

Scouters' News

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



2010 Friends of Scouting—Striving for success

Council FOS Campaign Chairman Bruce Jentner announced that the 2010 FOS campaign is currently at 96% of the \$520,000 goal. Congratulations to these districts for reaching 100% of their goal, as well as the overall Family Goal: **Old Portage**, and **Lakes** Districts.

Plans are in the works to reach 100% council-wide by August 31.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped in our success this year.



Breakfast at the Great Trail Council office and then off to the 2010 National Jamboree!

Fall is the time to do some Boy Scout recruitment!

At your district's "Race To Join" August Kick-Off, every Boy Scout troop will receive a fall recruitment packet containing all the resources needed to plan and conduct a great troop open house program in October for fifth and sixth grades.

Don't miss this chance to bring boys to Scouting. Flyers, in-school Boy Fact

Surveys, and posters are waiting to be used—just plan your district's "Race To Join" August Kick-Off.

Every new Cub Scout (registered from 9/1/10 until 11/1/10) will receive a Pinewood Derby Car Kit. The council-wide Pinewood Derby is scheduled for November 6.

Council Information

August Fall Kick-Off dates

Tri-Fires	Thursday, August 12 6:30 p.m.	First Congregational Church, 85 Heritage Dr., Tallmadge
Moecomdws	Thursday August 12 7:15 p.m.	St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3725 Kent Rd., Stow
Lakes	Thursday August 12 7:15 p.m.	Prince of Peace Church, 1263 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Chippewa	Thursday August 12	Church at Stony Hill 2756 Stony Hill Rd., Medina
Seneca	Thursday August 12 7:00 p.m.	Kent United Church of Christ, E. Main & Horning Rd., Kent
Old Portage	Thursday August 12 7:00 p.m.	Montrose Zion United Methodist Church, 265 Cleve- Mass Rd., Akron

Commissioners are blazing trails

Basic Training for Commissioners will allow you to go home with the tools you need to help your units succeed and improve. The cost includes your Commissioner's Field Book, your "Trained" patch, and a light snack. It will be at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W. Market St., on August 17 and 19, from 6:30—9:00 p.m.** Cost is \$6 (by August 13), or \$10 at the door.

To register call your district commissioner

and let them know you plan to attend. Your district commissioner will be pleased to talk to you and may schedule a joint unit visitation before the course. For more information call **Barry Smith at 330-762-0689, or Mike Panasiti at 330-773-0415 ext. 213, or email Mike at mpanasit@bsamail.org.**

Akron Rotary Camp

Thank you to everyone who helped bring a smile to the faces of the youth at the Rotary Camp located at Portage Lakes! The kids had a great time and really appreciated your time and attention. This program would not be possible without the help of this year's great volunteers: Sgt. Roger Vaughan—Summit Co. Sheriff's Mounted Unit,

Wendy Greathouse/
Crew 2077—crafts/art,
Kristen Branigan—
Summit Co. Humane
Society, Rick Stanley/
Jeff Shropshire—bow &
arrows, Mark Gilbert/
Richard Wells—camp
games, Sgt. Ray
Greene—U.S. Army/
National Guard, Mike
Rote—Chippewa Fire
Department.



Prepare in advance for a great School Night To Join Scouting

To prepare in advance for a great fall School Night To Join Scouting recruitment program, here are the things your pack's leaders need to do **before your district's August Kick-Off.**

1. With all the pack's leaders determine current, returning leadership and provide Fast Start training to those leaders who are new;
2. Select a School Night To Join Scouting Chairman who will attend the August District Kick-Off where School Night training will be

the focus;

3. Complete your program calendar for the new school year with firm dates, including all pack meetings, activities, and events;
4. Plan to attend your assigned school's open house and recruit parents and leaders to create displays and man the table to promote your pack;
5. Take all of your pack's leaders to your district's August Kick-Off!

Council Information

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the BSA

To increase awareness of the societal problem of child abuse and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the Boy Scouts of America is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies:

Effective June 1, 2010:

- ▶ **Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers.**
- ▶ **New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.**
- ▶ **Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.**

To ensure that your Youth Protection Training is current and correctly recorded, please take the following steps:

- If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to www.myscouting.org and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card.
- If you do not know your member ID number, contact your unit leader or committee chairman. Your council can also assist you.
- If you have taken Youth Protection Training online but did not input your member ID number, please log back on to the Training section of *MyScouting* and input your member ID so the training will be linked to your records.
- If you have taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to *MyScouting* to ensure your records are up to date, or contact the council office and have them verify that your Youth Protection Training records are accurate.
- Finally, please share these important changes with other Scouters.

Log on to www.myscouting.org to complete Youth Protection Training.

Fall Round-Up—keys to success!

1. **The all-important first 30 days**—for the adult this means that they understand how the program works (the more they understand—the more they can get involved), what parent involvement means, what their children will be doing, what they should do to help their child, the costs, and all of the resources available to them.
2. **The all-important second 30 days**—if the youth hasn't been attending, find out why. If the adult has not received training make sure they have it quickly.
3. The unit committee has to be on the frontline when it comes to making sure that all adult leaders receive training. Leaders that are enthusiastic, and know how the program works will retain boys.
4. Youth that stop coming should be questioned as to why they are not coming to meetings. The fact of the matter is that if boys don't want to come to your meetings there is something wrong with your program.
5. **Put some pizzazz into your program.**

Every kid counts!

Keeping every kid we can in the Boy Scouts of America can make a difference, not only in the life of one Scout, but in the lives of countless generations of future Scouts.

Each of us has a role to play to keep kids in Scouting. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Personally invite youth back if they've been away.
- Involve parents in unit activities—**make them be a part** of Scouting with their child.
- Build **Quality Program** filled with fun.
- Teach kids leadership skills along the way.
- Stress Scouting's flexibility with families—don't force families to make a choice between Scouting and other activities.
- Emphasize ceremonies—make kids feel important.
- Make sure your unit program is relevant for today.

10 things you should do to have a great School Night

1. If possible, have your School Night at the school you recruit from. Make this a special evening; not another pack meeting.
2. Attend your School Open House to promote your School Night. Have an information table. This is a good time to talk to parents.
3. Set date, time, and place by August 31, so your unit can get the maximum support from the district and council.
4. Make your School Night a committee function, not just a show in which the Cubmaster does everything. Get all your adult leadership involved.
5. Have an information sheet ready to hand out to parents. Remember first impressions are lasting impressions. Organization is the key.
6. Recruit your Tiger Cub den leader this summer; not the night of the rally. Look for this person in last year's Tiger den.
7. Have attendance sheets for people to sign in, divided by grades. Use later for follow-up.
8. If your district executive gives you surveys from the school, make sure you follow them up with a personal phone call to invite them to the School Night.
9. Separate kids and parents sometime during the evening so you can talk to the parents about leadership.
10. Collect money and applications that evening. 95% of the people that attend a School Night are there to sign up to join Scouting.

Which charity will get 80% of the remainder of your IRA?

Retirement fund assets can be one of the most significant assets left in an estate. In fact, 90% of people at age 90 still have 90 percent of their individual retirement account's original value. But without proper planning, you may lose up to 80 percent of this asset to taxes, making the government your "favorite charity".

This is important because—for many people—the gift of an IRA to a child or grandchild can be the

costliest gift of all. Retirement funds given to children or grandchildren can be hit by federal estate taxes, state death taxes, income tax, generation-skipping taxes, and penalties. The use of IRA assets to fund a gift to charity may be the best way to preserve this significant asset in your estate.

For more information on how to use your IRA to accomplish your goals of caring for your family, contact Mike Jones at 330-773-0415.

From the registration desk...

Recharter Process

By this time all **Scoutmasters**, Cubmasters, and crew advisors should have received their charter's membership cards and rosters. Please make sure that you give the membership cards to your unit leaders and youth as soon as possible.

Look at your roster and take the time at your next meeting to verify addresses, DOB's etc. for everyone on your roster. If someone is missing then there was either a problem with an application or it has not been turned in. You can check with me to verify the problem.

Training Records

We are most concerned with the training for the following **positions** — **Scoutmasters**, Cubmasters, and crew advisors. Each district executive and district commissioner has received a copy of the training for these positions. This list contains only the training required for the position that you currently serve in. They will be in contact with you if there is training that you need to take. We will be printing reports for all adult leaders this summer. Please be patient with us as this is a time consuming process but we will have them to you by the end of summer.

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection is now required for all adult leaders. YPT needs to be updated every two years. This means before recharter next year each of your adult leaders will have to take YPT if theirs is not current, or that adult leaders that do not have current YPT cannot recharter until the training is completed. It can be taken online by logging on to www.myscouting.org. You must use your Personal ID# (that can be added at a later date), and once the training is completed you can print a Training Card and include it with your application.

Merit Badge Counselors

If you are not currently registered as a merit badge counselor you **MUST** complete an adult application, disclosure form, have Youth Protection Training verification and complete the Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet in order to register.

The council office does not provide Merit Badge Counselor lists to volunteers or youth, you **MUST** contact your district advancement chairman for the list.

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

Council Information

Leave No Trace Trainer Training

Leave No Trace Trainer Training will take place on September 17-19, at Camp Manatoc's Training Lodge. Registration fee is \$65 and must be paid by September 7. You must attend all three days to be considered trained.

This special training is for adults and teens

wishing to become qualified to teach the principles of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics to others. Participants receive hands-on training in Leave No Trace by learning the skills, ethics, and seven principles of LNT through classroom presentations, hiking, and camping.

Great Trail Council First Pitch for Scouting at Progressive Field

Help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting by joining us at the "First Pitch for Scouting" on Friday, September 24, at 6 p.m., at Progressive Field. The council has teamed up with the Cleveland Indians to make this a great night for all your Scouts and their families.

Promotions include:

- Parade before the game for all uniformed Scouts and leaders
- A GTC Scout will throw out the first pitch!
- Each Scout will receive a special "Scout Night" patch!
- Hot dogs are only one dollar!
- Fireworks after the game.
- All **new** Tiger Cubs will receive a free ticket to the game!
- All **new** Tiger Cubs will be eligible for other random prizes.

To be eligible for the first pitch opportunity, **your unit must submit the ticket request prior to Aug. 20**, as well as a roster of youth attending. For a Cub pack to be eligible, the pack must submit the ticket request form for their pack by Aug. 20, and **an anticipated number of tickets required for new Cubs and their family members. Once the completed cub applications are submitted, the pack will receive a voucher for each new Cub Scout to submit with their payment to the Cleveland Indians.**

At least one week prior to the game, a unit will be drawn from the registered units. The unit will be contacted and a drawing will be held to choose the youth that will throw out the first pitch. To be eligible, the Scout **must wear a complete field uniform to the game!**

2010 Fall Training Dates

Remember, with the 2011 recharter all unit leaders must be trained. All adult volunteers are now required to have Youth Protection Training which can be taken online at www.myscouting.org. More details regarding training will be available at your district's August Roundtable Kick-Off.

Cub Scout Position Specific Training

Chippewa—Oct. 2
Moecomdws—Oct. 2
Old Portage—Oct. 19 & 21
Lakes—Oct. 23
Tri-Fires—Nov. 20
Seneca—Dec. 4

Scoutmaster Position Specific Training

Tri-Fires—Sept. 11
Chippewa—Sept. 29 ,
Oct. 6 & 13
Moecomdws—Oct. 2
Old Portage—Oct. 12 & 13

Lakes—Oct. 20

Venturing Leader

Specific Training

Council—Aug. 28
Moecomdws—Oct. 2
Old Portage—Oct. 20 & 27

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills

Oct. 22-24

Cub Scout Supplemental Training

EDGE—Aug. 28
Den Chief—Oct. 9
BALOO—Oct. 16
EDGE—Oct. 30

Scoutmaster Supplemental Training

Leave No Trace—Sept. 17-19
EDGE—Aug. 28
Den Chief—Oct. 9
EDGE—Oct. 30

Venturing Leader Supplemental Training

Leave No Trace—Sept. 17-19
EDGE—Aug. 28
EDGE—Oct.30

For more information, contact your district executive.

2010 Haunted Hayride

Dates: Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23

Rides begin at dark and everyone in line at 9:30 p.m. will ride!

Cost: \$6/per person pre-sale
\$8/per person at the gate

All tickets are non-refundable.

For more information call Chris Bergdorf at 330-657-2418.

“The Magic of Scouting” 2010 Popcorn Sale Theme

Welcome to the 2010 Great Trail Council Trail’s End Popcorn Sale

Since 1980, Scouts throughout the Great Trail Council have been selling popcorn to help “fund” their year of Scouting. Many

incredible trips, campouts, trainings, and adventures have been paid for by this outstanding popcorn sale.

Why popcorn is your ticket to an incredible Scouting year!

By developing a plan, rolling up your sleeves, and selling popcorn, your unit can earn an unlimited amount of \$\$\$\$\$ to pay for ALL of your Scouting activities (fees, trips, uniforms, advancements, supplies, recognitions, and fun). In 2009, units throughout the Great

Trail Council sold over \$1,200,000 to help provide outstanding programs and activities to all of our Scouts. Don’t forget, the sale runs from September to the end of October. That means you can make all of your \$\$\$\$\$ for a year in six weeks or less!

Popcorn sale changes for 2010

- **Better Product Value**—On average over 20% more product in each container
- **Better Flavor/Healthier**—Natural sweeteners and canola oil bring us the most flavorful and healthiest popcorn
- **Better Packaging**—New resealable

packaging with increased Scout awareness

- **Better Program Support**—Each unit will receive a free “Popcorn Sale in a Box”

Helpful websites:
www.trails-end.com
www.orderpopcorn.com
www.gtcbasa.com

Popcorn Central

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2010 Trail’s End Popcorn Dates

<u>August</u>	Wednesday, 8/19 —District Popcorn Team Meeting #2
<u>September</u>	District Popcorn Kick-Offs Monday, 9/13 —Chippewa, Old Portage, Moecomdws, Seneca Wednesday, 9/15 —Lakes, Tri-Fires
<u>October</u>	Saturday, 10/2 —Show & Sell Distribution Saturday, 10/9 & 10/23 Popcorn Blitz Days
<u>November</u>	Monday, 11/1 —All take orders, prizes/ Show & Sell \$\$ due Saturday, 11/13 —Take Order Popcorn Distribution Day
<u>December</u>	Monday, 12/6 —All popcorn money due to the Scout Service Center
Please put these dates in your calendar!	

2010 Product Line-Up

Product	Cost
Chocolate Lovers Collection	\$50
Sweet & Savory Collection	\$35
Cheese Lovers Collection	\$30
Kettle Corn	\$22
Unbelievable Butter/Light	\$18
Chocolate Caramel Crunch (original)	\$18
Caramel Corn w/Almonds, Cashews & Pecans	\$18
Butter Toffee Light	\$18
Small Caramel Corn	\$10
Popping Corn	\$10

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.

United We Stand Day Camp

A big thanks to Les Carter, Pam Ferguson, Heidi Steele, and their dedicated staff for a great day camp experience. During July 29-31, over 100 Cub Scouts and leaders

participated in the annual Tri-Fires Day Camp!

Firestone Park Community Day



Thanks to Pack 3074 and Troop 74 for their participation at the Firestone Park Community Center's Community Day. The pack and troop set up a mock campsite to display to visitors. The troop also took part in a tree planting ceremony in cooperation with the

Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary.

“Race to Scouting” Fall Kick-Off

Tri-Fires District will hold its Fall Kick-Off on Thursday, August 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. All registered Scouters are invited! Bring the entire committee!

receive a box full of goodies to help you conduct a School Night To Join Scouting program in your school to invite new families to join Scouting.

Ice cream will be served. Look for your promotional flyer in your saddlebag.

Every unit will

Popcorn Kick-Off is September 15

One fundraiser per year is all it takes to properly fund a pack, troop, or crew for the whole year. Come on out on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30

p.m., to Firestone Park United Methodist Church to find out how to do just that! For more information contact one of your Tri-Fires Popcorn Kernels. See you all there!

Popcorn Kernels

Name	Phone #
Neal Ratta	330-541-2134
Becky Cooper	330-319-0998
Pam Ferguson	330-535-2850
Les Carter	330-376-2304
Heidi Steele	330-794-7832

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August

- 5 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 12 District Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.—First Congregational Church of Tallmadge
Registration \$7.50 Boys' Life \$6.00

September

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Avenue Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 15 Popcorn Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.—Location TBA
Registration \$6.25 Boys' Life \$5.00

Moecomdws District "It's A Matter Of Pride"



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Commit now...

Centennial Quality Unit Award

Please fill out your unit's Centennial Quality Unit Award commitment form and return it to the Council Service Center to qualify for the 2010 award. This is the final year for this series four-year awards. Each unit should work with their unit commissioner to

review the form and set realistic, obtainable goals.

"Race to Scouting"

For the 2010 Cub Scout fall recruiting we will be using the theme "Race to Scouting"! You may recognize this theme from a few years ago, and we decided to bring it back due to a very special Council Centennial Activity. All newly registered Cub Scouts will receive a Pinewood Derby kit so that they can build their very first Pinewood Derby car and race it at the Council Pinewood Derby Race at the Scout -O-Rama on November 6.

support from the membership team and commissioner staff can be available for your SNTJS. You can contact Mike at 330-686-8539.

Also, please plan on having a booth and leaders to promote Scouting at your school's Open House. Contact your principal and secure permission for your pack to place a display/activity table at this event.

Please get your date for your SNTJS (School Night to Join Scouting) to Mike Radcliff, our new District School Night to Join Scouting Chair by the Roundtable Kick-Off on August 12, so that boy talks can be scheduled, fliers can be printed and

Have some fun at Moe District Kick-Off

Come join in the fun festivities at the Moe District Kick-Off on **Thursday, August 12, at 7 p.m., BP Pavilion at Camp Butler.** Along with the booths to visit there will be short programs for both the Cub & Boy Scouts. There's also a special presentation this year—a time capsule was buried at the 2000 Moe Day Camp to be dug up in the year 2010, the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. We're going to open the time capsule

at our District Kick-Off and see what was of interest to our Cub Scouts 10 years ago!

We're planning a picnic dinner for just \$3! Anyone who wishes may make a dutch oven dessert to share.

Reserve your spot by calling Shannon at 330-773-0415 ext. 242 or email her at ssinex@bsamail.org. We want to make sure that we have enough food to feed everybody. See you on the 12th.

"Less Talk—Moe Fish"

It's never too early to dive into the District Fishing Derby! This fall the theme is "Less Talk – Moe Fish" It will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, sign-in begins at 8:00 a.m., the derby runs from 9:00 until noon at Camp Manatoc's Lake Litchfield. The fishing derby is for all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos; the cost is \$3.00 per Scout. Prizes will be awarded for largest, smallest and

most fish caught. **All Scouts need to bring their own fishing gear and bait. Please register as a pack,** registration forms and additional information will be available at the August Roundtable Kick-Off. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Stan Lero at 330-618-0512 or email s.lero@lmengineers.com.

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August

5 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting
 12 Roundtable Kick-Off
Registration \$8.75 Boys' Life \$7.00

September

2 District Committee Meeting
 4 Scout Shop/Service Center closed
 6 Scout Shop/Service Center closed
 9 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 9 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 13 Popcorn Kick-Off
Registration \$7.60 Boys' Life \$6.00

Lakes District "Leads the Way"



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Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and is ready for a brand new, fun-filled year of Scouting. That's right, it's time once again to be thinking about recruiting new Scouts, this year's popcorn sale, training, new programs and everything else that is part of the Scouting program. Just a reminder that district commissioner and district committee meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month at the Acme on Manchester Rd. The commissioner meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the committee meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. Of course, any commissioner wishing to stay for the committee meeting is more than welcome, and vice versa. Also,

2010 Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn 2010

With so much activity this summer, your unit is probably looking to have a great fundraiser to replenish the ol' bank account. So, it's a good thing that the 2010 popcorn sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., at Firestone United Methodist Church for

don't forget that Roundtables are at **7:00 p.m.** on the second Thursday of each month, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Shannon in Barberton (off Cleve-Mass Rd.) beginning in August. Be sure to mark your calendars.

the Lakes District Popcorn Kick-off.

Exciting changes have been made to the **packaging** and to the **quantities**. It is also **healthier** for you this year! Come to see the awesome changes.

Don't miss the fun at District Kick-Off!

Come join in the fun festivities at the Lakes District Kick-off on Thursday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be gathering at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Along with the usual booths to visit, there will be short programs for both the Cub Scouts and Boy

Scouts. There will also be fabulous door prizes and wonderful refreshments!

Please reserve your spot at the Kick-Off by contacting Dennis by phone at (330) 773-0415 ext 214 or by email at dvargo@bsamail.org. See you on the 12th.

Fall Round-Ups— It's all about the boys

It's all about the boys, and without them there would not be a Scouting program. With that in mind, it is time to start thinking about how to recruit new Scouts to our program. Please do not wait until the last minute to turn in registrations. We need to keep Pat, our wonderful council registrar, in mind during this busy season. She is the one who enters thousands of new Scouts into the system

each fall. To share round-up information please call your Senior District Executive Dennis at (330) 773-0415 ext. 214 or email dvargo@bsamail.org.

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August

- 5 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Manchester Rd. Acme
 - 5 District Committee Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Manchester Rd. Acme
 - 12 District Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church
 - 28 Edge Training
- Registration \$8.75 Boys' Life \$7.00**

September

- 2 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Manchester Rd. Acme
 - 2 District Committee Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Manchester Rd. Acme
 - 4-6 Labor Day—Scout Shop/Service Center closed
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church
 - 15 Popcorn Kick-Off
 - 20 Popcorn Show-N-Deliver orders due
 - 24 Scout Night—Progressive Field (Go Tribe!)
- Registration \$7.50 Boys' Life \$6.00**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws
to Eagle Claws”



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Popcorn sale kick-off on September 13

We are happy to announce that Terry Ferrier, of Troop 519, has agreed to serve as our district “Popcorn Kernel”. You can meet Terry and sign up for the 2010 popcorn sale at the District Kick-Off on August 12. Terry will have special door prizes for units signed up for

popcorn by the District Kick-Off.

Our Popcorn Kick-Off is Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church, Basement Hall, hosted by Troop 506. We will start with a great pasta dinner.

Cub Leader Training date set

Cub Leader Training and Scouting Essentials is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, at the Church on Stony Hill. The cost is

expected to be \$16 per person and includes a Cub Scout Leader Book. More information to follow in next month’s *Scouters’ News*.

Fall Kick-Off is August 12

Our August 12 Fall Kick-Off Roundtable is scheduled to meet at the Church on Stony Hill.

Please visit our district booth show at 6:30 p.m.; Cub and Scout sessions start at 7 p.m. Please consider having two or more leaders from your unit attend.

It is suggested that the following leaders attend this roundtable event: pack and troop chairs, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, one or more assistant leaders,

Tiger Cub den leaders, Webelos leaders, pack membership chairs, and troop Webelos transition chairmen. Any and all other leaders are welcome.

We will start the evening with an ice cream social.

Roundtable Programs

Date & Place	Program
August 12—6:30 p.m. Church at Stony Hill	TC/CS: Fall School Night To Join Scouting by Bill Schafer WL/BS: Troopmaster
September 9—7:30 p.m. Lafayette United Methodist Church	Selecting Quality Leaders

“Race To Cub Scouts”

“Race To Cub Scouts” is our fall School Night To Join Scouting theme. Bill Schafer, our district membership chairman, would appreciate having your commitment prior to our August 12 Fall Kick-Off.

Packs that share schools: Cloverleaf, Black River, and North Central should plan their rallies in the same week! We are suggesting that pack rallies be held whenever possible in the school buildings. Please contact your local principal and secure permission for your pack to place a display table/

activity in your school, at the school open house.

Contact Bill Schafer at 330-722-2970 or email wschafer@zoominternet.net, or Dick Heilman at 330-773-0415 ext. 235 with your SNTJS info.

Do you know someone who is willing to help the district membership team and commissioners with coordination of pack parent orientations in your school district? If you do please contact Bill Schafer.

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August

- 5 District Staff Steak Fry—6:30 p.m.
 - 5 Nominating & Membership Committee
 - 12 Fall Kick-Off Roundtable
- Registration \$10.00 Boys’ Life \$8.00**

September

- 2 District Committee & Commissioners
 - 2 Nominating & Membership Committee
 - 9 Cub & Scout Leaders Roundtable
 - 13 Chippewa Popcorn Kick-Off
 - 19 Day Camp Staff Meeting
 - 29 Scoutmaster Fundamentals—Session 1
- Registration \$8.75 Boys’ Life \$7.00**

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.

Is your Cub pack making plans to be at your school's open house?

The Seneca District Membership Team is encouraging all Cub packs to attend their respective school's open house in late August or early September. It's easy to do and starts the fall recruiting process off on a good start.

1. Go on the school's website to review the school calendar for the open house date.
2. Contact the building principal and get permission to be there.
3. Provide for a booth or a table for promotional items and pack information.
4. Get your leaders and a few Cub Scouts in uniform to

- man the table.
5. Put on a BIG smile and have fun meeting and talking with prospective parents.

Some packs coordinate with the Girl Scouts and/or PTO group.

Packs that are at an open house and do a School Night To Join Scouting at the same school, consistently recruit more boys. Remember, multiple exposures to Scouting are what some families need to get boys signed up.

Seneca District Website:

www.senecadistrict.org

School Night To Join Scouting Cub Scouting drawing

Here it is, the 4th annual Seneca District's School Night To Join Scouting drawing for a grand prize. To enter, come to the **August 12 Kick-Off** with the completed coupon found at www.senecadistrict.org. Your pack will

automatically be entered for the drawing, which will be held at the September 9 Roundtable. If you get the coupon to **Beth Meyer, school night coordinator, 330-562-6870**, on or before the District Kick-Off, your pack will be entered **TWICE!**

Did you know?

A Boy Scouts of America National Study found that parents need to see or hear about an activity or group for their child at least four times before they act and arrange for their child to participate.

It's true—one piece of paper, one time, will not recruit boys to Scouting.

So, talking to the kids in school, and talking with parents in and out of school, makes a difference when it comes time to join. This is the major reason why packs that attend their school's open house, and also have boy talks done, recruit more kids to the program.

Meeting Time Change
District Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

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August

- 5 All District Staff BBQ—6:30 p.m.—Roy Smith Shelter House, Kent Parks, Middlebury Rd., Kent
 - 12 District Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 24 Membership Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Kent Library, 2nd floor conference room
- Registration \$11.25 Boys' Life \$9.00**

September

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 9 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 13 District-Wide Popcorn Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Roy Smith Shelter House, Kent Parks, Middlebury Rd., Kent
 - 15 Seneca Nominating Committee—6:30 p.m.—Location TBA
 - 29 Commissioner Staff Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Kent Free Library, 2nd floor conference room
- Registration \$10.00 Boys' Life \$8.00**

Old Portage District
“THE Quality District”



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What is SNTJS? Read on...

SNTJS stands for “School Night To Join Scouting” and this event needs to take place in the school from which your unit recruits. Please DO NOT plan this for the first week of September.

Check with your school on the availability of the cafeteria, gym, or

a meeting room for this event.

We need your SNTJS date as soon as possible. Plan now to make this fall recruiting a great one. Send your SNTJS date to John Starrett—go to oldportage.org and click on John to contact him.

Thanks!

School open houses offer recruiting opportunity

Now is the time to plan a display for your school’s open house. Contact the school’s principal to see if your unit can set-up a table with Scouting information. Packs that

do this and have a SNTJS consistently recruit more Scouts to the program. We need to get the word out that Scouting is alive and well in the Akron area.

Mark you calendars For our August 12 Fall Kick-Off

Get August 12 into your calendar and get your info for unit SNTJS. Attend the Fall Kick-Off on Thursday, August 12, at 7 p.m., at the Montrose Zion United Methodist Church. We’ll

have info for open houses, SNTJS recruiting, and much more. We need to recruit all the time. Remember, great programs keep Scouts involved!

Cub Scout Fishing Derby
Saturday, September ??
9:30 a.m.—Noon
Camp Butler’s Lake—\$2 per Scout
(Some fishing poles will be available. Please bring your own bait.)

“Boy Talks” in the schools

We need your help. Many times a principal will readily respond to a request from a parent or a pack leader to allow us to talk to boys in grades 1-4 prior to your unit’s School Night To

Join Scouting.

If you can help us get into your school, call John Starrett, 330-773-0415 ext. 239 or email jstarret@bsamail.org.

Thank you for your help!

Fall Kick-Off is August 12

Old Portage District’s Fall Kick-Off is Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., at

This event is for all leaders.

- School Night To Join Scouting—hold this at the school you recruit from if possible.
- Meet your leaders right after the District Kick-Off to set the date for School Night To Join Scouting. (Remember, this should be mid-to-late September so your district executive has time to get into the schools to do “boy talks”.)
- School Open Houses—we need to have pack

representatives at every open house to promote Scouting.

Registration and sign-in will begin at 6:30 p.m. Ice cream will be served from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Program tables will include Cub Scout Day Camp, membership, popcorn, FOS, training activities, Camporee, Klondike, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts. So, get your score card and have it initialed by each program table. This will allow you to be entered into a drawing for special prizes.

Check out tables from 6:30-7:15 p.m.; breakouts from 7:15-8:00 p.m.; reconvene for announcements at 8:05 p.m.

For more info call Dale Sroka at 330-836-7825.

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August

5 District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ

12 District Kick-Off—6:30 p.m.
Registration \$10.00 Boys’ Life \$8.00

September

2 District Committee—7 p.m.

9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Location TBA

13 Popcorn Kick-Off—7 p.m.—Crosspoint Alliance Church, 855 Rothrock Rd.
 Fishing Derby—9:30 a.m.-Noon—Camp Butler
Registration \$8.75 Boys’ Life \$7.00

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

“I believe people are in our lives for a reason. We're here to learn from each other.”

Gillian Anderson

Important date

Pinewood Derby—Summit County Fairgrounds—November 6

Summer fun!

The Pathfinder District has been spreading the mission of Scouting through various programs and groups located in the Akron area throughout the summer. These programs/groups include: The Boys and Girls Club (Eller), The

Boys and Girls Club (Arlington), Open M, The Akron Urban League, Rotary Camp at Portage Lakes, Emmanuel Christian Academy (House of the Lord), ICEP, PATHS (Promoting Adolescents Through Health Services).



Kristen Branigan and her 4-legged friend “Heidi” (from the Summit County Humane Society) visit with counselors and youth at the Rotary Camp located at Portage Lakes



Sgt. Roger Vaughan from the Summit County Sheriff's Dept. Mounted Unit meets with Scouts at camp this summer.

Tri-Fires District cont'd.

Tri-Fires District Elections held

The Tri-Fires Annual Meeting and District Election was held May 6 at the Akron Community Foundation. District committee members and district chairman were elected.

Congratulations to all!

Steve Schloenbach

will be returning as district chairman and the Tri-Fires District submitted, to the council board for approval, Jeff Derrenberger as district commissioner.

Thanks to Paul Kunce for conducting the elections!

Tri-Fires at the Great Trail Council 100th Anniversary Jamborall



Troop 81, from St. Paul Catholic Church, posed for a picture on one of the many military vehicles on display at Camp Manatoc and

Camp Butler. The historic event was held May 21-23 at the Great Trail Council's Camp Manatoc Reservation, in Peninsula, Ohio.

Old Portage District cont'd.

"Powered by Popcorn" Sale Kick-Off

Our district's Popcorn Kick-Off is scheduled for Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m., at Crosspoint Alliance Church, 855 Rothrock Rd.

Who is your unit's popcorn kernel? We need their name, phone number, address, and email to keep in touch. Call John Starrett at 330-773-0415 ext. 239 or email John at jstarret@bsamail.org.

Knocking on doors and talking to more people gives units the

opportunity to have a single fundraiser. The sale runs from September 13 to November 1.

Sales methods: Show-N-Sell, Show & Deliver, Take Order, corporate sales, and online sales.

We have 13 great products to sell. Kettle Corn is back!

We'll have lots of prizes including a "Day at the Q" and sell \$600 and get a Marshmallow Crossbow.

Moecomdws District cont'd.

"Powered by Popcorn"

With so much activity this summer, your unit is probably looking to have a great fundraiser to replenish the ol' bank account. So, it's a good thing that the 2010 popcorn sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Monday, September 13, for the Moecomdws District Popcorn Kick-Off (check your saddlebag for more details).

Please be sure to make this meeting, we will be talking about our new products and incentives. If you have not yet confirmed your unit kernel with Cindy Duniver, our new district popcorn kernel, please do so. You can email her at cduniver@blueribbonrentals.com or call her at 330-688-6236.

District Kick-Off on August 12

Come join in the fun festivities at the Moe District Kick-Off on **Thursday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.** This year we will be gathering at St. Steven Church. Along with the usual booths to visit there will be short programs for both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. We are planning a picnic dinner for just \$3.00! Anyone who wishes

may make a dutch oven dessert to share.

Please reserve your spot at the kick-off by contacting Shannon, either by phone at (330) 773-0415 ext 242 or by email at ssinex@bsamail.org. We want to make sure we have enough food to feed everyone that plans on attending. See you on the 12th.

Seneca District cont'd.

Seneca Fall Kick-Off is August 12

It will be at the **Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent** and will start at 7 p.m. sharp.

All packs, troops, and crews are encouraged to send their leaders to the official start of the new program year.

You'll have the opportunity to get all the information and resources for the new program year and some great ideas to make

your program more fun and exciting..

We'll review the **School Night To Join Scouting, Troop Open House, and Venturing First Nighter** processes for recruiting.

Also joining us will be other community groups who will have information available.

See you on the 12th!!

Chippewa District cont'd.

Training—help make your unit the best it can be!

Join the Chippewa District Training Team this October for training activities designed to help make your unit the best it can be!

Boy Scout Leader Specific training will be held September 29, October 6 and 13, from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. Cost is just \$10.00. Introduction to Outdoor Skills will be held at Camp Manatoc's Gilwell Lodge, October 22

through the 24th. Cost is just \$20.00. Sign up for both courses and the combined cost is only \$25.

For details and further information please contact Chuck Newhauser at 330-273-9117 or email Chuck at cnewhauser@aol.com. We hope to see you this fall.

**"Every Scout
deserves a trained
leader."**

- Baden Powell

Rally Night preparation

1. Select your unit/ pack rally night chairperson.
2. Pack rally night chairperson schedules your rally night and reports to the district membership chairman by August 1.
3. The pack rally night chairperson and Tiger coordinator attend the District Kick-Off at the August 12 Roundtable.
4. Pack rally night chairperson schedules the pack display and/or activities at the school open house with the school principal. Pack Tiger coordinator helps at the school open house.
5. District executive and district membership chairman schedule "boy talks" with the principal at your school. Council provides flyers and survey sheets. Make sure we get your notice by August 12.
6. Conduct your rally (School Night To Join Scouting). Have fun, recruit new leaders and Cub Scouts!

Lakes District cont'd.

Cub Fishing Day 2010

THE WEATHER WAS GREAT AND THE FISHING WAS EVEN BETTER!!!

On Saturday, June 12, 69 Cub Scouts representing 13 Lakes District packs participated in what is surely a memorable fishing experience at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife District 3 Youth Fishing Ponds in the Portage Lakes.

The day got off to a whirl-wind start with Scouts catching fish from the very first minute straight through to the last. The biggest challenge of the day was for the judges running around as Scout after Scout yelled "I got one!" As one Scout described the experience, "It's like fishing in an aquarium!" Over the course of the 3-hour event over 350 catches were recorded. For many of the participants this was their first time fishing. For others, this was their chance to demonstrate their fishing skills. Sure hope these youth don't expect every fishing trip to be quite like this.

The 2010 Lakes District Cub Fishing Day

was sponsored by Pack 3335 of Greensburg United Methodist Church. A great big thank-you is extended to the leaders from the pack and Lakes District for making this event such a huge success. Additional support for the event was provided by ODNR Division of Wildlife District 3 for providing fishing equipment, bait, handouts, and measuring aids.

The Youth Fishing Facility is operated by the Division of Wildlife as an outreach service to the residents of Ohio and their families. Located at the Division 3 Headquarters on an Island in North Reservoir at 912 North Portage Lakes Drive. The facility is open on weekends from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Fishing is restricted to youth age 15 and younger. The ponds are stocked with fish captured during fish surveys throughout Northeast Ohio. Wildlife education programs are available and arrangements can be made by calling the District 3 Headquarters at 330-644-2293.

Council Calendar

August

- 1-4 Webelos Resident Camp—Session 1
- 4-7 Webelos Resident Camp—Session 2
- 6-8 Butler Open Camp
- 13 OA Fellowship & Ordeal #5
- 14 OA Brotherhood Ceremony
- 17 Commissioner Basic Training
- 18 OA LEC
- 19 Commissioner Basic Training
- 19 District Popcorn Team Meeting
- 19 University of Scouting Committee
- 24 Membership Committee
- 25 High Adventure Committee
- 25 Property Committee
- 26 Camp Promotions Committee
- 26 SOR/Pinewood Committee
- 27 OA Advisor Retreat
- 28 OA New Member Dinner
- 28 Trainer's Edge
- 28 Venture Adult Leader Training
- 31 District Key 3

September

- 4 Scout Shop closed—Labor Day Weekend
- 6 Labor Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 9 Finance Committee
- 11 Roundtable Commissioner Training
- 11 Troop Work Day
- 13 Executive Board/Committee
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 15 Advancement Committee
- 15 OA LEC
- 16 Endowment Committee
- 16 University of Scouting Committee
- 17-19 Leave No Trace
- 17-18 Cub Adventure Weekend
- 18 OA Trail Hike—Council wide
- 18 Camp Climbing Weekend
- 20 Day Camp Committee
- 20 Popcorn Show-N-Sell orders
- 21 Camping Committee
- 21 Membership Committee
- 22 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 23 Risk Management Committee
- 23 SOR/Pinewood Committee
- 24 Marketing Committee
- 25 Camp Shooting Sports Weekend
- 25 OA LLD
- 28 Commissioner Meeting