

# Scouters' News

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

### Great Trail Council begins Centennial Anniversary at First Night Akron



A group of Cub Scouts led the First Night Akron parade to the countdown clock, and ushered in more than the year 2010—they started the clock for the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Twenty Scouts set up a typical camp at Cascade Plaza in downtown for the First Night activities, where they served hot chili to New Years Eve revelers beginning at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. the Cubs from the Ellet and Kenmore areas of Akron led the parade to unveil the time clock.

The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its centennial across the country in 2010, culminating in a specially timed National Jamboree for about 40,000 Scouts at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia in August.

Throughout the year, Great Trail Council will mark the centennial with special events.

Units are being asked to plant trees at

the locations where they meet, and alongside the tree, place a stone marking the 100th anniversary. The council office has arranged for 35 Arbor Day trees in parks throughout the area it serves. Those trees also will be marked with the specially emblazoned stone commemorating the anniversary.

On the national level in February, the federal government will issue special stamps and silver-dollar coins marking the anniversary.

On March 23, there will be special recognition at the annual Eagle Banquet at Firestone Country Club. Mike Jones, executive director of the council, said that this is the second-largest class of Eagle Scouts in Great Trail's history. He also said that in spite of the economy's downturn, the number of youth in the program remains very strong this year.

There will be other events, including public service projects, campouts, a Pinewood Derby for community celebrities and a dinner gala at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton on May 10.

### 2010 Family Friends of Scouting Celebrating 100 years of Scouting!



In 2009, units and families throughout the Great Trail Council generously donated over \$174,000 to help support the council and our many outstanding programs and facilities. Thank you!

2010 is the 100th Anniversary of Scouting and we couldn't be prouder!

We encourage very unit to participate in our 2010 Family FOS Campaign and allow

one of our "all-star presenters", who were trained on January 12 and 21, to come tell our "Scouting Story".

It is our hope that these presenters will be vibrant, fresh, informative, and add to your program that day/evening.

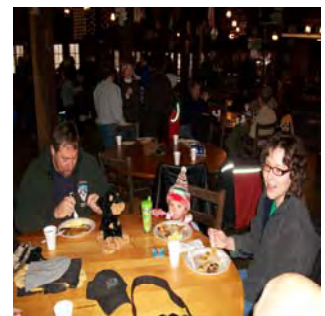
In advance, thank you for being a part of this exciting time as we celebrate 100 years of Scouting!

### Breakfast with Santa was a big success!

Camp Manatoc hosted its first ever breakfast with Santa at the historic Camp Manatoc Dining Hall. Over 100 tots and one "big one" (see photo at bottom left) attended to

visit with St. Nick.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped and the "lady engineers" for cooking a great meal. Watch for next year's date!



## ***Council Information***

### **Thanks to FOS**

The Great Trail Council's outstanding Scouting programs throughout Summit, Portage, Medina, and northern Wayne Counties continue to show our commitment to kids and the belief that our future is in their hands.

BSA programs for boys, young adults and adult volunteers range from traditional Cub and Boy Scout programs to special needs, inner-city (at risk youth), in-school educational and outdoor high adventure Venturing programs.

Our vision is to provide programs based on Scouting's guiding principles of character development, citizenship training and the development of physical and mental fitness.

#### ***Scouting's success in the Great Trail Council!***

- \* More than 13,000 Scouting families are registered in the Great Trail Council through 400 packs, troops and crews.
- \* More than 4,000 adult volunteer leaders provide role models for our youth members.
- \* Annually, over 3,500 boys attend summer camp at Camps Manatoc and Butler experiencing new skills, participating in team-building exercises and challenging themselves with

programs ranging from swimming to shot gun shooting.

- \* In 2009 166 boys were honored with the highest rank a boy can achieve in Scouting—the Eagle Scout Award.
- \* Last year, over one million service hours were provided by Scouts and adult volunteers within our local communities.
- \* Two boys were honored with the BSA National Heroism Award for saving a life in 2009.
- \* Over 300 boys participated in our Pathfinder Scouting Initiative Program serving at-risk youth.

#### ***In 2009—funds for the FOS campaign...***

- \* Allowed us to maintain year-round operation of Camps Manatoc and Butler with 46 cabins, two lakes, two pools, and over \$300,000 worth of program equipment.
- \* Re-roof Forester Lodge and the Butler Directors cabin.
- \* Expand the white water kayaking program.
- \* Begin construction of a new archery range at Camp Butler.
- \* And much, much, more!

**Thank you for supporting our 2010 FOS Campaign.**

### **Silver Beaver applications due**

Council Silver Beaver Chairman Dave Wright announces that the 2010 applications are due in the Scout office by March 5, 2010. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can present to a volunteer for

outstanding service to Scouting and his/her community. The award will be presented at the annual meeting on May 10, at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton. Award applications are available through your district executive.

### **Council annual election notice**

Council President Jim Nilsen has announced that Bill Considine will serve as the 2010 council nomination chairman for the May 10, 2010 annual meeting and election of executive board and officers. Nominations from the field can be sent to

Council Nomination Chairman Bill Considine, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068. The annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton. No nominations will be accepted from the floor and must be submitted in writing by April 10, 2010.

### **Summer Camp Leaders' Meeting**

This meeting is for all units attending Camp Manatoc this summer. The date is April 24, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., at the dining hall. For Scoutmasters, senior patrol leaders, and interested Scouters,

you'll receive info about our summer camp program and policies.

Venture Crew 2300 will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 a.m.-8:45 a.m., for \$4 per person, payable at the door.

### **2010 Camp Staff Reunion "Rekindle the Spark"**

Attention: all Great Trail camp staff members from the last 100 years...We are planning to have our second annual gathering this July at Camp Manatoc. Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 23 & 24. Get reacquainted with old friends and make some new ones. Many stories and pictures will be shared Friday night and we

have plenty of activities planned on Saturday at Camp Manatoc. Come see all the improvements over the last 50 years and see the new dining hall kitchen. Just check out the website [www.gtcbasa.org](http://www.gtcbasa.org) and go to the camping link for more info and registration. The next reunion will be in 2015, so don't miss out. Questions? Call camp at 330-657-2418.

## 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 is 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.

#### 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**

### February leaders' checklist

#### Cub Scout Pack Check List

- Recruit a camp chairperson.
- Prepare for camp sign-up in February, March or April.
- Turn in remainder of new boy and leader applications.
- Complete charter online or start the process of rechartering for March/April charter districts.
- Prepare for Pinewood Derby.
- Prepare for 100th Anniversary events.
- Hold a blue and gold banquet.
- Identify leaders that need training and schedule date.
- Attend roundtable.
- Conduct your unit's Family FOS presentation.

#### Boy Scout Troop Check List

- Sign up for summer camp.
- Identify leaders that need training and schedule date.
- Complete charter online or start the process of rechartering for March/April charter districts.
- Attend roundtable.
- Prepare for 100th Anniversary events.
- Conduct your unit's Family FOS presentation.

#### Webelos

Webelos Scouts who are in their final year in the pack should be

completing their Arrow of Light requirements during the next few months. Webelos Leaders and Scoutmasters should be arranging visits to facilitate these Arrow of Light requirements:

1. Webelos Scout visits a Boy Scout troop meeting with his den.
2. The Webelos Scout visits a Boy Scout troop meeting with his parent or guardian.
3. The Webelos Scout visits a Boy Scout troop at an outdoor activity.
4. The Webelos Scout fills out a Boy Scout membership application.

If your are not sure who leads the Cub Scout pack, the den, or the Scout troop, ask your commissioner or district executive. They will help you contact the other unit so that this important process can start. Remember, as soon as a Webelos Scout earns his Arrow of Light award, he is eligible to join Boy Scouts and start the next phase of the Scouting adventure.

## Council Information

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

### 2010 Friends of Scouting

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 continue this incredible tradition by becoming a "Friend of Scouting".

### How can your unit become a Family Friends of Scouting unit?

- ✓ Unit leaders pick a date in February or March when your unit has a meeting with the best attendance (leaders, Scouts, and families)...blue and gold banquets/courts of honor/awards banquets/pinewood derbies.
- ✓ Contact your district family FOS chairman (see list below) and coordinate to have a district presenter come to your meeting for a 7-10 minute presentation on our "100 Years of Scouting" FOS presentation. We want each and every family to have the opportunity to

support our programs!

- ✓ Assign a unit leader to coordinate this process and orchestrate the follow-up with families not in attendance.

Please join the over 225 units who have taken ownership of this program and have supported the Great Trail Council.

### 2010 Family FOS Council Team

District	Name & Email	Phone #
Tri-Fires	Nora Jones nordle61@yahoo.com	330-676-0338
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Chippewa	Julie Nelson silverladyjn@yahoo.com Tim Boberg tboberg@zoominternet.net	330-242-6836  330-723-1531
Lakes	Christine Pizzute ohioparrothead@neo.rr.com	330-961-7025
Old Portage	Bart Sauer bartsauer@aol.com	330-659-0663
Council Family FOS Chairman	Bob Saffle bsaffle@ford.com	330-665-4490
Council Advisor	Jody Gildersleeve jgilders@bsamail.org	330-773-0415 ext. 218

## Council Information

### 2009 Trail's End Popcorn Sale Units earned over \$425,000...Wow!

Congratulations to the 221 units that participated in the 2009 Trail's End Popcorn Sale. Over 4,000 Scouts sold nearly 76,000 containers of popcorn. Great job everybody...we continue to "set the mark" for all of the councils throughout Ohio.

### And the 2009 top sellers are...

#### 2009 Council Top Salesmen

Nicholas Kuchar	Pack 3380	\$7,798
Tim Wintering	Troop 265	\$5,613
Dylan Cook	Pack 3380	\$3,569

#### Council Top 3 Units

Pack 3322	Moe	\$33,287
Pack 3330	Lakes	\$25,066
Pack 3501	Chippewa	\$19,314

#### Top Selling Pack

Pack 3322	Moe	\$33,287
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#### Top Selling Troop

Troop 380	Old Portage	\$16,272
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#### Top Selling Units by District

Chippewa	Pack 3501	\$19,314
	Pack 3507	\$18,163
	Pack 3411	\$16,833
Lakes	Pack 3330	\$25,066
	Pack 3132	\$13,790
	Pack 3146	\$12,536
Moecomdws	Pack 3322	\$33,287
	Pack 3169	\$18,331
	Pack 3327	\$15,347
Old Portage	Pack 3385	\$18,492
	Pack 3380	\$18,374
	Troop 380	\$16,272
Seneca	Pack 3269	\$18,708
	Pack 3250	\$14,471
	Pack 3280	\$14,047
Tri-Fires	Pack 3081	\$14,359
	Pack 3048	\$8,973
	Pack 3310	\$7,302

### E.D.G.E. Training will be on Feb. 20 Explain—Demonstrate—Guide—Enable

The Trainer's EDGE replaces the Trainer Development Conference as the required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and NYLT staffs. ***The purpose of the Trainer's EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development, with a focus on the participant, while raising the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience.***

You will have the opportunity to be in front of the group. The group will offer feedback that will help improve your skills as a trainer.

All participants should prepare a 10-12 minute presentation on a topic from any BSA material. You will receive constructive feedback on your presentation.

**Saturday, February 20**

**8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**(includes continental breakfast and lunch)**

**Adults \$10—Youth \$5**

**Camp Manatoc's  
Lewis Conference  
Center (Dining Hall  
basement)**

Registration forms are available at [www.gtcbasa.org](http://www.gtcbasa.org). Click on Volunteer Info and then Local Council Training.

### “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](mailto:larryandannalott@aol.com).

## Council Information

District	Charter Time-Frame
<b>Moecomdws</b> <b>Exp. Date 2/28/10</b>	<b>Training</b> —12/10/09, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Stow <b>Internet Recharter Window opens</b> —01/01/10 <b>Internet Recharter Window closes</b> —02/28/10 <b>Recharter Turn-In</b> —2/11/10, 7:15 p.m., St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Stow
<b>Lakes</b> <b>Exp. Date 2/28/10</b>	<b>Training</b> —12/10/09, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton <b>Internet Recharter Window opens</b> —01/01/10 <b>Internet Recharter Window closes</b> —02/28/10 <b>Recharter Turn-In</b> —02/11/10, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace Church, Barberton
<b>Chippewa</b> <b>Exp. Date 3/31/10</b>	<b>Training</b> —01/09/10, 10:00 a.m., Medina United Methodist Church <b>Internet Recharter Window opens</b> —02/01/10 <b>Internet Recharter Window closes</b> —03/31/10 <b>Recharter Turn-In</b> —03/13/10, 9 a.m., Medina United Methodist Church
<b>Old Portage</b> <b>Exp. Date 3/31/10</b>	<b>Training</b> —01/14/10, 7 p.m., Montrose Zion UMC <b>Internet Recharter Window opens</b> —02/01/10 <b>Internet Recharter Window closes</b> —03/31/10 <b>Recharter Turn-In</b> —03/04/10, 7 p.m., Fairlawn United Church of Christ & 03/11/10, 7 p.m., Montrose Zion UMC
<b>Seneca</b> <b>Exp. Date 04/30/10</b>	<b>Training</b> —02/11/10, 7 p.m., Kent United Church of Christ <b>Internet Recharter Window opens</b> —03/01/10 <b>Internet Recharter Window closes</b> —04/30/10 <b>Recharter Turn-In</b> —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 have completed your charter online. If you did not complete your charter, please contact me as soon as possible. It is important that your charter paperwork be turned in as soon as possible. The charter window opened for Moe and Lakes on January 1, and will close February 28. The charter window for Chippewa and Old Portage will open on February 1, and for Seneca on March 1. 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, 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 in your unit. Make sure they are marked appropriately and that they are paying in the right unit. Also, the only way you can transfer youth or adults 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 rechar-

tered with the pack. If they did it will be a transfer, if not they will be considered a new youth. We recommend that the pack does not recharter them and the troop registers them as a 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*, so do not mark each adult to receive *Boys' Life*. If you do we will flag it and your unit's charter will be put on hold until we get the correct information.

### What's the difference between an access code and a unit ID number?

An access code is used for internet rechartering. The access code is only good for the charter you will be preparing 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.

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@bsaemail.org](mailto:pgaugler@bsaemail.org).

## Council Information

### Leader's guide to training

A direct contact Scout leader is considered fully trained and entitled to wear the "Trained" leader emblem when he or she has completed the following training courses and the specific training for the position.

#### **Fast Start Training**

Fast Start Training is the first step for all new leaders and should be taken immediately after they register and before they meet with any youth members. New leaders choose the Fast Start they need to take: Cub Scout Leader, Boy Scout Leader, Varsity Scout Leader, or Venturing Crew Leader. All Fast Start courses are available on DVD, or they can be completed through the Online Learning Center (if you are new to Scouting you will be asked to create an account).

#### **Youth Protection Training**

Youth Protection Training is required for all leaders who have direct contact with

youth. At all times, youth safety is the number one priority. At the same time, adults need to know the rules for keeping themselves safe, too. Comprehensive Youth Protection Training teaches all the do's and don'ts of working with youth. The training is offered through the Online Learning Center, or it may be taken as part of a district or council training course.

#### **This Is Scouting**

This Is Scouting is a new online training session that replaces New Leader Essentials. It picks up where Fast Start leaves off with six modules of training: The Mission of Scouting, Programs for All Ages, Scouting Is Fun, Scouting in the Community, Keeping Our Youth Safe, and Scouting's Legacy. The training takes about an hour to complete and can be found at the Online Learning Center (if you are new to Scouting you will be asked to create an account).

#### **Position Specific Training**

Leader Position Specific Training is based on the leader's position within the unit. These courses are taught by informed trainers who know how to engage groups and make learning fun. These courses are offered by the district or council as group training, or may be done as small groups or by personal coaching.

#### **Cub Scout Leaders**

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training has been developed for the following positions:

Tiger Cub den leaders  
Cubmasters and assistants  
Wolf and Bear den leaders and assistants  
Pack committee  
Webelos den leaders and assistants  
Pack trainers

#### **Boy Scout Leaders**

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is for all Scoutmasters and their assistants. Boy Scout leaders must

also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training to be considered fully trained.

#### **Varsity Scout Leaders**

Varsity Scout Coach Leader Specific is for all Varsity coaches and assistants. Varsity coaches and assistant coaches must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training to be considered fully trained.

#### **Venturing Crew Leaders**

Venturing crew leaders and assistants must complete Venturing Leader Specific Training, a five-session training course, to be considered fully trained. Venturing crew leaders whose crews have an outdoor program must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Skills Training to be considered fully trained.

### **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.

**Moecomdws District**  
**"It's A Matter Of Pride"**



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**Award nominees wanted for 2010**

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

**District Award of Merit:** Council level

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a few

award presented by districts to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at a district level.

**Spark Plug Award:** Honors registered adults working at the unit level who put an extra "spark" in the unit's program in the past year.

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

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

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

**Moe is having a spring training day**

Are all of your leaders trained? Moe is having the annual spring training day on Saturday, March 27. It will be held at Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 60 N. River Rd.,

Munroe Falls. If you have specific questions please email Harry Walker at [harrywalker@hotmail.com](mailto:harrywalker@hotmail.com) Details will be printed in a training brochure that will be in saddlebags

**"Escape from Butler" - a huge success!**

Drifting into the 1940's was quite a treat with the WWII "Escape from Butler" Klondike. Nostalgia abounded with the Red Cross volunteers canteening and the challenging maneuvers presented by the 106th Cavalry/83rd Infantry reenactors and the "troops" of 152! A big thank you goes out to Troop 152's Scouts, leaders and parents for a dynamic event.

There were more than 300 people at the Klondike. Fifteen troops participated, two of them were from out of council, traveling from as far away as Dayton. The weather was perfect,

still some snow, no rain, and warm enough that there was no frostbite!

Klondike winners: Medal of Honor (1st Place) - Troop 333, Patrol 20; 2nd Place—Troop 777, Patrol 26; and 3rd Place—Troop 179, Patrol 10. First Place in the Sled Race went to Troop 179, Patrol 11. Outstanding Sled Theme Design was won by Troop 777, Patrol 26. The Purple Heart Award went to Troop 177, Patrol 29.

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

March

- 4 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Library
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 11 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
- 27 Moe Training Day
- Registration \$15.00 Boys' Life \$12.00

**Lakes District**  
**“Leads the Way”**



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**Announcing 2010 Candy Sale**

Is your unit looking to earn a few extra dollars before day camp, summer camp or any other activities you have planned for this summer? The 2010 candy sale begins this month. There are larger candies in the new carriers @ \$2 each. Kit Kats, Hershey w/ Almond, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, and Twizzler's.

Units make a \$30.00 profit on each

carrier sold (30 candies). Order forms must be received by February 12. Orders will be picked up on Saturday, February 27, and money must be turned into the Scout Service Center by April 9. Call Jody Gildersleeve with any questions at (330) 773-0415 ext. 218.

**Have you qualified for the Centennial Quality Award?**

2010 is the final year of four to qualify for the Centennial Quality Award. Please take the time to sit with your unit commissioner, our

District Commissioner, Mark Hampson or Senior District Executive Dennis Vargo, to set the goals for your unit.

**Gentlemen, start building your cars!**

The District Pinewood Derby will be held Saturday, April 10,

2010. More info will follow at roundtables.

**2010 Roundtable Themes**

February	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
	Take Flight	Athlete & Engineer	TBD
March	Spring into Action	Sportsman & Family Member	GPS Tr118
April	In the Spotlight	Outdoorsman & Artist	Dutch Oven Cooking Tr 215

**It's Webelos-To-Scout Transition time**

February is the month in which most Cub Scouts make the transition into a Boy Scout troop. This can be both an exciting and scary time for these young Scouts. The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of the Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Webelos dens should visit several troops before deciding which unit they want to join, and the Boy Scout troops should welcome the Webelos realizing that these boys may be the future of that troop.

In order to make the passage from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts as smooth as possible, with no time lost in between when the Webelos are ready to cross over, they and their families

should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities. They should feel excited about beginning this new adventure. Also, to make the transition complete, the troop leaders need to make sure that there is a Boy Scout application on file for all of the new Scouts. Without an application on file, any advancement the new Scout earns cannot be recorded. So, please, let's do everything possible to make this transition as smooth and comfortable as possible for our new Boy Scouts.

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<u>February</u>	
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 to Scout Service Center
13	Scout Sabbath
13-15	Scout Ski Days
15	President's Day—Scout Shop/Council Service Center closed
20	Trainer's Edge
27	Candy pick-up
	<b>Registration \$1.25                      Boys' Life N/A</b>
<u>March</u>	
4	District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
11	Roundtable—Prince of Peace Church
13	Scouting for Food
20	Super Saturday
23	Eagle Dinner (new date)
	<b>Registration \$15.00                      Boys' Life \$12.00</b>

## Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws  
to Eagle Claws”



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### Recharter turn-in is March 13

Recharter Turn-In Day is March 13, at the Medina United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Commissioner and district staff will be on hand to assist and review recharter kits with pack and troop committee chairmen.

Also available that day are some training opportunities:

9 a.m.—SM Specific

and Boy Scout Leader Essentials

9 a.m.—Explorer Leader Training

10 a.m.—Eagle Workshop for Life Scouts

1 p.m.—Merit Badge Counselors Workshop

A light lunch will be available for those who happen to be rechartering late in the day. Please mark your calendars now.

### Raingutter Regatta for Chippewa Cubs

**What:** Chippewa Raingutter Regatta

**Where:** Medina Eagles, 696 Lafayette Rd., Medina

**When:** Saturday, February 20

**Who:** All Chippewa Cub Scouts and any boys living in the district who are Cub Scout age

**Registration:** 8:30 a.m.—9 a.m.

**Boat Building:** 9 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

**Boat Racing:** 10:30 a.m.—Noon

**Cost:** Early bird price of \$6 if registered by February 5. Late

registrations and walk-ins are \$10.

**Questions:** Call Carl Chudzinski at 330-769-1545.

This will be a day of fun for all Cubs, Tigers through Webelos. The Cubs will be provided with their boat kit (along with supplies for decorating it). They will be racing against Cubs of their own age (i.e. Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos). Each Cub Scout racing will receive a participation patch and the top three places in each group will receive trophies.

### Bad weather alert

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

for updates on district meeting cancellations.

### Help your local food pantry

Scouting for Food is a nationwide program of the BSA. Chippewa District is working with local groups to distribute the food to local food pantries. Here's how you and your unit can help hungry people and "Do Your Good Turn."

1. Have your unit run a food drive in your neighborhoods. Make 1-to-1 contact with residents on Saturday, March 13, to tell them about Scouting for Food and that they will be back the following Saturday to pick up the food (non-perishable and paper products). On Saturday, March

20, go back to the same houses and pick up the food.

2. Come to the Medina Career Center (JVS) at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29 to help sort and repack the collected food. There may be other packing nights available.

More details will be in your saddlebags at the February and March roundtables and will be emailed to your unit leaders and committee chairmen.

Questions? **Contact David Applegate at 330-635-0367 or email [david.applegate@earthlink.net](mailto:david.applegate@earthlink.net).**

### Get rolling at District Pinewood Derby!

Are you ready to rock and roll at this year's District Pinewood Derby? Join us for a great time on Saturday, April 17, at the Medina Eagles back hall. Remember, the top two in each rank from your pack advance to the District Pinewood Derby.

Tigers and Wolves sign in at 8:30 a.m., Bears and Webelos sign in at noon, and adults/siblings will race at 11:15 a.m. Cubmasters

please ask your Cubs to stay until their racing is finished and the awards are handed out.

There will be trophies for each rank as well as trophies for various car decorating categories. Details for cost and racing rules will be in your March saddlebags and will be mailed to your Cubmaster and committee chairman.

Questions? Call Sean Kirkpatrick at 330-331-8130.

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#### February

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| 4  | District Staff Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina Eagles Club               |
| 11 | Cub & Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Summer Camp Programs |
| 20 | Cub Scout Rain Gutter Regatta                                  |
| 21 | Day Camp Planning Meeting—2 p.m.—Brunswick Nazarene Church     |
|    | 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.

### Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim— ANOTHER DATE CHANGE

**Note this date change**—Due to a conflict at Kent Roosevelt pool, the Polar Bear Swim has been moved to February 27. We're sorry for the confusion!

#### Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim

- Saturday, Feb. 27, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Kent Roosevelt High School pool, Rt. 43, Kent

- All Cubs (Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos)
- Pay at the door (cost \$4/ea)

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 the winter blues. **Contact Jim Mikesina at 330-296-8853.**

### Roundtable & internet recharter briefing

The February 11 roundtable will not only be the regular monthly extension of the best adult leader training but will feature a special split designed to distribute and review the annual recharter packets prepared for your unit.

Our opening is at 7 p.m. sharp and along with regular split sessions for Cub Scouters, Boy Scouters, and Venturing leaders, every unit should designate a member of

the unit committee to take on the role of recharter "guru" - the person who will handle all the paperwork of the annual recharter process. They should "Be Prepared" to come to the roundtable and attend the recharter briefing split session where they will learn how to "do" recharter, receive your unit's packet, and review internet rechartering.

### Recharter turn-in breakfast is April 17

Seneca's recharter turn-in breakfast is set for Saturday, April 17, from 8—11 a.m., at Kent United Church of Christ. You'll visit stations where commissioners will review your completed paperwork, help you complete special camping and

outdoor award applications, provide you with material on *Boys' Life* and lots more. When you're finished, one of our Seneca troops will be hosting a true Boy Scout breakfast for just \$4—a great deal!

### "Wear Your Uniform to School" Day

Organize your Cub Scouts to wear their uniforms to school on February 5, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of

America and let's let everyone in Portage County know that Scouting is alive and well!

### It's time to recognize our great volunteers

We want to recognize our great volunteers at the district's volunteer recognition night on Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m., at Kent United Church of Christ.

This is a night dedicated to recognizing

all of our unit and district volunteers for all the work all of us do for kids throughout Portage County. We'll be recognizing all of our outstanding units and leaders from 2009.

**To RSVP call Beth Meyer at 330-562-6870.**

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#### 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
- 27 Cub Scout Polar Bear Swim—1-5 p.m.—Kent Roosevelt High School pool  
**Registration \$3.75      Boys' Life \$3.00**

#### March

- 4 District Committee Meeting—6:45 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 6 Merit Badge Challenge #3—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Aurora
- 11 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 19 District Pinewood Derby—Location TBA  
**Registration \$1.25      Boys' Life N/A**

## Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”



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### It's time for online rechartering

Recharter packets were distributed at the January roundtable. Rechartering is done online, so please check your saddlebags and get it done. Old Portage's window to complete this process opens on February 1, and we would like them completed by March 11. Please don't put it off!

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

Mark your calendars for June 28-30 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Day camp will run from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, with Tuesday being parent's night until 7:30 p.m.

We are currently looking for persons to staff stations at camp. Day camp is the one activity that your boys will talk about all yearlong. Junior staff is also needed from our troops. These Scouts

are important for their leadership and how the Cubs relate and look up to them.

Placemats to promote Cub Scout Day Camp are available by calling John Starrett (330-733-0415 ext. 239). Let him know how many you need for your blue and gold banquet.

Take time to be with your boy at day camp. Put it on your calendar now and look for more info in your pack saddlebags.

### Do you like to race?

Plans are in the making for our Old Portage Pinewood Derby. The date is tentatively set for Saturday, March 13. The location is Herberich Elementary School, 2645 Smith Rd.

The race is open to all Cub Scouts in the Old Portage District. Cost for the event is \$1

per participant. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and racing starts at 10 a.m.

Come one and all! Let's race!

### 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](mailto:arnusbaum@aol.com).

### 2010 Friends of Scouting 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.**

### Everyone is welcome at roundtable!

- Looking to get great ideas and be inspired?
- Want to have fun and meet other Scouters?

If you answered yes to these questions, then join us the second Thursday of every month and be prepared to have fun and laugh lots! Everyone is

welcome!

We meet at Montrose Zion United Methodist Church, 565 N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., at 7 p.m.

Do you have an area of expertise we could use to present to our leaders? Call **Dale Sroka at 330-836-7825.**

#### February

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| 2  | District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ |
| 6  | University of Scouting—Chapel in Green                          |
| 11 | Roundtable—7 p.m.—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church         |
|    | Registration \$2.50      Boys' Life \$2.00                      |

#### March

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|----|---|
| 4  | District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ |
| 11 | Roundtable—7 p.m.—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church                 |
| 13 | District Pinewood Derby—9 a.m.-Noon—Herberich Elementary School         |
| 20 | Super Saturday  |
|    | Registration \$1.25      Boys' Life N/A                                 |

# 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

*“Human behavior flows from three main sources: desire, emotion, and knowledge.”*

- Plato

### About the Pathfinder District

In February 1993, the first urban emphasis task force met to discuss what might be done to increase the service of Scouting for youth in urban areas. The Great Trail Council developed an entire district and named this district Pathfinder, stressing its focus on helping urban area young people to make ethical choices and decisions in this changing world.

The Pathfinder District has seven years experience in helping to shape and mold the values and character of at-risk youth in urban areas. This movement continues to help strengthen youth, families, and communities through comprehensive programs for its

members. The extensive nature of our Scouting programs allow the movement to address six critical elements of healthy youth development:

- Strong personal values and character
- A positive sense of self-worth and usefulness
- Caring and nurturing relationships with parents, other adults, and peers
- A desire to learn
- Productive and creative use of time
- Social adeptness

If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand, please contact Brandon Buckner at 330-773-0415 ext. 230.

## Pathfinder Scouts learning about these exciting topics in 2010

### Citizenship in the Community

Recognize government buildings, courthouses, fire stations, and police stations, chart the organization of the local or state government, list services that are provided by the government and paid for by taxpayers.

### Environmental Science

Importance of maintaining the environment and keeping things clean.

### Fingerprinting

The science of fingerprinting along with history, differences and how to identify a person. Recognizing other areas that contain unique prints.

### First Aid

For sprains, abrasions, fractures, et., importance of physical exams and maintaining good health, and practice first aid for sports injuries.

### Public Speaking

Rules of order and how to prepare a speech (types, body language, visual aids, notes, tips and tricks).

### Space Exploration

The purpose of space exploration (historical reasons, goals, benefits), the law of action-reaction, how rocket engines work and possible careers.

### Athletics

Importance of rules, first aid and stretching.

### February

- 13 Skating—Rocky's in Tallmadge
- 16 Volunteer Growth Conference
- 25 FOS Kick-Off Meeting #1

### March

Cleveland Cavaliers Game

### April

Pinewood Derby—Voris Elementary

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



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Web Page: [www.gtcbasa.org/venturing](http://www.gtcbasa.org/venturing)

**Upcoming Venturing Forum dates**

<b>5/3/2010</b>	Mountain (high country) Survival
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**Other important dates**

University of Scouting	February 16
Scout Ski Days	February 13-15
Volunteer Growth Conference	February 16
FOS Report Meeting	February 25

**Calling all crews!**

**Who:** All adult and crew officers in Venturing

**What:** Council Venturing Forum

**Where:** Great Trail Council Scout Center, 1601 S. Main St., Akron

**When:** March 8, at 7 p.m.

**Why:** Networking, training, program helps, fundraising ideas,

problem solving, 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](mailto:creubank@johndclunk.com).

**Tell us a story for our "Monthly Highlight"**

We are looking for some great stories about our youth and adult leaders. If you have a story and would like to share it with us,

please email Brandon Buckner at [bbuckner@bsamail.org](mailto:bbuckner@bsamail.org).

**Check it out!**

Please join the **Akron, OH Fire Explorer Post** page on FACEBOOK!

***Lakes District cont'd.***

**BSA 100th Anniversary Week**

The anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, February 7-13, 2010, is a great opportunity to talk to members of your community about Scouting's contributions to our nation over the past 100 years. Some Anniversary Week celebration ideas are: store displays in your community, attending Scout Sunday, conduct blue and gold banquet

or court of honor, make a formal Scouting report to your Chartered Partner and/or have an article printed in a newspaper. The thought behind this is to show that Scouting has been around for 100 years and is still going strong. Be proud to be part of such a great organization on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Start planning for District Day Camp**

Join us at Southgate Park in the City of Green. Tiger Day at Camp will be Sunday, July 25, from 1 p.m.– 5 p.m. Cub Day Camp will be Monday, July 26 thru Wednesday, July 28. Webelos Day Camp will be Thursday, July 29 thru Saturday, July 31 with the family over

night campout being on Friday, July 30. Please be aware that this year there will be a final registration date (that date is still being determined). No late registrations will be accepted and there will be no walk-ins allowed at day camp. Please start planning now!!!!

**Recognize your fellow Scouters**

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, April 23, at the social hall at First Presbyterian Church, 636 W. Park Ave., Barberton. The cost is \$8 (\$12 after April 18). Also don't forget that the District Dinner is a time to recognize your fellow Scouters for all of their hard work, dedication and service. If you know someone who goes above and beyond expectations please take the time to nominate him or her for

either the District Award of Merit or the Lakes Commodore Award. Each year Lakes district gets to award two District Award of Merits and as many Commodore Awards as there are worthy recipients. You can get forms either from roundtable or from Dennis. Nominations must be turned into Dennis no later than March 31, 2010 for consideration.

# Marnoc Lodge #151

## Order of the Arrow



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### Do you have a favorite campground?

Hello, Fellow Arrowmen!

This is your camping promotions chairman for this term. The main thing that our section of the lodge is working on is a 'Where to go Camping' guide to help troops find new places to camp. The only way for this guide to be useful is if we get feedback from everyone. If your troop has a favorite campground that you

would like to be added to the guide, send me an e-mail at [camping@marnoc.org](mailto:camping@marnoc.org). Also, if you filled out a form at the Winter Banquet and forgot to turn it back in, you can send it back with your unit elections info. Any information is appreciated!

WWW,  
Camping Promo  
Chairman

### Help spread the word about Lodge dues

Fellow Arrowmen,

First off, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Winter Banquet this year. We had a great turnout at the new location. We started accepting 2010 dues at the banquet. We are trying to contact all members more than two years behind in dues to renew their ties to the Lodge. I'm asking all Arrowmen to help get the word out to them. It's important so these members that have not paid 2010 dues will be able to participate in Lodge functions. If we can get some of this done by "word of mouth" it will save the expense of sending out a letter.

"Fellow Lodge Brothers, do you have a lodge brother in your unit that hasn't been

active or hasn't paid dues in a while? Encourage them to renew and start getting involved again".

If you missed the Winter Banquet, your next opportunity to pay your 2010 dues will be at the University of Scouting on February 6. Remember that the earlier that you pay your dues, the better chance that you will have of getting a pocket rocket. Again, thank you to those that paid their dues at the Winter Banquet.

WWW,  
Membership Chairman

### How Marnoc Lodge communicates

Marnoc Lodge #151's goal is to provide you with the most up-to-date information about the lodge and its events. There are a number of communication methods that we employ. Be sure to utilize all that are available to you.

[www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org)

our very own website is available 24x7. See the website for all the latest information. More about all the items below can be found on the Communication page of the website.

**The Sachem** is the official newsletter of Marnoc Lodge. If you are not receiving it then there could be two reasons. We don't have your current address or you are more than one year late paying your annual dues. Either way, contact the membership committee to correct. See our Sachem page on [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org) for an online copy.

**Mass email** - we occasionally will send

out information by email about upcoming events. Please contact us (via the Communication page of [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org)) if you would like to be added or removed from our email distribution list.

### SMS / Text Messaging

- Marnoc Lodge has begun to utilize SMS messaging or text messaging to communicate about upcoming events. Be aware that regular SMS /text messaging rates apply depending on your cell/mobile phone carrier and your plan. Please go to the Communication page of [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org) and click the link if you wish to opt-in to receiving SMS /text messages. You will receive an SMS/text message asking you to confirm that you wish to receive messages from the lodge.

Have more questions? Please contact us at [info@marnoc.org](mailto:info@marnoc.org).

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#### February

- 6 University of Scouting
- 13 Vigil Elections
- 24 LEC

#### March

- 6 Winter Fellowship
- 13 Scouting for Food
- 17 LEC

#### April

- 15 Unit Election results due
- 17 Camp Service Day
- 21 LEC

## Seneca District cont'd.

### Nomination forms due March 26

Look to your saddlebags for the nomination forms for all of the awards that will be presented on April 8 at the district volunteer recognition night. We're looking for your nominations for all of the following awards: Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Committee Chairman of the Year, the Clyde Hazle Unit Award, and the District

Award of Merit for outstanding individual service to youth.

Deadline for all nominations is March 26, so don't wait—complete your nomination forms and forward them to Volunteer Recognition Night Chairman Brian Davis by mailing them to: Great Trail Council, BSA, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309. Thanks for all your help!

### Seneca Annual Meeting is April 8

Seneca District's Annual Meeting will be held at Kent United Church of Christ, 1440 E. Main St., Kent, on Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. All district committee members, members-at-large, council committee board members within the district, and all charter partner representatives of the district are invited to attend as we arrange a new slate of district

volunteers for 2010-2011. Nominations for district committee members must be received in writing by Wednesday, March 31, at 5 p.m. Nominations are to be sent to: Seneca Nominating Committee/Elliot Bennett, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068. Nominations will NOT be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.

## Marnoc Lodge cont'd.

### Vigil election to be held February 13

Marnoc Lodge will meet on Saturday, February 13, at 9 a.m., at the Camp Butler Conference Center to discuss and elect the Vigil Class of 2010. Vigil Honor is the highest recognition one can receive from the lodge for continued leadership and service to the lodge and Scouting. Any active dues-paid member may

attend, but only youth under 21 and not eligible for Vigil Honor may vote.

To be eligible for Vigil, one must:

- Be a Brotherhood member for two years
- Be an active dues-paid lodge member
- Be nominated by another lodge member

## Chippewa District cont'd.

### Junior Leader Training Weekend

In our efforts to assist troops and provide meaningful service, our district Boy Scout training team will again conduct at Junior Leader Training Weekend. Please consider this a first step for troop junior leaders and also consider sending youth leaders to the week-long National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) in June at Camp Butler.

Thursday, April 8, at the Lafayette United Methodist Church, at 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor weekend is April 17 and 18 at Camp Manatoc.

**Questions? Call Tom Ables at 330-273-8986.**

Who should attend? New junior leaders and/or youth who are likely to be junior leaders soon.

When? Registration and first patrol meeting is scheduled for

### Roundtable programs

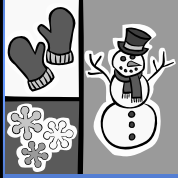
Date & Place	Program	Key Promotions
Feb. 11 Lafayette UMC	Cub/Day Camp 2010 Scout/Summer Camp 2010	Candy Sale Scouting for Food Recharter Troop Open House
March 11 Lafayette UMC	Join session for Cub, Scout, Crew, Post leaders/Conflict management (Pastor Shannon Blower)	Dist. Recognition Dinner Candy Sale Troop Open House Jamborall 2010

### Thank You

**Ken Engle and his team** for a good Klondike Derby!

**Kit Marty and his team** of

**commissioners** for their help with the online recharter program.



# 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 or 1-800-844-7268 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.**

**Sign up form is available at**

**[www.gtcbsa.org/UpcomingEvents/2010ScoutSkiDaysFlyer.pdf](http://www.gtcbsa.org/UpcomingEvents/2010ScoutSkiDaysFlyer.pdf)**

# Council Calendar

## 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

## March

- 4 Finance Committee
- 5 Silver Beaver applications due
- 6 NYLT Staff
- 6 OA Fellowship
- 7 Executive Board/Committee
- 10 Wilderness First Aid
- 13 Scouting for Food
- 13 Wilderness First Aid
- 15 Day Camp Committee
- 16 Camping Committee
- 16 Council Tiger Committee
- 17 Advancement Committee
- 17 OA—LEC
- 17 Wilderness First Aid
- 18 Camporall Committee
- 20 Super Saturday
- 20 Wilderness First Aid
- 22 Cub Shooting Sports Training
- 23 Eagle Dinner
- 24 Jamboree Committee
- 25 FOS Report #2
- 26 Camp Staff Training
- 27 Camp Staff Training
- 27 Cub Leader Training
- 30 Commissioner Meeting



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