



Scouters' News

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

Scout Week 2012

102nd Anniversary Celebration

February 5-11, 2012

An anniversary celebration is many things: it's activities; it's people; and it's communications. Cub Scout packs celebrate with blue and gold banquets and Boy Scout troops hold courts of honor.

Some ways for the unit to tell the story to their communities:

- Take part in a PTA or PTO meeting serving as the opening or closing ceremony.
- Conduct an outstanding blue and gold banquet or court of honor with family and friends in attendance.
- Invite new boys to be a part of this great movement.
- Take a few moments at each

den meeting or troop meeting to talk about how this great movement was started and the issues we are addressing in today's society: hunger, illiteracy, child abuse, drug abuse, and unemployment.

- Prepare how we'll celebrate 102 years of Scouting in 2012 and plan for the next 100 years.



Great Trail Council's Key 3 leadership (l to r): Council President Don Schneider, Council Commissioner Joe Mako, and Scout Executive Mike Jones.

What is Scouting's Journey to Excellence?

The Great Trail Council was awarded the "Gold Council Award", part of Scouting's Journey to Excellence program with the national council.

Scouting's *Journey to Excellence* is the performance measurement and recognition program for councils, districts, and units to measure their performance against the BSA's standards of excellence. Its goal is to align unit, district, and council performance to

maximize results in key performance areas that are directly related to producing a successful, growing, and sustainable Scouting program (such as membership retention, financial strength, camping, and advancement).

A special thank you to all the volunteer leaders who make Scouting happen in our local communities every day of the year.

2011 Eagle Class Sponsor

The Great Trail Council Eagle Committee is pleased to announce that Rick Coe, president of Portage Community Bank, is the Eagle Class Sponsor for 2011.

Prior to forming his own bank, Rick worked for Bank One.

All Scouts receiving their Eagle rank in 2011

will receive a special invitation to attend a recognition dinner to be held on March 6, 2012, at Firestone Country Club.

Silver Beaver applications due March 2

Dave Wright, Silver Beaver chairman reminds all Great Trail Council Scouters that Silver Beaver applications are due in the office by March 2, 2012. (do not send to National)

Forms are available

at the council office, through your district executive or [online](#).

This is the highest award a council can present to adult Scouters. The award will be presented at the Council Annual Dinner on May 14.

Council Information

Council-wide supplemental medical insurance

We are proud to announce that your council will again in 2012, provide to units at no cost, supplemental accident insurance. Thanks to your support of Friends of Scouting, the council is able to provide this service to

packs, troops and crews.

Forms will be included in your Re-charter packets.

We are looking forward to another safe year in Scouting with this service to our units.

Are you registered for the 2012 University of Scouting?

This is an opportunity to learn from the best of the best, experienced leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your Scouting knowledge. This is a great opportunity for both new and experienced leaders to learn "the tricks of the trade." You get to customize your

own experience by choosing from the many different courses. The University of Scouting will be held on February 11, at Green High School. The cost is \$25 and includes class materials and lunch! Sign up forms will be at www.gtcbasa.org. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

For new leaders in your pack hold on to your Tiger Cub den!

Holding on to your pack's Tiger Cub den will help prepare new leaders for important leadership positions in your Cub Scout pack!

Tiger Cubs is a lot less "formal" than Cub Scouting and is designed for a youth and adult to join together. The program offers shared leadership, a simple and immediate reward system, an uncomplicated meeting structure, low cost, family activity, and fun!

Statistics show that your Tiger Cub parents will become familiar with Cub Scouting through Tiger Cubs and they are very likely to volunteer for leadership roles when their son becomes a Wolf in second grade. Simply put, the Tiger Cub program is a non-threatening way to introduce leadership roles to parents and families.

So, do your pack a **BIG** favor, hold on to your Tiger Cub den!

Attention Scouters: Announcing the 23rd Annual GILWELL REUNION & SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER

Who: All Wood Badgers, spouses, NYLT, parents, and potential Wood Badgers/NYLT

What: Fun, fellowship, dinner, program, silent auction, trading post including items from Gilwell Park, and a great time.

When: Sunday, February 19, 2012.

Where: TADMOR SHRINE TEMPLE,
3000 Krebs Dr. Akron, OH 44319-2542

Program: 4:00 p.m. Registration Check-in, Gathering, Fellowship, Trading post
4:45 p.m. Salad Bar Opens
5:15 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Program

Cost: \$17.00/person (\$30.00/couple) by February 6
\$25.00 (\$50.00/couple) after February 6

For more information:

[http://www.gtcbasa.org/events/
council/201223rdAnnualWoodDinner.pdf](http://www.gtcbasa.org/events/council/201223rdAnnualWoodDinner.pdf)

Scouting for Food Day is March 10

Our Council will conduct its annual Scouting for Food Day on Saturday, March 10. Scouting for Food is our way of combating hunger in all of our districts. Our goal of collecting 100,000 cans of food can be achieved if all packs, troops, and crews participate in this important event. The food will be given to local food pantries, many of whom are depleted after the holidays. What better way to show the Scouting spirit in our neighborhoods, than to help those who are less fortunate.

Details will be in next month's Scouters' News and in your Saddlebags.

Council Information

Powder Horn is coming!

Would you like to attend a course that offers both adults and youth a hands-on opportunity for many types of activities including, but certainly not limited to, shooting, fishing, canoeing, GPS navigation and geo-cache exploration? Well, Great Trail Council is hosting a course in conjunction with Greater Western Reserve Council and Buckeye Council that does that and much more called Powder Horn. The course will take place on two weekends of two days each, on August 25 and 26, and September 8 and 9.

The Powder Horn course provides the solution to a former gap in leader training both for adults and youth in leadership positions. Many Scouting leaders and youth face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide a challenging and fun outdoor program to meet the needs of their older youth members, but lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to the quandary with an exciting new resource course opportunity that exposes adults and youth leaders in Venturing, Varsity Scouting, Sea Scouting, and Boy Scouting to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Powder Horn provides its

participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure experience to their units.

The purpose of a Powder Horn course includes:

- Safe participation in fun and challenging outdoor activities
- Introduction to resources to improve unit program
- Exposure to new and exciting high adventure activities
- Help deliver the promise at the unit level
- Promoting youth and adult creativity when delivering high adventure programs

To read more about this unique opportunity for you and those in your unit please go to www.gtcbsa.org where you will find information and an application, or call **Charlie EuBank at 330-770-5860** for more information.

The successful pack and troop unit committee

The real strength of a unit can often be an active and involved unit committee. An effective committee will help support the unit leadership and often make their job much easier. This is a great opportunity to involve more families in the on-going operation of your unit. When parents are active you will begin to find more interested and involved Scouts. Your goal should be to involve as many parents as possible in your pack or troop.

The unit committee can take on many of the administrative responsibilities of your unit. Financial record keeping, internet advancements and ordering of badges, and membership records are just a few of these responsibilities. Select a different coordinator for every special event your unit has during the year: blue and gold banquet, pinewood derby, popcorn chairman, and day camp coordinator are just a few ideas to get you started. Your unit probably has many special activities and events during the year.

These are usually short-term responsibilities that may only take a month or two to complete. Other more long-term responsibilities might include a publicity chairman, newsletter coordinator, etc.

Be sure that each member of your unit committee understands their responsibilities. Involve the committee in working with your leaders in program planning. You will be surprised at all the resources that are available in your unit. Provide your parents with opportunities to indicate what kind of activities they are willing to help with.

Your unit leadership and your unit committee are a team. Working together, they will be able to organize and support an excellent unit program. You will be promoting parental involvement in Scouting. When you achieve this, each of your families will be involved in the kinds of programs and events they want for their son. And, in the end, the Scouts in your unit will be the beneficiaries.

Special Needs Division needs district advocates

The Great Trail Council, BSA—Special Needs Scouting Division is looking for advocates to represent each district and help with the committee. If interested, please

contact **John Stefanik** at jrstef@roadrunner.com or **Brandon Buckner** at [330-773-0415 ext. 230](tel:330-773-0415) or bbuckner@bsaemail.org.

Council Information

From the registration desk...

New Adult Leaders

It is required by the Boy Scouts of America that **applications for new adult leaders must include the Disclosure Form and Youth Protection Training verification.** If the Disclosure Form and/or required info on the application are not included processing will be delayed. Please turn in all the required paperwork together so that the application can be processed without unnecessary delay.

Youth Protection Training Requirements

Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders except Institutional Heads, Tiger Cub Adult Partners and Scout Parents. At charter time in 2012, if a leader does not have YPT they will not be able to register with the unit. After they take the training they will need to complete an adult application and disclosure form and turn it in with a copy of the YPT verification and their registration fees.

Charter Requirements for Unit Leaders

A Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper or Post Advisor will not be able to recharter with their unit if they do not have the required training. If they don't have the required training, in order for the charter to be processed, someone else in the unit with the required training will need to be put in that position. They can be

registered in the unit in another position. When the training is completed the adult leader will need to complete an application and disclosure form and turn it in with verification that training has been completed. If there are no leaders in the unit that have the required training, you unit will not be able to recharter.

Unit Chartering

Plan on attending your District Charter Training & Pick-Up. It will give you a head start on what needs to be done. See the Charter Time Frame chart on the right. All units in Tri-Fires, Moe, Lakes, Chippewa, Seneca and Old Portage will renew their charter online, except Explorer Posts. All Explorer units will receive a printed charter to use.

Remember to attend your charter turn-in parties or turn your charter in to the council office no later than your expire date. Remember all required paperwork and money must be turned in together.

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

District	Charter Time-Frame
Tri-Fires Exp. Date 1/31/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 11/10/11 Roundtable—7 p.m.— Northwest Ave. Church of Christ Internet Recharter Window Opens —12/1/11 Closes — 1/31/12 Recharter Turn-In Party —1/12/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ
Moe Exp. Date 2/29/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 12/08/11 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.— St. Stephen Church Internet Recharter Window Opens —1/1/12 Closes —2/29/12 Recharter Turn-In Party —2/9/12 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
Lakes Exp. Date 2/29/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 12/8/11 Roundtable—7 p.m.— Prince of Peace Church Internet Recharter Window Opens —1/1/12 Closes —2/29/12 Recharter Turn-In Party —2/9/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Prince of Peace Church
Chippewa Exp. Date 3/31/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 1/7/12—9-11:30 a.m.—Medina United Methodist Church Internet Recharter Window Opens —2/1/12 Closes —3/31/12 Recharter Turn-In Party — 3/10/12—9 a.m.-3 p.m.—Medina United Methodist Church
Old Portage Exp. Date 3/31/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 1/12/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.— Montrose Zion United Methodist Church Internet Recharter Window Opens —2/1/12 Closes —3/31/12 Recharter Turn-In Party —3/8/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church
Seneca Exp. Date 4/30/12	Charter Training & Pick-up — 2/9/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ Internet Recharter Window Opens —3/1/12 Closes —4/30/12 Recharter Turn-In Party — 4/14/12—8:30-11:30 a.m.—Kent United Church of Christ

Council Information

2012 Family FOS Presenters Training

Does Scouting have a special place in your heart? Would you like to share your Scouting story with the families of the Great Trail Council?

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

Training for our 2012

Family Friends of Scouting presenters will take place on two nights (you only need to attend one):

**Jan. 10—6:30 p.m.—
Scout Service Center**

**Jan. 19—6:30 p.m.—
Scout Service Center**

Dinner will be provided on both nights.

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

Continuing the “Journey to Excellence”

For over 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. You can help us to continue this incredible tradition by becoming a “Friend of Scouting.”

1. If you are a unit leader pick a date in January, February or March to allow one of our District Family FOS presenters to make a five minute presentation to your families. The best events are blue and gold banquets, courts of honor, and other gatherings with high attendance.
2. If you are an adult volunteer or family member, go to www.give2bsa.org, put in your zip code and click “donate

now” to secure your commitment to our 2012 campaign. Join the over 13,000 Scouting families who say, “Yes, the Boy Scouts of America are making a difference in the lives of our kids!”

We would like ALL units in EVERY district to sign-up and allow us to conduct a Family FOS presentation. As an incentive we will be giving away one \$40 voucher per district toward the cost of a cabin at either Camp Manatoc or Butler at a drawing at your February roundtable. Your presentation must take place before the February roundtable and you must be present to win.

Important 2012 FOS dates

Date/Time/Location	Event
Thursday, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m. Fairlawn Country Club	Campaign Kick-Off
Thursday, March 29, 5:30 p.m. Fairlawn Country Club	Campaign Report Meeting
Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. Fairlawn Country Club	Campaign Report Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. Fairlawn Country Club	Campaign Report Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. Fairlawn Country Club	Campaign Victory Party

Would you like to win a night at camp?

We are hoping to raise over \$200,000 with our Family FOS campaign.

We would like all units in every district to sign-up and allow us to conduct a Family FOS presentation.

As an incentive, we will be giving away a voucher at your district's

February roundtable for \$40 toward the cost of a cabin at either Camp Manatoc or Butler for one night. Your unit must be committed to or have already had your 2012 Family FOS presentation to be entered in the drawing and be present at your February roundtable to win!

“Camp Cards” are coming...

Coming this spring the Great Trail Council will be rolling out a spring fundraiser, to replace the candy bar sale, called “Camp Cards.” These have been used by councils throughout the country with great success.

The new “Camp Card” campaign is an opportunity for Scouts to

earn money to pay for their summer camping fees and equipment by selling a value-enhanced camp card. Each camp card contains discount offers from up to eight different vendors. The card typically sells for around \$5 with units earning 50%. Details are coming soon!

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: Enid “Wink” Sharpe
From: Lola Rothmann

In Memory of: Beatrice “Bea” McDowell
From: Lola Rothmann

In Memory of: John Jones
From: Michael Hoff

Council Information

Santa Breakfast a big success

More than 100 people were a part of the annual Camp Manatoc Breakfast with Santa on December 17 at the dining hall.

A huge thank you to

the Lady Wilderness Engineers who helped put it all together, from decorations to making and serving breakfast. Thanks so much, ladies, for all you do for our camps and our Scouts!

Apply for a summer camp staff position

If your Scouts missed our interview day December 27 for Manatoc Summer Camp Staff 2012, don't despair. Applications are still being accepted and interviews will be

conducted again in February. Staff applications are available online at www.manatoc.org—just forward completed applications to the Scout Service Center ASAP.

Webelos Resident Camp coming up soon

It's not too early to start planning your pack's participation in our 4-day, 3-night Webelos Resident Camp this summer.

Two sessions are planned, July 29-Aug. 1 and Aug. 1-Aug. 4, both set at Camp Manatoc.

Webelos Resident Camp is for today's Bear dens (who'll be the new 1st year Webelos in May) and current 1st year Webelos dens (who'll be new 2nd year

Webelos in May). The program is filled with advancement opportunities, free time activities and adventure.

More information and registration materials will be available at the University of Scouting on February 11, at Green High School, so mark those calendars and we look forward to seeing you this summer at Webelos Resident Camp.

Summer camp leader's meeting April 21

This is our annual gathering of Scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders, an opportunity to learn about new advancement programs and adventure opportunities slated for Manatoc Summer Camp 2012 with key members of the camp staff, including Camp Director Bill Lovell.

Details will be out in the February *Scouters' News* but mark your calendars now.

Campmasters Winter Meeting is Feb. 25

Weekend campmasters, don't forget that our winter meeting is set for Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m., at the Camp Manatoc Lewis Conference Center (the lower level of the dining hall). Remember, this is one of the two meetings the Campmaster Corps has each year and every campmaster

should try to be in attendance as we review new rule and policy changes at the Manatoc Reservation.

Questions? Contact Chief Campmaster Brent Wood at bwood1@kent.edu.

Presidents Day—Manatoc style!

Join us for an extra long weekend at the Manatoc Scout Reservation, February 17, 18, 19, and 20. The cost for tent camping and Presidents Day program is \$12 per person. Friday check-in is at 5 p.m.; check-out on Monday at noon. Activities at Kendall Cliffs and Brandywine will cost extra.

Included in the fee is a campfire with unit skits

and s'mores, winter rifle shoot, beans'n'franks served Saturday or Sunday for lunch, GPS geo cache, camp trading post, movie night with free popcorn, pre-arranged discounts at Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort and Kendall Cliffs with a Butler troop tent site.

20th Annual Scouting Ski Days

February 18-20, 2012

Boston Mills/Brandywine

Ski Resorts

Buy your \$2/Ea Scout ID Tags

At the Great Trail Council

Scout Shop

Special rates with your Scout ID Tag

Ski Lift \$45/Snow Tube \$20

Payable at the Ski Resorts

More info at

gtcbsa.org

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.

It's time for Friends of Scouting

As the year comes to an end, it's time to begin planning our annual Family Friends of Scouting campaign. This year's family campaign will have a bit of a different twist! Our family campaign will be co-chaired by Nora Jones and Mike Smith of 3342 in Mogadore. They will be contacting each unit to set up a presentation date. We will have a sign-up sheet at future

roundtables, as well as a unit commitment flyer in each saddlebag.

Please schedule your presentation as soon as possible! To schedule, contact Nora Jones at 330-285-9834, nordle61@yahoo.com or Mike Smith 330-990-7142, ronaldsmith1200@att.net. Alex Stavros can also be contacted at 330-773-0415 ext. 232 or astavros@bsamail.org.

Tri-Fires District Retreat is all set!

District committee members and commissioner staff; please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Akron Community Foundation, for our Annual District Retreat. Come join us for chili, baked potatoes, and more as we plan and critique our programs for the 2012-2013 Scouting year! Also new for this year, the Tri-Fires Key 3 and committee chairs will be rolling out the Tri-Fires strategic plan! Please note that our

monthly district commissioner and district committee meetings will be part of this day and WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JANUARY. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served!

Any questions or suggestions to the day's agenda should be directed towards our District Chairman Steve Schloenbach at 330-376-8522 or SSchloenbach@akroncommunityfdn.org.

Klondike 2012

Please remember to keep the date. The Tri-Fires 2012 Klondike will be **January 20-22**. Initial fliers have been put in the saddlebags. Scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders, be sure to look for more information coming to you soon! Additional information and details should be provided at January's roundtable! This year's Klondike is

to be one of our best yet!

For more information contact Barry Smith at (330) 762-0689 or barrythebluebear@juno.com.

A popping good time!

Congratulations to all units that sold popcorn this fall! Units will earn over \$33,000 for their programs. Our top units were Pack 3361- First Congregational Church of Tallmadge and Troop 310- St. Paul's. A big thanks to our 2011 Popcorn Kernel—Neal Ratta!!! Neal played a big part in helping Tri-

Fires to reach their district goal of selling over \$100,000 in popcorn. We hope to have him back next year, so if you see him be sure to say a quick "thank you" for all his hard work!

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January

- 1 Happy New Year
 - 2 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 7 District Retreat—9 a.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
 - 10 Family FOS Presenters Training #1
 - 12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 16 Scout Shop/office closed
 - 19 Family FOS Presenters Training #2
 - 20-22 Tri-Fires District Klondike—Camp Butler
 - 28 "Q" for the Day
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

February

- 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
 - 5 Scout Sunday
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
 - 11 University of Scouting—Green High School
 - 13 Candy orders due
 - 18-20 Scout Ski Days
 - 21 Volunteer Growth Conference
- Registration \$15.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

Moecomdws District "It's A Matter Of Pride"



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2012 Family FOS campaign will be starting soon!

Our 2012 Family FOS campaign is about to begin. All units need to schedule a presentation date, preferably the date of your blue and gold banquet or court of

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

Charter turn-in

This year we will be taking charter paperwork during the February roundtable on Thursday, February 9. You will have an opportunity to talk with a unit commissioner to

make sure that all of the paperwork is complete including applications, signatures and money. If you have any questions please contact your unit commissioner.

MOE Winter Olympics Klondike

MOE Winter Olympics (MOECOMDWS 2012 Klondike) will be held February 3-5 at Camp Butler. All MOE Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews are invited to attend and Webelos II dens are invited to spend the day on Saturday, and if they have a sled, participate as a patrol. Check in starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3 and the cost is \$10 for each person. Activities are based upon the Winter Olympic events, but require Scout skill and lots of teamwork. There will also be a few Scout based games to keep

with tradition. This year there will be two sled races, one Friday night on a course lit by firelight and a daylight course that will be based on the Biathlon. The packet with all of the details for this awesome event was put in saddlebags at the September roundtable.

Any questions please contact Steve York at scoutmaster777@syork.net.

MOE Cub Bowling Day

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012
Where: Stonehedge Place, 580 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes two rounds of bowling, two slices of pizza, drink and bowling patch (non-bowlers may purchase lunch for \$4.00).
Deadline: January 7, 2012, **RESERVATIONS**

ONLY – NO WALK-INS.

Questions: Contact Cami Brown, camisbrown@yahoo.com.

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

Land ahoy! Day Camp is coming

Arrrrrrhhh, attention you land lubbers, me crew and I are sending ya this here note to letcha know about this Cub Scout Day Camp. This year we'll give yer pirating skills a go, so you don't want to miss it.
Place: Camp Butler
Cost: \$60.00 (FYI: this will be the "early" registration price. We will charge \$70 per Scout/participant after a certain date, which

hasn't been determined yet).

Dates: Monday - Wednesday, July 9-11, Session 1
Thursday - Saturday, July 12-14, Session 2
Saturday, July 14, Tiger Cub Adventure Day
Contacts: Camp Director, Julie Coughlin-Atagi, julesmc1980@gmail.com; Program Director, Frank Sheline, fsheline@gmail.com, (330) 346-0203.

January

1-2	Scout Shop/office closed
5	District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Library
12	District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
12	Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
14	Cub Bowling Day
16	Scout Shop/office closed
	Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00

February

3-5	Klondike—Camp Butler
4	District Retreat—Camp Butler
5	Scout Sunday
9	District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
9	Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
11	University of Scouting—Green High School
13	Candy order due
18-20	Scout Ski Days
20	Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
	Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A

Lakes District "Leads the Way"



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Lakes popcorn sale was awesome

Congratulations Lakes District for another excellent popcorn sale this year! Collectively we sold over **\$182,356.00**. Due to all of the hard work of all the Scouts, leaders and their parents, units profited about \$61,000.

The top units selling this year were: Pack 3330 - \$26,670; Pack 3132 - \$12,632; Pack 3146 - \$12,305; Pack

3335 - \$11,546; Troop 334 - \$9,360; Pack 3337 - \$8,980; Pack 3105 - \$8,436; and Pack 3115 - \$8,058. Two new units sold for the first time: Troop 330 - \$7,267 and Pack 3334 - \$5,605.

Congratulations to all who sold this year, great job!

Do your recharter online in February!

This year, the Lakes District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9 at roundtable. Unit commissioners will be there from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. to sit with you for a few minutes to make sure that you have all that you need for your charter to be complete. Please bring your signed charter, any additional applications

that you added to your charter, copies of youth protection cards and your check. Last year the Lakes District charters were very clean, with few errors. Hopefully with the process of online re-chartering we will be 100% error free!

First roundtable of the new year

January 12, 2012 is our first roundtable of the new year. We will be meeting at Prince of Peace Church located at 1263 Shannon Ave., in Barberton. We will be meeting the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please come check us out.

Remember, the more people that come from your unit the better chance you have of receiving valuable prizes. Hope to see you there!

Boy Scout roundtable themes 2011-2012

Month	Theme	Presenter
January	Recharter	
February	Open	
March	Summer Camp	Bill Lovell
April	Dutch Ovens	Troop 330
May	Program preview packets	

Cub Scout Chariot Race

The Lakes District Chariot Race for all Cubs will be Saturday, January 21, check the website at

www.lakesdistrict.org for the rules and plans to make your chariot. See you there charioteers!

It's time to plan for day camp

Yes, we are already planning the Lakes District 2012 Day Camp. This year day camp will be held at Southgate Park again. The dates are July 16-18 for Cub Scouts and July 19 - 21 for Webelos. This year

Tigers will have their own Cub Day Camp on July 15. Please be looking for more information in February.

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January

- 1-2 Happy New Year! - Council Service Center closed
 - 5 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme on Manchester Rd.
 - 6-8 Klondike—Camp Manatoc
 - 12 Roundtable/Candy signup—Prince of Peace Church
 - 16 MLK Day—Council Service Center closed
 - 21 Chariot Race
 - 28 Day at the "Q"
 - 28 Venturing Training
- Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

February

- 3 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
 - 6 Scout Sunday
 - 10 Roundtable/Charter Turn-In— Prince of Peace Church
 - 11 Candy order due
 - 12 University of Scouting
 - 12 Scout Sabbath
 - 19 Wood Badge Dinner
 - 18-20 Scout Ski Days
 - 20 President's Day—Scout Shop/Service Center closed
 - 25 Candy pick-up
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws
to Eagle Claws”



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Recharter Training is Saturday, Jan. 7

District Commissioner Kit Marty will be conducting unit rechartering on Saturday, January 7, at 10 a.m., in Medina at the United Methodist Church. All unit chairmen and charter partner representatives should be in attendance. A free lunch will be provided by the commissioners and district staff. There will be a complete review of the internet recharter

process and information on where to get help. Your unit recharter kits and materials will be on hand for distribution. Charter kits will include guidelines for internet rechartering and registration along with a copy of your unit roster, adult and youth applications, and a charter turn-in worksheet.

Staff development meeting planned

Directly following the recharter training on January 7, district program teams will meet and develop the Chippewa August 2012 through September 2013 calendar. Please come prepared with dates and program suggestions. **There will**

be no district meeting on January 5, because of this Saturday planning event. Again this year we are having a chili cook-off and there will be a prize for the winner with the best tasting chili!

Check out Klondike Derby

Klondike Derby is scheduled for January 13-15, at Fritz Park in Rittman. All Scout troops and Webelos may attend. Check-in will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13. Make sure to bring your cold weather camping gear and patrol sleds. The cost is \$5 to attend.

It is going to be a great time! Flyers are in your saddlebags. Check out GTC Chippewa District Klondike on Facebook or call Ken Mann 330-571-6149 for more information.

Day Camp's around the corner

Believe it or not-- it is time to start planning for day camp!

Theme: Pirates
Place: Camp Butler
Cost: \$60.00
Dates: Session One June 21-23, Session Two June 25-27,

Session Three June 28-30.

Contact: Program Director Tracy Buchheit labreeze@ix.netcom.com or Camp Director Chuck Hale at cdhale@roadrunner.com .

Chippewa thanks

Thanks to **Tim Snell** for his help with Goodwill/ Good Turn.

Thanks to **Whitey's**

Army Navy Store for their continued support of our roundtable programs.

Bad weather alert

It is the time of year where we will start to see heavy snowfall making the roads and driving conditions

dangerous. To find out if a meeting has been cancelled please call 1-800-844-7268 ext.235.

January

- 7 District Planning Meeting—after Recharter Training—United Methodist Church, 260 S. Court St., Medina
 - 7 Recharter Training—10 a.m.—United Methodist Church, 260 S. Court St., Medina
 - 12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Lafayette United Methodist Church, 6201 Lafayette Rd., Medina
 - 13 Klondike—Fritz Park, Rittman
 - 16 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$3.75 Boys' Life \$3.00**

February

- 1 Internet rechartering begins
 - 2 District Committee/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina Eagle Club, 696 Lafayette Rd., Medina
 - 9 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Lafayette United Methodist Church, 6201 Lafayette Rd., Medina
 - 16 Nominating Committee
 - 19 Day Camp Planning Meeting
- Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

Seneca District

“Where the Sun Shines First
on the Great Trail Council”



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Seneca District Vision Statement

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

Online recharter training is at February 9 roundtable

Now's the time to put this roundtable date on your calendar. Why? Because we'll be reviewing the process and forms used to online recharter your scouting unit for the new year. The recharter packets will be handed out at that time.

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

at this meeting, preferably the person that will be doing the online rechartering.

Remember to get all your membership registrations turned in well before hand. This assures an up-to-date roster with youth and adults that will be helpful in the rechartering process. Please plan on attending.

Wear Your Uniform To School Day

Wear your uniform to school on **Friday, February 3**. Cubmasters, put your packs in the community limelight and “show off” your Cub Scouts in the schools during Scouting Anniversary Week. Let's show lots of

Scouting Spirit by having the Cubs wear their uniforms to celebrate Scouting's Birthday. Wow, that would be about 575 boys in uniforms throughout Portage County schools!

February begins Scout Week

Scout Sunday is **February 5**, and marks the start of Scout Week, a weeklong celebration of the 102nd birthday of Scouting in America. Make plans for your unit to attend a religious service of your choice

on this date or anytime during the week of the 5th as a uniformed pack, troop, or crew. Individual unit celebrations/activities commemorating this birthday week are also encouraged.

Plan, review and strategize

All district staff volunteers, which includes district committee members and commissioners, are encouraged to attend this annual review, planning and strategizing retreat which will be held on **Saturday, January 14, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Plan on arriving from **9:00-9:30 a.m.** We will meet in the main conference room on the third floor of the **Portage County Educational Services Offices**, located at **326 E. Main St., Ravenna**. Interested adult unit leaders are also welcome to attend as well as charter organization representatives.

An invitation and agenda went out in December. By attending this important meeting, you contribute

to the success of Seneca District. In addition, you will have a part in the future plans for Scouting in Portage County. Your ideas and observations are always welcome.

Please call **Mark Messerly at (330) 678-8568** or **Elliot Bennett at (330)773-0415 ext. 227** to RSVP so that we'll have an idea of the quantity of refreshments and materials to have on hand.

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January

- 2 New Year's Holiday—Scout Shop/office closed
- 5 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 12 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 14 Merit Badge Challenge #2—9 a.m.—2 p.m.—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Aurora
- 14 District Staff Retreat—9 a.m.—Portage Co. Educational Services, 3rd floor conference room, 326 E. Main St., Ravenna
- 20-22 Boy Scout Klondike—Camp Manatoc
- 25 Commissioners' Unit Report Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Olde Kent Jail, Fred Fuller Park, Middlebury Rd., Kent
Registration \$5.00 Boys' Life \$4.00

February

- 1 Friends of Scouting District Kick-Off
- 3 Cub Scout “Wear Your Uniform to School Day”
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 9 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 29 Commissioners Unit Report Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Olde Kent Jail, Fred Fuller Park, Middlebury Rd., Kent
Registration \$3.75 Boys' Life \$3.00

Old Portage District "THE Quality District"



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Family FOS is your way to say Scouting Matters!

Family Friends of Scouting is all about saying Scouting Matters...it matters to your unit, your Scouts, your leaders and your families. Scouting Matters because it makes a difference in the lives of kids, kids in Scouting who need their character developed, their leadership skills strengthened and their love of country built. That's what Scouting does...and that's why it Matters.

We need your pack, troop or crew to give all of your families the chance to say yes, to stand up and say that Scouting Matters to them as much as it does to you. That's why having a Family FOS presentation at a blue &

gold, court of honor or family banquet right now is so important. It's the one time, each year, when we give our families a chance to tell others how much Scouting means to them.

If you haven't gotten your Family FOS presentation date to District Family FOS Chairman Dena Altfeld yet, pick a date (when lots of parents and guests will be in attendance!) and let Dena know ASAP. You can forward that date, time and location to her by email at dma3622@gmail.com.

In advance, thanks for showing that Scouting Matters to YOU and your unit!

It's time to think about day camp

Now is the time to put our district's Cub Scout Day Camp on your pack's summer activity calendar.

Dates are June 18-20 at Camp Butler, our new theme is Pirates and we're recruiting our staff and getting our materials ready.

Three days of day camp add up to a full year's worth of den meetings. And kids join

Cub Scouting because they want to camp so it's important that your pack makes day camp in the summer a key part of your overall pack program.

Give your Cub Scouts what they really want...get 'em to day camp this summer!

Winter Expedition Klondike almost here

It's January 13-15 at Camp Manatoc – it's just days away! This Klondike features two separate divisions – one for Venture crews and older Scout patrols and one for the traditional Klondike patrol. Remember that the new division will include some requirements from the Venturing advancement program and will utilize GPS skills throughout the daily events.

You've all received your Unit Leaders Guidebook – if not, simply go to the district's website at www.oldportage.org.

Make sure you check the equipment list, pack the sleds and have your Scouts dress for the weather, we run no matter the elements!

We'll see you when you check-in at the Training Lodge Friday night, Jan. 13!

We're looking for more Family FOS Presenters

Unit FOS Presenters are Scouters, just like YOU, who have a story to tell, who believe in Scouting the way YOU do and who want to make a difference for lots of kids...just like YOU do.

Now's the time to step up and say yes to being a presenter. Training is available, we promise we won't ask you to do more than a few presentations and we'll provide you with all the helpful tools you'll need to give a great presentation...it's really easy.

Please, think about your own Scouting Story and share it with others in the new year. Call Development Director Jody Gildersleeve at 330-773-0415 ext. 218 or by email at jgilders@bsamail.org and step up to help a whole lot of kids through FOS today.

How's John Starrett?

John's been resting at home and is coming along well. We hope he'll be back in the

council office soon. We'll keep you posted.

January

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| 12 | Roundtable—7 p.m.—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church |
| 13-15 | Klondike—Camp Manatoc |
| 19 | Nominating Committee |
| 25 | District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn United Church of Christ |
| | Registration \$3.75 Boys' Life \$3.00 |

Pathfinder District



“Diversity among the Scouting masses”

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Neighborhood Coordinator	Rick Stanley	330-773-0415 ext. 219

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

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”

- Muhammad Ali

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

January

11	Kent State Basketball vs. Miami, OH—7 p.m.
21	Pinewood Derby—10 a.m.—Voris CLC

February

18-20 Scout Ski Days

Venturing/ Exploring



Energy...Excitement...Enthusiasm

Advancement Chairman	Charlie EuBank	ceubank@roadrunner.com
Staff Advisor	Brandon Buckner	330-773-0415 ext. 230 bbuckner@bsamail.org

Any new ideas for new crews and posts?

If you're interested in hosting a crew or post, please contact Brandon Buckner. There are many youth that are interested in the traditional high adventure as well as

career-based groups. All that is needed is adult leadership! Please contact Brandon Buckner for more info. Thank you!

Venturing Traditional Basic and Leader Specific Training

Join us on Saturday, January 28, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for Venturing Leader Specific Training. Training will be held at the Scout Service Center, 1601 S. Main St., and the cost is \$5 if you register before February 18 (\$8 after).

For more info please contact Charles Corcoran at

cjcorcoran@oakgroupco.de.com or Brandon Buckner at 330-773-0415 ext. 230. We will be discussing topics that range from programming, youth leadership and much more!

Lock In!
(more info coming soon)

January

28	Leader Specific Training—8:30 a.m.—Scout Service Center
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Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow



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New year—new dues & pocket rockets

Now that 2011 is over and 2012 has begun, it's time again for your yearly dues. Dues are just \$10, as they have been for the past 10+ years. This money helps us support council and camping through FOS donations, camp promotion materials, and service materials, just to name a few things. It helps us support units by making new regalia for crossover ceremonies, and offering fun events to keep older youth active.

You can pay at the council office, but to receive your pocket rocket (this year, they have a white background and purple thread) you have to

come to a lodge event. We want you, not just your money.

The next "lodge event" will be University of Scouting.

Another way to pay your dues is through our RMP (Rapid Membership Program.) At each district's roundtable, when recharter information is passed out, we will have a lodge representative there to explain how each individual unit can pay for all their member's dues *at one time*. When you turn in your recharter info, you can turn in the forms with contact info and one check for dues and you'll get your pocket rockets and membership cards.

Unit election season until April 15!

Election packets have been placed in saddle bags for January roundtables. They are also available online. The procedures have not changed.

Results are due back to us by April 15. If you'd like us to help you with your unit elections, please let us know by Feb. 1.

Your prompt attention to those dates and to all of the details of the election forms will help us recognize your unit's honored campers

properly. In other words, if we don't get your results on time or you don't fill in all the information, it's very difficult for us to send out letters confirming Ordeal dates, etc.

Communicating with our members

As announced in the last printed edition, the Sachem has gone the way of Scouters' News...electronic. If you are not receiving an email notice when it is published, please send your email to membership@marnoc.org to be added to the list.

The Sachem is also available online at www.marnoc.org.

Marnoc Lodge also has a Facebook page, Marnoc Lodge #151. Find us, like us and keep up on everything the lodge is doing. www.facebook.com/#!/marnoc151

Important Vigil dates

In 2012, Marnoc Lodge will be able to recognize 15 members with the Vigil Honor. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Marnoc Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Scouting community and/or the Scout Camp. Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing (i.e. dues paid for 2011) is eligible for the Vigil Honor provided that, at

the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. We are trying something new this year to get more people involved with bestowing the Vigil honor. We have Vigil nomination forms available online. The due date for the nomination form is Jan. 31, 2012. Voting will be on Feb. 13, at 9 a.m., at the Camp Butler Conference Center. Anyone who is not eligible for the Vigil Honor and is a dues paid member of the lodge under the age of 21 can vote. Those dues paid members not eligible for the Vigil Honor and over 21 are welcome to come and take part in discussions, but are ineligible to vote.

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February	
15	LEC
17	Vigil Elections

Tri-Fires District cont'd.

2012 Tri-Fires Day Camp announced

It's only January, but summer time is not too far off! Units should start thinking and begin planning for the 2012 Tri-Fires District Day Camp. More details will be coming to you soon!

Tri-Fires is still searching for someone to replace Heidi Steele as the Program Director. Please contact Doug Meredith or Alex Stavros (330-773-0415 ext 232 astavros@bsaemail.org) for more information.

Theme: Pirates

Dates: July 26-28

Where: Camp Butler

Cost: \$50.00 for Scouts \$20.00 for siblings—age 7 & up

Contacts: Camp Director- Doug Meredith 330-603-4838, cubmaster3048@yahoo.com or Business Manager - Pam Ferguson pferg19209@sbcglobal.net.

Seneca District cont'd.

Family FOS is underway

For all Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venture crews, IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR A FOS PRESENTATION at a blue and gold banquet, court of honor, or parent night, YOU need to call Family FOS Chair **Paul Durbak at (330) 575-1145** to get one scheduled.

Make sure the date you select is a date when you will have the most family and friends of Scouts in attendance.

We need to be able to tell the "Scouting Story" to every family and give them the **opportunity** to make a financial contribution to help support the great things we do with the youth of our communities.

Lakes District cont'd.

Planning Family FOS

As we begin a new year, it is time to begin planning our annual Family Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. Our Family FOS Chair Christine Pizzute will be contacting each unit to set up your blue and gold dinners or court of honor presentation dates if you have not yet done so, or confirming a date if you have already given one. Please help her schedule your dates

as soon as possible so that she can line up presenters and make sure everyone is prepared. Lakes District is looking to meet its goal for the eighth year in a row in 2012! Let's make 102% of our goal for the 102nd Anniversary!

Are you registered for University of Scouting?

Are you registered for the 2012 University of Scouting? This is an opportunity to learn from the best of the best, experienced leaders will present programs to help you improve your skills and expand your Scouting knowledge. This is a great opportunity for both new and experienced leaders to learn "the tricks of the trade." You get to customize your own experience by

choosing from over 100 different courses. The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, February 11, at Green High School. The cost is \$25 and includes class materials and lunch!

Sign up now. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Lakes Klondike is January 6-8

January 6, 7 & 8, 2012
Camp Manatoc Training Lodge HQ
\$10/person
Saturday hot soup lunch provided
Edible Sandwich Returns

Fire Building; Knot & Lashings; Scavenger Hunt; First Aid; Ice/Water Rescue; Team Ski; Shelter Building;

Snow Ball Throw & many more!

Come on out and have a great time!!

Contact Dale Messner, 330-612-3050 or email dale.messner@philips.com for more info.

Marnoc Lodge cont'd.

Conclave

Remember how much fun you had at Conclave at Manatoc last year? Well, section is going to do it all again this year, but at a different location. This year's C4a Conclave will be held at Fort Steuben, about 1 ½ hours south of here on May 18 – 20. The host lodge this year is Onondaga Lodge, which will give us time to attend trainings, play

games and have the fun that we were too busy to do last year. Rumor has it our own past Lodge Chief and current Section Vice Chief, Ricky Angeletti, will be running for Section Chief this year and we want to be there to vote for him. More details to follow as section releases them.

National Order of the Arrow Conference

Every three years Arrowmen from across the nation gather in one location for a week of the most awesome fun you could ever experience. We call it NOAC. It's like being a college student for a week. Next year's NOAC is at Michigan State University from July 30 – Aug. 4, and the cost is \$500. We'll be staying in the college dorms and eating there, and have the run of the facilities, too. There are fantastic events like shows every night (they made it snow indoors in 2002), except the night of the Grand Hodag (Big Party), training every day, ceremony competitions, inter-lodge sports competitions, Founder's Day, too much to mention.

A brochure is available on our webpage with all the details. If you are interested, a \$100 deposit is due to the council office by Feb. 1, to reserve your slot. After that date, we can

still add people, but you may not get first choice of classes. This is transferrable to another Scout, but non refundable.

See <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2012/> for more info.

Council Information

National Scout Jamboree 2013— be the first at The Summit!

- It's 10,600 acres of pristine forests, cliffs, and vistas
- It's six adventure activity basecamps
- It's "Zip-zilla", the premier zip line attraction
- It's great whitewater rapids

Mark your calendar for **July 15-24, 2013**, and get ready for more fun and action than ever before.

Cost for Great Trail Council Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders will be no

more than \$1,900 per person—and will probably be approximately \$1,300 per person. Fees include two days of touring, transportation, food and lodging.

To register, visit www.bsajamboree.org TODAY!

Jambo adult leadership positions open

Adult leadership positions for the council's 2013 National Jamboree contingent are still available. GTC leadership applications are available at www.gtcbsa.org and candidates should also register at the national jamboree website at www.bsajamboree.org. Interviews will take

place early in 2012.

Questions? **Contact Jamboree Committee Chairman Steve York at scoutmaster777@syork.net.**

Council Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Scout Shop/office closed
- 9 Cub/Scout Training Committee
- 9 Eagle Dinner Committee
- 9 Venture Forum
- 10 Family FOS Presenters Training
- 10 Staff Growth Conference
- 16 Scout Shop/office closed
- 17 Camping Committee
- 18 OA LEC
- 19 Cub/Scout Camp Promo Committee
- 19 Family FOS Presenters Training
- 21 Board Retreat
- 24 Program Committee
- 25 Properties Committee
- 25 Wood Badge Dinner Committee
- 26 University of Scouting Committee
- 27 Marketing Committee
- 28 "Q" for the Day
- 28 Venturing Training
- 30 Day Camp Directors Meeting
- 31 District Key 3

February

- 1 Philmont Committee
- 4 Council Cub Leader Training #1
- 4 NYLT—Camp Manatoc
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 6 Eagle Dinner Committee
- 8 Scouting Anniversary Week
- 9 Finance Committee
- 9 University of Scouting Committee
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 11 University of Scouting—Green High School
- 13 Executive Board
- 14 Venturing surveys out
- 15 OA LEC
- 18 OA Vigil Committee
- 18-20 [Scout Ski Days](#)
- 19 [Wood Badge Dinner](#)
- 20 President's Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 21 Membership Committee
- 21 Program Committee
- 21 Volunteer Growth Conference
- 23 Council FOS Kick-Off
- 23 Religious Committee
- 24 Marketing Committee
- 25 Campmaster Meeting
- 28 District/Council Commissioners

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Saturday: 9 A.M.—1 P.M.



Check out our new ghost eagle hoodies and t-shirts now on sale!

Also, don't forget about upcoming Blue & Gold Banquets and Pinewood Derbys. We have the supplies you need!