

Scouters' News

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

New Scouting mobile app pulls advancement data from Scoutbook

BSA's Information Technology Group, along with many volunteer beta testers, are excited to announce the new Scouting mobile app, which is now available for both iPhone and Android devices.

You can search for "Scouting BSA" or go to the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Scouting makes it easier than ever for youth and their parents to view and track advancement in the Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting programs—as well as youth recognition in the Venturing program. The app pulls existing advancement data straight from Scoutbook for viewing on an enhanced user interface.

No cell service? No problem! If your Scouting Adventures take you off the grid, this app's offline capability allows parents and youth (13 and older) to access advancement data anywhere at any time.

Once the app is downloaded, parents and youth should use their Scoutbook credentials to login. If you don't have a Scoutbook account yet, visit www.Scoutbook.com to create one. Note, a youth and parent can still setup a *Scouting* account for the new mobile app without a unit subscription to Scoutbook.

The initial release of the app contains the following functions:

- Track a Scout's advancement
- Track logs like service hours, hiking, and camping
- View parent and/or Scout profile
- Submit feedback
- Provide parent access to your Scouts' accounts

The new app also supports a night-mode feature, user default data settings, and offline capabilities (under settings). Additional features like a Scout community, notifications, leadership, calendar, and Scout challenges will also be added throughout 2018.

Important info for summer camp 2018!

Effective **June 1, 2018**, adults accompanying a Scouting unit, who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more, **must be registered as a leader**, including completion of a criminal background check and youth protection training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive but are accumulative. All together, it's a bold new approach that will serve as just one part of the BSA's ongoing effort to enroll the entire community in the fight against child abuse both in and out of Scouting.

Updated Youth Protection Training now available

Update your training by October 1, 2018



The Boy Scouts of America's updated youth protection training doesn't just talk about the dangers of child predators—it shows how they work to gain access to their victims.

In early February, the BSA introduced newly updated youth protection training that is required for **all** volunteers **before October 1, 2018**. Even if they took the previous training prior to the February rollout, it will need to be taken again.

The updated training which includes three modules and a test that take a little over an hour to complete, draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and maltreatment to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse, including: bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse. Once completed, volunteers will not have to retake the training for two years.

New to this version of the training program are video interviews with psychologists and law enforcement professionals who discuss the root causes of abuse, how to recognize it, and how to respond.

"There is no substitute for hearing directly from experts who have spent their careers studying child predators and abusers," said Michael Johnson, the BSA's director of youth protection. "They shine a new light on the challenge we all face in protecting kids and how parents and volunteers can put barriers in place to keep them away."

Some of the most impactful aspects of the training are interviews with abuse survivors, who give their first-hand perspectives. "In developing this training, we discussed whether or not to include survivor videos," said Johnson. "It was the right decision. Their testimony is powerful and highlights how predators work and the tragic impact like nothing else."

In addition to updated training, the BSA recently announced new policies to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements, including:

- As of January 1, 2018, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training.
- As of January 1, 2018, no council leaders will be allowed to renew their registration if they are not current on their youth protection training.

Council Information

Council Annual Dinner and Silver Beaver Recognition Event

The big event will be held on Sunday, May 6, at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. The reception begins at 12:30 p.m. and the dinner and program will begin at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$27 per person.

We will be honoring our 2018 Silver Beaver recipients as well as our District Award of Merit recipients.

Reservation deadline is April 30, no walk-ins, please! Reservations are online at:

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

180 Action Plan/Family Scouting

- **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.

University of Scouting recap

Last month we held our annual University of Scouting. This awesome training day, run by volunteers was a huge success! We had almost 400 participants, taking part in 150 different trainings. Thank you to Ravenna City Schools for letting us use their wonderful high school. A huge thank you goes out to the University of Scouting Committee: Chairman **Leslie Smith, Brian Davis, Jane Davis, Allen Hoy, Jodie and Dan Amiot, Tom Brownridge, Rose Marie Fox, David Rice, Wendy Greathouse, Bryan Menke and Gregg Townsend.** Thank you to everyone who helped to make this University of Scouting such a huge success.

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Jacob Dalton	259	02/13/18
Joshua Dame	519	02/19/18
Nicholas Galler	519	02/21/18
Spencer Heppner	402	02/25/18
Matthew Herron	400	02/11/18
Trevor Hykes	9025	02/14/18
Zachary Kline	177	02/22/18
Andrew Kurlich	257	02/26/18
Chad Losey	259	01/31/18
Robert Malizia	9115	02/13/18
Matthew Mason	520	02/11/18
Xavier McLain	452	01/22/18
Andrew Nabors	390	02/28/18
Jarrett Orbin	9119	01/16/18
Brandon Piehler	501	02/13/18
Mitchell Reder	575	02/13/18
Justin Saikaly	118	02/04/18
Maxwell Semenczuk	777	02/22/18
Dylan Smith	9071	02/27/18
Dallas Smith	9071	02/27/18
Christopher Smith	60	02/04/18
Jacob Strandberg	390	02/28/18
Riley Sullivan	4008	02/22/18
Kyle Townsend	402	02/17/18

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



Center for Outdoor Ethics | LNT.org

By Andrew & Bena Paisley

"There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy, and its charm." Theodore Roosevelt

Debunking Leave No Trace Myths

Myths are something that people sincerely believe is true but...it turns out that people are just sincerely wrong. Each of these myths are ones that I have held at one time and I still get pushback from people. So, here we go. Are your myths going to be busted or are you going to hold on to them?

Myth #1: It's ok to throw out orange and banana peels in the wilderness because they are biodegradable.

Principle #3 reminds us to dispose of waste properly. But is biodegradable trash waste? Or is it improper to toss it in the woods or on the highway? Let's start with the facts: banana and orange peels do biodegrade. It's just that it takes 2 years for the banana peel and 6 months for the orange. As with most LNT principles, it isn't just one thing that makes a principle right. It's a multitude of factors. Along with taking so long to biodegrade, it's disgusting to find an oily banana peel in my campsite as I did last fall in Zaleski State Park. Additionally, it isn't just you. Millions visit our parks every year. That's a lot of peelage! Remember as Scouts we always leave a place better than we found it and that's why we pack out what we pack in including fruit waste.

Myth #2: You don't have to pick up dog poop because it's no different than any other wild animal poop.

I held onto this one for a very long time. The logic seemed unassailable. But there's that dang science that gets in the way. It seems by eating processed food, dog poop contains an inordinate amount of nitrogen in it. So it's not like wild animal poop. Many plants thrive on low-nitrogen soil so you could be impacting the eco-system. Better to pick it up.

Myth #3: It's ok to wash your dishes in the river or lake because the soap is biodegradable.

The problem isn't just the soap. Soap can change the chemistry of the water and harm wildlife. It's recommended that you wash your dishes at least 200 feet from any water source (about 80 steps). After straining for food scraps broadcast-spread the waste water. When washing dishes in the lake food scraps get into the water which causes the wildlife to become habituated to human food. Don't feed the animals.

I don't know about you but I like to get things right. Examine your beliefs with an open mind and check it against the science. Maybe you'll change your mind.

Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet



The 2017 class of Eagle Scouts, 251 to be exact, were recently honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievable rank in Scouting. The Eagle Scouts were recognized on March 11, at the 58th Annual Dinner and Program for the Great

Trail Council, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. Each Eagle Scout was met at the event by his Eagle sponsor for the evening, a prominent member of the Great Trail Council business community.

Only about four percent of Scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle, which honors them for their outdoor skills, service and leadership ability.

In recognition of the Eagle Scouts achievement, each Scout received an Eagle Scout pocket knife and limited-edition council shoulder patch from the class sponsor, President Matthew Wilson, University of Akron, and is eligible to join the National Eagle Scout Association, a fellowship of Scouters who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

President Wilson delivered the address to the 400 in attendance, 113 of which were Eagles from the 2017 Class, the highest representation from any class in GTC history. President Wilson also received the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for his hard work and dedication to the lives of so many throughout his career in Law and Education.

24th World Scout Jamboree

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

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 is online at:

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

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

Camp housing update

Age-appropriate and separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required. No adult may share a tent with a person of the opposite sex unless he or she is that adult's spouse. No youth may share a tent with an adult or a person of the opposite sex other than a family member or guardian. Assigning youth members more than two years apart in age to sleep in the same tent should be avoided unless the youth are relatives.

When housing other than tents is used, separate housing must be provided for male and female participants. Adult male leaders must be responsible for the male participants; adult female leaders must be responsible for the female participants. Housing must have separate buildings, rooms or appropriate barriers installed.

Whenever possible, separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male/female adults and male/female youth. If separate facilities are not available, times should be scheduled and posted.



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!**

Important news about summer camp!

Effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying a Scouting unit to any activity **72 hours or more** in length, must be **registered as a leader**, including a **criminal background check** and **youth protection training**. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

This is a new regulation from our national office and all adults staying at camp this summer must be registered and youth protection trained.

Council Information

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of:	Edie Gulley
From:	Mary Mertic Richard & Mary Lee Heilman
In Memory of:	David Wagner
From:	Richard & Virginia Cruickshank William & Joan Tyson
In Memory of:	Bruce Lapierre
From:	David Pearson
In Memory of:	Michael Pastore
From:	Gregory & Charlene Pastore

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>

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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>

Thank you and we're here to help!



THANK YOU to the Scouters who took the Patch Track for Universal Scouting at this year's University of Scouting! We had 14 people earn the patch, and so many others who participated and learned.

Remember, the Special Needs Advisory Committee is here to help you with any questions you have. E-mail **Wendy** at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or **Caroline**, our new professional staffer, at caroline.altizer@scouting.org.

3rd Saturday Series Training

Did you miss our classes at the University of Scouting? Bummer.

However, we do have other scheduled trainings coming up. Maybe you should put them on your calendar—who knows—might be useful!

All 3rd Saturday Series Trainings run from 9 a.m. until noon at Great Trail Council's Service Center. RSVP to **Wendy** at wendygreathouse@gmail.com or 330-256-0996.

April 21, 2018 Transitioning Cub Scout families with special needs from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts

May 19, 2018 Addressing Cub Scout Special Needs in the Day Camp Setting

September 15, 2018 Behaviors in the Cub Pack and Den—Easy Strategies to Help

January 19, 2019 Webelos Scouts with Special Needs transitioning from Packs to Troops

April 20, 2019 Addressing the Special Needs of Scouters and Scouts in every unit

Do you have a Boy Scout with a disability who is struggling to advance?

You should call us. Soon. DO NOT WAIT until the Scout is 17 years and 11 months old to ask for help. (If you DO wait, Caroline would be thrilled to take your call while you panic and plead—you can reach her at 330-773-0415.)

Those who have more foresight, and are calm and collected, and have their ducks in a row should call Wendy at 330-256-0996. Really. We're not kidding. There's paperwork and meetings and calls and stuff that have to happen—(Boy Scout's red-tape), and your failure to plan cannot be an emergency on our part.



Council Information



Pictured above is the new shelter at Camp Stambaugh. A big thank you goes out to the Order of the Arrow!

Exciting things happening at Camp Stambaugh this year

The next time you're at Camp Stambaugh take a look around. There are many exciting new improvements like the new shelter pictured above that was provided by the OA. Soon there will be picnic tables and storage for the new youth kayaks for the lake. Work is continuing on the new water system and the return of the lake. The pool will have a new liner and will be open this summer.

Don't forget to save the weekend of June 8-10 for a volunteer work weekend. See the article below.

Camp Stambaugh needs your help!



WORK IN PROGRESS

On June 8-10, all units that sign up with Camp Ranger Nathan are welcome to spend the weekend at Camp Stambaugh for free!

All cabins and tent sites are first come, first served and there will be a limit to the number of units that can reserve. Call Nathan at 330-974-8476.

Lunch is free! Pizza, chips, bottled water and cookies will be provided. Please support Camp Stambaugh and help us get it ready for the summer camping season. Nathan will have projects ready to assign to units. **You will be required to work from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and leave your cabin or campsite extra clean.

Questions? Call Chris Bergdorf at 330-607-6376. Call Nathan to reserve at 330-974-8476.

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.

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 myscouting@scouting.org
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 scouts1st@scouting.org
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 scouts1st@scouting.org



Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Charter Info

By now all charters in all districts should have been turned in. Once they are processed the charters, membership cards, rosters, and 100% Boys' Life and/or JTE ribbons will be mailed to the unit leader.

District Recharter

District Charters expire May 31. If you pay in your district position you will receive a renewal notice after April 16. You will need to return the renewal notice along with your registration fees. Your district executive will approve all leaders that are multiples in their district position.

Spring Recruitment

Spring recruitment is right around the corner. Here are some things to be aware of. The grade rollover for registered youth will be in early June. Any new Lion Cubs or girls will be registered after the rollover takes place. Make sure that the grade on the application is the grade they will be in when they start school in the fall. The registration fees that are paid will be for June. If you are registering any Lions or Tigers, the parent's date of birth must be on the application in order for the app to be processed.

Adult Registration & Youth Protection Training

All adult leaders must complete the new Youth Protection Training online, before they can be registered. **ALL** adult leaders that have the old Youth Protection Training must take the new YPT by October 1, 2018.

Any adults going to summer camp, and will be at camp for a total period of 72 hours during the week, must be registered and have the new Youth Protection Training. If you have adults that will be attending camp with your unit, and are not currently registered in Scouts, please make sure that their application, disclosure form and Youth Protection Training are turned in well in advance of your week at summer camp. This will allow us time to process these applications and run the background checks.

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.



Laying of the Wreath Ceremony at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Eagle Scout Liam McAllister of Troop 406 in Wadsworth was selected by Wadsworth Middle School to participate in the Laying of the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier while on a school trip to Washington, DC.

Liam participated in this solemn ceremony in March. He did a great job representing Great Trail Council.

Are you registered for BALOO?



BALOO is **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation** and it teaches the basic outdoor skills that leaders must know in order to take Cub Scouts on a campout.

There must be at least one BALOO trained leader on every pack campout. This year's BALOO training is on **May 5-6** and the cost is \$25, if paid by April 25, and \$30 after April 25. Registration is at: www.scoutingevent.com/433-SPBALOO18.

Here are some tips for making the most of your BALOO experience:

1. **Take your time with the online modules.** While you could zip through all the modules in little more than an hour, try to go at a slower pace. Take time to explore some of the online resources provided. Review any sections you find confusing. Each module includes a table of contents that allows you to repeat previous sections. Just click the TOC button at the bottom of the window.
2. **Bring your questions—and your skits.** Several of the online modules preview weekend content and will probably prompt questions you'll want to ask. Bring those questions with you, as well as skits or songs to share during the campfire program your class will plan.
3. **Arrive with an open mind.** If your idea of roughing it is a motel without high-speed internet, try to view the content through the eyes of your Cub Scouts. They're thirsting for adventure. On the other hand, if you're an expert camper, remember the purpose of the course is to prepare you to lead den and pack overnights—not rugged backcountry excursions.

For more information contact **Jericho Johnson** at 330-807-5841 or **Nate Watson** at 330-773-0415 ext. 225.

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.gtcbosa.org/camp-cards
- For more information, please contact **Nique Hart-Saxton at 330-773-0415 ext. 216** or 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.



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:

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

SAVE THE DATE

The council wide food drive collection day is
Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Scouting for Food is our annual community service project led by Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers throughout the Great Trail Council.



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



Olympic Challenge Spring Camporee

April 13-15 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.

Camporee Chair: Matt Fuchilla at mfuchilla@gmail.com

Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby



The 2018 Arrowhead District Pinewood Derby on **April 7, at Eastwood Mall**, 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 and every racer will receive a patch!

Registration is now open at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-AHPWD> along with official rules.

Pinewood Derby Chairman: **Mike Kaiser** at cordialsdeli@yahoo.com

Recognition Dinner is May 9



The Arrowhead District Recognition Dinner will be **Wednesday, May 9**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Camp Stambaugh Dining Hall. This dinner will take the place of May's roundtable.

The district dinner is a time to thank your fellow Scouters for their hard work, dedication, and service. If you have leaders, parents, or Scouts that you would like to be recognized, please contact your district executive at David.Michalec@scouting.org

Arrowhead Cub Scout Day Camp



This year's theme is "Bug Hunters!" Arrowhead Day Camp will be three days of fun from **June 28-30**. Save the date now to make sure your Cub Scouts are ready for a once in a lifetime experience! Registration is \$60 until May 15 and \$70 from May 15 through June 1. All participants will receive a "Bug Hunters" t-shirt, lunch each day, a patch, a cup, and crafts to be taken home.

Registration is to be completed online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-ahcsdc>, please start your planning now.

Day Camp Director: **Mary Hostetler** at mdhoss11610@gmail.com

All adults are invited to roundtable

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

Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m.
 Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio
 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren, OH 44483
 Roundtable Commissioner: **Ray Deluga** at rayd1664@gmail.com

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
 - 14 Cub Scout Leader Training—Chris Episcopal Church
 - 19 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
 - 26 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
- Registration \$24.75 Boys' Life \$9.00**

May

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull
 - 6 Council Dinner—Camp Manatoc
 - 9 District Dinner—Camp Stambaugh
 - 17 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
 - 24 Advancement Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church
- Registration \$22.00 Boys' Life \$8.00**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Message from the district executive

Thank you to all that have welcomed me to the Chippewa District. I am trying to contact leaders and institutional heads to try to get to know the people in the area. I am excited to see what great Scouting is going on in Chippewa and would like to see us grow even more. We have some interesting times ahead. On June 1, we have girl dens being added to family packs and we are going to have Scout troops for girls starting in February, 2019. Along with this, we want to grow our Boy Scout troops and enroll more boys in Cub Scouting, along with new Explorer posts and Venturing crews, we have so much potential, it seems limitless.

I have been very impressed with the different leaders in our district. With plans for our pinewood, day camp and other events, it seems that we have some great staff.

The one thing it seems we are always in need of is help. Although we have volunteers for many events and roles in the district, we always have openings.

There are some areas that we are a little behind on, such as FOS and our Camp Card Sale, but we can meet our goals if people help. For all of these things we just need to keep in mind what all Scouters are here for, the youth of this community!

If you have any questions or would like to talk, you can reach me at the office number above or call or text my cell at 703-819-5738.

-Tim

Bug Hunter Day Camp is around the corner!



Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for Day Camp.

Place: Camp Butler

Cost: \$70.00

Dates: Session 1—June 25-27, Session 2—June 28-30

Contact: Camp Director Steve Trommer at chippewadaycamp@gmail.com

Registration online at:

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

If you would like to help with our planning or be a part of staff, you can contact Camp Director Steve Trommer at chippewadaycamp@gmail.com. If your Boy Scout is looking for service hours and would like to be part of our youth staff, we would like to hear from him.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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 the 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

Sherri Buck—Chippewa District Chair—SBuck01@msn.com

Friends of Scouting

If you haven't done so already please schedule and turn in your FOS presentation date to our Family Campaign Manager **Sherri Buck** at sbuck01@msn.com.

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

April

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| 5 | District Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—260 Walnut Dr., Medina |
| 11 | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Wadsworth Buehlers Community Room, 175 Great Oaks Tr., Wadsworth |
| 12 | Roundtable—Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Rd. |
| 28 | Pinewood Derby
Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00 |

May

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| 3 | District Commissioners Meeting |
| 9 | District Committee Meeting |
| 10 | Roundtable
Registration \$30.25 Boys' Life \$11.00 |

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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2018 “Bug Hunters” Day Camp



This year the theme for day camp is Bug Hunters! Join us **June 20-23**, 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. Register at:

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

Lakes District Recognition Dinner

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 19**. District dinner will be at: Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44319. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Catering will be provided by Troop 336. 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 Awards of Merit and as many Commodore Awards as there are worthy recipients.



May roundtable

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 10**, at 7 p.m., at Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44319 for the Lakes District Roundtable. May is our annual **program planning** roundtable. This is where all the units get their flash drives to plan their program for the following year. It seems way too soon to start thinking about September now, but the object is to have a committee meeting over the summer to plan so that your unit is up and running in September. This year we will be continuing our tradition of having meatballs, but will have a twist this year. The meatballs will be Swedish and there will be curly fries. We like to refer to this as Swedish Meatball Mayhem with a Twist. We ask that attendees of this event bring a covered dish with them and everyone participates in the banquet that we will enjoy. So, mark your calendar and we'll see you there!

National Summertime Pack Award

Your pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities during the summer – one in each June, July and August.

The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during time periods when school is out. The main benefit of participating in this program is to keep the interest of the Scouts over the summer and to retain their membership for the following year.

Look in the resources and forms section of your Cub Scout Leader Book for the National Summertime Pack Award form and start planning for the summer!

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

May

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—Green Market District, 1700 Corporate Woods Pkwy., Uniontown
- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron
- 10 District roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron

Registration \$27.50

Boys' Life \$10.00

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, 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 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 up quickly.

June 1-3—Camp Manatoc

June 27-28—Camp Manatoc

July 18-19—Camp Manatoc

August 10-12—Camp Manatoc

September 14-15—Camp Stambaugh

The fee for the Ordeal is \$55 and must be paid when registering. Registration site for the Ordeal is at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-ordeal>

Camp promotion ideas

Brothers,

We are asking for your help to provide ideas of great camping sites for our camp promotions publication. We will appreciate any information on camping trips your units have taken. Please send any ideas that you have to camp_promotions@marnoc.org

Yours in Scouting,

The Camp Promotions Team

Lodge officer elections

Arrowmen interested in serving as a 2018-2019 Lodge officer must inform the Lodge professional adviser of your intent to run by noon on June 1.

Spring Fellowship

Marnoc Lodge Spring Fellowship is **June 1-3**, at Camp Manatoc. This annual event includes the first Ordeal of 2018, support for the annual Kiwanis Service Day, Lodge Officer Elections, and many other things jammed in to one busy weekend. If it arrives in time we will also have the opportunity to use the new Iceberg! Make your reservations now at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-springfellowship>.

Section C4A Conclave

The final C4A Conclave will take place May 18-21, at the Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek, Ohio. Watch <https://conclave.aa-c4a.org/> for registration information.

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings

A reminder to youth and adult members of the Lodge Executive Committee. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Great Trail Council Service Center (1601 S. Main St., Akron 44301) at 7 p.m. We need you to attend these meetings to have effective meetings.



Moecomdws District

“It’s A Matter Of Pride”

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Get your Cub leaders trained!

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.

Last call for district awards nominations

We all know great leaders. Some of them even deserve an award! Let’s nominate them for one! Nominations for District Award of Merit, Spark Plug (Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing), Partners in Scouting, and Eisenman can be turned in to Wayne.Nieman@scouting.org. The nomination forms can be found at www.moescouts.org, or email Wayne. Awards will be presented on April 12, along with unit and other individual recognition.



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.

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

Check out 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 to schedule an event, or if you have any questions.

Hello Spring!

Camp Cards are available!

Are you looking for an easy fundraiser to help send Scouts to camp? **Our 2018 Great Trail Council Camp Card** will be **sold for \$10**. Consumers will be able to get access to over **200,000** offers in your hometown and throughout North America using a custom BSA website powered by the “Entertainment Discount Network”. **Enjoy up to 50% savings in dining, shopping, attractions, travel, services, and online deals.** Simply register your card online and print your savings or redeem at the merchants by showing the app on your Smartphone.

Each card includes 2 special offers (front tabs) at Pizza Hut and Sherwin Williams and also allows the consumer to select up to 10 “premium discounts”!

Units participating in this program will **earn 50% commission** (\$5) on each \$10 Camp Card they sell. Units can sign up at roundtable or at the office, and can sell until June, giving Scouts over three months to sell and make lots of cash!

Spring into action—spring recruitment



Now is the time to think spring recruitment! This is a perfect way to find your Tiger Den Leader for next year, and to get a head start for the fall. Also, the perfect way to get those interested girls to Day Camp and Webelos Resident Camp. If you are conducting a spring recruitment event, email **Jackie McDonnell** at MoeRecruiting@gmail.com.

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—Holy Family Church
Registration \$30.25 Boys’ Life \$11.00

May

- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 5-6 BALOO
- 6 Council Dinner—Camp Manatoc
- 10 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
- 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 28 Memorial Day
Registration \$27.50 Boys’ Life \$10.00

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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Camp Card Sale



Are your Scouts looking for a way to earn their way to camp? Day Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, or Boy Scout Summer Camp—how much do you need?

For every 10 cards sold, you will earn \$50. Cards sell for \$10 each and provide you access to thousands of entertainment discounts, up to 50% and is good through December 31, 2018. Offers include restaurants, retail stores, travel, and much more.

If your pack, troop, or crew is interested, send an email to **John Schlobohm** at john.schlobohm@scouting.org or stop by the Scout Service Center.

“Hot Shots” Spring Camporee

Dates: May 4-6

Location: Camp Chickagami Park, 17957 Tavern Rd., Burton, OH

Cost: \$10 per Scout—\$6.00 per leader by April 30

Cost includes: dinner—main course and program

For more information please contact: Mike Fasig at 330-329-8586 or mfscouter@aol.com

Make checks payable to: Great Trail Council, OP Camporee GTC, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068

“Bug Hunters” Day Camp

Theme: Bug Hunters

Dates: July 9-11, Family Night-July 10, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Camp Butler

Cost: \$70 per Cub Scout - \$60 if paid by May 25

All registrations must be done online

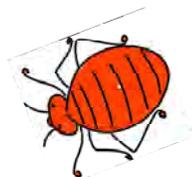
We will be learning all about BUGS, practicing Scout skills, and having lots of fun! The Cub Scouts will enjoy activities like: archery, BB guns, swimming, sling shots, and time at the lake.

Boys and Girls are welcome!

Questions call or email:

Stacy Bechtel: 330-687-4815, stacybechtel@hotmail.com

Jim Horvath: 330-283-4422, jhorvath99@aol.com



Spring Cub Scout recruitment

If your Cub Scout pack has a summer program, and would like to add youth to your pack, we can assist you. Beginning this June Cub Scout packs can add girl dens as well as additional boys, in grades first through fourth.

Recruitment can also help you identify new adult leadership as well.

We have flyers highlighting both girls and boys. If you are interested in conducting a spring recruitment, contact John Schlobohm at john.schlobohm@scouting.org

Cub Scout Leader Training

Date: April 21 (register by April 18)

Check in: 8 a.m.

Location: Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224

Cost: \$6 (continental breakfast provided)

Other optional costs: Cub Leader Handbook-\$10, Den Leader Guide (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)-\$9

For these leader positions: Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee,

Questions: **Jericho Johnson**, 330-807-5841 or jerichowho@gmail.com

April

- 12 Commissioners Meeting—6:15 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
 - 12 District Committee—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church
 - 21 Cub Scout Leader Training—8 a.m.—Holy Family Church, Stow
- Registration \$33.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

May

- 4-6 Old Portage Camporee—Camp Chickagami Park
 - 10 District Recognition Dinner—Faith Lutheran Church
 - 18-20 Cub Adventure Weekend—Camp Manatoc
- Registration \$30.25 Boys' Life \$11.00**

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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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 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. Come enjoy the fellowship and see the District Award of Merit, Clyde Hazel Award, and the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chair, and Crew Advisor of the Year awards being presented.

Cub Scout Day Camp is right around the corner!



The Seneca District is pleased and proud to be running our own Seneca “Bug Hunters” 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 or **Jackie Demyan** at jackiedemyan@gmail.com. More information will be put in saddlebags!



When disaster strikes



In the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster, there's a fine line between being helpful and getting in the way.

In dangerous conditions, it's best to let first responders do their jobs without interference from volunteers. Instead contact a local church or charity such as the American

Red Cross or the Salvation Army to find out what kind of help they need.

Only enter affected areas when safety can be guaranteed.

Potential hazards include:

Electricity—Downed power lines and wet appliances should be considered dangerous until you know there is no electricity. If the lights are on in a building, there is a chance of electrical exposure.

Infections—Floodwater often contains infectious germs. Make sure your vaccinations are up to date, especially tetanus. Wash and disinfect your hands frequently.

Mosquitoes—Pools of standing water are breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Not only are they annoying, but they can also carry dangerous diseases. Use insect repellent.

Hazardous materials—Floodwater could be contaminated by chemicals that might have been moved far from their original location.

Animals—Pets and other wildlife displaced by floods might be extremely stressed and could behave aggressively. Do not approach.

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

May

- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 10 Roundtable/District Awards—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Registration \$24.75 Boys' Life \$9.00

Tri Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”

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Adult training changes in 2018

Mandatory Updated Adult Youth Protection Training:

Effective **June 1, 2018**, adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

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/ Award 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 the roundtable location, Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge. Please have your reservations in to the Scout Shop or turned in at roundtable by April 1, 2018.

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, 2018. 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 or **Dean Tunberg** at 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!

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
 - 5 Cub Leader Training—Holy Name School, Stow
 - 12 District Dinner/Volunteer Recognition
 - 14 District Pinewood Derby
- Registration \$27.50 Boys’ Life \$10.00**

May

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 10 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- Registration \$24.75 Boys’ Life \$9.00**

Venturing

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Staff Advisor	Dennis Vargo	330-773-0415 ext. 214	dvargo@bsamail.org
Council Venturing President	Jake Thoman	president@GTCVenturing.org	



And once again...



Great Trail Council Venturing is one of three councils in Area 4, and one of 13 councils in the Central Region, to be honored with the Silver Level recognition in the Council Standards of

Venturing Excellence. No council in the Central Region made Gold (and only four in the country did). We are in great company. Under the leadership of Council Venturing Presidents Anna Grund (first half of 2017) and Jake Thoman (second half of 2017) and by the able advice of Council VOA Advisor, Kimberly Myers, we have secured this recognition for the third year in a row. Full list is at:

<http://www.venturing.org/previous-csve-recipients.html>.

(Shown here is the 2016 presentation of the Silver CSVE by Central Region Area 4 Venturing President Grace Prorok to Scout Executive, Patrick Scherer, and Council VOA Advisor, Kimberly Myers).

Ten insights to help Venturers in a youth-led, adults guided program

1. Own your crew.
2. Own your meetings and do them well.
3. Create a group identity for your crew.
4. Do not let the adults lead.
5. Use the support of the council VOA.
6. Realize that Crew Presidents are a big deal.
7. Embrace and use ALPS.
8. Know how your crew is measured and strive for Gold.
9. Sustain your crew.
10. Provide social opportunities, adventures and plenty of fun.

From: *How to leave your crew better than you found it: Ten insights to help Venturers in a youth-led, adult-guided program*. Course delivered at University of Scouting by VP-Administration **Izzy Zager**, VP-Administration@GTCVenturing.org. March 3, 2018.

WorldFest at Seven Ranges

Nearly 350 Venturers attended WorldFest 2017. They participated in shooting sports, knife throwing, inflatables, COPE, and so much more. WorldFest is where you will get to enjoy not only the many activities and fantastic food, but also make memories with Venturers from all over. May 4-6, 2018 Register at <http://www.buckskin.org/Events/Worldfest-2018>.

Monthly VOA conference call



Our next meeting of the VOA which includes all crew presidents and advisors is by conference call on April 11, at 9 p.m.

Advisors and crew presidents will receive a notice in email about this including the agenda. In March's conference call we discussed ILSC training, Crew Officer Seminars, a possible VOA retreat, the Summer Venturing Weekend and Luau, and a recap of Game Night and the University of Scouting.

Advisors and presidents are notified of the call contact information by email. If your advisor or president is new, please report that here <http://GTCVenturing.org/crewpresident> so we can contact the right person. Congratulations to new presidents from Crews 4054 (Grace Rock), 4122 (Adelaide White) and 2308 (Abby Bergdorf). Looking forward to you being on the next call.

Applications ready for council Venturing president and vice presidents

The Venturing Officer Association includes four youth Venturing leaders in the Great Trail Council. Led by a council Venturing president, who with the OA Lodge Chief, is one of the two top youth leaders in the council. The youth council Venturing president is aided by able vice presidents of program, Administration and Communications. They make up the officer corps and are joined by the presidents in each crew to make up the council VOA. Together they work to provide fun and exciting adventures, leadership development, personal growth and service. Each youth is joined by their advisor to form the membership of the VOA.

The term of office is from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. Apply to join the VOA for 2018-2019 at <http://GTCVenturing.org/VOA>.

Save the date

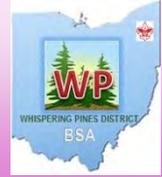
August 10-12, is a summer Venturing weekend of handgun shooting, climbing and the Venturing Luau at the Camp Manatoc pool. Don't miss out. Put this on your personal and crew calendars right now!

The Fall Venturing Weekend will be at Camp Butler on Nov. 2-4. We've had fun themes of Harry Potter, Star Wars, and Monster Mash in the past few years so mark your calendars to bring the entire crew and send your theme ideas to Jake Thoman, Venturing President at President@GTCVenturing.org.

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Whispering Pines District

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Whispering Pines Roundtables

Join us for our March roundtable on **Thursday, April 5**, at 7 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 119 Stadium Drive, 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.

District Recognition Dinner

Join us for the 2018 District Recognition Dinner to be held on Sunday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church, 7640 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44512

We will be recognizing:

- Top Popcorn Sellers in the district
- Eagle Scout Class of 2017
- District Award of Merit winners
- And other Scout Award winners in the district

This year we will take a moment of silence at our recognition dinner to honor those Scouters we have lost in the last year.

I hope that you will join us for recognition and fellowship. To sign up for the dinner, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-2018WPRRecognitionDinner>
Eagle Scout Honorees are Free!

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 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.

Camp Card sale information

A whole "Entertainment Book" right on your smart phone!

- Sells for \$10...over 200,000 offers...good nationwide...use locally or when you travel!
- Scouts earn \$5 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.gtcbasa.org

For more information, please contact **Nique Hart-Saxton** at 330-773-0415 ext. 216 or veronique.saxton@scouting.org

"Bug Hunters" Day Camp at Stambaugh

This year's Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at Camp Stambaugh from **July 23 – 27**.

The theme is "Bug Hunters" and activities will include:

swimming, BB guns, archery, real bug farming, bug forensics, praying mantis hatch, and MORE! Registration will open soon at <http://scoutingevent.com/433-wpcsd>.



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
 - 15 District Recognition Dinner
 - 21 Mill Creek Park Earth Day Clean Up
- Registration \$24.75 Boys' Life \$9.00**

May

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
 - 2 Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
 - 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
 - 3 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church (will be held outside in the pavilion as a potluck, please bring a dish for fellowship)
 - 11-12 Cub Adventure Weekend—Camp Stambaugh
 - 12 District Pinewood Rally—Camp Stambaugh
- Registration \$22.00 Boys' Life \$8.00**

Venturing cont'd.

Crew elections and officer training

Five steps to an excellent year!

1. **Crew elections** for a one-year term begin your crew's program year. Most crews hold this election in the summer or early fall to follow the school year. This has the advantage of putting summer high-adventure plans far enough off for adequate preparation. You elect a president and vice president (s). All other positions are appointed by the president, such as Secretary and Treasurer. Two models are most common: a president, a Vice President and secretary and treasurer (especially in small crews) or a president with vice presidents of administration, program and communication (in larger crews and all VOAs).

2. **Crew Officer Briefing** is held by the crew advisor immediately after your crew elections. The crew advisor meets with the new crew president and officers only to (a) cover the history of the crew and its program, (b) review the agenda and date of the upcoming *Crew Officer Seminar* including tasks that need to be completed before the seminar, and (c) discuss the crew's code of conduct and operating procedures.

3. **Crew Officer Orientation** is completed by each officer online as soon as possible and before the *Crew Officer Seminar*. This could follow the Crew Officer Briefing and make it a one night event. The online video course is at:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

4. The **Crew Officer Seminar** is then scheduled to cover (1) the roles and responsibilities of all officers and advisors and how to (2) plan activities, (3) schedule a year's plan, (4) plan a typical crew meeting, and (5) create standard operating procedures and a crew code of conduct. The **Crew Officer Seminar** is led by a trained *Crew Officer Seminar* facilitator.

- Contact Kimberly Myers, Advisor@GTCVenturing.org, to arrange for a *crew officer seminar* facilitator. Try to give plenty of notice. A member of the VOA will meet with the crew advisor and crew president before the day of the seminar to help you understand and be ready. This seminar should be held in a place you choose in a relaxed setting mixing in fun with the work. The seminar can be held in as few as 2 hours, but longer stretches will allow for more hands-on participation and in-depth activities.

5. **Annual Planning Conference**, otherwise known as the *Annual Crew Officer Seminar* is conducted by the officers with the crew members. This can follow the Crew Officer Seminar if convenient or be scheduled for another day not too distant in the future. (pp. 121-125)

(From Chapter 3 of *Handbook for Venturers*, especially pp 86-93)

New Project Management syllabus available

On March 2 (the night before our University of Scouting) the new long awaited BSA version of Project Management training was released. You can find the syllabus at:
<http://www.venturing.org/alps-youth-training.html>. This is a great training for those planning events including high adventure trips and the Eagle and Summit Service Projects. It is required for the Pathfinder award.

Council Calendar

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

May

- 2 Auction Committee Meeting
- 5 [Baloo/Owl—Camp Manatoc](#)
- 5 NYLT 4
- 5 Rifle/Shot Gun Shooting—Camp Manatoc
- 5 Scouting for Food
- 6 [Council Dinner](#)
- 7 Training Committee Meeting
- 10 Camp Card money due
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting
- 11-13 [Cub Adventure Camp—Stambaugh](#)
- 13 Mother's Day
- 17 District Popcorn Team Meeting
- 17 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 18-20 [Cub Adventure Camp—Manatoc](#)
- 19 [Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training](#)
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 22 Camping Committee Meeting
- 23 District M&M/SNTJS Kick-Off
- 24 FOS #4
- 25-26 [Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills Training](#)
- 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 29 Commissioners Meeting
- 29 CPR Training/Day Camp Staff
- 30 First Aid/Day Camp Staff

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Camp Stambaugh Scout Shop

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

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



Wondering what to do with all of those extra patches you've earned and collected? Please consider a patch vest or blanket to display how much fun you've had this year. We stock youth sizes M-XL and the blanket. Adult sizes M-XL can be special ordered.