations are planned including the biggest birthday bash at the 2018 VenturingFest.



Back L to R: Heather Wilmot, Rebecca Narney (now Schromm), Allison Martin, Samantha Callesen, Front L to R: Halle Gay, Stephanie Nagy, Kayla Karickoff, Katelyn Fox

Venturing courses at University of Scouting, March 3

Adults register for University of Scouting at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-UoS>.

Youth will register for one of two tracks. Venturers will be given the chance to take **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews** (VC 133) or **Venturing Youth Additional Training** (VC146) that will cover Personal Safety Awareness, Project Management, Time Management and Goal Setting, and How to Leave your Crew better than you found it. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. and include a break for lunch.

Youth need to register with the VOA and will get their discount code at the end of that registration step. They will be given instructions to sign up on the Great Trail site to get the \$10 price and sign up for the correct schedule. Youth register at <http://GTCVenturing.org/uofs>.

Venturers going to NYLT must take ILSC first.

February

25 Venturing Game Night

March

3 University of Scouting, Youth Venturing College, Adult Venturing College

Whispering Pines District

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Whispering Pines Website <https://>



Attend roundtable for the info you need!

Join us for our January roundtable on Thursday, **January 4**, 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 FOS 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 e-mailing the information to 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 at john.brkic@scouting.org or 330-773-0415 ext. 230, or Marion Sweely.

Cub Scout Freeze Out 2018

Thank you to **Steph Kelly** for another wonderful Cub Scout Freeze Out program! We hosted over 350 Scouts and adults for the 2018 Cub Scout Winter Games. Looking forward to another wonderful Cub Scout Freeze Out in 2019!

Klondike Derby date change

The Whispering Pines Klondike Derby has been moved to **February 23-25**, at Camp Stambaugh. You are still able to sign up for the event online by visiting: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-WPKlondike2018>.

Notice of Annual District Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Whispering Pines District will be held on Wednesday, **April 4**, at 7 p.m., at Boardman United Methodist Church. This Annual Meeting is when we will present our slate of officers for the 2018-2019 District Committee and conduct voting. All current district committee members and charter organization representatives are able to cast a vote at this meeting. Please contact **John Brkic** at john.brkic@scouting.org with questions.

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 by emailing him at 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 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.

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
 - 23-25 Klondike at Camp Stambaugh
- Registration \$30.25 Boys' Life \$11.00**

March

- 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 \$27.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

Arrowhead District cont'd.

36th Annual Mill Creek Metro Park Earth Day Clean-up!

The 36th Annual Mill Creek Metro Parks Earth Day Clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21**. Please add this date to your unit's planning calendar for 2018. The clean-up was inadvertently left off of the GTC printed calendar that was passed out in May.

Clean-up Chairman: **Mike Kupec**
mike.kupec@gmail.com

Council Information cont'd.

More Boy Scout facts!

Key Dates

- Boy Scouts of America incorporated 1910
- First Boy Scout Handbook published 1911
- Boys' Life premiered 1911
- First Eagle Scout, Arthur R. Eldred 1912
- Scouting magazine premiered 1913
- Registration of Scouts began, 25¢ annual fee 1913
- Order of the Arrow began 1915
- Federal charter granted by Congress 1916
- First season at what would become Northern Tier High Adventure Base 1923
- Boy Scout membership tops 1 million 1925
- Cub Scout program began 1930
- Philmont donated to the BSA 1938
- First BSA Wood Badge course taught 1948
- First Pinewood Derby® held 1953
- Webelos program added to Cub Scouting 1954
- Exploring program began 1959
- Florida National High Adventure Sea Base officially opened 1980
- Tiger Cubs program added to Cub Scouting 1982
- 1 millionth Eagle Scout, Alexander M. Holsinger 1982
- Learning for Life program began 1991
- Venturing program began 1998
- 100 millionth member registered 2000
- 2 millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas 2009

Membership

Total Cub Scouts 62,226,396

Total Boy Scouts/Venturers 52,077,933

Total Youth Served 114,304,329

Total Adult Volunteers 33,364,261

Council Calendar

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

March

- 2 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 3 [University of Scouting](#)
- 5 Training Committee Meeting
- 7 Auction Committee Meeting
- 8 Camp Card Kick-Off
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9-11 Camp Staff Training
- 9 Silver Beaver applications due
- 10 Edge/FOT
- 10 NYLT 2—Camp Butler
- 11 Eagle Dinner
- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 13 Camping Committee Meeting
- 15 Risk Management Committee Meeting
- 15 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 17 CPR & First Aid
- 17 Silver Beaver Breakfast
- 21 Properties Committee Meeting
- 22 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 24 Key 3 Super Saturday
- 24 Rifle/Shot Gun Shooting
- 27 Commissioner Meeting
- 29 FOS #2
- 30 Good Friday—Scout Shop/office closed
- 30 [Fish Fry—Camp Manatoc](#)
- 31 Scout Shop closed

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

Fax order form

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.

GET READY

for your Blue & Gold banquet!

Stop by for all your party supplies,
awards and leader gifts.



CHAMP CAMP

A big thank you goes out to all of the Cub Scouts and their adult partners who braved the bad weather and joined us for tips and tricks and snacks and games.

Thank you to our helpful Scouters that day: Marnie & Aaron Mellinger, Jay (MoJo) Monk, Peggy Paskiet and Anitra & Chad Roberts. See you all next year!