

# Scouters' News

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

### New fall fundraiser chosen... Bent Tree Coffee Roasters!



The Great Trail Council is proud to announce a partnership with Bent Tree Coffee Roasters for the 2018 product sale. During the annual fall fundraiser, Scouts will now have the opportunity to sell

local coffee, in addition to the traditional popcorn tins. The campaign will feature a variety of whole bean coffee product, roasted and distributed locally.

Bent Tree Coffee Roasters is a small batch, artisan coffee roaster located in historic downtown Kent, Ohio. Founded in the summer of 2011 by friends Ryan Brannon and Mike Mistur, their concept is simple: seek out and start with only high quality Arabican green coffee beans and carefully roast them to perfection. Bent Tree Coffee only sources coffee from those dedicated to taking an active role in all aspects of high quality coffee.

"We couldn't be more excited to partner with the Boy Scouts of America. We respect and appreciate their long history of fostering youth development and look forward to working with the Scouts and Scout leaders to make their fall fundraiser successful."

In 2017, nearly 5,000 Scouts in Summit, Medina, Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties sold \$1.9 million in popcorn. Proceeds from the campaign went directly to support local Scouts, camp operations at three council camps in Peninsula and Canfield, and many other operations across the council. With the addition of the Family Scouting program in 2018, in which girls will be welcomed into the Cub Scouts, the council looks to further expand its outreach into the community.

"More than ever, our annual product sale, now including coffee, will be vital to our council's success," said Jody Gildersleeve, Director of Development for the Great Trail Council. "We are thrilled to work with local, enthusiastic partners like Mike and Ryan at Bent Tree Coffee, and to offer their great products throughout our 5 county territory."

The annual fundraiser will kick off in August 2018, culminating in November. For more information about the sale, visit [www.gtccpopcorn.org](http://www.gtccpopcorn.org). To learn more about Bent Tree Coffee Roasters, go to [www.benttreecoffee.com](http://www.benttreecoffee.com), or purchase their products at various local outlets.

### Youth Protection: the next evolution

The next generation of the BSA's youth protection program has begun. Our updated youth protection training draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and child maltreatment, as well as survivors, to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, as well as child sexual abuse.

Training is a critical part of our strategy, but it's only one part. Our ultimate goal is to make sure the safety of our youth, adults and families is top of mind at all times. So, along with fully updated and revised youth protection training (available at [my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org)), the Boy Scouts of America is also implementing a comprehensive communications strategy that will provide ongoing information, training and resources across every aspect of Scouting. This includes youth protection webinars, a youth protection newsletter, and Safety Moments to bring safety into all of our meetings with youth and adults alike. This will ensure that youth protection is always top of mind and that our parents and leaders are prepared to be proactive and decisive in recognizing, responding and reporting all forms of child abuse.

#### ScoutsFirst Helpline

**ScoutsFirst for Help with Questions, Concerns and Reporting.** The ScoutsFirst Helpline also makes it easier for volunteers and families to address dangerous situations. If a leader or parent has questions about a situation, or something they've seen or if they want to report a possible incident, they can contact the Helpline for assistance. In cases of abuse, they should also notify the local authorities.  
**ScoutsFirst Helpline 844-Scouts1 or 844-726-8871.**

**ScoutsFirst for Counseling and Support.** The Boy Scouts of America is committed to providing ongoing support to victims and their families, including counseling. We want to help victims heal, on their own terms, with a professional counselor of their choice. Through the ScoutsFirst Helpline, we offer assistance with counseling to any youth member, former youth member, or the family of any youth member who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting. To reach the ScoutsFirst Helpline, call **844-Scouts1 or 844-726-8871**, or email [scouts1st@scouting.org](mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org). Support is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

- As of January 1, 2018, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training. No unit may recharter without all leaders being current in their YPT.

# Council Information

## Lions are now an official part of the Cub Scout program

Recognizing the success of the national Lion pilot program, the Boy Scouts of America's Board of Directors has approved integrating Lions into the Cub Scout program empowering chartered partners with packs to offer the experience to kindergarten-age children nationwide.

Integrating the national Lion pilot in the Cub Scout program enables chartered partners, along with the adult leadership in the pack, to offer the program to kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

The decision means that units no longer need to be pre-approved by the council to offer Lions. Moving forward, Lions will be part of the Cub Scout program, just like the other ranks that units offer.

## 180 Action Plan/Family Scouting

- **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.

## Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Nathan Alherimi	110	01/08/18
Chad Angermeier	4262	01/25/18
William Babbitt	304	01/30/18
Isaac Coxson	9055	01/16/18
Austin Croft	48	01/04/18
Theodore Cronin	380	01/15/18
John Drzal	513	01/23/18
Brandon Erden	380	01/22/18
Clayton Esposito	262	01/09/18
Matthew Funfgeld	454	12/10/17
Jordan Gerda	519	01/03/18
Jeffrey Gillette	380	01/29/18
Patrick Hanlon	333	01/17/18
Harley Hoff, V	105	01/25/18
Nathan Hornack	262	01/02/18
Daniel Kirchner	511	01/18/18
Spencer Kitchen	330	01/02/18
Ryan Krzynowek	504	01/17/18
Paul Lattanzi	4122	01/25/18
Jeffry Lengel	334	01/21/18
Joseph Oliveti	215	01/10/18
Riley Pierce	177	11/27/17
Cole Rose	177	01/24/18
Drew Thomas	575	12/21/17

### Annual Business Meeting

**Monday, May 21, at 4 p.m.**  
**Northeast Ohio Medical University**  
**Rootstown, OH**

**RSVP to Sarah Shimp**  
**Sarah.shimp@scouting.org**

## Council Information

### National Certificate of Merit awarded to Julio Esis, Jr.

On February 6, 2018, **Julio Esis, Jr.**, of Troop 501, was awarded the National Certificate of Merit for performing the Heimlich maneuver on his younger brother Cesar.

In September, the brothers were at home watching TV when Cesar started choking. He clasped his hands around his throat, showing Julio the international sign for choking. Julio quickly performed the Heimlich maneuver dislodging the ice that was causing Cesar to choke. Thankfully Julio was there and knew what to do, and Cesar recovered quickly.

Julio credits knowing what to do to his training as a Scout, "I was doing my duty. I was doing what I was trained to do. This is what Boy Scouts are supposed to do. I don't need any recognition."

During the Troop 501 Court of Honor, Julio received the National Certificate of Merit, presented to him by **Great Trail Council Scout Executive Patrick Scherer**. Julio was also presented a proclamation by **Medina Mayor Dennis Hanwell**.

Congratulations to Julio Esis, Jr. for knowing what to do, and for being calm enough to do what needed to be done to save a life.

### Council office has state flags to give away

We have most of the state flags that have been displayed in our great room at the council office for many years and are no longer needed. Just stop in the Akron Scout Shop and take your pick. Flags must be removed from the council office by **March 15**.

### Volunteers needed to help in council office

Our council office is in need of some help. Occasionally we have large mailings that need to be labeled for bulk mailing. If you might be available to help on an as needed basis, please give **Megan King** a call at 330-773-0415 ext. 244.

**University of Scouting  
Saturday, March 3, 2018  
Ravenna High School**

Register at:

[www.scoutingevent.com/433-UoS](http://www.scoutingevent.com/433-UoS)

### Weather related safety

Robert Baden-Powell once said the definition of the Scout motto **Be Prepared** is this: "A Scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise." Baden-Powell also advocated that young men spend a lot of time learning in and about the out-of-doors, as he said, "The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success." However, we still need to be aware of our surroundings and their changing conditions, including what is happening with the weather.

#### General Information

Severe weather hazards, such as tornadoes, lightning, hail, flash flooding, and downbursts, can be dangerous. Each requires a basic understanding of what to do so that you can protect yourself and your Scouts. The scale of weather conditions can seem daunting—ranging from high heat with no humidity to torrential downpours with possible flooding. However, some key basic principles can help everyone prepare. Here are a few for you to consider:

1. Know the weather forecast before you set out on your trip.
2. Prepare for the types of weather hazards that are associated with your destination, such as tornadoes, lightning, snow, torrential rains, and high winds. The BSA's online Weather Hazards training (available through My.Scouting.org) is a great resource in this area and should be renewed every two years.
3. Double-check weather conditions immediately upon arrival to verify forecasts.
4. The weather can be integral in becoming lost or injured. If visibility becomes limited, respond quickly to gather the Scouts in your care.
5. Inquire about the location of any designated emergency shelters in the area.

You may never encounter a severe weather hazard. Your chances of being hit by lightning in your lifetime are 1 in 700,000, and the chances of your home being destroyed by a tornado (if you live in tornado alley) are 1 in 150,000. By learning and following these key principles, you can move forward with confidence and provide every opportunity to your Scouts to participate in Baden-Powell's outdoor laboratory.

#### Additional Resources

- *Weather* merit badge pamphlet
- National Weather Service—[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)
- Weather Wiz Kids—[www.weatherwizkids.com](http://www.weatherwizkids.com)
- Struck by Lightning—[www.struckbylightning.org](http://www.struckbylightning.org)

## Council Information

### 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>

## **GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

**5 P.M.—7 P.M.**

**CAMP MANATOC DINING HALL**

**PRESENTED BY OUR  
FAMOUS LADY ENGINEERS**

**ADULTS \$10 KIDS (5-12 YRS.) \$6**

**KIDS UNDER 4 FREE**

**MENU: FISH, COLE SLAW, SEASONED FRIES, BAKED RIGATONI WITH SAUCE, COOKIES, COFFEE AND PUNCH**

**QUESTIONS? CALL CHRIS AT 330-657-2418**

**PAY AT THE DOOR (CASH ONLY)**

**RSVP BY LEAVING COUNT ON ANSWERING MACHINE  
BY MARCH 27**

### Tributes & Memorials

**In Memory of: Michael Pastore**  
**From:** Charlene & Gregory Pastore  
Jon & Elizabeth Reynolds  
John & Sheryl Heinze

**In Memory of: Fred Corns**  
**From:** The Koerner Family  
Alexandra Walker

**In Memory of: Bruce Lapierre**  
**From:** Gail & Michael Dowell

**In Memory of: David Wagner**  
**From:** Bridget Jankowski



**Prepared. For Life.™**

### Need help?

Are you overwhelmed by behavioral issues in your unit? Wondering why you lost SOOOOO many Scouts at this last recharter? Worried about that Scout that hasn't managed to advance in the last year?

The Special Needs Advisory Committee can help units work through ALL of the above, and more. A simple call or email gets a consultation, and perhaps a visit, which can help make Scouting easier for everyone---Scout and Scouter.

Don't wait until there's a big problem—ask for help NOW!

Call **Wendy Greathouse** at 330-256-0996 or email **Caroline Altizer** at [caroline.altizer@scouting.org](mailto:caroline.altizer@scouting.org) to get an answer to your query.

### Boards of Review

Soooooooooo—there's this Scout. And he has some challenges. For example, he doesn't do well when cornered in a room with all adults.

Or perhaps he is on the Autistic Spectrum and the unit is unsure how to handle Boards of Review. Or the Scout has been unwilling to speak in public.

Is there a way this Scout can advance?

YES. PLEASE contact SNAC early. Don't wait until he is almost 18 to tell us that there have been these hurdles—let us help everyone figure out how to advance appropriately.

If you're pro-active, you may call **Wendy** at 330-256-0996. If you wait until the last minute, email professional **Caroline** at [caroline.altizer@scouting.org](mailto:caroline.altizer@scouting.org) who will probably be less sarcastic.

## Council Information

### Announcing a GTC adventure partnership with Bechtel National Scout Reserve

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

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

### 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](http://www.manatoc.org).

### 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).**

### 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!**

### Shooting Sports Saturday, March 24

Boy Scout troops, Camp Manatoc is holding an open shooting event on March 24. Times are 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Costs are listed below and can be paid at the event.

Rifle—10 shots \$2

Shotgun—25 shots \$20

Shotgun—50 shots \$35

Questions or need more information? Call Chris at 330-607-6376.

## Council Information

### Camp staff builds leaders



Best of the Midwest

The theme this year is “The Best of the Midwest.” We have planned new fun and exciting merit badges. Like: gardening, farm mechanics, animal science, plant science, movie making, game design, railroading, Indian lore, and animation. This is shaping up to be one of the best summer experiences in years.

Come be part of history this summer. Give back to those Scouts that follow you just as some older Scouts did for you. I'm sure you all remember your favorite staff member. So join the 2018 Manatoc staff in making history once again. Manatoc Scout Reservation is looking for great young men and women, ages 16 and up, for the 2018 summer camping season. We also are looking for staff apprentices, ages 14 and 15. Application can be found at [www.manatoc.org](http://www.manatoc.org). For further information call **Chris Bergdorf** at 330-607-6376 or **Mike Thompson** at 330-801-6524.

### Short-term camping at Camp Stambaugh being offered this summer!



Thinking of an inexpensive getaway? Come enjoy nature at Camp Stambaugh. Scout troops would you like a two day campout in the middle of the summer? Here's your chance!

Camp Stambaugh will be available for family and unit campouts during the

2018 summer season. There will not be a formal program. Check-in time will be at 4 p.m. on your arrival day and noon on check-out day.

All Scouts must be registered before unit camping reservations are made. For family camping, at least one person attending must be registered in the Scouting program. Registration may be done online at <http://www.manatoc.org/weekends.html> or call Peggy at 330-773-0415 ext. 221.

### New shower house at Camp Butler is in the works!

Great news! The plans are done for the new shower house at Camp Butler. The plan includes individual restrooms, showers, and changing rooms. There will also be some heated restrooms and showers for the colder months of the year. Ground breaking will take place in August 2018.

### 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. We have a new Webelos Camp Director, **Kip Shipley**, and he will be assisted by the Manatoc camp staff.

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

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

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

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

**Cost is \$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 [http://qtcbasa.org/manatoc/summer\\_camp/forms/2018\\_webelos\\_flyer.pdf](http://qtcbasa.org/manatoc/summer_camp/forms/2018_webelos_flyer.pdf)

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

### 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)



## Council Information



### 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 is available at [www.gtcbbsa.org/camp-cards](http://www.gtcbbsa.org/camp-cards)
- For more information, please contact **Nique Hart-Saxton** at **330-773-0415 ext. 216** or [veronique.saxton@scouting.org](mailto:veronique.saxton@scouting.org)

#### Sale Key Dates

**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.

### Moecomdws District cont'd.

#### **Klondike was a warm weather blast!**

Even though we didn't get the snow and cold weather we wanted, all of our Scouts had a great time at this year's Klondike. A huge MOE thank you goes to **Mark Bean** and the rest of **Troop 273** for putting on this year's event. Troop 177 has graciously accepted duties to host next year's derby.

Congratulations to the Seth and Amanda patrol from Troop 154, first place winners!



## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

### 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:

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



# Council Information

## From the Registration Desk...

### Charter Info

The charters for Tri-Fires and Seneca that have been received and are not on HOLD have been processed, and charters, membership cards and rosters were mailed out on February 22. They are mailed to Cubmaster, Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor. Charters for Moe and Lakes should all be turned in by now as your charters expired February 28. I am currently working on those charters. Chippewa and Old Portage charters are due at your roundtable on March 8.

Remember, if your charter is on HOLD, it needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. The person processing the charter along with the district executive and district commissioner receive an email regarding the defect. The email will indicate what is needed on the charter. Many times it is something that is needed to register an adult or youth, which would hold up their registration, not the entire charter. If it is unit signatures on the charter, money or an app and disclosure form for an adult in a required position, your charter will be on HOLD and cannot be processed until all the required information or paperwork is received.

We want to make sure that your charters are processed as quickly as possible, so make sure that all required paperwork, signatures and money are included with your charter when you are turning it in.

*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).*

### BSA Youth Protection contact list

Online YPT Training	For help with online YPT or technical questions, contact the Member Care Contact Center	Member Care Contact Center 972-580-2489 <a href="mailto:myscouting@scouting.org">myscouting@scouting.org</a>
Technical Questions		
Report Suspected Inappropriate Activity	A dedicated 24-hour ScoutsFirst Helpline is available to report any suspected inappropriate activity.	1-844-SCOUTS1 1-844-726-8871 <a href="mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org">scouts1st@scouting.org</a>
Support and Counseling	The BSA is committed to providing ongoing support to victims and their families, including counseling.	1-844-SCOUTS1 1-844-726-8871 <a href="mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org">scouts1st@scouting.org</a>

## 2018 Charter Time Frame

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

**Chippewa District** serving Medina County

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

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

**Charter Window Opens February 1, 2018**

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

**Old Portage District** serving the west Akron area

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

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

**Charter Window Opens February 1, 2018**

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

### Council Annual Dinner and Silver Beaver Recognition Event Sunday, May 6

**Camp Manatoc Dining Hall  
Cost \$27/person**

*Reservation deadline is April 30*

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

## Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest camping event organized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), gathering as many as 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 National Scout Organizations. The **24th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ)** will be held **July 22-August 2, 2019**, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, and is co-hosted by Scouts Canada, Association de Scouts de Mexico and the Boy Scouts of America. The last time the United States hosted a WSJ was in 1967 in Idaho. The opportunity to attend a World Jamboree on American soil will never be easier!

The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree is "Unlock a New World". This reflects the new adventures, cultures and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world.

The United States contingent is limited on the number of people that we can send to a World Scout Jamboree. We encourage youth and adults to apply as soon as possible.

Youth participants (boys and girls) **must be between the ages of 14-17 during the Jamboree**. If you are 18 or older, you are encouraged to sign up as an adult unit leader or International Service Team (staff) member.

Details, fees, and registration can be found at [www.wsj2019.us](http://www.wsj2019.us). Questions? Contact **Vincent Close**, Great Trail Council International Representative, at [vclose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vclose@sbcglobal.net).



# Arrowhead District

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## All adults are invited to roundtable

This month's program will cover best practices of using Scoutbook and **Mike Kupec** will be a guest speaker to discuss the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mill Creek MetroParks Earth Day Cleanup on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** and will be on Saturday, April 27, in 2019. There will be a special ceremony for Wood Badge participants. Camp Cards will also be available for units to start selling as an easy spring fundraiser.

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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

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!

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

## Cub Scout Winter Event was exciting!

Camp Stambaugh saw almost 400 people for the Arrowhead Cub Scout Winter Event on Saturday February 17. Arrowhead District would like to thank **Tim Sandor** and all the Scouts and Scouters that made this year's Winter Event a success! The day featured stations from around the world. Here we can see the **Boy Scouts of Troop 83 and Scoutmaster Brad Lang** running a Trebuchet Station. The Cub Scouts had plenty to do and learn with stations ranging from cooking to shooting slingshots on a chilly February day at camp.



## Boy Scout Spring Camporee Olympic Challenge

**April 3-15 at Camp Stambaugh**



Please join us at Camp Stambaugh for a competitive day of individual and patrol challenges that range from Scout skills to physical competitions. Registration and Leaders Guide are available at:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-SC2018>

Registration is \$20 per attendee with all meals provided in the dining hall. Registration for the event with *Lunch Only* is \$15. Both registration fees cover campsites, program materials, a custom event patch, and a full day of fun and activities.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this year's event, contact **Matt Fuchilla Camporee Chairman** at [mfuchilla@gmail.com](mailto:mfuchilla@gmail.com).

## District Pinewood Derby April 7—Eastwood Mall



The 2018 Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby is **open to all registered Cub Scouts**.

Races will be by rank and there is an open class for siblings. Trophies are awarded to the top three racers in each rank, who then advance to the Grand Champion Race for a chance at the title of fastest racer in all of Arrowhead District!

Registration is now open at:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-AHPWD> along with official rules. Every racer will receive a patch! The Pinewood Derby Chairman is **Mike Kaiser** who can be reached for questions at [cordialsdeli@yahoo.com](mailto:cordialsdeli@yahoo.com).

### 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**

### April

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
  - 7 District Pinewood Derby—Eastwood Mall
  - 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—ETINEO
  - 13-15 Spring Camporee
- Registration \$24.75      Boys' Life \$9.00**

# Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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 Chippewa Website: [www.facebook.com/pages/GTC-Chippewa-District](http://www.facebook.com/pages/GTC-Chippewa-District)



## District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

**Date:** Saturday, 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

**Appearance Competition:** Any registered Cub Scout that competed in 2018 Pack Race (racers automatically included)

### Fees: Race & Appearance Competition

- Before April 6—\$6 per participant
- After April 6—\$10 per participant
- **Appearance Competition Only**
- Before April 6—\$4 per participant
- After April 6—\$6 per participant

**Registration:** Due April 6 (Early Bird) to council office (by hand or mail) **Great Trail Council, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309**

- Register by Pack (when possible)
- Remit Single Check (when possible) payable to Great Trail Council—include notation on memo line “Event #90022”

**Uniforms:** Class A Scout uniform is required (please be neat and “tucked in”)

**Contact:** Kelly McEntire—Pinewood Derby Chair—[kmcentire@roadrunner.com](mailto:kmcentire@roadrunner.com)

**Sherri Buck**—Chippewa District Chair—[SBuck01@msn.com](mailto:SBuck01@msn.com)

<b>Bears:</b>	Registration 8:30 a.m.—9:20 a.m. Race Time 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
<b>Webelos</b>	Registration 8:30 a.m.—9:20 a.m. Race Time 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
<b>Adults or Siblings</b>	Registration 11:15 a.m.—11:40 a.m. Race Time 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
<b>Tigers</b>	Registration Noon—12:50 p.m. Race Time 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
<b>Wolves</b>	Registration Noon—12:50 p.m. Race Time—1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

### 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**

# Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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## Old Portage District 2018 Pinewood Derby March 24 9 a.m.-10 a.m.—Weigh-in 10 a.m.-noon—Races

**First Baptist Church  
1670 Shatto Ave., Akron**

Each unit may send up to 16 racers; the top 3 from each rank (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos) with one alternate Scout.

Registration and money are due at the Council Service Center no later than Tuesday, March 13. Please email a copy of your pack’s registration to [Ferg442@windstream.net](mailto:Ferg442@windstream.net).

### 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
  - 24 Pinewood Derby—9 a.m.-noon—First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron
- Registration \$2.75      Boys' Life N/A**

# Lakes District

## “Leads the Way”

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### 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](mailto: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!

### Online awards nominations

This year we are going to try something new. You will be able to submit your award nominations for both Commodore and District Award of Merit online. This will be available via [www.lakesdistrict.org](http://www.lakesdistrict.org).

### 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](http://www.lakesdistrict.org). Nominations must be turned into **Tom Craig** no later than **March 9**, for consideration.



#### 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**

#### April

- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
  - 5 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
  - 12 District roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron
  - 14 Pinewood Derby—MAPS Air Museum, 2260 International Pkwy., North Canton
  - 19 Lakes District Recognition Dinner/Annual Meeting—TBA
- Registration \$30.25      Boys' Life \$11.00**

# Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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## Unit Elections

The 2018 Marnoc Lodge Unit Election material is now available at [www.marnoc.org](http://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. **All unit elections are due to be completed and submitted by 4/15/2018.**

## 2018 Unit Elections direct links

Here are direct links for the 2018 election process.

2018 Marnoc Lodge Election Package - [http://marnoc.org/election/2018\\_election\\_package.pdf](http://marnoc.org/election/2018_election_package.pdf)

Election Registration – [http://bit.ly/2018\\_151electdata](http://bit.ly/2018_151electdata)

Election Results (Youth) – [http://bit.ly/2018\\_151elect](http://bit.ly/2018_151elect)

Nomination Application (Adults) – [http://bit.ly/2018\\_151\\_adult](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](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 @ Camp Manatoc

June 27-28 @ Camp Manatoc

July 18-29 @ Camp Manatoc

August 10-12 @ Camp Manatoc

September 14-16 @ 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>

## Marnoc Lodge presents...

**Marnoc Lodge is pleased to announce one of the worst kept secrets in the Great Trail Council!**



Very soon (OK, come summer camp) these anchors will hold...



That's right! Marnoc Lodge is pleased to provide the primary support to bring an "Iceberg" to Camp Manatoc's Summer Camp. The anchors have been placed thanks to a few of our Brothers and the Iceberg has been ordered. Hopefully it will be available for the Spring Fellowship (although the water might be a bit chilly.)

# Moecomdws District

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### 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 Moecomdws District award for married couples with involvement in the leadership roles of their unit.

**Eisenman Award:** A special Moecomdws 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. Stephens Lutheran Church in Stow. Nomination forms can be found at roundtable, and will be placed in saddlebags and emailed to unit leaders.

### Register for day camp! It's our "Bug Hunting Extravaganza!"

The best week of the summer? Easy question, MOECOMDWS DAY CAMP.

We will have two day camp sessions, **June 18-21** and **June 21-23**, along with the annual Tiger Adventure Day on June 23. Also added this year will be a family campout on Friday, June 22. Register online today at [www.scoutingevent.com/433-moescdc](http://www.scoutingevent.com/433-moescdc). Check out [moedaycamp.blogspot.com](http://moedaycamp.blogspot.com) for more info.

Want to boost your day camp attendance? Have someone from our day camp team visit your pack meeting! Contact [Moedaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:Moedaycamp@gmail.com) to schedule an event, or if you have any questions.

### District Annual Election notice

District Nominating Chair **Rich Malecky** has announced that the Annual District Elections will be held on Thursday, **April 5**, at the district committee meeting. Nominations from the field can be sent to **Wayne Nieman**, Moe District Director, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309. The annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m., at Hudson Presbyterian Church. *No nominations will be accepted from the floor and must be submitted in writing by April 1, 2018*

### Moe District Pinewood Derby

We are set to go for the 2018 Moecomdws District Pinewood Derby. Pack 3177 will be hosting this year's event on **April 14**, at Holy Family School. Weigh in starts at 11 a.m. *Please check your calendars, as the date has change from the original published date.* Questions? Contact **Tom Brownridge** at [tombrownridge@gmail.com](mailto:tombrownridge@gmail.com).

### Cub Scout Leader Training

Are your leaders trained? Do you need to re-up on your training? A trained leader leads to a quality program----so get trained! There will be a training held in Moecomdws on **April 21** at Holy Family Catholic Church. This is very important for your new leaders, especially as we approach the June 1 date for family Scouting.

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#### 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**

#### April

- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
  - 12 Roundtable/District Awards—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
  - 14 Pinewood Derby—Holy Family School
  - 21 Cub Leader Specific Training
- Registration \$30.25      Boys' Life \$11.00**

# 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 for early March. Set your own unit goal. Sign-ups for a presentation may be done at roundtable **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 [mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeroweops@sbcglobal.net) or 330-351-3283. You may also call Robert Balash, 330-773-0415, ext. 227 or [Robert.Balash@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Balash@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. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2018GTCFOS>.

We need to be able to tell the “Scouting Story” to every family and give them the **opportunity** to make a financial contribution to help support the great things we do with the youth of our communities.

## Seneca District Pinewood Derby

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!

## District Annual Meeting

Seneca District's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m., at the Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent for election of district committee members and officers. All district committee members, members-at-large, council board members within the district, and all charter partner representatives of the district are invited to attend as we elect a new slate of district volunteers for 2018-2019. Nominations for district committee members must be received in writing by Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. Nominations are to be sent to: **Great Trail Council, Seneca District Nominating Committee, Nate Watson-Secretary, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068**. Nominations will NOT be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.



## Seneca Recognition Night

On Thursday, April 12, at roundtable, Seneca District will recognize outstanding volunteers for their dedication to Scouting and their service to the youth we serve. We're looking for nominations for the following awards: District Award of Merit, Clyde Hazel Award, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chair, and Crew Advisor. **The drop dead date to hand in nominations is March 10, however, it will be best to hand them in March 8, at roundtable!**

## Cub Scout Day Camp is right around the corner!

The Seneca District is pleased and proud to be running our own Seneca Day Camp. Mark your calendars for **July 12-14**, at Camp Butler. We are currently looking for persons to staff stations at camp. Day camp is the one activity that your boys will talk about all year! Junior staff is also needed from our troops! For questions or more information contact **Cindy Olesh**, at [cindyolesh@gmail.com](mailto:cindyolesh@gmail.com) or **Jackie Demyan** at [jackiedemyan@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedemyan@gmail.com). More information will be put in saddlebags!

### 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 Boys' Life \$11.00**

### April

- 5 District Committee Meeting/Annual Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
  - 12 Roundtable/District Awards—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
  - 14 District Pinewood Derby—9 a.m.—Maplewood Career Center, 7075 St. Rt. 88
  - 26 Friends of Scouting Report Meeting #3
- Registration \$27.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

# Tri Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”

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## 2018 Tri Fires Klondike results



This year's Klondike offered fierce competition between the patrols. The wet and raining weather did not put a dent in the Scouting Spirit as the sled race became known as

the Toughest Mudder Race! A shout out goes to the following patrols for being the “Toughest Mudatoc Patrols” overall: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—**Troop 48**, The Pineapples Patrol; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—**Troop 361**, The Paw Patrol. Finally our overall winner was **Troop 310**, The Dead Frogs Patrol. Hopefully all the patrols learned about teamwork that weekend!

## Shout out for Tri Fires!

Thank you everyone for making this year's charter process very smooth! As a district, we got done with ALL our units charters ON TIME! Thanks for your continued leadership and support!

## Adult training changes in 2018

Mandatory Updated Adult Youth Protection Training: By October 1, 2018, all new and currently registered leaders will be required to complete the updated training. The enhanced and updated content will allow leaders and councils to comply with all current legal requirements. While this may be inconvenient for some, it reflects the BSA's commitment to the safety of all youth.

Top Leaders and Committee Chairs: When units charter for the 2019-year, top leaders and committee chairs must be fully trained for their position or their unit will not be able to charter. This will include: Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and Committee Chairs.

## District Pinewood Derby Championship



**Who:** The **top racer** in the Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Sibling/Family Divisions from each pack

**Where:** St. Matthew Parish School—Father Silva Center (gym), 2603 Benton Ave., Akron (park at the school or adjacent parking lot.)

**When:** **Saturday, April 14**—Weigh in is from 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.—Racing starts at 9 a.m.

**Cost:** \$20 per pack (due by March 31)

**We will be using the official BSA Pinewood Derby rules. Concessions will be available!**

## District Recognition Dinner and Awards Nominations

Come join us **Thursday, April 12**, from 6:30-8 p.m., for the Tri-Fires District Dinner as we recognize our adult leaders. The event will be held at Tallmadge First Congregational, 85 Heritage Dr., Tallmadge. Please have your reservations in to the Scout Shop or turned in at roundtable by April 9.

Be sure to nominate leaders for the awards! Nomination sheets can be picked up at roundtable or at the Council Service Center. Please have your nominations for District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster of the Year, Cubmaster of the Year, Venturing Leader of the Year, Scout Leader of the Year, Cub Leader of the Year, District Staff Member of the Year and Charter Partner of the Year turned in by March 23. Awards will be handed out at the district dinner.

## Spring recruiting

It is time for spring recruitment! Get in touch with **Wendy Greathouse** at [wendygreathouse@gmail.com](mailto:wendygreathouse@gmail.com) or **Dean Tunberg** at [dean.tunberg@scouting.org](mailto:dean.tunberg@scouting.org) as soon as possible to coordinate your spring recruitment! If you are planning to start a family pack this summer, you can use the University of Scouting to train new den leaders. Don't miss out on a great opportunity. Also, every troop should have an open house!



### March

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

**Registration \$30.25**

**Boys' Life \$11.00**

### April

- 5 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 12 District Dinner/Volunteer Recognition
- 14 District Pinewood Derby

**Registration \$27.50**

**Boys' Life \$10.00**

# Whispering Pines District

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## Roundtable is the place to be

Join us for our March roundtable on Thursday, March 8, 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.

## Klondike Derby wrap up

Thank you to everyone for making the rescheduled Whispering Pines Klondike Derby a success! A huge thank you goes out to **Jonathan Boyd** for chairing this year's event!

## Mill Creek Park Earth Day Clean Up



This year's Mill Creek Park Earth Day Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 21. As in past years, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. When the time comes, register early per the instructions to reserve your favorite site.

See you in April! **Mike Kupec**  
– Clean-up Chairman  
[mike.kupec@gmail.com](mailto:mike.kupec@gmail.com) or  
330-519-3988

## May Cub Adventure Camp and District Pinewood Rally

This year the Whispering Pines District will be hosting their first Pinewood Rally during the May Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Stambaugh, **May 11-13**. If you have questions about the upcoming event, please contact **Steph Kelly** at [ifindthem@gmail.com](mailto:ifindthem@gmail.com).

## Notice of Annual District Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Whispering Pines District will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 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](mailto:john.brkic@scouting.org) with questions.

## 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 at [billbmoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billbmoss@sbcglobal.net) 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 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.



### 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**

### April

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 4 Advancement Committee—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 5 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 8 District Recognition Dinner
- 21 Mill Creek Park Earth Day Clean Up

**Registration \$24.75      Boys' Life \$9.00**



# Council Calendar

## 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
- 12 [Troop Committee Training](#)
- 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 [Cub Leader Training](#)
- 24 [Boy Scout Advancement Training](#)
- 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

## April

- 1 Easter
- 2 Eagle Dinner Committee Meeting
- 3 Membership Committee Meeting
- 3 Program Committee Meeting
- 4 Auction Committee Meeting
- 5 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 NYLT \$3—Camp Butler
- 17 Religious Committee Meeting
- 18 [BB/Archery Recertification Training](#)
- 19 Cub Camping Promotion
- 20-22 Camp Staff Training
- 21 Summer Camp Leaders Meeting
- 23 Day Camp Committee Meeting
- 24 Commissioners Meeting
- 25 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 26 FOS #3
- 27 Marketing Committee Meeting

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sherrie@gtcbsa.org

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**330-533-4538**

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