The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910 under the laws of the District of Columbia by W. D. Boyce. On June 21 a group of 34 national representatives of boys’ work agencies met, developed organization plans and opened a temporary national headquarters in a YMCA office in New York. In September, Robert S.S. Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, visited America and interpreted the program. President William Howard Taft accepted the office of honorary president; Theodore Roosevelt became honorary Vice President and chief Scout citizen; Colin H. Livingstone was elected President; Mortimer L. Schiff, Milton A. McRae and Benjamin L. Dulaney, vice presidents; George D. Pratt, treasurer; Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner, and Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout. The first annual meeting was held at the White House and was addressed by President Taft. By 1912 Scouts were enrolled in every state and membership totaled 126,860.

Scouting formed in Northwest Ohio on October 1, 1910 when William Hoffmeister, boys’ work secretary of the Toledo YMCA, was issued his commission as the first Scoutmaster in Toledo for YMCA Troop 1. In February, 1912 the first Toledo City Boy Scout Council was formed with William Bolles as Council President and A.T. Benson as Scout Commissioner.

Erie Shores Council is celebrating its 100th Anniversary during 2012.
The Annual Business Meeting for the Erie Shores Council, BSA, will be January 18th 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 p.m. (RSVP with Joyce at 419-241-7293 ext 206) and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The voting slate includes the following officers nominated to serve for 2012: Council President Gary Harden, Council Commissioner Ed Frey, Jr., Council Treasurer James Layman, Legal Counsel Gene Abercrombie, Past President Jack Randolph, Vice President/Nominations Mary Arquette, Vice President/Properties Shawn Chowdhary, Vice President/Marketing Gary Corrigan, Vice President/Program Roger Greive, Vice President/at Large Hal Munger; Vice President/Development Paul Nungester, Jr., Vice President District Operations Richard Reynolds, Vice President/Membership-Relationships Robert Thompson, Vice President/Scoutreach Mark Urrutia, Chairman-Distinguished Awards Vice President/at Large Hank Newcome, and Chairman-Activities and Civic Service Dave Wilson. Congratulations to all the volunteer Scouters elected to serve as Executive Board Members, Council Advisory Committee Members, Council Members at Large, Council Associate Members and National Council Representatives The District Commissioners will also be approved for service in their respective districts.

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 7th 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.erieshorescouncil.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.

Camp Alaska Breakfast

After 24 hours outside, sleeping in a shelter that you have built yourself, and, after having eaten three meals that you have cooked over an open fire; nothing is more refreshing than a good hot breakfast.

On January 15th, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., the staff at Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation offer the option of a hot pancake breakfast to those who have completed Camp Alaska there on Saturday night, January 14th. Please let us know in advance that you will be there.

Cost is $9.00 per person with Camp Alaska and $5.50 for Breakfast Only. Call the Scout Service Center, 419-241-7293 ext 204, or email Nancy at Nancy.Brushaber@Scouting.org.
Pinewood Derby Clinic

On Saturday, January 7th from 9 AM to 4 PM you and your Scout can bring your Pinewood Derby car kit to any Andersons Store and participate in a FREE Pinewood Derby Clinic. Have your design drawn out and one of the Andersons’ woodworking experts will cut your car out. They will have a Scout-friendly Sanding Station so you can give your car that winning ‘edge’. Then take it home to decorate, weigh and adjust – You’re Ready to Race!!!

Clinics will be at The Andersons in:
- **Maumee** – Illinois Avenue & Ford Street
- **Toledo** – Talmadge Road at Monroe Street
- **Northwood** – at the Woodville Mall

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 29th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Get your copy of the 2012 Camp Frontier Leaders Guide and visit with the 2012 leadership of camp. Please RSVP with Nancy at 800.241.7293 ext 204 or email Nancy.Brushaber@Scouting.org by February 16th.
Good Turn for America

B e sure to log on to www.goodturnforamerica.org and enter all the data about your unit’s or Eagle service projects. You will need your Unit ID number, unit number, sponsoring organization and city as well as number of adults and youth participating and hours served. Just follow the directions on the website to enter your service project information. Please Note: When entering “Local Unit Number” only enter the 4-digit unit number, ie, 3206 or 0001. Do NOT type in the words “Pack”, “Troop”, “Crew”, etc. The field only recognizes the 4-digit number.

After entering the data, you are eligible to receive the Good Turn for America patch and year segment. They can be purchased through the Scout Shop at the Service Center.

The web site is open throughout the year so you can go in as many times as you wish to record all your service projects, large and small. This site is for traditional packs, troops, posts, crews, Learning for Life groups and Eagle Scouts. If you misplace your Unit ID, give the Registration Department a call and we can get the code number for you.

Free Rank Program – Erie Shores Council Units

To qualify for Free Rank emblems for your Scouts, your unit must participate in:

- The Fall Popcorn Sale—Show-N-Sell, Take Order, or both, with sales.
- Family Friends of Scouting—Presentations are usually held during January, February and March. Unit must establish at least a $100 level of giving, and pledge must be paid by May 31st.
- Have a representation of youth participating at Erie Shores Council camps’ summer programs—(Packs) Camp Miakonda’s Cub Day Camp, Resident Camp, Eagle Bay District Cub Day Camp; (Troops) a long term camping experience at Camp Frontier of the Pioneer Scout Reservation.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner
Thursday, June 7th at Camp Miakonda

I t’s a celebration honoring all our adult volunteer leaders! Come early and mingle with everyone at each district gateway. At 6 p.m. a delicious picnic-style barbecue dinner will be served buffet style on the Activities Field. At 7:15 the program begins at the Council Ring honoring many outstanding volunteers in recognition of some very special accomplishments this past year including the John Haar and the Greg Hendel Lifetime Service Awards. The program concludes with the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards — the highest honor a volunteer can receive from a council followed by a cake and punch reception in the Council Lodge. Circle the date on your calendar and plan to come out to beautiful Camp Miakonda and have a great evening!
Protestant Committee on Scouting

The Protestant Committee on Scouting is looking for any adults who have received a religious award in 2011. If you could please send the information to chorne@embarqmail.com we will see that they are invited to the 2012 God and Country Banquet on March 2, 2012.

And, don’t forget the God & Country Camporee celebrating 100 years with Erie Shores Council. The Camporee will be March 9-11 at Camp Miakonda. Theme is “Serving God’s Hands”. Check in is Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM, and starts with a social hour in the Council Lodge. Cost is $7.50 per person and includes Friday Night pizza, patch and the program. Cabins must be reserved with Program Secretary Nancy at 419/800-241-7293/ext 204 or nancy.brushaber@scouting.org.

Harlem Globetrotters

If you missed them in Toledo — you have another chance to have a great evening with the Harlem Globetrotters. Friday, January 27th at 7 p.m. there will be a special game at the Stroh Center with the Harlem Globetrotters. Each ticket purchase includes a Globetrotters patch and $1 of each ticket comes back to the Council to help support our camping and activity programs. Tickets are just $17.50 for Scouts. Order early for the best seats. Order forms are available at the Scout office and from the council website at www.erieshorescouncil.org.

Youth Protection Training

New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before they submit their application for registration. Youth Protection Training is available on line at: http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html or Erie Shores Council offers several training sessions at the Ford Center at Camp Miakonda. These sessions are led by Instructor Ed Taylor on January 21 and February 25. You can sign up for a session by emailing Ed at edtaylor49@yahoo.com or contact Karen at 419/800-241-7293 ext. 205.

If you’ve already completed the training, don’t forget to check your certificate card. Youth Protection Training must be renewed every two years.

Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews

The Erie Shores Council High Adventure Committee is once again having the annual drawing for interested units to request a crew slot to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2013. We have six crew slots available and are asking your unit to submit the 2013 Council Contingent Drawing Form to the Erie Shores Council Program Secretary Nancy Brushaber by January 20, 2012. More information is listed on the Erie Shores Council website under ‘Camping/High Adventure’. Questions or for more information, please contact Joel.Moszkowicz@gmail.com or 419-392-2764. The dates without travel for 2013 are June 16-28, 2013.
Calendar of Events

JANUARY
1-2 Scout Office & Store Closed
7 Pinewood Derby Clinics – The Andersons
14-15 Camp Alaska, PSR
16 Scout Office & Store Closed – MLK Day
17 Council Commissioners Meeting
21 Youth Protection Training
23 Council Training Committee
25 Council Advancement Committee
26 Council Membership Committee
27 Harlem Globetrotters, Stroh Ctr, BG

FEBRUARY
2 Ground Hog Day
14 Valentine’s Day
20 Scout Office & Store Closed-Presidents Day
21 Council Commissioners Meeting
22 Council Advancement Committee
23 Council Membership Committee
25 Youth Protection Training
29 Camp Frontier Ground Hog Kick Off

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