

Scouters' News

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

An exciting opportunity for the Great Trail Council

Last fall, the GTC's Strategic Planning Committee led by Jim Pulk, identified as one of its goals, the need to consider options for our existing Scout Service Center. Jim Nilsen, Chair of the Properties/Facilities subcommittee, led a thorough review of our existing Scout Center building, along with the current and future needs of GTC. It was concluded that our existing service center is beyond capacity and is lacking office, meeting, storage, and retail space. This creates a challenging environment.

With these findings the Properties/Facilities subcommittee reached out to the Summit Land Bank and local commercial realtors to begin an initial investigation into what building options were potentially available and at what cost. The subcommittee also looked at:

- Expanding and remodeling our existing building on South Main Street. The group spent quite a bit of time evaluating GTC's existing building site, engaging some of our Board members with a lot of commercial development experience, and in the end the group concluded expanding on the existing site just does not make sense.
- Purchasing/remodeling an existing building that would meet our needs. The group looked at ten existing buildings that were/are currently for sale. The buildings selected were all located in the Akron/SR8 corridor that the group felt, from a location perspective could work for employees, volunteers and customers. This review though educational, did not provide any clear-cut building options worthy of pursuing. The buildings visited were either too expensive, not in good locations or would require too much remodeling to meet GTC's needs.
- Potentially building a new "Youth Leadership Training Center", the group evaluated the new building option. A site on the Camp Butler property, off of SR 303, was discussed and some very preliminary work was completed. There was even a high-level conversation with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park officials regarding this option and location. In the committee's opinion the building new option is too expensive at this time.

New Opportunity Presents Itself

On June 22, 2018, we were notified that one of the buildings the group had considered was going to be empty soon and the owner had significantly reduced the price. This 21,000 square foot facility, located at 4500 Hudson Drive in Stow meets all the important requirements identified by the subcommittee. At that point the subcommittee and the Key 3 reengaged. This group did some additional fact gathering, due diligence, site visits, and reviewed documents provided by the seller. With input from Jim Nilsen's subcommittee, and several of our Board members with career experience in commercial property management and development, the Key 3 concluded that the building was a viable option to address GTC's facility needs.

Actions Taken

On July 18, 2018, a special meeting of the GTC's Executive Committee was called with thirteen members attending. Pat Scherer and Jim Nilsen presented the opportunity, starting with a review of the existing Scout Center, GTC's current needs, a picture tour and facts about the Hudson Drive building, a why now, a status of the discussion with the current owner and next steps. After significant discussion, the Executive Committee passed a motion authorizing Patrick Scherer to enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the purchase of the property. The LOI serves only as a basis for further negotiations of a formal Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) and among other things provides for a 60 days due diligence period and specifically makes Closing subject to and contingent upon GTC obtaining full approval from its Executive Board. On July 24, 2018, the LOI between the Seller and GTC was executed, and on August 13, 2018, a PSA was fully executed.

A special Executive Board meeting has been scheduled for October 8th, 4:00 p.m., at Northeast Ohio Medical College for the sole purpose of making the final decision(s) on the proposed new building.

The GTC has a long history of financial, program and leadership excellence, and we are very confident our professional Scouting staff, Board and volunteers will all work together to thoroughly review and evaluate this exciting opportunity. **(See picture on Page 2)**

Council Information



Possible new Great Trail Council Service Center at 4500 Hudson Drive, in Stow.

We're having a uniform day!

That's right—it's once again time to use the best recruiters we have to bring more youth into Scouting and to tell everyone that the BSA is alive and well here in the Great Trail Council. This means our youth members need to "suit up" to mark the beginning of fall recruiting season!

On **Tuesday, September 11**, we want to have every Cub Scout, Scout, and Venturer in the Great Trail Council wear their Scout uniform to school.

For Cub Scouts, that means wear their uniform shirt with neckerchief. For Scouts and Venturers, that means wear their field uniform or their activity uniform (a troop or crew T-shirt or Scouting polo shirt).

Leaders: To receive patches for the participating youth from your unit, visit the Scout Shop at the Council Service Center and our staff will be happy to provide them for you.

DEADLINE TO REQUEST UNIFORM DAY PATCHES IS **OCTOBER 12, 2018**.

University of Akron Cub Scout Sleepover



The University of Akron Athletics invites all local Cub Scouts to sleepover in the Stile Athletics Field House and attend the Akron vs. Central Michigan game on **Saturday, October 27**. Due to TV scheduling, we may not know the kickoff time until two weeks prior to the game. For this reason, we have two options available depending on

kickoff time. If the game is early, we invite you to stay the night on Friday. If kickoff is in the late afternoon or early evening, we invite you to attend the game and stay the night on Saturday. We will let you know the kickoff time and sleepover itinerary once the time is released. If you have any questions, not addressed at www.gozipt.com/CubScouts, please contact **Kirstin Weaver** at kweaver@uakron.edu.

Family Scouting update



89% of Cub Scout packs in the Great Trail Council have committed to support Family Scouting, serving the whole family.

As of August 24, 48 girls have registered as new Cub Scouts or Webelos since June. The council is providing flyers and recruitment materials to support serving the

whole family.

As a reminder to all Cub Scout packs, Cub Scout dens are to be organized by gender; boy only dens and girl only dens, with separate adult leadership. The rule of two-deep leadership is still in place, with at least one adult being a female leader for girl dens.

Go to www.scouting.org/familyscouting for more details on Family Scouting.

Lion/Tiger Day at the Akron Zoo

When: **Sunday, October 7**, 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Ave., Akron

Cost: Adults—\$9/person
Youth (2-14) - \$6/person (under 2 free)
Parking Fee—\$3/pay at zoo entrance

In cooperation with the Akron Zoo, a special day has been set aside for all Lions and Tigers and their families. To obtain these special admission prices, all Scouts must be registered with a Cub Scout Pack. If you are new your application must be in our office by October 1. The cost of admission to the park includes a group ticket rate for Scouting, insurance, and a special patch for every Lion and Tiger (**advance registration is a must!**) You can organize as a unit or individual families can attend. Complete the form in your pack saddlebag and send to the council. A special admission ticket will be sent to you or you can pick them up in the Scout Shop. This special ticket cannot be purchased on the day of the event at the Akron Zoo; they must be purchased in advance. If your family already has an Akron Zoo membership your cost is \$2/Scout. You do not need a special ticket to get in.

At the zoo you can:

- * Visit the Komodo Kingdom, Grizzly Ridge, Curious Creatures and the Lehner Family Zoo Gardens.
- * Stop by the Scout's table at the Barnhardt Family Welcome Center to receive your special patch.

Questions? Call John S. at 330-773-0415 ext. 213.



Council Information

Silver Beaver Gathering

The next quarterly gathering will be held at Camp Stambaugh, 3712 Leffingwell Rd., Canfield on Sunday, **November 11, at 1 p.m.**

We will have lunch, visit with friends, and tour Camp Stambaugh. Lunch will be in the dining hall and parking is conveniently located next to the dining hall.

If you're not receiving our reminder cards, please provide us with your name, address, city, zip code, phone number and email. Send this info to Megan King at mdoxey@bsamail.org or call 330-773-0415 ext. 244.

To register for this gathering submit your name and guest by November 1. Cost is \$10 per person payable to Great Trail Council, Attn: Silver Beaver Colony, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068.

2018 International Peace Light coming to Great Trail Council and Mahoning Valley



Plans are being made to bring the 2018 International Peace Light once again to our area.

We ask that if your unit wants to participate this year, please reach out in September to your sponsoring organization if it is a church or other churches in your area to offer to bring the International Peace Light to them if they wish. The earlier you approach them then they have time to include this opportunity in their holiday planning.

At this time an exact date has not been set for its arrival in New York City but is usually the Saturday after Thanksgiving and then will arrive locally in a few days. We hope to have it available once again at Camp Stambaugh and other locations. We will be trying to notify all churches in the area.

For additional details or questions, contact **Mike Kupec** at mike.kupec@gmail.com.

Camp Butler's Haunted Hayride for a ghoulish good time!

Bring the whole family for this frighteningly good time at Camp Butler. Dates this year are **October 12-13, October 21-22, and October 26**. Rides begin at dark and everyone in line at 9:30 p.m. will get to ride! The cost is \$8 per person at the Scout Shop or online, \$10 per person at the gate. Hayride goes rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

Pre-sale begins September 1 on the web at www.scoutingevent.com/433-hayride and at the GTC Scout Shops on September 12.

Need more info? Contact **Chris Bergdorf** at 330-657-2418.

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: Jack Heimovics
From: Maureen Ziegler

In Memory of: Donald Harrod
From: Westfield Insurance Foundation

Stambaugh 100th Anniversary Celebration

Dear Anniversary Staff

This e-mail is a reminder of our "One Year Kickoff" Anniversary meeting.

Who: All Volunteers

When: Sept. 23rd, 2018 3pm-6pm

Where: Camp Stambaugh

Our key staff have been working behind the scenes for several months on organizing the overall objectives with this Anniversary Celebration. We truly need everyone to attend this One Year Kick Off meeting. We realize it's a Sunday meeting and another day away from families but if you can please plan to attend or send someone to represent your volunteer team.

Activity (Station-masters) Please work on organizing the following and bring your thoughts to this meeting.

(examples)

- Specific details on how your station will be operating.
- Specific details on your Budget issues related to your station.
- Specific details on Supplies and equipment needs.

Our goal at this meeting is to finalize all the activity stations and brief everyone on the entire weekend schedule from arrival, setup all the way to final departures.

Finally if anyone you may know is not listed on this email please extend this reminder to them to join us. Our staff continues to grow and that's a very positive thing for this event.

It ties directly into our Anniversary Theme.....Coming Together for Another 100.

Thanks for your support and hard work. See you all on the 23rd of September.

Good Scouting

Jim Rapone, Kurt Hilderbrand, Brad Lang, Chris Bergdorf

Please reach out to any of us with questions or concerns.

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Cub Scout Saint Day is September 23



Cub Scout Saint Day Program will be held on Sunday, September 23, with Blessed Miguel Pro as our saint. All are welcome. Come as a pack, den or individual. Parents can earn the patch too. The cost for the afternoon will be

\$5 per participant.

The program will run between noon and 5 p.m., with registration starting at 11:30 a.m., at the Camp Manatoc Trading Post Shelter. Activities will include archery, crafts, learn about Blessed Miguel Pro, games, and a prayer service while earning this cool patch.

A snack will be provided for the participants but the program does not include lunch. Registration deadline is Saturday, September 15. Program is sponsored by the Great Trail Council Catholic Committee on Scouting. For further information contact the committee at ccs@gtcbsa.org.

Council Information



2018 Fall Product Sale featuring Pecatonica River Popcorn and Bent Tree Coffee Roasters

www.gtccpopcorn.org

Everything you need to know about this year's fall product sale:

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

Important websites

- **Commit unit to sell, order popcorn, online sales, winners circle prizes**—Pecatonica River Popcorn website—www.prpopcorn.com
- **Brochure Prizes**—www.boyscouts-gcc.com
- **Popcorn Guidebook, Forms, Incentives**—Great Trail Council website—www.gtccpopcorn.com
- **Q for a Day**—Quicken Loans Arena website—www.thearena.com/boyscouts

Council Popcorn Advisor—Shannon Sinex
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2018 GTC Popcorn Sale Dates

September

- ⇒ Tuesday, September 4—Show & Deliver orders due
- ⇒ Saturday, September 15—Show & Deliver distribution

October

- ⇒ Saturdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27—District Blitz Days
- ⇒ Tuesday, October 30—All Take Orders due/SNS \$\$\$

November

- ⇒ Friday, November 2—All prize orders due!
- ⇒ Saturday, November 10—Take Order Popcorn Distribution Day

December

- ⇒ Friday, December 10—All popcorn money due to the council office

District Popcorn Kernel information

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Council Information

BALOO Training

Does your pack get outdoors enough? Is it maximum fun? Does everybody go?

Let BALOO show you how! This course is for any adult involved in Cub Scouts with a desire to plan and carry out an entry level outdoor experience for their pack. This is the first step in the BSA outdoor training program. Each Cub Scout pack overnight event must be under the direction of a BALOO trained adult. Additionally, this new and improved course includes the training that all Webelos den leaders need to be able to plan and conduct (and survive) a Webelos den overnight campout. You do NOT have to be a registered leader to attend.



BALOO is an overnight training event, 6 p.m., Friday, October 19, through 9 p.m., Saturday, October 20.

Fee includes meals and refreshments! Fee: \$25 if registered by October 9 or \$30 if registered between October 10 and October 15. Registration closes October 15. No walk-ins accepted for this training!

To register and view REQUIRED pre-requisite trainings go to:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-FABALOO18>

Youth Protection Training



Reminder that by October 1, ALL registered adults must have taken the new Youth Protection Training. The training is available at www.my.scouting.org.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training & Certification Class



The course is on **Saturday, September 8**, from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Camp Butler Conference Center. Attendance for the entire course is required for certification. Participants must register for either the morning or afternoon session (pick only one!) The cost is \$15 per participant for materials.

Participants must be registered and paid in advance and registration must be received no later than September 5.

Each session is limited to 24 adult participants. Register now to attend this important class.

Registration is online at:

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

Unit key leadership mandated training

All unit key leaders (committee chair, Cubmaster/ Scoutmaster) must be position trained by your recharter date for the 2019 Scouting year, or your unit will be able to be rechartered. For upcoming training dates please visit www.gtcbasa.org.

2019 Philmont Contingent



The 2019 Philmont Contingent has reached capacity. Due to the problems with fire this year we are not able to add another patrol. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Nate Watson at

330-773-0415 ext. 225.

New shelter donated at Manatoc



A big thank you to Wayne Sanders for the donation of the Sanders Shelter at Camp Manatoc. This shelter is in a beautiful location and served many

programs this summer. The shelter is available to rent. Check it out at www.manatoc.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 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

Fantastic summer at Camp Manatoc

Manatoc Scout Reservation hosted over 2,900 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, adult Scouters, and visitors over this summer. Over 5,300 merit badges in more than 40 subjects from Lifesaving to Canoeing, to Gardening, Farm Mechanics and Engineering with real world experience. Camps Manatoc and Butler have served the Akron area Scouts for 95 years.



Pictured above cooking for the weekly Scoutmaster breakfast are **Pat Scherer, John Schremp** and **Stan Lero**. Scoutmasters look forward to this weekly tradition at Camp Manatoc during their week at summer camp and we hear the food is awesome!

Sneak peek at summer camp 2019!



Gizmo will be returning to Camp Manatoc as we kick-off the 2019 theme "Props and Pistons". We will have some "older" boy programs and some merit badges including Aviation, Auto Mechanics, Cooking, and Radio to fit in with the theme. Be

assured that Gizmo has some surprises up his sleeve.

Returning to Camp Manatoc in 2019 will be our intrepid leaders, Bill Lovell, Dave Weyrick, and Ben Koester.

Don't forget to register for 2019!

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-manatoc2019>

First Annual Manatoc Style "Boil"



Manatoc Reservation presents the First Annual Manatoc Style "Boil" on September 8, at 6 p.m., at the Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. This event is sponsored by our campmasters and will be the event

of the year.

The menu includes clam chowder, a quarter of chicken, shrimp, andouille sausage, an ear of corn, potatoes, and coffee, tea and lemonade. The cost for this feast is \$20 per person.

Sign up at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-boil> by September 1.

University of Scouting 2019

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 2**, at Ravenna High School to be part of University of Scouting for 2019. It is the largest supplemental training course offered by Great Trail Council to Scouting volunteers at all levels. Experienced volunteer leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your knowledge. You will meet other leaders, gather new resources, and share ideas on building the best possible program for your Scouts. Basic Training is also available. Registration begins in late November. You can create your own personalized set of classes based on your Scouting roles and level of experience.

Tent camping fees standardized

Starting in September all tent camping fees will be per person/per night at the rate of \$1.75 each for in council units. If you pay an event fee it will cover your tent camping. If you rent a cabin all the Scouts that sleep outside the cabin, above the cabin capacity, will need to pay the tent camping fee. Questions? Call Chris Bergdorf at 330-657-2418.

A promotional poster for Scout Me In Fall Recruitment Recognition. It features a background of colorful LEGO bricks. The text reads: "SCOUT ME IN FALL RECRUITMENT RECOGNITION. Every NEW CUB SCOUT will receive a Star Pioneer snap together Spaceship after their paid application is turned into the Council Service Center. For the First 3400 Cub Scouts Registered! Beginning August 1, 2018." At the bottom, there is a LEGO minifigure in a boat. The website www.beascout.org is listed at the bottom.

Council Information

Weekend Family Camp Adventure at Camp Stambaugh September 21-23

Camp Stambaugh is hosting a "Fall Festival" weekend on September 21-23, for our Cub campers! There will be a Bobcat Bootcamp, a Leader's Conference, Scarecrow Design and much more. The cost is \$40 per person for the weekend (\$10 discount per person if you are tent camping), and includes programming, camping, meals, T-shirt, and a patch.

Register as a pack at:

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

For more info contact **Steph Kelly** at ifindthem@gmail.com.

Cub Family Adventure Camp at Camp Butler September 28-29

Bring the family and come to Camp Butler for a fun-filled weekend on Friday, September 28. Event will be tent camping only, so pack up your tent and come on out. Check-in begins on Friday, at 6 p.m., at Atwater Lodge. Lions and Tigers must be accompanied by a parent.

A medical form (Parts A & B) must be completed for each person attending. Cost is \$40 per person and registration is at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/433-cubadventure> and registration deadline is September 14, after that date T-shirts cannot be guaranteed.

Questions? Call or email **Chuck Hale** at 440-554-1353 or cdhale@roadrunner.com.

61st International Jamboree-on-the-Air and 22nd Jamboree-on-the-Internet

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI), are the largest Scouting events in the world. Held annually the third full weekend in October, JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, the nation, and in your own community. JOTI is an annual Scouting event that uses the internet and the numerous devices that are used to get online—laptops, iPads and more—to link Scouts from around the world. This October 19-21, Scouts from down the street, across the country and around the world will gather for the annual event.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers, their families and friends. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2016 JOTA had nearly 1.3 million Scout participants from more than 30,000 locations and reached 156 countries.

The Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association will be at **Camp Stambaugh's Brown Pavilion** on **October 20**, by 9 a.m., and will have a special call sign for this event.

Hike-for-All Save the Date

Are you looking for an activity that each and every one of your Scouts can successfully participate in? We have the perfect Family Scouting opportunity.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, October 20**, at the Nature Realm, come hike, get a tour of the flora and fauna from the Park Ranger Explorer Post who will be there *just for our Scouts*, step inside the service center and participate in interactive activities, bird watch and interact with the chickadees. This fully accessible location is perfect for your Lions, Tigers, Cubs, Boy Scouts and for your mobility impaired Scouts and Scouters.

This FREE Hike for ALL is brought to you by the Special Needs Advisory Committee and the Park Ranger Explorer Post of Summit Metro Parks. Interested? Let us know by emailing wendygreathouse@gmail.com. (Have a teen-ager interested in the Ranger Explorer Post? Caroline.altizer@scouting.org is your contact.)

3rd Saturday Series—September 2018

Scouters! Have you noticed that new Cubs bring new behaviors?

If you'd like some pointers, or are worried about an observed special need in your pack or den, please join us **Saturday, September 15**, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Council Service Center for the on-point course *Addressing Behaviors in the Cub Pack and Den*. (I know—it's like we read your mind.)

Need clarification? Want to RSVP? Any other pertinent questions? Call Wendy at 330-256-0996.

Special Need alert!

Did you know---Great Trail Council is a fully integrated council. What does that mean?

It means that Scouts with diverse needs join their neighborhood unit, and if help is needed the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) stands ready. We are initiating our **#InclusionRevolution** by providing resources at the unit, district and council level to seamlessly help every Scouter and every Scout participate within this incredible program we call Scouting. Join us as we **#LetThemScout**.

Need some help? SNAC's Committee Chair **Wendy Greathouse** answers calm phone calls and coherent emails at wendygreathouse@gmail.com. Our Scouting professional, **Caroline Altizer**, awaits your panicked calls at 330-773-0415 ext. 245.

Did you know?

We're on Facebook! Great hints, helps and information about Great Trail Council's programs. Find us at **Special Needs Scouting, Great Trail Council, BSA**.

Council Information

From the Registration Desk...

Youth Protection Training

The new Youth Protection Training is now the same for Scouting, Venturing and Exploring. Just a reminder that you must take it no later than September 30, 2018. If you haven't, please do it as soon as possible.

New Adult and Youth Applications

The brand new adult application is now available at the council office and the new youth apps have been available for about a year. You may continue to use the current adult apps and disclosure forms and older youth apps through December 31. Beginning January 1, 2019 the current apps will no longer be accepted. Make sure that you pick up some new adult and youth apps at the Scout Shop or check with your district executive. Once you receive the new apps, please destroy all of the older ones.

Adult Registration and Training Requirements

All Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Skippers and Post Advisors must be fully trained by December 31, 2018. Training includes the specific training for their position, Youth Protection training and Hazardous Weather training. Scoutmasters must also take Intro to Outdoor Leader. Committee Chairs must take their specific training and Youth Protection. Your unit will not be able to charter if you do not have your unit leader and committee chair fully trained.

Just a reminder, if you are registering an 18 to 21 year old, it is highly recommended that you register them as a 92U (Unit College Scouter Reserve.) Also if you have registered leaders age 21 and older whose involvement is limited or they want to maintain their membership, register them as a 91U (Unit Scouter Reserve.) For both of these positions Youth Protection training is the only training required.

Chartering

We are fast approaching time for charter packets to be picked up. In the October issue of *Scouters' News* there will be a list of charter pickup/training and charter return dates for each district. Please make sure that you mark your calendars as it is very important that either the unit leader, committee chair or the charter processor attend the pickup/training and return the charter packets on the date required.

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.

Eagle's Nest



	Troop	Eagle Date
Clayton Asbury	556	06/26/18
Stephen Bartos	9101	07/26/18
Matthew Belaney	9080	07/10/18
Dylan Bell	513	07/17/18
Austin Brooks	4054	06/28/18
Matthew Fahey	215	07/29/18
Michael George	1	06/20/18
Maxwell Good	502	06/27/18
Luke Grudosky	558	06/26/18
John Horst	520	07/09/18
Jeffery Hurst	501	07/10/18
Ryan Johnston	4086	07/26/18
Gregory Karwowski	511	07/25/18
Patrick Kennedy	506	07/23/18
Brendan Kuzior	9080	06/19/18
Joshua Lake	558	06/19/18
Nathan Loewenthal	520	07/14/18
David Prexta	334	07/21/18
Jackson Roberts	252	07/31/18
Abhishek Shah	4101	06/28/18
Vincent Sheeler	513	07/16/18
Neo Sim	500	07/17/18
Charles Staffeld	9080	07/03/18
Micah Stark	60	07/01/18
Sam Sulik	475	06/21/18
Tanner Tsvetkoff	9025	06/13/18
Nicholas Tucci	179	07/17/18

Thank you Medina Excavating!



Thank you for donating the new Manatoc land bridge that replaced a failing bridge that was removed two years ago and was sadly missed because it connected the tower and lake to the main part of Manatoc.



Let The Adventure Begin

Arrowhead District

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District Executive Scott Evans 330-773-0415 ext. 231 scott.evans@scouting.org

www.facebook.com/ArrowheadGTC



2018 Popcorn Sale

There are some big dates coming up for the 2018 popcorn sale! First of all—be sure to get your show and sell orders in by **September 4**. Second—Show and Sell distribution is Friday, **September 14** at K-Mart Distribution Center, 541 Perkins Jones Rd. NE, Warren. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please come help us pull orders and load popcorn. If you can help, please arrive at 3 p.m. We will have all the pizza and soda you can ask for.

If you have any questions about popcorn please contact **Teresa Prentiss** at teressaprentiss@yahoo.com or call 234-223-6303.

Arrowhead Fall Camporee

All troops —put the weekend of September 28-30, in your calendars. You're not going to want to miss the 2018 Arrowhead Fall Camporee.

Troop 54 will be hosting the annual fall event at Camp Stambaugh. Show your Scout skills for more info! You can register at:

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

School Night to Join Scouting

We are in the right in the middle of fall recruitment! Have you scheduled your School Night to Join Scouting yet? If not, please email your date to Scott.evans@scouting.org. If you have had your SNTJS already, get those apps in! When you turn in your apps, the new Scouts will receive a Star Pioneer snap together spaceship! But...you will only receive the space ship once the apps have been turned in to the office.

Youth Protection Training

ALL REGISTERED ADULTS MUST COMPLETE THE NEW YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2018. THIS DIRECTIVE COMES FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL BSA. Please ensure all of your volunteers are in compliance with this directive on time.

It is highly recommended that you do not wait until the last week of September to do this. This is a National directive and every volunteer Scouting in the U. S. is expected to comply. The website could be overloaded and possibly cause difficulty for you by waiting until the last week.

We are at 32 days and counting for this to be done! Please do not delay!

Open Houses

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Uniform Day

Great Trail Council is promoting and encouraging all youth and adults to wear their uniforms to work and school (if appropriate) on September 11. This is in observance of Patriot's Day, what better way to show your patriotism than by wearing your field uniform! We are asking all of our members to help support and promote Scouting in their respective communities.

Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your unit this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within your unit? Are all of your Direct Contact Leaders trained (Direct Contact Leader is Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader)? There are many different trainings scheduled this fall, in many different locations around the council. For dates, locations and registrations, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-2018FallCST>

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September

- 4 Show'N'Deliver popcorn orders due
- 5 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull, Rm. 203, Warren
- 11 Uniform Day
- 12 Roundtable—7:10 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren
- 14 Show'N'Deliver popcorn distribution—K-Mart Distribution Center, 541 Perkins Jones Rd. NE, Warren
- 21-23 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Manatoc
- 28-30 Fall Camporee, Camp Stambaugh

Registration \$11.00 Boys' Life \$4.00

October

- 3 District Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Kent State Trumbull, Rm. 203, Warren
- 6 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 7 Lions & Tigers Day at the Zoo
- 10 Roundtable—7:10 p.m.—Electrical Trades Institute of Northeast Ohio, 4550 Research Pkwy., Warren
- 13 Cub Scout Fun Day—Camp Manatoc
- 19-20 BALOO Training—Camp Stambaugh
- 30 Popcorn Take Orders due

Registration \$8.25 Boys' Life \$3.00

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Fall Membership Drive is here!

We had an exciting kick-off for our fall Cub Scout recruitment with several units having their Cub Scout Sign Up Night in August. We have several more scheduled and will be done before the end of the month. We want to focus other recruitment through bring a friend events and follow up recruitment events for units who did not bring in enough youth to keep their program strong. We are also looking at areas where we are not reaching enough youth in the community. If you would like to do more, please contact **Tim Rupert** at timothy.rupert@scouting.org.

Chippewa Venturing youth wins state award

Congratulations to **Sarah Meder**, member of Venturing Crew 2510, Chartered by Hill'n'Dale Club in Medina. Sarah recently competed in the Ohio State Sporting Clays Championships August 9 through 12, and finished as the number one Junior Sporting Clays Shooter in Ohio. She also won 3rd place Women's Champion in Ohio. Her goal is to be next year's number one Women's Ohio Champion and attend the National Sporting Clays Championship in Texas in October 2019. Other young adults interested in the Shotgun Shooting Sports should contact Crew Chairman, Keith Appfel at 330-239-2573 for an invite to attend a meeting. Crew 2510 leadership is also available to work with Chippewa troop leaders on Shotgun Merit Badge.

If you would like a youth's or unit's achievement entered into Scouters' News, please send it to Tim Rupert.

Leaders and parents

We are looking for people that may be interested in becoming part of our district committee. The district committee plans and assists with district events, provides training, fundraises and more.

We are looking for people to help in the following areas:

Finance/fundraising/popcorn
Membership/marketing
Program/district events
Pinewood, Klondike, day camp
Advancement

If you have an interest or have any questions please contact Chippewa District Chair **Sherri Buck** at sbuck01@msn.com or 330-635-1200.



Fall recruiting

We had a great kick-off and we are starting to recruit more and more youth to Cub Scouts. We should have all packs fall sign up nights done before the end of September. Our next step is fall Bring A Friend recruiting. Some of the most effective recruiters are the Scouts and parents who are enjoying the benefits of Scouting. Make sure that your pack's parents tell their friends all the fun things that their sons are doing in Scouting. Many have private groups to share the photos of your activities.

Duty to God: an introduction

In the Scout Oath, a Scout promises “to do my duty to God...”. The Boy Scout Handbook explains it this way: Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs. In future issues, this column will explore the ways in which our religious leaders--in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America--assist families in teaching Scouts about God and the ways he/she can serve. Some of the topics will include religious emblem programs, the unit chaplain and chaplain aide, religious activities, and adult and unit recognition. Should you have a question that needs answered, contact **Ed Martin** (330-350-1290 or martinedp@outlook.com).

September

- 3 Labor Day—Scout Service Center closed
- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.
- 12 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Buehler's, Wadsworth
- 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church
- 15 Popcorn Pick-up
Registration \$19.25 Boys' Life \$7.00

October

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.
- 10 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Buehler's, Wadsworth
- 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church
- 13 Cub Scout Fun Day—1 p.m.-7 p.m.—Camp Manatoc
Registration \$16.50 Boys' Life \$6.00

Lakes District

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“Scout Me In” School Nights

Give every youth the opportunity to “Scout Me In” at your School Night to Join Scouting! If your unit was not able to attend the School Night Kick-off in August, your recruitment packet is available for pickup at the Council Service Center. In addition, pack leadership was emailed a recruitment survey to complete. If your pack did not receive an email, you can fill out the form by going to <https://bit.ly/2v1XRtf>. Once submitted, your district executive will contact you to confirm. As a reminder, packs can recruit youth in grades kindergarten through 5th (Lion through Webelos).

Girl dens

We’re excited to officially welcome girls and boys into the Cub Scouts and invite even more families to take advantage of the life-changing experiences provided through Scouting. After all, the values that Scouts are known for – being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent – are as relevant for girls as they are for boys.

Some people have asked about how having girls in Scouting will change the experience. In Cub Scouts, it looks pretty similar. You still have dens of different grades all the way up to Webelos. With girls, dens are made based on grade AND gender. There are separate dens for boys and separate dens for girls. When you don’t have enough youth to make up a full den, you may combine grades of the same gender together, for example Wolves and Bears (working on their own ranks). Generally, they meet together as a pack to do awards and activities. They do come together at times, but dens function separately as they always have. So it’s still the same great Cub Scouting experience people love.

Welcome to roundtable!

Open to everyone in the Lakes District, roundtable is a forum where Scout leaders, parents, and interested parties can come discuss program ideas, information on district and council events, and items of interest to the Scouting community. Roundtable is also a great place to develop a network of other Scouters to share knowledge about everything from local and national camping areas, to activity ideas, food, fun, fellowship, and much more! Roundtables are **7 p.m.**, on the **second Thursday** of each month at **Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron.**

It’s Pecatonica River Popcorn time



There are plenty of good reasons for Scouts to take part in the annual popcorn fundraiser! Besides the money that can be earned for camp and Scouting activities throughout the year, Scouts learn valuable skills like teamwork, goal setting, time management and salesmanship - just to name a few.

Popcorn sale materials were distributed to units at the kick-offs at the end of July/beginning of August. If your unit needs additional materials or your unit was unable to attend a kick-off, the items are available at the Council Service Center in Akron. This year’s sale runs from August 2-October 30.

Save the date



Get excited for our Lakes District fall events! The Boy Scout Fall Camporee will be October 12-14 at Craftsmen Park. Also that weekend at Craftsmen, we will have Cub Scout Fall Day on October 13. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Dale Messner** at dale.messner@aol.com.

Remind

Are you subscribed to Lake’s Remind account? This is a text message alert system which is used to send out important information including event dates and activity changes. Just go to <https://www.remind.com/join/scouters3> or text@scouters3 to 81010 to sign up!

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September

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—McDonald’s, Massillon Rd.
- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 7 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron 44319
Registration \$16.50 Boys’ Life \$6.00

October

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 a.m.—McDonald’s, Massillon Rd.
- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 11 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Messiah Lutheran Church, 4700 S. Main St., Akron 44319
- 12-14 Boy Scout Fall Camporee—Craftsmen Park
- 13 Cub Scout Fall Day—Craftsmen Park
Registration \$13.75 Boys’ Life \$5.00

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Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale

There are some big dates coming up for the 2018 popcorn sale! First of all—be sure to get your Show and Sell orders in by **September 4**. Second—Show and Sell distribution is **Saturday, September 15**, from 9 a.m.-noon at CMS Cotter. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please come help us pull orders and load popcorn. If you can help, please arrive at 8:30 a.m. We will have all the coffee and donuts you can ask for.

If you have any questions about popcorn please contact moepopcorn18@gmail.com or call 361-243-6549.

Mark your calendar! Fall Camporee will be a hoot!



All troops and Webelos dens—put the weekend of **September 21** in your calendars. You’re not going to want to miss the 2018 Moecomdws Fall Camporee.

Troop 152 will be hosting the annual fall event at Camp Manatoc. This year’s program will be a giant capture the flag tournament! Stay tuned on Facebook, www.moescouts.org and check your saddlebags for more info! You can register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-Moecamporee>

Cub Scout Punkin’ Chunkin’

This year will be our **4th Annual Punkin’ Chunkin’!** It will be held on **Saturday, October 6**, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., at the Camp Butler Sports Field. Punkin’ Chunkin’ is for all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos, and the cost is \$10.00 per Scout. Included in the fee is a patch, pumpkin, craft, snack and lots of other fun activities. Registration forms were put in pack saddlebags in August and are available on our website at www.moescouts.org.

Check out our new website and Facebook page

Have you checked out the new MOE website yet? If not, go to www.moescouts.org. The website provides links for district info, events, advancement, BeAScout.org, leader contacts, etc.

ALSO, LIKE US ON FACEBOOK—Moecomdws District, Great Trail Council, B.S.A.



School Night to Join Scouting

We are right in the middle of fall recruitment! Have you scheduled your School Night to Join Scouting yet? If not, please email your date to moerecruiting@gmail.com. If you have had your SNTJS already, get those apps in! When you turn in your apps, the new Scouts will receive a Star Pioneer snap together spaceship! But...you will only receive the space ship once the apps have been turned in to the office.

Are your leaders trained?

Do you have new leaders joining your unit this fall, or did you have current leaders change positions within your unit? Are all of your direct contact leaders trained (Direct Contact Leader is Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader)? There are many different trainings scheduled this fall, in many different locations around the council. For dates, locations and registrations, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/433-2018FallCST>

September

- 4 Show-N-Deliver Popcorn orders due
- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 11 Uniform Day
- 13 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 13 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 15 Show-N-Deliver Popcorn distribution
- 21 Fall Camporee—Camp Manatoc
- 26 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Manatoc
Registration \$16.50 Boys’ Life \$6.00

October

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Presbyterian Church
- 6 Moe Punkin Chunkin—Camp Butler
- 7 Tiger Day at the Zoo
- 11 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 11 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
Registration \$11.00 Boys’ Life \$4.00

Seneca District

“The Heart of the Great Trail Council”

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Uniform Day

Great Trail Council is promoting and encouraging all youth and adults to wear their uniforms to work and school (if appropriate) on **September 11**. We are asking all our members to help support and promote Scouting in our respective communities. Please have a unit representative determine the number of patches you will need and contact our Scout Shop at 330-773-4078 and they will have them available for you!

School Night to Join Scouting

As we grow closer to the changing leaves, cooler nights, and sweatshirt weather... It means one thing... **KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL!** Please keep in mind that schools opening equals the season of School Nights to Join Scouting. The district executive needs time to call principals, schedule boy talks, and print flyers. **Robert Balash** can be reached at 330-773-0415 ext. 227 or Robert.Balash@scouting.org.

Open Houses

The membership team is encouraging all Cub packs to attend their respective school's open house as a lead in to the School Night to Join Scouting recruiting. Remember to have a few Cub Scouts in uniform with you at the information table you set up. Contact the building principal to arrange permission to be there.

Let's get popping!

Get your gang charged up for the popcorn selling season and get out there and sell "tons" of popcorn this year. Hopefully everyone had the chance to visit the popcorn booth at the August Kick-off Roundtable and sample the new products at the Popcorn Kick-Off! Remember Great Trail Council is selling Pecatonica River Popcorn ([www.prcpopcorn.com](http://www.prpopcorn.com)). Everyone should be reviewing all materials from the District Popcorn Kick-Off held in August. The orders for the Show-N-Sell portion of the sale are due on September 6. Hopefully your unit popcorn chair attended the Kick-Off Spectacular in August and your sale is well underway. Why? Because you held a FANTASTIC Unit Kick-Off and all your Scouts are fired up! Are you checking to see that all your Scouts are selling? Again, don't forget to visit Pecatonica River's website at www.prcpopcorn.com for great ideas and resources to help you. For more information or questions about this year's sale, please contact, **District Kernel Sabrina Finney** at sabrinafinneypopcorn@gmail.com.

Seneca takes on Randolph Fair

Thank you to all our families that helped with our booth hosted at the Randolph Fair! We had an incredible outpouring of support from the community and believe this will be an event that sticks around for us! What better way to kick off the recruitment season than to have our faces all over the Randolph Fair!

Seneca Fall Camporee All American Tour!

Join us on an amazing adventure to Cooperstown and West Point, NY. The Seneca Fall Camporee will be from October 11 through the 14. For only \$200 tour the Baseball Hall of Fame, West Point Military Academy, Howe Cavern, and Watkins Glenn State Park. To sign up check out: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-senecaallamericantour>. For questions contact Robert Balash at Robert.Balash@scouting.org.



September

- 3 Labor Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 4 Show'N'Sell Popcorn orders due
- 6 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 11 Uniform Day
- 13 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 15 Popcorn Show & Deliver distribution
Registration \$13.75 Boys' Life \$5.00

October

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 11 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 11 District Commissioners Meeting—during roundtable
- 12-14 Fall Camporee
Registration \$11.00 Boys' Life \$4.00

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Fall recruiting equals new membership

We are now in the busiest time of year for recruiting. Almost daily in September there is an event, a talk, a bring a buddy going on. September has become our mad rush to add youth to the Cub Scout program, but I would like to challenge our leaders to begin thinking differently. While we don't have time right now to change much, because the goal of Scouting is always growth and each one of those membership numbers represents the potential for us as an organization to change lives. As a membership organization we can never let our guard down when it comes to growth, without new youth the potential for new leaders also goes by the wayside. There are two actions we can take to begin avoiding the mad rush in September.

The first is improving the number of youth that we get to stay in the program. Each year I can tell how many youth have joined and at charter renewal time we can see how many have left. It's important that we strive to have as many youth that join receive the program that they signed up for. We do this is by making sure unit leaders have as much knowledge as possible to facilitate great programs every week. The only way for us to track knowledge is to track our volunteers' training. We need to get as many people trained as possible so that we can eliminate this variable as a potential cause of our dropped youth. The fewer youth we lose due to poor quality programs the better.

Step two is unit organization. The first step to organization is having a plan. Make a calendar of what we want to accomplish throughout the year and when we expect it to occur. At the Cub Scout level, if we had a summertime plan filled with exciting activities we could begin to shift our focus on fall recruitment to the spring. Imagine if you had an entire summer to deliver an epic outdoor program to your new youth. What would that mean for your retention? How would that change the story of your pack? Imagine all the new parents we could engage and develop into unit leaders.

Let's get as many of our leaders trained as possible, as quickly as we can. We have a highly skilled training team ready and willing to answer questions whenever they arise. We are able to run every Cub Scout leader training using a smartphone or computer. We have access to many computers at the Council Service Center and there are computers that can be used at any Summit County library free. While we are getting our leaders trained, let's make a calendar that includes an epic summer program. In Scouting there are endless program ideas and volunteers that are excited to share them. Please get trained and make plans that include summertime programs.

Fall district level programs

We have a team working very hard to provide programs for the fall.

For the Cub Scouts this includes: a fishing derby on *September 22*, at the ODNR District 3 fishing ponds. This event is free which means volunteers and community members are donating so that the Scouts and their families don't need to worry about the cost. We are eliminating these barriers because we want you to get your Cubs to participate. Please promote this event. It is from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., at ODNR District 3; 912 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319.

For the Scouts we have a free camporee, courtesy of the Wayne County Fraternal Order of Police. They ask that we help assemble a playground and do some service projects while we are there. They have told us that Scouts can camp there free with reservations any time that the facility is available if they are willing to do service projects for the facility. This event is on *Friday, October 12 - October 14*. The address for the FOP Lodge is 10035 Akron Rd., Rittman, Ohio 44270.

Be sure to read about other opportunities in *Scouters' News* or on the council or district Facebook page/website. Here is the URL for our district Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/signaltree.gtc/>

Remind!

Please subscribe to our "Remind" account! You can do that by using this link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/signaltree> This will add you to our text message alert system which we use to send out important information. You can also text the message: **@1district** to the number 81010.

September

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 13 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 22 Fishing Derby—9-11 a.m.—912 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron—ODNR Section 3 Fishing Pond
- 23 Stan Hywet "Go See It" Scout Day—714 N. Portage Path, Akron—\$5/Scouts and up to 2 leaders per unit, \$10/Non-Scouts and adults (registration will be checked at the door)
Registration \$13.75 Boys' Life \$5.00

October

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 11 District Roundtable—7 p.m.—Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron
- 12-14 Fall Camporee—FOP Lodge, 10035 Akron Rd., Rittman—Free
Registration \$11.00 Boys' Life \$4.00

Venturing

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Venturing Luau was a huge success

Members of many crews across two councils came together to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Venturing, founded in August 1998. Highlights included shooting sports earlier in the day, great food, lots of swimming, a hysterical cardboard boat race, a dive-in movie, birthday cake and more



The 2018-2019 Central Region Area 4 Venturing President, Max Chandler, visited and inducted our own Adelaide White as the 2018-2019 Great Trail Council Venturing President and is shown presenting her Area VOA patch, as she will serve at the area representing our council Venturing program.



Joining Adelaide and Max for the 20th Anniversary Bash and Splash, were Katelyn Keckler (left), the 2015-2016 GTC VOA President, and Anna Grund (right), the 2016-2017 GTC VOA president.

Help sustain Venturing

Is your crew aging without new members? This fall would be a great time to schedule an open house. Get into the high school and recruit those new freshmen, they are the future of your crew. Create a flyer and ask to have it distributed to all freshmen. On your flyer and display be sure to have the date and location of your open house. Contact Dennis Vargo, Venturing Staff Advisor, at dennis.vargo@scouting.org 330-773-0421 to get ideas and help with your recruiting and open house needs or if you are ready to start a crew. Let's spread the Venturing spirit to others.

Does your unit have a succession plan?

And another thing...talk to your unit commissioner about this or shoot an email to info@GTCVenturing.org.

Crew Officer Training September 29-30 at Camp Stambaugh

This overnight training will start on Saturday and is for all crew officers and advisors. After this seminar crew officers will be able to take charge of their program and conduct the annual planning conference and do other trainings for their crew. Topics to be covered will include (1) the roles and responsibilities of all officers and advisors plus how to (2) plan activities (Tier I, II and III adventures) (3) schedule a year's plan, (4) plan and run a typical crew meeting, and (5) create standard operating procedures and a crew code of conduct. They will learn the importance of ALPS to Planning, awards and JTE and learn about Venturing Resources. Separate sessions for advisors. Cost is TBD, but will be set to just cover the food and ammo for our planned pistol shoot.

This is designed for all current crew officers and is open to anyone interested in leadership in your crew. This is not ILSC and is not specific training for advancing through the Venturing awards, however your youth will discover how to conduct both those types of training in the crew or how to get assistance to do so. Sponsored by the Great Trail Venturing Officer Association.

Registration when available will be at GTCVenturing.org/events. Questions? Info@GTCVenturing.org.

Be a Venturing Unit Commissioner

We really need help here and will train you. In fact, the College of Commissioner Science on **November 10** will feature a half day of focus on being a unit commissioner of a Venturing Crew. Interested? Email Info@GTCVenturing.org.

Super Heroes Weekend, November 2-4

In the last 4 years we have had super fun weekends such as The Halloween Monster Mash (2014); Star Wars: The Venturers Awaken (2015); Peace, Love and Venturing (2016); and The Triwizard Tournament (2017). This year save the date and plan to join us for more super fun with Super Hero Weekend that will top them all! If you want to get in on the planning just ask president@GTCVenturing.org.

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September Roundtable

Join us for our September Roundtable on **Thursday, September 6, 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.

Popcorn sale information

Don't forget! If you STILL have not signed up in the Pecos River Popcorn system, you **must** sign-up at www.prpopcorn.com to be able to place your orders for this year's popcorn sale.

Show 'N Sell popcorn orders are due on **September 4 – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you are having trouble with your Show 'N Sell order, please contact our Whispering Pines District Popcorn Chair **Marion Sweely** at msweely@zoominternet.net.

We will be sorting and distributing orders on **Friday, September 14**, at Dearing Compressor and Pump Co., 3974 Simon Rd., Youngstown, OH 44512. Volunteers are needed for this evening to help sort popcorn before we can begin distributing.

Please contact our Whispering Pines District Popcorn Logistics Chair **Michael Bort** at Michael.Bort@MascoCabinetry.com if you are able to volunteer.

Order your fall recruitment flyers

Please make sure that you are ordering your fall recruitment flyers at least two weeks prior to your round-ups, or open houses. You can fill out the online form to get your flyers made by visiting this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/szrUpRA0pkoAjW1C2>

Save the Date Webelos Woods Campout is November 3



Join us for the fall Webelos Woods program that will be held at Camp Stambaugh on **November 3**. Registration will be opening soon!

Please direct questions to Steph Kelly, Webelos Woods Chair at findthem@gmail.com.



Annual planning resources

All packs, troops, and crews should visit the following websites to find annual planning resources to plan for the upcoming Scouting year. Please utilize all of these tools when planning your upcoming year with your committees. They are a great resource provided by the national office and will make your calendar planning and event planning much easier.

Cub Scout Planning:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Leaders/ProgramPlanning.aspx>

Boy Scout Planning:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/Planning.aspx>

Venturing Planning:

<http://www.venturing.org/annual-program-planning.html>

Scout Museum tours and programs

Tours can be arranged for the Scout Museum at Camp Stambaugh by calling **Bill Moss** at 330-755-6795 or better yet by emailing him at billbpmoss@sbcglobal.net with a request to tour the museum or request a special program for you unit. Both Cub packs and Scout troops are encouraged to come out to the museum and have their short meeting there and tour the museum. We even do History Hunts for answers to questions about Scouting. There is a store in the museum where you can get some historical things from Scouting's past.

September

- 5 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 5 District Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 6 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 14 Popcorn distribution
Registration \$11.00 Boys' Life \$4.00

October

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 3 District Advancement Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 3 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Boardman United Methodist Church
- 4 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Council Information cont'd.

Marnoc Lodge had a great summer

The Lodge is completing a great inductions year with more than 140 new members. One final Ordeal will be held at Camp Stambaugh on September 14-15. Coming up October 5 – 7 is our Fall Fellowship at Camp Butler. Come join us for fun, fellowship and service. Finally watch for more information coming soon on our Winter Banquet, it's going to be better than ever!

Yours in Service Marnoc Lodge



Webelos Resident Camp was a big success. Over 610 Scouters enjoyed a traditional ceremony during their time at Camp Manatoc. Thanks to all that attended and the staff that made it happen.

Lakes District cont'd.

Update your BeAScout.org pin

Have you updated your BeAScout.org pin? BeAScout.org is the first place many families go to look for a Scout group to join. To make the most out of recruitment, make sure your unit's pin is up to date and ready for online applications.

First, see what your pin looks like by going to BeAScout.org and typing your zip code. You'll see a list view, which you can change to a map to see the pins. Next, go to my.scouting.org (committee chair, unit leader, or chartered org rep) to update the details. Under Legacy Web Tools, select BeAScout.

- Make sure Pin Mode is set to Unit – Set Pin Status to Active (we recommend setting Apply Status to Active so Scouts can apply online.)
- Update the information with current contacts and a quick blurb about your unit.
- Don't forget to click Save at the end.

In order for a pack to indicate that they welcome girls, the chartered organization rep needs to go to their my.scouting.org site and open Organization Manager. Once there, click Settings, then opt in to Family Scouting. Finally, select whether the pack will have girls, boys, or both.

Arrowhead District cont'd.

All Arrowhead Unit Key 3 Members

(District Chairman, District Commissioner, District Executive) Fellow Scouters, you are strongly encouraged to attend, and participate in, the Unit Key 3 to District Key 3 Conference being held on **Wednesday, September 12**, at the Electrical Trades Institute, 4550 Research Pkwy., Champion, OH, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. The topics to be covered will be divided into 3 sections of 30 minutes each. The categories are:

- 1) What has happened in the last 2 years within the district and council?
- 2) What you are concerned about within our district and council?
- 3) What direction we are taking in the next 18 months within the Arrowhead District? Each of you have a very important role in Scouting. The roles include Scouting's relationships with our community organizations and communities themselves, the administration of BSA unit programs and activities, and the direct impact Scouting has on its youth members. It is essential that we receive input and involvement from everyone in these various levels. As your District Key 3 we are responsible for the same 3 things. We are trying to build our district's operations which will strengthen all of our units, and increase the number of youth we serve. Your participation in this conference will ensure that your unit's viewpoint is considered as we move forward in this process. Please RSVP by emailing District Commissioner Jim Dade at Ow4bd@aol.com by September 4, as to who will be attending. This is important so that we have enough materials on hand to communicate effectively with all of the units participating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIT WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED ADULTS ATTENDING THE PROGRAM KICK-OFF. THEY WON A \$100 GIFT CARD! THE WINNING UNIT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 12.

Thank you for your time and continued support of the 1,100 reasons we all do this, the Scouts!

Jim Dade Ginny Bond Scott Evans



Ready For Your Next Adventure? Join Us For Cub Scout Fun Day!

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Join us anytime between 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Camp Manatoc - 1075 Truxell Road, Peninsula, OH 44264

Register online: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/433-FallFunDay>

\$12.00 per person - Register by Oct. 8th

NEW CUB SCOUTS FREE! - (If you joined after August 1, 2018 - use code: NEW2018)

Admission includes: Hot dog, chips, drink and 1 - haunted hayride ticket (Hayride will start at dusk)

NEW CUB SCOUTS EARN YOUR BOBCAT BADGE! (*For grades 1-5)

Archery* • BB Guns* • Sports & Games • Carnival Games • Crafts • Outdoor Skills • Haunted Hayride

Council Calendar

September

- 1-3 Labor Day Weekend—Scout Shop/office closed
- 4 Popcorn Show & Deliver orders
- 6 Finance Committee
- 7-9 Adults Only Camp—Camp Manatoc
- 8 Manatoc Broil—Camp Manatoc
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Uniform Day
- 15 Popcorn Show & Deliver
- 18 Camping Committee Meeting
- 20 Council FOS Family
- 21-23 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Stambaugh
- 23 Catholic Cub Day
- 25 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 26 Properties Committee Meeting
- 26 University of Scouting Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Cub Adventure Camp—Camp Butler

October

- 1 Training Committee Meeting
- 2 Program Committee Meeting
- 4 Finance Committee Meeting
- 5 Hayride set-up—Camp Butler
- 5 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 Wood Badge/NYLT Meeting
- 12-13 Haunted Hayride—Camp Butler
- 13 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 13 Rifle Shooting—Camp Manatoc
- 17 Special Needs Advisory Committee Meeting
- 18 Council FOS Family
- 19-20 Haunted Hayride—Camp Butler
- 19-20 BALOO Training—Camp Stambaugh
- 20 JOTA—Camp Stambaugh
- 20 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 22 Day Camp Committee Meeting
- 23 Religious Committee Meeting
- 24 Advancement Committee Meeting
- 25 Cub Camping Promotions
- 26-27 Haunted Carnival—Camp Stambaugh
- 26 Haunted Hayride—Camp Butler
- 27 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 30 Popcorn Show'N'Sell money due
- 30 Popcorn Take Orders due
- 30 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 31 Halloween

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Akron, OH 44301**

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Saturday: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

www.gtcbsa.org/scout-shop

Fax order form

www.gtcbsa.org/forms/fax_order.pdf

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Canfield, OH 44406**

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Cub Scout uniform bottoms include:

Cub Scout Switchback Pants, Roll-Up
Pants, Skorts, or Shorts