Council Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Erie Shores Council, BSA, will be held January 20th at the Ford Center at Camp Miakonda. All Chartered Organization Representatives from every pack, troop, post, and crew, Executive Board Members, and Council Members-at-Large are voting members of the council and are invited to attend. An optional dinner will be served at 5:30 PM (cost is $15.00, reservations are required) and the meeting will begin at approximately 6:15 PM.

Nominated to serve as the next Council President is Jack Randolph. Jack is President of Paramount Health Care and has been a member of the BSA Executive Board since 2005. He has been serving as the Vice President for Development for the past two years overseeing the council’s fundraising activities and events and guiding the fiscal areas of the council.

Executive Board Announces Special Recognitions

At their November 2009 meeting the Executive Board of the Erie Shores Council unanimously approved a motion presented to them regarding special recognitions to be made in honor of Scouters who have been instrumental and invaluable to the council and its programs.

Plans have been set in place to re-name the Pioneer Scout Reservation with a formal title of “The Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation” (similar to the “DeVilbiss Scout Reservation” formal title) with the working title remaining “Pioneer Scout Reservation”. The area outside of the Camp Frontier boundaries (currently the undeveloped Camp B and Camp C) will be named “The Anderson Preserve”. Richard P. Anderson was the driving force behind the group of Scouters and Scouting supporters who planned, oversaw and carried out the purchase of the Pioneer Scout Reservation.

The Executive Board also approved the naming of the Pioneer COPE Course in honor of Jerry and Carol Koecker who have been instrumental in the creating, upkeep and operation of the COPE Courses.

A commemorative plaque or sign, similar to the historical markers in place at Camp Miakonda, will be posted for all the areas renamed and will also recognize the other Scouters and volunteers who were a major part of these projects.

Recognitions will be among the highlights of our Centennial Celebrations in 2010 – both at the January 20th Annual Meeting at Camp Miakonda and at Camp Frontier during the first week of summer camp.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Scouters,

It's been two years already! Wow — it went fast! Thank you all for your constant support and encouragement. It’s been an honor and a privilege to serve.

So often we’ve talked in this space about Scouting in the Erie Shores Council now being on a wonderful journey. For me the trek continues, but with a less general, more specific role. As Past President I’ll be continuing with the Capital Campaign, the new Centennial Leadership Center, the Conservation Easements, Carbon Offsets, Clean Lakes/Streams and related items.

When you first elected me, I shared my vision of “One BSA,” all of us professionals and volunteers, whether focusing on Tigers, Cubs, Boys, Venturers, or Explorers, working together for common purpose in the Erie Shores Council. It seems to me we’ve made great progress. We made Quality Council again and steadily rank at or near the top in several categories within Area 2 of the BSA’s Central Region. As we’ve gone around to all of the Districts lately, there is an “All for One — One for All” attitude which is very encouraging. Hope that continues in American Scouting’s 100th Year and beyond.

“Diversity” was vision point two, and we haven’t yet achieved all we can here. Our Council membership and volunteer demographics are not in proportion to our service area’s demographics. Hope we can continue to help serve all our area’s youth. Bridges to other groups are in place to help.

We have created a “Sustainable” budget. Thanks to all for the popcorn sales, FOS, summer camp and other budget successes. Constant vigilance will assure future success.

We also have gotten our “Message” out. BSA is more visible throughout our communities than it’s been in a long while. That will only improve in 2010 as units do special service projects for the 100th and hold other unique Centenary events.

Again, while we’re not all the way there yet, we’ve have witnessed an “Improved” staff culture. It’s easy to take all of the professionals for granted, but they work very hard to deliver the program every day. We owe them our sincere appreciation, continued support and help.

We’ve made significant progress enhancing “University” connections. The tangible opportunities for scholarships, education, training, leadership, service are now in place for the Scouts — particularly with UT, Owens and Lourdes. It’s very encouraging and should be a major recruiting tool going forward.

Through awareness, communication and emphasis we’ve become more “Green.” We’ve gotten a forestry management plan for our two camps, are waiting for the right market for carbon offsets and are trying to be environmentally conscious in our construction and renovation efforts. In the future our communication and practices will likely be less paper intensive. We’ll continue to stress recycling and alternative energy. It’s long been our mission, but the world needs our environmental vigilance more every day.

So that’s a brief status of our 7 vision points. There’s much yet to do, but we’re making progress. Special thanks to Richard Fisher and my fellow Board/Excom members. You constantly reenergize me. You all do so much to make our area a great place for young people to grow up.

Please give our next Council President Jack Randolph the help, support and respect you’ve shown me. I’m looking forward to continuing to do whatever I can for this terrific movement we’re all a part of.

Yours in Scouting,
Hal Munger, Council President
When the BSA was founded in 1910, boys weren’t into video games, scuba diving, or robotics. But as we enter our second century, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be able to earn awards in these topics, thanks to a new focus on change and innovation.

### New for Cub Scouts

Video Games is one of 13 new belt loops and pins in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. It’s been more than 10 years since the program expanded, so volunteers and Cub Scouts from around the country have been waiting for this change.

In late January, Scout shops across the country should begin selling a new edition of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide (No. 34299), which will include these additions:

**Academics Subjects:**
- Disabilities Awareness
- Family Travel
- Good Manners
- Nutrition
- Pet Care
- Photography
- Reading and Writing
- Video Games

Requirements for the new awards will mirror those for the existing belt loops and pins. Besides the addition of the new awards, the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program remains the same.

### New for Boy Scouts

Scuba Diving is the first new Boy Scout merit badge in three years; it will become available in December. Four other new merit badges will appear over the course of the coming year:

- **Inventing** (First quarter 2010)
- **Geocaching** (Second quarter 2010)
- **Scouting Heritage** (Second quarter 2010)
- **Robotics** (Fourth quarter 2010)

These badges are being introduced because they received positive feedback in a youth interest survey.

If five new merit badges seems like a lot, it is. By comparison, the BSA introduced just six new merit badges between 1992 (Collections) and 2006 (Composite Materials).

When you have an idea for a new merit badge, the first step is to complete a proposal form, which you can get by e-mailing merit.badge@scouting.org. Proposals that fit merit-badge criteria and rank highly with youth members are sent to a volunteer task force and the Program Content Committee for review and development.

But the new badges aren’t the only innovation. In the past it took three years to create a merit badge. Now, that time has been cut to just less than a year, helping to keep the badge topics and content fresher than ever.

As always, www scouting org is your best source for the most current information about these awards.
The U.S. Postal Service gave us “a stamp of approval” to honor 100 years of the U.S. Scouting movement. The Celebrate Scouting stamp will be issued in the summer of 2010. The design, created by Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, California, depicts the spirit and outdoor adventure of Scouting through a backpacking Scout and a large silhouette of a Scout surveying the landscape.

In conjunction with the announcement, we are encouraging Scouts to send letters and packages to veterans and U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving overseas.

“Regardless of our age, we never outgrow the joy of receiving a personal letter in the mail,” said Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. “This is the least we can do for the service men and women to whom we owe the deepest gratitude for their service.”

Celebrate Scouting letterhead, guides for writing letters to deployed soldiers and veterans, and care package tips are available in an online toolkit to help Scouts get started.

The Celebrate Scouting stamp was championed by U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions of Texas and supported by a bipartisan group of more than 300 Congressional members.

Scout Mass with Bishop Leonard Blair

**Sunday, February 7, 2010, 11:00 AM**

At Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

The 2010 Scout Mass is to celebrate the double centennial,

The 100th anniversary of Scouting in America
The 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Toledo

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, PAST and PRESENT, and Scouters should plan on attending!

Brunch following Mass: Price $5.00 per person

For details, questions or reservations on either of these events please contact
Gary Holewinski 419-704-7811 or 419-535-1232 or GHolewi889@aol.com

Local & National Tour Permits

When filling out a Local or National Tour Permit, remember - the permit must be signed in three places (read Guide to Safe Scouting) and have two tour leaders’ signatures. These signatures are a must!

Be sure you have filled out the CPR training and Hazardous Weather training. If you are going swimming you need to fill out Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The training areas are found on the back of the permit and are a must before the permit is issued.

Make sure you have a seat belt for everyone in the vehicle. If parents are driving their own Scout please indicate it.

Local Tour Permits are to be filed with the council office two weeks in advance of the activity;
National Tour Permits require four weeks as they are processed by the council office through the Central Region office.

You can fax (419-241-6769), email (Nancy.Brushaber@Scouting.org) or mail in your permit. Send it to:
Erie Shores Council
P. O. Box 8728
Toledo, OH 43623
Attention All Order of the Arrow Members:

tindeuchen Lodge is currently conducting a membership audit and we need your information. Please visit the lodge website at www.tindeuchen.com and click on the membership update link found at the top of the page. We are also now accepting annual dues for 2010-2011. They remain at $10 and you can pay at any lodge meeting or at the Council office.

Camp Masters Needed For 2010

The Camping Committee is now accepting nominations for Camp Masters at Camp Miakonda. This is a great opportunity to help the weekend camping program. We will be establishing teams of four to provide weekend coverage.

If you know of a possible candidate or want to sign up to become a Camp Master yourself, then please contact Operations Director, John Bolster at 419-882-1651 or E-mail operations@camp-miakonda.org.

Camp Frontier Ground Hog Kick Off

The Ground Hog Kick Off for Camp Frontier's 2010 Summer Camping Season will start with a dinner at Camp Miakonda's Ford Center on Wednesday, February 24th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. An informational session will be held following dinner where the Leaders’ Guide will be passed out. Please RSVP with Nancy at 800.241.7293 or email Nancy.Brushaber@Scouting.org by February 17th.

Silver Beaver Nominations

Do you know of one of our volunteer Scouters who has truly shown the Scouting Spirit and gone above and beyond in their service to the youth of Northwest Ohio? If so, be sure to nominate that special person for a Silver Beaver Award. It’s the highest honor a volunteer Scouter can receive from a local Scout council.

The Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner will be held June 3rd at Camp Miakonda. Nominations for the Silver Beavers that will be presented that evening must be in to the Distinguished Awards Committee by March 31st for their consideration. Nomination forms are available at the Scout Office, online at www.erieshoescouncil.org in the leader Resources listing under the Resources section or email erieshores@bsamail.org and we can send you an electronic copy to print. Send the completed forms to: Erie Shores Council Distinguished Awards Committee, P.O. Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623.

Mud Hens Sleepovers

Erie Shores Council Dates:
Saturday, May 15th
Saturday, June 12th
Friday, July 30th
Friday, August 13th

In 2009, over 7,000 scouts enjoyed a Mud Hens game and over 5,000 Scouts spent the night at Fifth Third Field. The 2010 Scout Sleepovers are expected to be even bigger! Whether you’re a seasoned veteran or coming to the Scout Sleepover for the first time, the annual Boy and Girl Scout Sleepover events are fun for the whole family.

Cost for the Sleepover Event is $17 per person, which includes a game ticket and sleepover ticket. Cost to attend the game only is $9.00 per person. You must attend the game to sleepover. Every Scout sleeping over receives a Mud Hens Sleepover Patch! The Mud Hens will donate a percentage of the proceeds back to your council!

Show up early! Our Scout Parades start 40 minutes prior to game time! Bring as many banners and signs as you can carry!

Enjoy our all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet for only $8.00! Buffet Includes: Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Sausage Links, Hash Browns, Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Milk, and Coffee.

Enjoy our picnic snack pack during the ballgame for only $5.00! (Discounted from regular concession pricing) Picnic Snack Pack Includes: 1 hot dog, 1 bag of chips & 1 small soda

Opportunity to purchase a Toledo Mud Hens Sleepover commemorative baseball T-shirt!

WE WILL SELL OUT of sleepover space and tickets, so make your reservations as soon as possible!

Scout Shop News!

All your Pinewood Derby Needs! New this year...

Colored wheels in Ragin’ Red, Screamin’ Yellow, Blazin’ Blue and Outrageous Orange. We also have some new Derby tools and books with Designs and Speed Secrets available.

The Scout Sunday Patch for 2010 has arrived and we have many things to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary as well as Blue & Gold Banquet supplies.

Contact Sara Crosby at Sara.Crosby@Scouting.org for more information or to place a special order today!
Calendar of Events

JANUARY
1-2  SSC & Store Closed—New Year’s Day
16-17 Star Party, PSR
18  SSC & Store Closed—
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19  Council Commissioners Meeting
26  Council Membership Committee
27  Council Training Committee
28  Council Advancement Committee
28  Council Camping Committee

FEBRUARY
1  Protestant Committee Meeting
7  Scout Sunday
13  Scout Sabbath
13  Youth Protection Training
16  Council Commissioners
23  Council Membership Committee Meeting
23  Council Training Committee Meeting
24  Council Advancement Committee
24  Camp Frontier Ground Hog Kick Off
25  Council Camping Committee, Miakonda

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