



Scouters' News



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

Scouting for Food Day is March 10

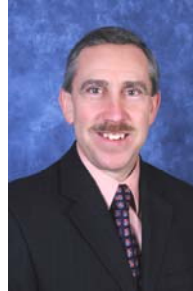
Scouting for Food Day is part of our council's Good Turn for America plan. Scouting for Food is our way of combating hunger in our service area. The council's goal of collecting 100,000 cans of food can be achieved if all units participate in this important event. The food will be given to local food 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!

Here's how you can do your part:

1. Sign up to participate by using the form at www.gtcbasa.org and sending it to the council.
2. Appoint a chairperson for your unit to coordinate the effort and report the tally.
3. Start saving grocery bags to collect the food in.
4. On March 10, go to the households in your community, in your Scout uniform, and ask for food donations (no perishables).
5. Turn in food to your local food bank.
6. Report the total collected by email to gtcbasa@gtcbasa.org on Monday, March 12.

To sign up, download the Scouting for Food form at www.gtcbasa.org and turn it in at the Scout Service Center.

Rick Coe to sponsor 2011 Eagle Class



Rick Coe, CEO of Portage Community Bank, headquartered in Ravenna, will be the host sponsor for the 2011 Class of Eagle Scouts.

He joins a prestigious list of past Eagle Class Sponsors over the event's 50+ year history in our council, including John S. Knight, the past President of the former Knight-Ridder Company. Knight was the founder of the event and the very first Class Sponsor.

Rick is a longtime supporter of Scouting and a strong leader in the Portage County community where he heads one of the top independent community banks in the nation.

The Recognition Dinner to honor the 2011 Richard J. Coe Class of Eagle Scouts is set for Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the historic Firestone Country Club.

Invitation letters to 2011 Eagle Scouts will be going out soon, as well as to community leaders who will serve as "hosts" for our Eagles that night at the dinner.

Questions? Contact Council Program Director Jim Shimko at jshimko@bsamail.org.

Aquatic Center Capital Campaign

Plans are in the works for a new Camp Manatoc Aquatic Center. If enough funds are raised for the August, 2012 construction timetable, completion will be by June, 2013 summer camping season.

Capital Campaign Chairman John Schrepf announced that we have raised \$1.2 million toward our overall goal of \$2 million for the total project. Phase one of the project calls for completion of a new pool and shower house in 2013, with additional projects in future years depending on funds.

The new pool and shower house will have an "aquatic patio" for named bricks. If you are interested in helping fund the pool, bricks can be purchased for \$1,000 payable over two years. For information on a brick see the council website gtcbasa.org donate button, or call the Scout office at 330-773-0415 ext. 215 for a form.



Council Information

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 Feb. 6;
\$25.00 (\$50.00/couple) after Feb. 6

For more information:

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

Council annual election notice

Council President Don Schneider has announced that Bill Considine will serve as the 2012 council nomination chairman for the May 14, 2012 Annual Meeting and Election of executive board and officers. Nominations from the field can be sent to Council Nomination Chairman Bill Considine, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309. The annual meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Tangiers. No nominations will be accepted from the floor and must be submitted in writing by April 12, 2012.

Silver Beaver applications due

Council Silver Beaver Chairman Dave Wright announces that 2011 applications are due in the Scout office by March 2, 2012. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can present to a volunteer for outstanding service to Scouting and his/her community. The award will be presented at the annual meeting on May 14, at Tangier Restaurant in Akron. Award applications are available through your district executive.

2011 Trail's End Popcorn Sale Units earned over \$455,000

Congratulations to the 216 units that participated in the 2011 Trail's End Popcorn Sale. Over 5,000 Scouts sold nearly 70,000 containers of popcorn. We continue to "set the mark" for all of the councils throughout Ohio. Great job everybody!

And the 2011 Top Sellers are...

2011 Council Top Salesmen

| Name | Unit # | Amount |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Paul Dilworth | Troop 105 | \$7,798 |
| Tim Wintering | Troop 265 | \$5,613 |
| Dylan Cook | Pack 3380 | \$3,569 |

2011 Top Selling Packs

| Pack | District | Amount |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Pack 3330 | Lakes | \$33,287 |
| Pack 3177 | Moecomdws | \$25,306 |
| Pack 3456 | Chippewa | \$25,198 |
| Pack 3265 | Seneca | \$17,999 |
| Pack 3390 | Old Portage | \$13,879 |
| Pack 3361 | Tri-Fires | \$12,038 |

2011 Top Selling Troops

| Troop | District | Amount |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Troop 1 | Old Portage | \$13,761 |
| Troop 405 | Chippewa | \$9,482 |
| Troop 304 | Lakes | \$9,360 |
| Troop 777 | Moecomdws | \$8,479 |
| Troop 310 | Tri-Fires | \$7,348 |
| Troop 259 | Seneca | \$6,444 |

Council Information

February leader's check list

Cub Pack Check List

- Recruit a day camp chairperson;
- Prepare for day camp sign-up in February, March or April;
- Turn in remainder of new boy and leader applications;
- Turn in charter if not already completed or start the process of rechartering for March/April charter districts;
- Prepare for Pinewood Derby;
- Prepare for blue and gold banquet;
- Identify leaders that need training and schedule date;
- Attend roundtable;
- Conduct your unit's Family FOS presentation.

Scout Troop Check List

- Sign up for summer camp;
- Identify leaders that need training and schedule;
- Turn in charter if not already completed or start the process of rechartering for March/April charter districts;
- Attend roundtable;
- Prepare for Scouting Anniversary;
- Conduct your unit's Family FOS presentation;

Webelos Dens

Webelos Scouts who are in their final year in the pack should be completing their Arrow of Light requirements during the next few months. Webelos leaders and Scoutmasters should be arranging graduations to facilitate these Arrow of Light requirements:

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

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

Staff changes effective March 1

Alex Stavros will become the Seneca District Executive (Portage County) beginning on March 1. Alex has served Tri-Fires for the past two years and will be a great addition to the Seneca leadership team. Congratulations, Alex!

Brandon Buckner will become the Tri-Fires District Executive effective March 1. Brandon has served the Pathfinder/Venturing District for the past 2-1/2 years. Brandon will be a great asset to the Tri-Fires team. Congratulations, Brandon!

We will both of them great success in their new districts working with great volunteers.

Mike Panasiti will continue to oversee Pathfinder/Venturing and Old Portage Districts in the interim.

Webelos dens begin visiting Scout troops

For anywhere from one to four years, Cub Scout leaders work on the ninth purpose of Cub Scouting: "preparing them to become Boy Scouts." During the fifth grade Webelos Scout experience, this transition from pack to troop becomes even more important. The Webelos Scout is still comfortable with his peers and may be hesitant about leaving his friends and entering a new environment with older boys.

One effective means of easing this transition for the Webelos Scout is a visit to the Boy Scout troop. Visiting a Boy Scout troop and experiencing a feeling of welcome by the troop members goes a long way toward all Webelos Scouts becoming Boy Scouts. We believe the best time for this graduation is in February/March. Below are some ideas that may be helpful toward this graduation.

- Secure tracking lists of fifth-grade Webelos Scouts from den leaders.
- Share these lists with the Webelos Scout graduation chairman.
- Identify those troops wanting to establish new Scout patrols for these Webelos dens.
- Arrange contact between Webelos den leaders and Scoutmasters to implement your plan.
- Have the Webelos den attend a troop meeting.
- Plan together a graduation ceremony for the Webelos Scouts at their February/March meeting.
- Follow-up with all Webelos Scouts until they join Boy Scout troops.

Call your district executive for more information regarding Webelos-To-Scout transition.

Council Information

Explain—Demonstrate—Guide—Enable

E.D.G.E. Training

The purpose of the Trainer's Edge course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It will also help develop the youth leadership within your unit. Only practice can polish these skills, but this course is intended to "train the trainer" on behaviors and resources while offering hands-on experience in methods and media.

Who should attend: Wood Badge staff*, NYLT staff*, district training staffs, patrol leaders, and Venturing crew leadership. (*Required training)

Pre-course preparation: All participants should prepare a 10 to 12 minute presentation on a topic from any BSA material. Your presentation should allow you to demonstrate the skills of a trainer. You will receive constructive feedback on your presentation.

Saturday, March 31

8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Greensburg Church of God

4691 Massillon Road

North Canton, OH 44720

Course Director:

John Naizer, 330-239-5646

Registration form at:

www.gtcbasa.org

How to become a Family FOS unit

For 102 years Scouting has taught young people the virtues of honor, respect, character, healthy living, and a true sense of citizenship through the principles found in the Scout Oath and Law.

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

How can your unit become a Family FOS unit?

- Unit leaders pick a date in February or March when your unit has a meeting with the best attendance (leaders, Scouts & families) - blue and gold banquets/courts of honor/awards banquets/pinewood derbies.
- Contact your District Family FOS Chairman (list below) and coordinate to have a district presenter come to your meeting for a 7-10 minute presentation on our "100 Years of Scouting" FOS presentation. We want each and every family to have the opportunity to support our programs!
- Assign a leader within your unit to coordinate this process and orchestrate the follow-up with families not in attendance.

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

2012 Family Friends Of Scouting Council Team

| District | Name & Phone | Email | District | Name & Phone | Email |
|------------------|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Tri-Fires | Nora Jones 330-676-0338 Mike Smith 330-990-7142 | nordle61@ yahoo.com ronaldsmith1200@ att.net | Lakes | Christine Pizzute 330-961-7025 | ohioparrothead@ neo.rr.com |
| Moecomdws | Ruth Mundy 330-962-2353 | ruthiemom621@ yahoo.com | Old Portage | Dena Altfeld 330-256-5808 | dena3622@ gmail.com |
| Seneca | Paul Durbak 330-438-1802 | paul.durbak@ huntington.com | Council Family FOS Chairman | Bob Saffle 330-655-4490 | bsaffle@ ford.com |
| Chippewa | Julie Nelson 330-242-6836 | silverladyjn@ yahoo.com | Council Advisor | Jody Gildersleeve 330-773-0415 ext. 218 | jgilders@ bsamail.org |

Council Information

From the registration desk...

Internet Advancement

Internet advancements can still be entered during the rechartering process. You will only be able to enter advancements for the youth that were currently registered in your unit and rechartered. New youth will not show up in Internet Advancements until the charter has been completed in the council office. Once the charter has been completed you will be able to go in the Internet Advancement to the list of youth, click on the "Start Over" button (top right page), it will take you back to where you download from our system. Once you have downloaded, all the new youth will show up on the list. Rosters and temporary membership cards will be updated with all new youth and adults.

Youth Protection Training Requirements

Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders except Institutional Heads, Tiger Cub Adult Partners and Scout Parents. When your charter is processed in 2012, if a leader does not have Youth Protection Training they will not be able to register with the unit. Once 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 that has the required training will need to be put in that position. They can be registered in the unit in another position. Once the training has been completed, the adult leader will need to complete an adult application and disclosure form and turn it in with verification that training has been completed. Since they are already on the charter in another position, no fee will be required, as this will be a "position change." If there are no leaders in the unit that have the required training, your unit will not be able to recharter. In this case please talk with your district executive as soon as possible.

Unit Chartering

Plan on attending your District Charter Training and Pick-Up. It will give you a head start on what needs to be done. See the charter time frame (at right) for your training date, time, and location.

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

| District | Charter Time-Frame |
|--|--|
| 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.—First Baptist Church Internet Recharter Window Opens—2/1/12 Closes—3/31/12 Recharter Turn-In Party—3/8/12 Roundtable—7 p.m.—First Baptist 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

Tributes & Memorials

In Memory of: Jerry Vorachek
From: Mary Mertic

In Memory of: Ed Smith
From: Jolean & John Mahaney
Barbara Litz
Millie Henderson
Helen Lowe
James Dean
Bill Heid
John Rudwell
George Hodnichack, Jr.
Shirley & Ken Wheeler

What is NYLT?

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is an exceptional training opportunity for youth who are members of the Boy Scouts. It's an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and crews. NYLT is a six day, co-ed course. Content is delivered in a group and team outdoor setting. You should be thinking of the youth who are presently holding positions of leadership within your troop (minimum 13 year olds and First Class and completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops) or crew (minimum 14 years old and completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and Crew Officer Orientation) or who have been recently elected where leadership skills and practice would greatly benefit. It's also a training course presented by a well-trained youth staff. It's youth teaching youth! It's scheduled for June 10-15 at Camp Butler. More details can be found at www.gtcbasa.org.

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 gtcbasa.org

Jamboree 2013 updates...

- Work continues at the Summit in West Virginia and everything will be ready to go for the first National Scout Jamboree at the site in 2013.
 - The Summit will feature 6 high adventure camps for everything from BMX and skateboarding to aquatics and zip lines. Go online at www.bsajamboree.org to see highlights of the progress being made every day at The Summit.
 - **Dates for the National Scout Jamboree are July 15-24, 2013**, but Great Trail contingent troops will leave at least 2 days prior, so **expect to depart on July 12 or July 13, 2012**.
 - Remember that **our council will have 2 contingent troops and 1 contingent Venture "patrol"** attending the National Scout Jamboree next summer. That means there will be **72 youth slots available between the 2 troops and another 8 slots available for registered Venturers**. Registering now is **REALLY** important.
 - **Contingent troop and "patrol" leadership is being selected now...**those who have applied online for a contingent leadership position will be receiving invitation letters to interview with the council's National Jamboree Committee this month. If you'd still like to apply to join our Scouts and Venturers in a contingent leadership capacity (4 in each troop, including the Scoutmaster, and 2 in the Venture "patrol"), don't wait. Go online at www.bsajamboree.org now!
 - **Cost for the jamboree for Great Trail Council Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders has been set at \$1,300 per person** and includes all fees, transportation, meals, touring prior to the jamboree and equipment. The only thing participants will be responsible for will be individual spending money during the trip.
- Questions? Contact Council Program Director Jim Shimko at jshimko@bsamail.org or by phone at 330-773-0415 ext. 217.
- Get signed up TODAY!

It's back...

Scout Nights at Canal Park is back again this summer! What a great way to enjoy America's #1 past time, baseball, and have a chance to sleep under the stars in centerfield.

Scout leaders and Scouts will have the opportunity to watch baseball and camp on the field after the game this summer.

Go to our website at gtcbasa.org to get details and sign up. Questions? Call Ross Swaldo of the Akron Aeros at 330-253-5151 ext. 284.

Council Information

BIG prize drawings at April Summer Camp Leader's Meeting

That's right – if your troop is summer camping with us at Manatoc this year, you NEED and WANT to be at this year's April 21 Summer Camp Leader's Meeting!

Every Scoutmaster and every senior patrol leader who attends the meeting to represent their troop will be entered into drawings for two separate prizes...drum roll please...

The Drawing Prize For Scoutmasters in attendance is

A complete, brand-new BSA Troop Flag.

It will include the wooden pole, flag topper, ground socket (so you can use it at camp) and parade sash (so you can properly carry it during Retreat)

The Drawing Prize for the SPL's in attendance is

A pair of new Coleman lanterns.

These will be perfect to light up your troop's campsite this summer.

These drawing prizes are gifts for YOUR TROOP, not the Scoutmaster or SPL personally but the only way to get in the drawing is to be in attendance at the April 21 meeting.

The meeting starts in the Dining Hall at 9 a.m. sharp and should be concluded by 10:30 a.m. We'll be covering many of the details of camp, especially new merit badge offerings, the daily schedule, the new theme (S.O.S.) and some new plans for making your summer camp experience even better than ever. As always, beginning at 7:30 a.m., the Famous Lady Wilderness Engineers will be serving their award-winning pancake breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Cost is just \$5 per person (any age) and we encourage you to come out before the meeting and enjoy the food and the fellowship in supporting the Lady Engineers.

Questions? Contact 2012 Summer Camp Director Bill Lovell by email at crabbybill@hotmail.com or by phone at home at 330-644-2458.

We'll see you April 21 at camp!

Openings remain for Philmont 2012

The dates are June 10 - June 22 and cost is \$1,650, due in installments. The fee includes Philmont fees, airfare, touring, all meals, 2 custom t-shirts, a GTC hat for the trail and transportation while in New Mexico.

This is a great opportunity to get your older Scouts or Venturers to a High Adventure trip that's already planned and ready-made so if your unit is unable to get enough participants together for a High Adventure experience alone, make the council contingent trip a reality.

Sign-up forms are available at the council website (www.gtcbasa.org) and for more information, contact Council High Adventure Chairman Steve York at scoutmaster777@syork.net.

Recruit a Scout— for a lifetime experience

What better program can a young person join than the Scouting program! Scouting definitely provides a real alternative to joining a gang! For years Scouting has been supportive to family, church, and school in the socialization of young people to life and living.

As dedicated Scouters believing deeply in the purpose of our movement we must aggressively pursue recruitment of Cubs and Scouts in our traditional Scouting program. Traditional Scouting remains the pillar and backbone of our council. It lays the foundation for future generations as a boy or young man develops a commitment to duty to God, country, others, and self.

Scouting is the only youth organization outside of organized religion which espouses a belief in God. This is underscored in our Oath and Law.

Through Scouting's advancement, camping and training programs, we teach young people the setting and achievement of short, medium and long range goals. As a result, they experience the thrill of accomplishment, provide hope and self-confidence and develop self-esteem. The role models that our adult volunteers provide in developing youth form the pattern of life for them which has lasting value. Scouts really do learn skills and values which last a lifetime.

Tri-Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”

District Chair Steve Schloenbach 330-376-8522 stevens@akroncommunityfdn.org
District Commissioner Jeff Derrenberger 330-798-0314 jderrenberger@neo.rr.com
District Executive Alex Stavros 330-773-0415 X 232 astavros@bsaemail.org



Get to the pits!

Gentleman, it's time to start building your cars! The Tri-Fires District will be holding the 2012 Annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 10. More information will follow at upcoming roundtables.

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 at 330-990-7142, ronaldsmith1200@att.net. Alex Stavros can also be contacted at 330-773-0415 ext. 232 or astavros@bsaemail.org.

2012 Tri-Fires Day Camp announced

It's only February and still cold and snowy, 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 or astavros@bsaemail.org) for more information.

Theme: Pirates
Dates: July 26-28, 2012
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
Business Manager - Pam Ferguson
pferg19209@sbcglobal.net

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

March

- 1 District Commissioners' Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
- 10 District Pinewood Derby
- 10 Scouting for Food
- 24 Super Saturday
- 31 Edge Training
Registration \$ 13.75 Boys' Life \$11.00

Moecomdws District

"It's A Matter Of Pride"

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 District Website: www.moescouts.org



2012 Family FOS Campaign

We are in the middle of our 2012 Family FOS campaign. All units need to schedule a presentation date. If you haven't yet done so, 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.

Completed charters due at February 9 roundtable

This year we'll 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, Journey to Excellence and money. If you have any questions please contact your unit commissioner.

Pirate skills needed for day camp

Arrrrhhhh! Attention you landlubbers, 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 by June 9. After that the registration fee will be \$70

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

Moecomdws Leaders' Training Day

Are all of your leaders trained? Moe is having the annual spring training day on Saturday, March 10 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cuyahoga Falls. If you have specific questions, please email **Harry Walker** at harrywalker@hotmail.com. Details are in the Cub Scout Training Brochure.

Award nominees wanted for 2011

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

District Award of Merit: Council level award presented by districts to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at a district level.

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

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

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

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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
 - 18-20 Scout Ski Days
 - 20 Martin Luther King Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

March

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Hudson Library
 - 6 Eagle Dinner
 - 8 District Commissioner Meeting—6:30 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 8 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—St. Stephen Church
 - 10 Scouting for Food
 - 10 Moe Training Day
 - 24 Super Saturday
 - 31 Edge Training
- Registration \$15.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

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Klondike 2012 wrap-up

The Klondike was held on January 6-8. We have not seen mud like that since the 2010 Jamborall. Thank you to **Dale Messner** for his leadership of the troops that put on an awesome event. **Mike Trinko** did a very insightful vesper service at the chapel followed by the auction. Congratulations to all the patrols who participated and a special shout out to the winners in both the 1st Class and below and the above 1st Class. Our winners are: 1st - 336 Walmart Greeters, 2nd - 759 Singing Kangaroos, and 3rd - 110 Heavy Metal Pirates in the above 1st Class division; 1st - 304 Llamas, 2nd - 110 - Vikings, 3rd - Narwals in the 1st Class and under division. The Edible Sandwich Contest was won by the Singing Kangaroos of Troop 759, 2nd - 115 Dead Turtles, 3rd 110 - Heavy Metal Pirates and Special Mention to 335 - Beat Box Bugs and 101 - Panthers.

Thank you all again and congratulations to all.

Webelos-To-Scout Transition

February is the month in which most Cub Scouts make the transition into a Boy Scout troop. This can be both an exciting and scary time for these young Scouts. The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of the Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Webelos dens should visit several troops before deciding which unit they want to join, and the Boy Scout troops should welcome these Webelos realizing that these boys may be the future of that troop. In order to make the passage from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts as smooth as possible, with no time lost in between when the Webelos are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities. They should feel excited about beginning this new adventure. Also, to make the transition complete, the troop leaders need to make sure that there is a Boy Scout application on file for all of the new Scouts. Without an application on file, any advancement the new Scout earns will not be recorded. So, please let's do everything possible to make this transition as smooth and comfortable as possible for our new Boy Scouts.

Boy Scouts of America Anniversary Week

The anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, February 5-11, is a great opportunity to talk to members of your community about Scouting's contributions to our nation over the past 102 years. Some Anniversary Week celebration ideas are: store displays in your community, attending Scout Sunday, conduct blue and gold banquet or court of honor, make a formal Scouting report to your chartered partner, breakfast with the local mayor and/or have an article printed in a newspaper. The thought behind this is to show that Scouting has been around for 102 years and still going strong, be proud to be part of such a great organization on their 102nd Anniversary.

Gentlemen, start building your cars

The District Pinewood Derby will be held Saturday, April 14. More Info will follow at roundtables.

Boy Scout roundtable themes

| Month | Theme |
|----------|-------------------------|
| February | Charter Turn-In |
| March | Summer Camp—Bill Lovell |
| April | Dutch Ovens—Troop 330 |
| May | Program Preview Packets |

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February

- 2 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
 - 5 Scout Sunday
 - 9 Roundtable/Charter Turn-In— Prince of Peace Church
 - 11 University of Scouting
 - 11 Scout Sabbath
 - 18-20 Scout Ski Days
 - 20 President's Day—Scout Shop/Service Center closed
 - 23 FOS Kick-Off FCC
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

March

- 1 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
 - 6 Eagle Dinner
 - 8 Roundtable—Prince of Peace Church
 - 10 Scouting for Food
 - 24 Super Saturday
 - 31 EDGE Training
- Registration \$15.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”

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Recharter Turn-In Day is March 10

At the Medina United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., on March 10, commissioners and district staff will be available for assistance in reviewing your charters. Exploring posts will not recharter online. Included in the recharter day will be some training opportunities such as Eagle Workshop for Life Scouts. A light lunch will be available to those who happen to be rechartering later in the day.

New District Membership Committee Chairman announced

The Chippewa District is happy to announce that **Carl Chudzinski** from Pack 3456 has accepted the position of our membership chairman in the district. He is responsible for our district's growth and recruiting a team to work with him on the membership committee. The Key Three are happy to welcome Carl into this role. We know he is the right man for the job.

Upcoming roundtable programs

This month on February 9, our topic is social media. We will review how to use this extremely useful tool and how to keep your pack or troop safe.

On March 8, we will discuss getting ready for day camp.

On April 12, the roundtable topic discussion is how to use Journey to Excellence tools and why they are so important.

Day camp is around the corner

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning for day camp. See the list below for more information.

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.inetcom.com or Camp Director, Chuck Hale cdhale@roadrunner.com

Chippewa thanks you

Thanks to **Ken Mann** for his help with the Klondike Derby. We had a great time! There was a write up in the Akron Beacon Journal. If you didn't get a chance to read it, click on the link below: <http://www.ohio.com/news/local/northeast-ohio-scouts-warm-up-to-beach-party-at-winter-campout-1.255196>

Thanks **Kit Marty** for your rechartering training on January 7.

Thanks to **Whitey's Army-Navy Store** for their continued support of our roundtable programs.

Bad weather alert

It is the time of year when 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.

February

- 1 Internet rechartering begins
 - 2 District Committee/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina Eagles 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
 - 23 Council FOS Fick-Off
- Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00**

March

- 1 District Committee/Commissioners Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina Eagles Club, 696 Lafayette Rd., Medina
 - 3 Explore Training, Life to Eagle Workshop, Scoutmaster Training
 - 8 Roundtable—7 p.m.—Lafayette United Methodist Church, 6201 Lafayette Rd., Medina
 - 10 Recharter Turn-In Party—Medina United Methodist Church, 260 S. Court St., Medina
 - 18 Day Camp Planning Meeting
 - 24 Super Saturday—8:30-Noon—Location TBA
 - 31 Internet rechartering closes
- Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A**

Seneca District

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

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Recharter training at Feb. 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 on-line 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.

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 you select 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 become a Friend of Scouting to help support the great things we do with the youth of our communities.

Let's recognize our volunteers

Congratulations to **Tim Muir and his staff** for a great Klondike Derby! They even gave us snow! Wow!

Results will be published in the next newsletter.

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, March 3, 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 in the afternoon (12:30 p.m.) for a brainstorming session.

An invitation and agenda will go out in February. 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 important.

Please call **Mark Messerly at (330) 678-8568** or **Mike Panasiti at (330)773-0415 ext. 213** to RSVP so that we'll have an idea of the quantity of refreshments and materials to have on hand.

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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

March

- 1 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 8 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
- 10 District Pinewood Derby—St. Joseph's, Mantua
- 28 Commissioners Unit Report Meeting—6:30 p.m.—Olde Kent Jail, Fred fuller Park, Kent
Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”

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Where IT'S at

The IT is Old Portage District's monthly Cub and Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable...the best place to get good info and program ideas for your troop, pack or den.

Roundtable has moved to First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., in West Akron (near the Wallhaven area). A Big Thank You to Troop 1 Scoutmaster Steve Myers and his team for helping us secure this new location for roundtable.

So, don't forget...pack up your gang and bring them all to roundtable the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave. You'll be glad you did!

Klondike a HUGE success!

The Old Portage expedition into the frozen woods and fields of Camp Manatoc for our Boy Scouts and Venturers last month was a gigantic success for more than 200 Scouts, Venturers and leaders in attendance. A tiny snowstorm just two days before gave us enough snow to make sleds useable and the temperature was perfect.

Patches didn't make it in time but will be dropped into your unit's saddlebag soon.

Congratulations to **Klondike Chairman Mike Fasig** and his team for a great event!

Working on that recharter?

We hope so! The internet "recharter window" is open Feb. 1, 2012 till March 31, 2012. The district's "Recharter Turn-In Party" is set for the March 8 Roundtable, 7 p.m., at our new location at First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron.

Don't forget to complete the Journey To Excellence form along with your other recharter paperwork – JTE is so very important as we work, across the country, to make our Movement the quality program for kids we all want it to be. Journey To Excellence helps us set goals, measure how we're doing at "Delivering The Promise" of a quality Scouting program to kids and families and gives us tangible ways of making our units better. So, don't forget to complete your JTE form when you work on your recharter.

Questions on JTE or recharter or need help? Contact our **District Commissioner Bob Fish**, at **330-283-3577** or bfish@oldportage.org.

Family FOS...because Scouting matters!

Family Friends of Scouting is the best way – the only way – to tell all of our Scouting families about how important Scouting is in the life of their son or daughter. Scouting really does matter in the life of one boy or one girl. It matters because it makes a difference in the kind of adults our kids will become; it makes a difference because it helps our kids learn the skills of leadership; it makes a difference because it allows our kids to spend time with us, their parents, in a quality program with positive outcomes. For all these reasons, we mean it when, in Old Portage, we say Scouting Matters.

You should already have your unit's Family FOS presentation scheduled for the most important, best-attended meeting of the year – your pack's blue and gold, your troop's next court of honor, or your crew's parents night banquet. We promise we won't take up too much time, we'll make it fun and we'll let your families know just how important Scouting is in the life of their child.

If you HAVEN'T scheduled your FOS presentation, contact our **Family FOS Chairman Dena Altfeld ASAP at dma3622@gmail.com**.

Thanks for showing that Scouting Matters to you!

John Starrett update

John will be taking long term disability due to his health condition. John will not return to his position of District Executive of Old Portage District.

John has been with the council for the past seven years. We all want to thank him for his service to Scouting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family as he continues to heal. We wish him well as he moves into the next stage of his life.

Assistant Scout Executive Mike Panasiti will provide service to Old Portage District in the interim.

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February

- 2 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ, 2061 W. Market St., Akron
- 9 Cub/Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable—7 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron
Registration \$2.50 Boys' Life \$2.00

March

- 8 Cub/Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable—7 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1670 Shatto Ave., Akron
- 28 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ, 2061 W. Market St., Akron
Registration \$1.25 Boys' Life N/A

Pathfinder District



“Diversity among the Scouting masses”

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Pathfinder Quote of the Month

“Nothing will work unless you do.”
- Maya Angelou

Let's skate!

The annual Pathfinder Skating Party will take place at the GSFE Cade Roller Rink located at 1615 E. Market St., in Akron, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Registration is \$5.

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

Venturing/ Exploring



Energy...Excitement...Enthusiasm

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2012 Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting will kick-off soon and our division goal is \$14,500. We would like to thank Jon Edwards for chairing this campaign for the Pathfinder/Venturing/Exploring Districts.

Any new ideas for new crews or posts?

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a crew or post, please contact Brandon Buckner ASAP! There are many youth that are interested in the traditional high adventure as well as career based groups (nursing, radio, engineering, aviation, Sea Scouts, etc.). All that is need is adult leadership. Please contact Brandon at 330-773-0415 ext. 230 or bbuckner@bsamail.org for more info.

Did you know Exploring provides scholarship opportunities?

If any Explorer is interested, please download an application at <http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships/>. Included are opportunities for scholarships in Aviation Exploring, Skilled Trades Career Exploring, Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Exploring.

Venturing ILSC Training

That's Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and it's a weekend full of fun and training. The dates are March 9-10, at Camp Butler's Atwater Lodge. Follow the link below to sign up and for more information:

gtcbsa.org/districts/venturing

Check the Venturing calendar here!

gtcbsa.org/districts/venturing

February

- 1 District Recharter
- 23 1st FOS Report Meeting
- 24 Skating Party—11 a.m.-2 p.m.—GSFE Cade, 1615 E. Market St., Akron

March

- 24 Super Saturday
- 29 2nd FOS Report Meeting

February

- 23 1st FOS Report Meeting—5:30 p.m.—Fairlawn Country Club

March

- 9-11 Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews—Atwater Lodge, Camp Butler
- 23 2nd FOS Report Meeting—5:30 p.m.—Fairlawn Country Club

Marnoc Lodge #151

Order of the Arrow

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Trade ya \$10 for a pocket rocket!

Dues for 2012 are now ...uh...due. They 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, offering fun fellowship events for your older youth to keep them active.

You can pay at the council office, if you want, but to receive your pocket rocket you have to come to a lodge event. We want you, not just your money. The next "lodge event" will be University of Scouting, followed by Winter Fellowship, March 24.

You can also use our RMP...Rapid Membership Program. At roundtable, when recharter information gets returned, you can turn in the forms with contact info and one check for dues and you'll get your pocket rockets and membership cards for your whole unit.

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.

Conclave to be held at Fort Steuben

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.

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 have Vigil Nomination Forms available online at www.marnoc.org. The due date for the nomination form is Jan 31. Voting will be on Feb. 18, 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.

Baby it's cold outside...Winter Fellowship

Are you getting bored sitting inside all winter? Want to do something with some of your fellow Arrowmen? Marnoc Lodge will be climbing at Kendall Cliffs on March 24, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost for this event will be \$18 and this will cover your climbing, gear, and some snacks.

We will **NOT** be able to have walk-ins for this event, so please pre-register at the Scout Shop by March 19. When you pre-register, you need to turn the waiver form in that can be found at <http://kendalcliffs.com/forms/>.

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February

15 LEC
18 Vigil Elections

March

21 LEC
24 Winter Fellowship

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District Annual Election notice

District Chairman Paul Schumacher has announced that Jeff Kline will serve as the 2012 District Nominating Committee Chairman for the April 4, 2012 District Annual Meeting and election. Nominations from the field can be sent to Jeff Kline, Moe District Nominating Chair, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309. The annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., at the Hudson Library. No nominations will be accepted from the floor and must be submitted in writing by March 3, 2012.

Marnoc Lodge cont'd.

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

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

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.

Lakes District cont'd.

Recognize your fellow Scouters at Lakes District Recognition Dinner

This year the Lakes District Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, April 20. Please be looking for more information at roundtable. Also, don't forget that the district dinner is a time to recognize your fellow Scouters for all of their hard work, dedication and service. If you know someone who goes above and beyond expectations please take the time to nominate him or her for either the District Award of Merit or the Lakes Commodore Award. Each year Lakes District gets to award two District Awards of Merit and as many Commodore awards as there are worthy recipients. You can get forms either from roundtable or from Dennis. Nominations must be turned into Dennis no later than March 31, 2012 for consideration.

Charters due on February 9

This year the Lakes District Charter Turn-In is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, at Lakes' roundtable. Unit commissioners will be there from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. to sit with you for a few minutes to make sure that you have all that you need for your charter to be complete. Please bring your signed charter, any additional applications that you added to your charter, 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 on-line re-chartering we will be 100% error free!

Start planning for Lakes day camp

Join us at Craftsman Park in the Portage Lakes. Tiger Day at Camp will be Sunday, July 22, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cub Day Camp will be Monday, July 23, through Wednesday, July 25. Webelos Day Camp will be Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28. Please be aware that this year there will be a final registration date (that date is still being determined). No late registrations will be accepted and there will be no walk-ins allowed at day camp. Please start planning now!!!!

University of Scouting

Learn from the best of the best and improve your skills and Scouting knowledge. Choose from over 100 different courses to customize your own experience. University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, February 11, at Green High School. The cost is \$25 and includes class materials and lunch. More information and registration forms at gtcbsa.org.

Old Portage District cont'd.

We need 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 tools you'll need to give a great presentation...it truly is easy.

Please think about your own Scouting story and share it with others, not tomorrow...today. Contact **Family FOS Chairman Dena Altfeld today at dma3622@gmail.com** and step up to help a whole lot of kids through FOS today.

Whatcha' doin' for Scout Anniversary Week this year?

The week of Feb. 5-11, 2012, is the 102nd anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts. It's a great time to promote Scouting and your pack, troop or crew in the community.

Here are a few ideas:

- Your Cub Scouts are walking, talking miniature billboards for Scouting – have a Uniform Day where they all wear their uniforms to school;
- Again for packs, what about an indoor service project at your school or at your chartered organization – empty trash cans, clean tables after coffee and donuts on Sunday, sweep floors, clean the inside of windows?;
- For troops and crews, what about collecting personal toiletry items for the local USO for our troops overseas among the congregation on a Sunday or at their middle or high school on a specific day?;
- Again for troops and crews, what about doing a “Good Turn” for the homeless by working in a soup kitchen or packaging food for the needy at the St. Bernard-St. Mary Parish food pantry and meal program?;
- And another one for troops and crews, conduct a sweep of neighborhoods near your meeting site knocking on doors and offering AA batteries for the smoke detectors in families homes?

Don't forget about Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday – great opportunities to let everyone know who we are and what we do. And your local public library would probably be happy to have you decorate a display case or window to educate the public on what is Scouting...have we ever asked?

Be creative and get your members involved in letting the world know that Scouting is alive and well in Old Portage!

Council Calendar

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

March

- 2 Silver Beaver applications due
- 3 NYLT staff
- 3 Wilderness First Aid #1
- 6 Eagle Dinner
- 8 Finance Committee
- 10 [Scouting for Food](#)
- 10 Wilderness First Aid #2
- 12 Cub/Scout Training Committee
- 12 Executive Committee
- 14 Silver Beaver Committee
- 15 Cub/Scout Camp Promo Committee
- 17 Wilderness First Aid #3
- 20 Camping Committee
- 20 Membership Committee
- 21 Eagle Process Committee
- 21 OA LEC
- 22 Activities Committee
- 24 OA Fellowship
- 24 [Super Saturday](#)
- 26 Day Camp Directors' Meeting
- 27 Commissioner Meeting
- 28 Properties Committee
- 29 FOS Report #2
- 29 University of Scouting Committee
- 30 Marketing Committee
- 31 [Edge Training](#)

**Great Trail Council
Scout Shop
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