

Scouters' News

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

Scouting Anniversary Month

This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The theme for the 2010 celebration is “**Strong Values—Strong Leaders—Character Counts.**” Is your unit ready for the 100th Anniversary of the BSA? What can you do to join the celebration?

The Great Trail Council will recognize

units that go above and beyond in the publicity celebrating the BSA's birthday by completing combinations of the activities shown to earn 100 points or more with a special 2010 Scout Anniversary Ribbon. The deadline for form/point submission is March 15, at the close of business. Celebrate the BSA's 100th Anniversary and be recognized!

| | Points | Activity |
|----|--------|--|
| A. | 15 | Have youth members wear their uniforms to school |
| B. | 20 | Conduct a rededication ceremony sometime during Scout Week |
| C. | 15 | Attend religious service as a uniformed unit on Scout Sunday (Feb. 7, 2010) |
| D. | 20 | Conduct blue & gold banquet or court of honor during February |
| E. | 25 | Make a formal, written Scouting report to your chartered partner |
| F. | 25 | Provide Scout bulletin covers and/or inserts to your religious institution for Scout Sabbath or Scout Sunday |
| G. | 60 | Plan and conduct a shopping center live demonstration/display |
| H. | 40 | Place a unit window display in a local store for at least two consecutive days between February 4-10, 2010 |
| I. | 30 | Have an article printed in a local newspaper describing the unit's activities. |

2010 Eagle Class

sponsored by **Bill Considine**



The Great Trail Council Eagle Committee is pleased to announce that **Bill Considine**, President/CEO of Akron Children's Hospital, is the Eagle Class

Sponsor for 2010.

Bill, a Life Scout, has also served as council president and most recently been recognized as CEO of Children's Hospital for 30 years.

All Scouts receiving their Eagle rank in 2009 will receive a special invitation to attend a recognition dinner to be held on March 23, 2010, at Firestone Country Club.

2010 Friends of Scouting kicks-off

The 2010 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign kicked off on November 20, with a dinner for district FOS leadership. The council has set a 2010 FOS goal of \$520,000 to fund Scouting programs. **Bruce Jentner**, council

FOS chairman, congratulated all districts for setting the “bar high” this year. The council FOS campaign has a 100th Anniversary Council-Wide Kick-Off on February 25, with a goal of 25%.

Silver Beaver applications due March 5

Dave Wright, chairman of the Council Silver Beaver Committee, reminds all Great Trail Council Scouters that Silver Beaver applications are due by March 5, 2010.

Forms are available at the council office or

through your district executive.

This is the highest volunteer award a council can present to adult Scouters. The award will be presented at the May Council Annual Dinner.

University of Scouting
Saturday, February 6, 2010
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Chapel of Green

Council Information

National Youth Leader Training

What is that? Well, it's an exceptional training opportunity for your Scouts who are at least 13 years old by June, 2010, and hold the rank of First Class Scout, and who hold or are about to hold a leadership position with your troop. So, you should be thinking of your senior patrol

leaders, assistant patrol leader or patrol leader young men. It's also a training course presented by a talented and very well trained youth staff. It's youth teaching youth. WOW! It is scheduled for June 13-18, 2010, at Camp Butler, in Peninsula, OH. Watch for more details!

Scouting for Food on March 13

Great Trail Council has decided to include the Scouting for Food Day as a part of its engagement program for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. Scouting for Food is our way of combating hunger in our service area. The council's goal of collecting 100,000 cans of food can be achieved if all units decide to participate. The food will be given to local food pantries to replenish what they gave out during the holidays.

To help, sign up today! Here's how you can do your part:

1. Sign up to participate

by filling out the form below.

2. Appoint a Scouting for Food chairman for your unit to assign a food bank location, coordinate pick-up and distribution times, report the unit collection tally, and designate a meeting location.

3. Start saving grocery bags to collect food in.

4. On March 13, approach households in your community and ask for food donations.

5. Turn in food to your assigned food bank.

6. Total canned foods and report tally to the Scout office at 800-844-7268 on Monday, March 15.

University of Scouting

Saturday, February 6, 2010

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Chapel of Green

What is it?

The University of Scouting is a once-a-year learning extravaganza filled with training courses, great ideas and fun for leaders at all levels of Scouting. During this fun-filled day, experienced volunteer leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your knowledge. You will also meet other leaders, gather new resources, and share ideas on building the best possible program for your Scouts.

Who should attend?

All adults are invited to attend the college or colleges of their choice. Wear your uniform, if

you have one. You may want to bring a notebook, camera, tape recorder, comfortable shoes, money for the trading post, good will, and a smile!

Create your own experience

The program is designed to allow you to create your own customized experience. You can choose from over 50 courses to arrange a curriculum according to your function and level of experience in Scouting. Select the courses you would like to attend and write the course numbers on the registration form.

www.qtcbsa.org/Training/UnivOfScouting2010.htm

Campmaster's Corner

The Campmaster Corps is committed to serving all the units who camp at our two camps and want to ensure an enjoyable experience for all. Among their duties, campmasters are responsible for making sure that all units properly check-in with the on-duty campmaster prior to setting up a camp site or going to a reserved building and ensuring that arriving units have a minimum of two-deep leadership before receiving keys to any locked facility.

At the end of the weekend visit, units are reminded to follow

proper camp procedures by notifying the campmaster prior to leaving camp so that they can inspect your campsite or building with you, ensuring that the facilities are left in good condition. The established procedures protect each group from being unfairly blamed for failing to clean-up, or charged for damages that they did not cause.

Boyce and Atwater Lodges have more extensive procedures that the campmasters are required to complete along with the unit leader to ensure the facilities are properly maintained.

Scouting for Food Sign Up Form

Unit #: _____ District: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ # of Scouts participating: _____

Return this form by Feb. 28 to:

**Scouting for Food
Great Trail Council
PO Box 68
Akron, OH 44309-0068**



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

For 100 years Scouting has taught young people the virtues of honor, respect, character, healthy living, and a true sense of citizenship through the principles found in the Scout Oath and Law.

The Great Trail

Council prides itself on teaching these virtues through our outstanding programs, leaders, and facilities. We truly are "delivering the promise."

You can help us to continue this incredible tradition by becoming a "Friend of Scouting!"

Family Friends of Scouting Sign Up



As you know, annually, we conduct a Family "Friends of Scouting" Campaign where Scouting families are given the opportunity to support the programs of the Great Trail Council, BSA and hear the "Council Scouting Story."

In 2009, families in the Great Trail Council generously contributed over \$178,000 to help support Camps Manatoc and Butler, council

training events, and helped us provide challenging and rewarding programs for over 13,000 youth throughout Summit, Portage, Medina, and northern Wayne Counties.

In January, one of our family presenters will be calling you to schedule your 2010 Family Friends of Scouting presentation with your unit. Please allow us to attend one of your unit's events in January, February, or March and present to your families.

Does Scouting have a special place in your heart?

Would you like to share your Scouting story with the families of the Great Trail Council?

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

Training can be

taken on either **Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Scout Service Center** or on **Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Scout Service Center. You only need to attend one. Dinner will be provided!**

Questions? Call Jody Gildersleeve at 330-773-0415 ext. 218 or email jgilders@bsaemail.org.

Mark your calendars for these important 2010 FOS dates

| Date & Time | Event | Location |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Thurs., Feb. 25 5:30 p.m. | Campaign Kick-Off | Portage Country Club |
| Thurs., March 25 5:30 p.m. | Campaign Report Meeting | Portage Country Club |
| Thurs., April 29 5:30 p.m. | Campaign Report Meeting | Portage Country Club |
| Thurs., May 27 5:30 p.m. | Campaign Report Meeting | Portage Country Club |

2010 Family "Friends of Scouting" Unit Sign Up

As supporters and beneficiaries of Scouting, we intend to participate in the Family "Friends of Scouting" campaign and will strive to enlist the support of every family.

District: _____ Unit: _____

Our FOS captain is: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

The tentative date for our blue and gold banquet or court of honor will be: _____

Please return by December 1 to:

Jody Gildersleeve
Great Trail Council, BSA
PO Box 68
Akron, OH 44309-0068

Council Information

National Jamboree visitors policy and procedures

Parent & Visitor Information

The Jamboree will be open to visitors every day beginning Wednesday, July 28, and continuing through Tuesday, August 3. Visitor hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the following exceptions:

Wednesday, July 28—
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 31—9
a.m. to 11 p.m. (to allow
for arena show
attendance only)

There are no accommodations on site for visitors, including RV, tentage, or fixed housing. Upon entering the Jamboree site, guests will be directed to the public information tent in the main parking lot. Here, they will receive directions to regions, sub-camps, or activity areas.

Scout Visitors to the Jamboree

Jamboree activities are made possible by the event fees paid by participating Scouts and leaders. To ensure all paying Scouts get ample opportunity to

participate in all of the Jamboree activities, visiting Scouts will not be allowed to participate in events and activities at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Participation in the activities at the action centers (action alley, air rifle, archery, bikathon, buckskin games, confidence course, motocross, pioneering, rappelling, and trapshooting) by members of visiting units will not be allowed. Other areas reserved for paid Jamboree participants are the outback centers (conservation, fishing, and aquatics), mountain boarding, and the Order of the Arrow's THE M Y S T E R I U M COMPASS.

Visitors will not be able to work on merit badge requirements at the Merit Badge Midway.

Visitors are allowed to watch the action, tour the various activity sites, and purchase food and awesome souvenirs at the trading posts.

Centennial Art Tour coming to Cleveland

Scouts and the public are invited to view the Centennial Art Tour featuring seven Norman Rockwell originals on June 2, 2010, at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. This exhibit will raise the visibility of the Boy Scouts of America in

northeast Ohio. It will help promote a greater awareness of Scouting and the positive impact Scouting has on the youth we serve.

Important information for merit badge counselors

In the front of the merit badge booklets, a "Note to the Counselor" section is included. These notes offer suggestions and methods that the counselor may use in teaching the merit badge. However, the badges marked with an asterisk recommend that the counselor **should** have some special certification or training. The badges marked with double asterisks require that the counselor **must** have special certification.

Camping
Canoeing*
Climbing**
Emergency Preparedness
Home Repairs
Lifesaving
Metalwork
Pioneering
Rifle Shooting**
Rowing*
Shotgun Shooting**
Skating
Snow Sports

Swimming
Water Sports
Whitewater**

The following water-related merit badges share this requirement: **Demonstrate the proper technique for performing CPR using a training device approved by your counselor.**

First Aid
Motorboating
Rowing
Small-Boat Sailing
Swimming
Water Sports
Whitewater

The Lifesaving merit badge includes this requirement:

Demonstrate proper CPR technique for at least 3 minutes using a mannequin designed to simulate ventilations and compressions.

The *Guide to Safe Scouting, Safety Afloat* and other BSA publications are referred to in some of the notes. The counselors should be aware of them.

Announcing the Gilwell Reunion & Scholarship Fund Dinner

Attention all Scouters, Wood Badgers, spouses, and potential Wood Badgers, the 21st Annual Gilwell Reunion and Scholarship Fund Dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 17**, at the **Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium Banquet Center**, 2345 4th St., Cuyahoga Falls. The

gathering will begin at 1:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$17 per person if paid by January 4, or \$25 after January 4.

Reservation forms can be found online at www.gtcbsa.org/UpcomingEvents/2010/WoodbadgeDinner.pdf

Council Information

| District | Charter Time-Frame |
|--|---|
| Tri-Fires Exp. Date 1/31/10 | Training —11/12/09, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge Internet Recharter Window opens —12/1/09 Internet Recharter Window closes —1/31/10 Recharter Turn-In —1/14/10, 7 p.m., Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, Tallmadge |
| Moecomdws Exp. Date 2/28/10 | Training —12/10/09, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Stow Internet Recharter Window opens —01/01/10 Internet Recharter Window closes —02/28/10 Recharter Turn-In —2/11/10, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Stow |
| Lakes Exp. Date 2/28/10 | Training —12/10/09, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton Internet Recharter Window opens —01/01/10 Internet Recharter Window closes —02/28/10 Recharter Turn-In —02/11/10, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton |
| Chippewa Exp. Date 3/31/10 | Training —01/09/10, 10:00 a.m., Medina United Methodist Church Internet Recharter Window opens —02/01/10 Internet Recharter Window closes —03/31/10 Recharter Turn-In —03/13/10, 9 a.m., Medina United Methodist Church |
| Old Portage Exp. Date 3/31/10 | Training —01/14/10, 7 p.m., Montrose Zion UMC Internet Recharter Window opens —02/01/10 Internet Recharter Window closes —03/31/10 Recharter Turn-In —03/04/10, 7 p.m., Fairlawn United Church of Christ & 03/11/10, 7 p.m., Montrose Zion UMC |
| Seneca Exp. Date 04/30/10 | Training —02/11/10, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ Internet Recharter Window opens —03/01/10 Internet Recharter Window closes —04/30/10 Recharter Turn-In —04/17/10, 8:30 a.m., Kent United Church of Christ |

From the registration desk...

Internet Recharter

If you are in Tri-Fires you should be off and running with your internet recharter process. Moe and Lakes begin in January, Chippewa and Old Portage in February, and Seneca in March. Remember, you only have a 60 day window to complete the charter online. Your charter envelope includes a current roster, a charter and registration directive and three adult and three youth applications. Please make sure that you check your roster and make any corrections on that before you begin.

Be aware of adults with multiple registrations. Make sure they are marked and that they are paying in the right unit. Also, the only way you can transfer a youth or adult to your unit is if they are coming from another district or council. You cannot transfer from within your own district as all units charter at the same time.

Make sure applications are included for all NEW youth and adults. If a troop has youth coming from a pack, please make sure that you know if they rechartered with the pack. If they did, it will be a transfer. If not, they will be considered a new youth. We recommend that they do not recharter with the pack and the troop registers them as new youth.

An 18-20 year old that is registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster

in a troop but is going to be a youth in a crew, must pay in both units.

Please note: All registered adults get *Scouting Magazine* free as part of the membership. This is not the same as *Boys' Life Magazine* so do not mark each adult to receive *Boys' Life*. If you do, your charter will be flagged and will be put on hold until we get the correct information. *Scouting Magazine* will have inserts for the volunteer's paid position (but not for any multiple positions).

Access Codes & Unit ID Numbers

An access code is used for internet rechartering. The access code is only good for the charter you will be processing in 2010. Next year you will receive a new access code.

A unit ID number is used for internet advancement. The unit ID number never changes. You will use it each time you enter advancements online.

Registration Fee Increase

Don't forget the registration fee will increase to \$15 effective on January 1.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, internet rechartering, training or advancements, please contact Council Registrar Pat Gaugler at 330-773-0415 ext. 210 or pgaugler@bsamail.org.

Council Information



Tributes



In Memory of: John Michalec

From: Cherril Yoho
The Hartline Family
John & Eileen Cain
Pamela & Jon Chokan
Michael & Patricia Flaherty
Patricia Brown-Kaufmann
Mary Chionchio
Phyllis Morris
Charles & Catherine Wollenzien
Kathleen & Charles Lang
Mary & Jack Hamilton
Ralph & Anne Sapp
Richard & Cathleen Rosenberg
Larry & Pamala Wise
Lawrence & Adriana Blasio
Donald & Kathy Wilson
Judith Kline
James & Frances Michalec
Jerome Michalec
Robert & Bonnie Paulsen
Thomas & Carol Franklin
David & Sharon Norman
Joanne Johnson
Carole Nerine Gasaway

For new leaders in your pack

Adding a Tiger Cub den to your pack will help prepare new leaders for important leadership positions in your Cub Scout pack!

Boys who are currently in the first grade can join your Cub Scout pack as Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs is a lot less "formal" than Cub Scouting and is designed for a youth and adult to join together. The program offers shared leadership, a simple and immediate award system, an uncomplicated meeting structure, low cost,

family activities, and fun!

Statistics show that former Tiger Cub parents become familiar with Cub Scouting through Tiger Cubs and are very likely to volunteer for leadership roles when their son moves into Cub Scouting. Simply put, the nine-month Tiger Cub program is a non-threatening introduction to Cub Scout leadership responsibilities.

So, do your pack a **BIG** favor...form a Tiger Cub den today. Call the Scout Service Center now to schedule your Tiger Cub rally!

"Leave No Trace" Trainer Training

The purpose of Leave No Trace Trainers is to promote and teach the principles of this program. Today, use of designated wilderness areas has increased from 4 million people in 1964, to 7 million in 1974, to 15 million in 1984, 21 million in 1994, and over 30 million in 2004. That is a 750% increase in 30 years. As cities grow and populations encroach upon wild lands and recreation areas, we must do more than just pick up litter and extinguish campfires. We must learn how to maintain the integrity and character of the

outdoors for all living things. Leave No Trace is not simply a program for visiting the backcountry; it is an attitude and a way of life.

Leave No Trace Training will be held at **Camp Butler on April 16-18**. The course is for adults and teens wishing to become qualified to teach the principles of Leave No Trace. The cost is \$55 and must be paid by March 26.

For more information about this three day training contact Larry Lott at 330-699-1854 or larryandannalott@aol.com.

Recruiting new volunteers

When we recruit volunteers, some awful temptations creep into our minds—the temptation to take whatever we can get, to undersell, to lower our standard. It's awful—just awful!

But fortunately, we in Scouting have an innate ability to understand what bad things happen if we give in to temptation, and what wonderful things happen when we resist temptation. To avoid the temptations that cause us to recruit inadequate leadership, all we have to do is follow the seven commandments of recruiting:

1. **SELECT**, don't settle for less than our Scouts deserve.
2. **DON'T SAY NO**

FOR ANYONE.

3. **SHARE THE VISION**—Let them visualize being part of making your unit or district the very best.

4. **TELL THEM WHAT IS EXPECTED**—Yes, it takes time, but it is worth every second. Training and informing are essential.

5. **TELL THEM ABOUT THE REWARDS.**

6. **SUPPORT THEM**—Everyone wants to feel successful.

7. **RECOGNIZE THEM**—"Thank you" are two of the most powerful words in our language.

Temptation will always be there, but following the seven commandments will bring rewards for all of us, and our Scouts.

Tri-Fires District "Fired Up Scouting!"



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Tri-Fires District Mission Statement

The mission of the Tri-Fires District is to prepare young people in Mogadore, Tallmadge, North Hill, Firestone Park, East Akron, Goodyear Heights, and Ellet to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Tri-Fires District Retreat is January 9

District Scouters and commissioner staff, please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 9, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Akron Community Foundation for our annual retreat. We will be planning and critiquing our programs for 2010-2011. Also, make note that our monthly district and commissioner meetings

will be part of the day and not on the first Thursday of January. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Any questions or any additions to the day's agenda should be directed to our District Chairman **Steve Schloenbach at 330-376-8522.**

It's Klondike time!

Tri-Fires 2010 Klondike is set for January 29-31, at Camp Butler. Events this year are the traditional sled race (hope there's snow!); gateway contest; obstacle course; luau lighter; hang loose; coconut launch; upside down

cake; and King Kamehameha Cook-Off (what?!)

Program books were mailed to all unit leaders. Any questions, call **Keven Patton at 330-352-4412** or email h i m a t kpirish810@yahoo.com.

100th Anniversary update

The district would like to welcome two members to our 100th Anniversary Committee; Kim Stimler—chair of our Report to the City Committee and Rhonda Hill—chair for the Scout Month Contest.

Any questions about the 100th Anniversary call **Pete Tucker at 330-289-8898** or email pete.tucker@myofficeproducts.com.

2010 Family FOS Campaign begins

We need to get out of the gate to reach our Tri-Fires Family Friends of Scouting goal of \$12,000. Our youth who are benefiting from the program need your support.

If every Cubmaster would call to let us know when their blue and gold banquet is, every Scoutmaster would let us know when their court of honor is, and

every crew advisor would let us know what meeting would be best, we can finalize the schedule and assign our presenters.

Questions? Call **Nora Jones at 330-676-0338** or email nordle61@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your past financial support and hope we can count on you for your continued support.

A popping good time

Congratulations to all units that sold popcorn this fall. Units will earn about \$34,000 for their programs. Our top selling units were: 3081 St. Paul's—\$14,359;

3048 Wedgewood UMC—\$8,973; 3310 St. Matthew's—\$7,267; and 3018 North Hill—\$7,041.

Thanks, **Tom Lower**, for your leadership!

New for Roundtable

Come to Roundtable and check out our new and improved training for all Cub leaders.

In January, we'll be presenting an in-depth look at the University of Scouting. Come and see which classes you should take.

In February, Roundtable will focus on the NEW Sports and Academics belt loops and pins that will be offered in 2010.

Come see why Roundtable is not just for Boy Scout leaders!

| January | |
|----------|---|
| 9 | District Retreat, District Commissioners Meeting and District Committee Meeting—9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Akron Community Center, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron |
| 14 | Cub/Boy Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge |
| 29-31 | Klondike—Camp Butler |
| | Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A |
| February | |
| 4 | District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron |
| 4 | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron |
| 11 | Cub/Boy Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge |
| | Registration \$15.00 Boys' Life \$12.00 |

Moecomdws District "It's A Matter Of Pride"



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2010 Family FOS campaign will be starting soon!!!

Our 2010 Family FOS campaign is about to begin. All units need to schedule a presentation date, preferably the date of your blue and gold

banquet or court of honor. Please give your date to Family FOS Chair, **Ruth Mundy**. She can be reached at **330-962-2353** or by email at ruthiemom621.yahoo.com.

Charter turn-in is coming up soon

This year we are trying something a little bit different with charter turn-in. Instead of having turn-in on a Saturday morning we will be taking charter paperwork during the February Roundtable on Thursday, February

11th. This is a few weeks later than previous years so there is extra time to be sure that all of the paperwork is complete including applications, signatures and money. If you have any questions please contact your Unit Commissioner

Cubs will be bowling at Stonehedge

When: Saturday, January 9, 2010 (this is a date change from the calendar)

Where: Stonehedge Place, 580 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes two rounds of bowling, two slices of pizza, drink and bowling patch (non-bowlers may purchase lunch for \$4.00).

Deadline: Dec. 29, 2009, **RESERVATIONS ONLY – NO WALK-INS**. Please be aware of dates that the Scout

Shop and or Council Service Center may be closed for holidays or inventory.

Questions: Contact Cami Brown, 330-808-1969.

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

Klondike "Escape to Butler"

MOE's 2010 Klondike, "Escape to Butler," will be held at Camp Butler, January 15-17, 2010. It will be hosted by Troop 152 and 83rd WWII Infantry Re-enactors. Registration deadline is January 8th, and the cost is \$20 per person. This experience includes camping, a hot lunch and dinner, a patch, an evening program, and a special guest appearance by the American Red Cross who will canteen with a donut & juice on Saturday morning.

Where can you find a deal like this? Still not sure? Come and join us in a time machine to the 1940's. Have you ever wanted to save Private Ryan? You will get that opportunity.

You have orders to contact Colonel Jarosz @ 330-376-0623 or email

jojarosz@hotmail.com. No more waiting, so register. **MOVE IT! MOVE IT!**

January

- 1 Council Service Center closed
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Library
 - 9 Cub Bowling Day (date different than calendar)
 - 14 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 14 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church, Stow
 - 15-17 Klondike—Camp Butler
 - 18 Council Service Center closed
- Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

February

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Library
 - 6 University of Scouting—Chapel in Green
 - 7 Scout Sunday
 - 10 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 10 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 12 Candy orders due to Scout Service Center
 - 12-15 Scout Ski Days
 - 27 Candy pick-up
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

Lakes District "Leads the Way"



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Another excellent popcorn sale!

Congratulations Lakes District for another excellent popcorn sale this year! Collectively we sold over \$155,218. Due to all of the hard work of all the Scouts, leaders and their parents units profited about \$52,000.

The top units selling this year were Pack 3330 - \$24,983,

Pack 3132 - \$13,736,
Pack 3146 - \$12,536,
Pack 3115 - \$10,912,
Pack 3122 - \$8,043,
Pack 3215 - \$7,120 and
Pack 3105 - \$6,893.

Two new units selling for the first time: Troop 215 - \$2,273 and Pack 3106 - \$547

Congratulations to all who sold popcorn this year, great job!

Let's aim for 100% error free on-line rechartering

This year, the Lakes District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11, at Lakes' Roundtable. Unit commissioners will be there from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. to sit with you for a few minutes to make sure that you have all that you need for your charter to be

complete. Please bring your signed charter, any additional applications that you added to your charter and your check.

Last year the Lakes District charters were very clean, with few errors. Hopefully with the process of on-line re-chartering we will be 100% error free!

Family Friends of Scouting campaign planning begins

As we begin a new year, it's time to begin planning our annual Family Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. Chairman **Christine Pizzute** will be contacting each unit for your blue and gold dinner or court of honor presentation dates. Please help her schedule your dates as

soon as possible so that she can line up presenters and make sure everyone is prepared.

Lakes District is looking to meet its goal for the sixth year in a row in 2010! We can do it! Let's have 100% participation for the 100th Anniversary!

First Roundtable of 2010!

January 14, 2010 is our first Roundtable of the New Year. We will be meeting at **Prince of Peace Church**, located at 1263 Shannon Ave., in Barberton. We will be meeting the second Thursday of each month

at 7:00 p.m. Please come check us out. Remember the more people that come from your unit the better chance you have of receiving the traveling Lakes District Oar! Hope to see you there!

Have you registered for University of Scouting?

Are you registered for the 2010 University of Scouting? This is an opportunity to learn from the best of the best. Experienced leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your Scouting knowledge. This is a great opportunity for both new and experienced

leaders to learn "the tricks of the trade". Customize your own experience by choosing from over 100 different courses. The University of Scouting is on Saturday, February 6, at The Chapel in Green. The cost is \$25 and includes class materials and lunch! Sign up now. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

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January

- 1-2 Happy New Year—Scout Shop/Council Service Center closed
 - 7 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings —Acme, Manchester Rd.
 - 8-10 Klondike—Camp Butler
 - 14 Roundtable—Prince of Peace Church
 - 17 Wood Badge Dinner
 - 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Scout Shop/Council Service Center closed
 - 23 Lakes Retreat
 - 23 Chariot Race
- Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

February

- 4 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
 - 6 University of Scouting
 - 7 Scout Sunday
 - 11 Roundtable/Charter Turn-In—Prince of Peace Church
 - 12 Candy order due
 - 13 Scout Sabbath
 - 13-15 Scout Ski Days
 - 15 President's Day—Scout Shop/Council Service Center closed
 - 27 Candy pick-up
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws
to Eagle Claws”



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100 Years of Leadership

Our Klondike Derby theme proudly acknowledges the contribution of so many volunteers and Scouts. Mark your calendar for Friday, January 22, at

Camp Manatoc.

Come prepared to have fun!

Questions? Call
Ken Engle at 330-723-1906.

Day Camp “Scouting 100 Years”

“Scouting 100 Years” is the theme of our 2010 Day Camp and it will be as good as your participation. That’s right, you’re participation! We hope each Cub Scout pack will provide at least one

adult to be a member of the day camp staff. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24. For more information, please contact **Chuck Hale at 330-225-1484.**

District Staff Development on January 9

Following the Recharter Training on Saturday, January 9, the Chippewa staff and commissioners will have a district luncheon and District Staff Development Workshop, from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

District program teams will meet and develop the Chippewa

calendar for next year. Please come prepared with date and program suggestions for August, 2010 through September, 2011.

Luncheon is a potluck chili cook-off...bring your favorite chili and a bottle of Tums! No district meeting on Thursday, January 7.

Thank you!

Tracy Buchheit and **Frank Dornauer** for a great job with the Cub

Scout Lock-In. Thank you everyone!

Bad weather alert

In bad weather, call 800-844-7268 ext. 235

for updates on district meeting cancellations.

Online Recharter Training is January 9

Remember we are using online rechartering again this year. Having an up-to-date roster with every youth and adult registered will be very helpful to you!

Kit Marty will be conducting Unit

Recharter Training for all unit chairmen and charter partner representatives on **Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., at the Medina United Methodist Church.**

Mark your calendar for recharter turn-in

Recharter Turn-In Day is March 13, at the Medina United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Commissioner and district staff will be on hand to assist and review charters with pack and troop committee chairmen. Exploring Posts will not

recharter online. Included in the Recharter Day will be some training opportunities: Eagle Workshop for Life Scouts and more. A light lunch will be available to those who happen to be rechartering late in the day.

District NYLT sessions are in April

We are pleased to announce that **Tom Ables**, of Troop 517 in Brunswick, will once again lead our district NYLT (National Youth Leader Training) sessions. NYLT starts

with registration and orientation at the April 8 Roundtable. The outdoor weekend is April 17-18. Please consider this a part of your troop leadership development!

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January

- 1 Happy New Year!
 - 9 District Recharter Training—10 a.m.—Medina Methodist Church—for packs, troops, crews, & posts
 - 9 Family FOS Kick-Off—11:30 a.m.
 - 9 District Planning Meeting—11:30 a.m.
 - 14 Cub, Scout & Crew Leaders’ Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Lafayette Methodist Church
 - 22 Klondike Derby—Camp Manatoc
 - 24 Day Camp Planning Meeting
- Registration \$3.75 Boys’ Life \$3.00**

February

- 4 District Staff Meeting—7 p.m.
 - 11 Cub & Scout Leaders’ Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Summer Camp Programs
 - 20 Cub Scout Rain Gutter Regatta
 - 21 Day Camp Planning Meeting
- Registration \$2.50 Boys’ Life \$2.00**

Seneca District

**"Where the Sun Shines First
on the Great Trail Council"**



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Seneca District Vision Statement

We engage youth and families in fun, meaningful activities which develop character, leadership and decision-making skills. We inspire Portage County youth to become responsible adults who make a positive difference in their communities.

District Staff Retreat is January 30

All district staff volunteers, which includes district committee members and all commissioners, are encouraged to attend this annual reviewing, planning and strategizing retreat which will be held on **Saturday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** We will be in the main conference room on the second floor of the **Portage County Educational Services Offices** located at **326 E. Main St., Ravenna**. Interested adult unit leaders are also welcome to attend as

well as charter organization representatives.

Watch your mail for the invitation and agenda that will go out in early January. By attending this important meeting, you contribute to the success and future planning of Seneca District. Your ideas and observations are always welcome.

Please call **John Ryan at 330-677-8224** or **Elliot Bennett at 330-773-0415 ext. 227** to RSVP so that we'll have an idea of the quantity of refreshments and materials to have on hand.

Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim on Jan. 16

It's on **Saturday, January 16, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

- Kent Roosevelt High School Pool, Rt. 43, Kent
- All Cubs (Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos)
- Pay at the door

Plan to bring your Cub Scouts to this popular event. Grab your swim trunks and

towel and come on over. It only costs \$4 per swimmer to spend some time in the water and chase away those winter blues. **Contact Jim Mikesina at 330-296-8853.**

Internet Recharter Training is Feb. 11

Now's the time to put this very important Roundtable date on your calendar. Why? Because we'll be reviewing the online rechartering process as well as handing out the recharter packet materials.

It's very important to have at least one person from every unit at this meeting and

preferably the person that will be doing the online rechartering.

Remember to get all your membership registrations turned in before as having an up-to-date roster with every youth and adult registered will be very helpful to you.

Please plan on attending.

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January

- 7 Commissioner Staff Meeting—6:15 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—6:45 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 14 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 16 Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim
 - 16 Merit Badge Challenge #2—9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Aurora
 - 20 Nominating Committee Meeting—Location TBA
 - 22-24 Boy Scout/Venture Klondike—Camp Butler
 - 25 District FOS Kick-Off & Training—Time & Location TBA
 - 30 District Staff Retreat—Portage Co. Educational Services (formerly Boecker's Bldg.), 326 E. Main St., Ravenna
- Registration \$5.00 Boys' Life \$4.00**

February

- 4 Commissioner & District Staff Meeting—**CANCELLED**
 - 5 Cub Scout "Wear Your Uniform to School Day"
 - 7 Scout Sunday
 - 11 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 16 District FOS Report Meeting—Location TBA
 - 17 Nominating Committee Meeting—Location TBA
- Registration \$3.75 Boys' Life \$3.00**

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”



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“Century of Honor” Klondike January 29-31, 2010

This year’s Klondike highlights the last 100 years of Scouting and looks to start the next century of the program. Come with us as we honor the program that has become the largest youth organization in the world. Travel through the last 100 years of the Scouting movement and help us begin the next “Century of Honor”.

Each patrol will guide their Klondike sled from one winter challenge to another during the Saturday event stations. At each station the team will have a problem to solve. Each problem will have a point value and many will be timed. Saturday Event Stations—look for the return of some old Scout skills, as well as some of the mainstays. The travois relay competition will be on Saturday afternoon. Troops will construct a travois and move from station to

station. Patrols will be judged in four categories, accurate first aid, teamwork, Scout spirit and time.

The traditional sled race will be on Friday night.

Volunteers are needed for event station leaders. We’re looking for more help. **If you’d like to volunteer or have ideas, please contact Mike Fasig at 330-825-9828, or 330-329-8586, or mfscouter@aol.com.**

Leaders Guides are available online at oldportage.org—click on upcoming events then click on “Century of Honor.” Leaders Guides have also been placed in your unit saddlebag.

2009 FOS hits goal

Old Portage was the first district to achieve its 2009 Friends of Scouting goal of \$41,000. Even with the challenges in 2009 OP comes out a winner.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who made this year a success!

2010 FOS dates

We still need FOS dates from some Old Portage units. We will be calling, so please have date, time, and place ready.

Anyone having a Scouting story to help with presentations, please call **John Starrett at 330-773-0415 ext. 239**.

OP exceeds last year’s popcorn sale

We are currently at \$180,000 in popcorn sales for Old Portage District. Some popcorn is still available at the Scout office on a first come, first served basis.

We had units that were down in sales, but we also had units that **e x c e l l e d**. Congratulations to Pack 3385 and Pack 3300. Both increased their

sales by 75%. Other units that were up in sales include Troops 75, 308, 380, 387, and Packs 3210 and 3380.

Thank you to all of the units, leaders, kernels, and most of all to the Scouts for their hard work.

Don’t strike out and miss this event

The Cub Scout Bowling Derby will be held on Sunday, February 7, from 2-4 p.m. (registration at 1 p.m.), at Charger Lanes, 1213 Norton Ave., Norton.

All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and their families are invited to attend this fun-filled event! Two hours of

bowling with your friends for the low cost of \$5 (price includes shoes too!).

Trophies will be awarded for High Game in each level and all Scouts will be able to earn their bowling belt loops.

For details contact arnusbaum@aol.com.

January

- 7 District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ
- 14 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church
- 29-31 Klondike “Century of Honor” - Camp Manatoc Training Lodge
Registration \$3.75 Boys’ Life \$3.00

February

- 4 District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ
- 6 University of Scouting—Chapel in Green
- 7 Bowling Derby—2-4 p.m.—Charger Lanes, 1213 Norton Ave., Norton
Registration \$2.50 Boys’ Life \$2.00

Pathfinder District



“Diversity among the Scouting masses”

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Pathfinder District Mission Statement

The mission of the Pathfinder District is to provide activities and opportunities for children to develop self-esteem, character, personal fitness and citizenship. The Pathfinder District seeks to attain these goals among minority, low-income and disadvantaged youth. It's the toughest market we serve, but it's the one area where we can make a noticeable difference in a child's quality of life.

Pathfinder Quote of the Month

“Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today.”

- Abraham Lincoln

Pack 100 takes part in Africa on Wheels

Africa on Wheels is sponsoring its next Urban Science Fair in Akron, on Saturday, May 8, at the City of Akron's Northwest Recreation Center located at 1730 Shatto Blvd., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Teachers, students, and tutors from the University of Akron will be educating Pack 100 for four hours/month leading up to the fair in May on each youth's individual science project to enter in the competition. Levels of competition range from grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-10. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at all levels based on originality, science content, and workmanship. The event will also have

speakers, vendors, music, health food and many prizes (including roller skates, bicycles, cell phones, Ipods, DVD players, and computers). Africa on Wheels works in collaboration with the Akron Public Schools. Its purpose is to attract students to the fun and interesting world of science!

Pathfinder Scouts will be learning about exciting topics at their meetings in 2010

Citizenship in the Community

Scouts will learn about local government structure and their role in the community. Scouts will get to share about their favorite parts of their community.

Environmental Science

Scouts will learn about the environment and ways to protect the environment. Scouts participate in and conduct experiments designed to demonstrate soil erosion, oil spills, and other environmental events.

Fingerprinting

Scouts will learn the difference between biometric fingerprints and fingerprints used by the police. Scouts will also learn how to take fingerprints and will be able to make a fingerprint card to keep.

First Aid

Scouts will learn about basic first aid and safety. Scouts will get to practice some first aid techniques with each other.

Public Speaking

Scouts will speak in front of a small group and learn some techniques for presenting to large audiences. This topic will also give Scouts a chance to learn more about each other.

Space Exploration

Scouts will learn about the space shuttle, space travel, and space missions. Every Scout will get to build and launch model rockets, design their own space station, and make a playing card about a famous space pioneer.

Athletics

Scouts will learn about participating in organized sports while learning the rules, first aid for athletics, skills, and stretching techniques. Scouts will also get to participate in a team environment as well.

January

Kent State/Akron U Basketball Game

February

Skating—Rocky's in Tallmadge

March

Cleveland Cavaliers Game

April

Pinewood Derby—Voriss Elementary

Venturing/Exploring
Energy...Excitement...Enthusiasm



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2009-2010 Venturing & Explorer units

The following is a list of the current Venturing/Exploring Division's crews and posts. We are always adding new crews and posts as well. If you would like to start a new group or know someone who does, please contact Brandon Buckner, district executive, at 330-773-0415 ext. 230 for more info.

Upcoming Venturing Forum dates

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|------------------|--|
| 1/11/2010 | Awards, Advancement, Leadership Training & Opportunities |
| 3/8/2010 | Preparation for High Adventure |
| 5/3/2010 | Mountain (high country) Survival |

Tell us a story for our Monthly Highlight

We're looking for some great stories about our youth and leaders. If you have a story, please email it to *bbuckner@bsamail.org*.

Calling all crews!

Who: All adult and crew officers in Venturing
What: Council Venturing Forum
Where: Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron
When: Monday, Jan. 11
Why: Networking, training, problem solving, program helps, recruitment assistance, and much more!

Please respond via email with the number of attendees from your unit, as well as with any questions or ideas to Charlie EuBank at *creubank@johndclunk.com*

New Explorer Post announced

Please welcome the Akron Fire Department Explorer Post to Great Trail Council! The new post will be run with the help of Captain Al Bragg, Chief Dennis Stoneman, and Tri-Fires own Lt. Jeff Derrenberger.

Explorers will learn first-hand how exciting being a firefighter can be by working side-by-side with actual Akron firefighters. Explorers will have the opportunity to respond to real emergencies with firefighters and paramedics, and assist them by performing routine supervised tasks.

The Fire Explorer Post is a co-ed program for youth ages 14-20. If you are interested in joining, please contact District Executive Brandon Buckner, at 330-773-0415 ext. 230.

| Subject | Sponsor |
|------------------|--|
| Career Awareness | PATHS |
| Engineering | Lockheed Martin |
| Law Enforcement | Akron Police Department |
| Law | Akron Bar Association |
| Health Care | Children's Hospital |
| Medicine | Summa Health System |
| Physical Therapy | Akron General Wellness Center |
| Veterinarian | Akron Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center |
| Automotive | Akron Auto Clinic |
| Fire & Rescue | Doylestown Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Akron Fire Department |
| Physical Therapy | Kent State Athletics Department |
| Career Awareness | Alchemy, Inc. |
| Journalism/Web | Akron Beacon Journal |
| Career Awareness | Collage Winterguard Dance Team |
| Fire & Rescue | Brimfield Fire Department |
| Outdoor | Camp Manatoc |
| Fire & Rescue | Copley Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Creston Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Hinckley Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Mantua/Shalersville Fire Department |
| Law Enforcement | Medina County Sheriffs Department |
| Health Care | Akron University Nursing Department |
| Military | Garfield High School NJROTC |
| Fire & Rescue | Sharon Township Fire Department |
| Fire & Rescue | Wadsworth Fire & EMS |

Marnoc Lodge #151 Order of the Arrow



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OA elections right around the corner

The 2010 election packet will be ready by the Winter Banquet, so you can be ready for the 2010 OA elections. This year, the election season will be from January 1st to April 15th. It has been moved to better serve the candidates going through the first Ordeal, but it also gives the units more time for elections.

As in the past, you will have 3 options for unit elections:

- Running your own

elections and turning in results

- Scheduling a time for a lodge representative to be present to help with elections, but you run them yourself
- Scheduling a time for a lodge representative to come and run the election for your troop.

There will be more information about OA Elections in the 2010 election packet and future articles.

Good places to go camping 2.0

Camping Promotions for the lodge has two main things that we are working on for you. First, we have the High-Adventure Clearinghouse. This is a place on the Marnoc website where people post open spots that they have in high adventure or camping trips. That way, if others would like to go camping, or really want to go on a certain high adventure, you have that option. We are also working on a 'Where to go Camping' guide, to help troops find new places to camp. Keep in mind that both of these things are works in progress, and the only way for them to

work is if you submit your own information. If your troop has a favorite camping spot, or you have an upcoming camping trip where you would like more people to come, please submit the info on marnoc.org under Camping Promotion, or you can send me an e-mail at camping@marnoc.org. Any information is appreciated!

Join the 2010 National Jamboree Order of the Arrow staff

In less than 11 months, over 40,000 Boy Scouts will become a part of Jamboree City at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia. 2010 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Scouting and you will want to be a part of this celebration.

The Order of the Arrow needs to recruit 500 youth and adults to be a part of its staff to make its programs a success at the National Scout Jamboree. The Order will run three programs—The OA Service Corps, The Mysterium Compass, and the OA Indian Village.

At the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, the OA will be celebrating its 60th anniversary of the OA Service Corps. The OA Service Corps provides assistance in many Jamboree and program and support areas.

The OA Indian Village will have representatives of various tribes of North America, will assist Scouts in earning the Indian Lore Merit Badge, and will have tribal vignettes of dancers and singers traveling throughout the Jamboree.

The Mysterium Compass will offer a patrol based activity that will take Scouts through a series of challenges with special effects and theatrical acting similar to the previous OA shows including Scoutopia and Odyssey of the Law.

If you are interested in applying for staff, as either a youth or adult OA member, or are just wishing that you had more information on which to make your informed decision, use the internet addresses found in the masthead above. Remember that there is a SIGNIFICANT discount for OA Staff.

Elangomats wanted!

Summer Ordeals will be upon us, along with all the responsibilities they entail. Over the next few months, the Ordeal Committee will be seeking out 18 Elangomats for this summer. If you are

interested, contact the Ordeal Chair at ordeal@marnoc.org. We will be sure to make it worth your while.

January

20 LEC

February

6 University of Scouting

13 Vigil Elections

24 LEC

Chippewa District cont'd.

Duty to God: religious activities

What is a Scouting religious activity? Here are some: conducting service projects, attending religious services as a unit, sharing prayer on overnight outings, attending retreats, working on religious emblems, learning about careers or

vocations in ministry, and observing Scout Sunday. What activities does your troop use to fulfill its "duty to God"?

For more information, contact Ed Martin, Chippewa District Director of Religious Emphasis, at 330-350-1290 or martinedp@hotmail.com.

Seneca District cont'd.

Wear Your Uniform to School Day

Wear your uniform to school on February 5. Cubmasters, put your packs in the community limelight and "show off" your Cub Scouts in their schools during Scout Anniversary week. Let's show lots of Scouting spirit by having your

Cubs wear their uniforms to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Wow, that would be about 700 boys in uniforms throughout the area schools!

February 7 begins Scout Week

Scout Sunday is February 7 and marks the start of Scout Week. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America in the United States. Make plans for your unit to attend a religious service of your choice on this date or anytime during the week of the

7th as a uniformed pack, troop, or crew and receive 15 points toward a special 2010 Scout Anniversary Recognition ribbon.

For more information go to gtcbsa.org and click on the 100th Anniversary Engagement Programs booklet.

"100 Years of Klondike"

"100 Years of Klondike" is the theme for Klondike on Jan. 22-24, at Camp Butler. Check in begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, followed by an SPL meeting at 8:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. The fee is \$6 per person. Remember to

dress appropriately for the weather. Tennis shoes are not permitted.

Brush up on your BSA history and be ready for good old-fashioned fun!

Questions? Email Tim Muir at tmuir1@gamil.com.

Lakes District cont'd.

Klondike will combine old and new

Klondike will be held on January 8, 9, and 10, 2010, at Camp Butler. HQ will be at Boyce Lodge and the cost is \$10 per person. Saturday's events include a hot soup lunch and a return by popular demand of "The Earl of

Sandwich."

Come on out and experience some new events, some old events, and have a great time.

Questions? Call David Polacek at 330-825-2950.

Day camp planning is in the works

Yes, we are already planning the Lakes District 2010 District Day Camp. This year day camp will be held at Southgate Park again. The dates are

July 26-28 for Cub Scouts and July 29 - 31 for Webelos. Tigers will have their own Cub Day Camp on July 25. Please be looking for more information in February.

Grab your chariot and join in the fun!

Whoever thought that turning a cardboard box into a roman chariot could be so much fun! The Scouts turn into horses in the blink of an eye! The race is really quite simple. Come see for yourself what everyone's talking about!

The chariot race is on January 23, at Green Intermediate School (1737 Steese Rd., Uniontown), with registration beginning at 1:45 p.m.

We are requiring pre-

registration again this year. The closing date for pre-registration will be January 9. Please find a list of forms you will need at www.pack3330.org. Return the registration form together with the \$7 entrance fee per chariot (non-refundable), and a welcome packet will be emailed to the provided address.

Questions? Email chariotrace@pack3330.org or call Lori at 330-351-1866 or Jennifer at 330-896-5708.

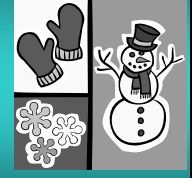
Vintage Pinewood Derby display

We are looking for vintage (more than 10 years old) Pinewood Derby cards and trophies to display at the Lakes Pinewood Derby in March in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. If you

have any derby cards or trophies you would like to add to the display, please email Rob Valloric, Cubmaster of Pack 3330, at cubmaster@pack3330.org.



18TH ANNUAL SCOUTING SKI DAYS FEBRUARY 13-15, 2010!



Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts are conducting the 18th Annual "Scouting Ski Days," **February 13-15, 2010**, for ALL Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring families in the Great Trail Council.

Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts are offering Scout skiing for \$40 and Scout snowboarding for \$45. This includes an ALL DAY lift ticket, your ski or snowboard rental (if needed) and a beginner's lesson (if needed).

To receive this special package deal, you must **purchase a special SCOUT IDENTITY TAG for \$2 per person from the Great Trail Council Scout Shop** by mail or in person. Anyone

associated with Scouting can purchase tickets for this program.

Your lift ticket is valid at both Boston Mills and Brandywine, but all lessons must be taken at Brandywine Ski Resort. ***If your Scout is going to ski at Boston Mills, they must be accompanied by adult leadership at all times.***

Present your Scout Identity Tag at Brandywine or Boston Mills to receive the \$40 ski / \$45 snowboard package. *Please Note: The ski/snowboard fees are paid directly to Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resort, NOT the Scout Shop.***

Group lessons are offered each day for beginners only (no

lessons for children under 8 years old). Reservations must be made in advance for a group beginner's lesson time by filling out the form below. Scouts interested in pursuing the Snow Sports Merit Badge (downhill only) must contact the Brandywine Snow Sports School for further details at 1-800-875-4241 ext. 3008. There is an additional cost of \$15 per person and badge requirements will be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday only.

Please note that no fee adjustments will apply to this special \$40 ski/\$45 snowboard package if you choose to use your own equipment.

Please fill out the Ski Days Sign-Up Form

(below) completely and return with your Scout Identity Tag money. The special Scout Identity Tags will be available in the Great Trail Council Scout Shop starting December 1. **Deadline for sign-ups is February 11, 2009.**

The lesson program is limited to 100 lessons per hour on Saturday, 70 lessons per hour on Sunday, and 50 lessons per hour on Monday. ***Send your reservations in early to assure your lesson time!***

Questions? Call Brandon Buckner at 330-773-0415 ext. 230.

*** Please note that HELMETS ARE REQUIRED for downhill skiing and snowboarding! If you own your own helmet, please bring it with you. There will be a limited number of helmets available to rent on site for \$10 each.**

www.gtcbasa.org/UpcomingEvents/2010ScoutSkiDaysFlyer.pdf

Council Calendar

January

- 1 Happy New Year! Scout Shop/office closed
- 11 Cub/Boy Scout Training Committee
- 12 Family FOS Teams
- 17 Wood Badge Dinner
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 19 Camping Committee
- 20 Advancement Committee
- 20 OA—LEC
- 21 Family FOS Teams
- 21 University of Scouting Committee
- 23 Executive Board Retreat
- 26 District Key 3
- 27 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 28 Camporall Committee

February

- 1 100th Anniversary Committee
- 3 Jamboree Committee
- 4 Finance Committee
- 4 University of Scouting Committee
- 6 University of Scouting
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 100th Reception
- 8 Executive Board/Committee
- 8 VIP Fleur De Lis
- 12 Candy Order
- 13 OA Vigil Committee
- 13-15 Scout Ski Days
- 15 President's Day—Scout Shop/Office closed
- 16 Membership Team
- 16 Volunteer Growth Conference
- 17 High Adventure Committee
- 18 Camporall Committee
- 18 Endowment Committee
- 20 Trainer's Edge
- 22 100th Anniversary Committee
- 22 Eagle Dinner Committee
- 23 Council Commissioners
- 23 University of Scouting Committee
- 24 OA—LEC
- 24 SOR/Pinewood Committee
- 25 Camp Promotions Committee
- 25 FOS Kick-Off #1
- 25 Jamboree Parents Meeting
- 25 Risk Management
- 26 Marketing Committee
- 27 Campmasters' Meeting
- 27 Candy Pick-Up
- 27 NESAs Reception

