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ERIE SHORES COUNCIL #460

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86th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner

The Council Distinguished Awards Committee honored several volunteers at the 86th Annual Council Scouter Recognition Dinner on June 7th at Camp Miakonda. After a scrumptious BBQ Dinner of ribs and chicken catered by BBQ Travelers, LaCarne, OH, the program followed at the Council Ring honoring the many volunteers and their very special accomplishments this past year. The evening concluded with a dessert reception in the Council Lodge.

Silver Beaver Honorees were John Blodgett, Tom Farkas, Roger Greive, Scott Moffett, Mark Urrutia and Jim Wilson. The Gregory Hendel Lifetime Volunteer Service Award went to Dave Wilson, and, the John Haar Lifetime Volunteer Service Award was presented

to Roger Carpenter. New this year, the Glenda Bowman North Star Inspirational Leadership Award was established with the inaugural award being given to Glenda Bowman.

Special kudos of National BSA Lifesaving and Meritorious Awards went to Brandon Kinsman from Troop 112, Commodore Perry District, on his Honor Medal and Aaron Brodbeck, Troop 66, Swan Creek for a Heroism Award. Also honors to Haydan Stone for earning the Hornaday Conservation Badge, and the new disAbilities Awareness Torch of Gold Awards to Dan Anderson, Kathy Bomer, Charlie Horne and Sonya Whitehead.

Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do for the youth of Northwest Ohio!

Centennial Council Camporee

Have you marked your calendar for October 12-14? Make your plans NOW to join the packs, troops, crews and posts of our council as we begin our second century of Scouting in Northwest Ohio!!! All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Leaders and Parents are invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Erie Shores Council in grand fashion at the Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation.



Come participate in the greatest camporee ever! We will have historical displays, new Scout technology, hands-on demonstrations, activities for Cubs, Webelos, Scouts and Venturers.

A Scouting Extravaganza which will include shooting sports, climbing, fishing, star gazing and much, MUCH more! We have contests and campwide games that will test your mettle!

Cost is only \$12 per participant and includes registration, lunch and a patch!

For more details check out www.erieshorescouncil.org/centennial.html.

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Gary Harden
Council President

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President's Message

Fellow Scouters:

It's summer and time for camping! Day Camp, Summer Camp, Philmont, whatever your pleasure, that much awaited time of year is upon us. Camping is our reward for the planning, meetings, fundraisers and other boring but necessary aspects of Scout life. It's what boys dream, and why men want to be boys again. Oh yeah, and then there's all that learning stuff that happens when we bundle it into pins, merit badges and rank advancement. So much learning goes unnoticed until it's checked off a requirements list.

Don't believe me? What else could motivate an adolescent male to forsake Smart phone and Facebook, write a real letter with (gasp) pen and paper resorting to U.S. snail mail to contact girlfriend or mom? Get up at 5 am? Give up electricity, mom's cooking, flush toilets, and a warm, dry, fluffy bed? Why would he repeat the process year after year until the "3 Ws" eventually win over? (Work, Wheels, Women.) Men (and women who would so venture), what would you say if the next time you showed up at a hotel advertised to be one of the best experiences of your life, the registration clerk handed you the thinnest conceivable sleeping bag and told you to go pitch a tent? And humoring the clerk, you used a rock for a pillow, slept on the ground ever sliding downhill into someone who had their feet in your face and snored so loudly that the kids next door were sure they'd been visited by a bear? Suppose neither of you had had a shower in 5 days and you offended yourself worse than your buddy. As soon as it was over, would you want to do it all again?

I remember backpacking treks at Philmont that included all these aspects, except there was no clerk to hand me a sleeping bag, and I had to carry enough crew gear to give a burro a hernia. We'd just picked up 7 days' rations, one Scout's backpack ruptured irreparably and a leader's boots lost their soles. Peeled right off. We adapted, and those days and nights are among the best experiences of my life. On the trail, the

boys discussed their futures as Philmont - Sherpa guides to carry your gear and cook your meals, all for a modest fee, of course. Any adult advisor on a Philmont trek will have a similar story. Just ask one.

Horace, a Roman poet at the time of Augustus, wrote that "Success in the affairs of life often serves to hide one's abilities, whereas adversity frequently gives one an opportunity to discover them." So it is with Scouts, young and old, that we must be challenged by adversity in order to know ourselves and to find happiness. Horace was not the first Boy Scout, but I think that he and Baden Powell had the same idea.

In previous columns, I have written of challenges our Council faces to expand upon membership, volunteerism and philanthropy all at the same time. Like merit badges earned on a campout, it can happen and be fun too. In fact, we're already doing it. It is because as Scouts, we appreciate yet another paradox: "The only things we keep permanently are those we give away"-Waite Phillips.

Our success is due in large part to the generosity of volunteers who train and share thousands of hours to delivering Scouting in the community. It is due to those who follow the example of Waite Phillips' donation of land that became the Philmont Scout Ranch and an office building in Tulsa to provide the funds to operate it. We have many examples of Scouters in our Council of those who believe in the paradox. Some of their names are announced at awards ceremonies. Some of their names are on our camps and properties. So many more of their names and experiences are etched in our hearts forever without further recognition needed. Each of them has faced adversity, some of it extreme. And each has had the times of their lives.

It is our turn. Thank you to all who contribute. You deliver the whole package. You make Scouting happen. I will look for you on the trail to the next Centennial.

Gary M. Harden, President



SAVE THE DATE

For All Your Training Needs

University of Scouting

November 3, 2012

Cardinal Stritch High School

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Youth Protection Training

Have you completed Youth Protection Training? Is your certification up to date?

To increase awareness of this problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the Boy Scouts of America offers Youth Protection Training for all adult volunteer leaders.

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

You can log onto to MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number from your membership card available. Or log in to MyScouting and create an account. You can also access OnLine Youth Protection Training from the council website www.erieshorescouncil.org under Resources/Leader Resources or Training/General Training. For more information go to www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx.

DisABILITIES Awareness

Nine (9) Cub Scouts from Pack 236 chartered to the First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo, and one (1) Cub Scout from Pack 149 chartered to Epworth United Methodist Church earned the new Council disAbilities Award Patch. Great work and congratulations! The award may be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers throughout the Council. Information and a progress card can be found on the Council website at the disAbilities Awareness tab under the Achievement heading.

You can also attend a training course in person this fall:

- September 29 at 10 AM in the Ford Center, Camp Miakonda
- October 20 at 10 AM in the Ford Center, Camp Miakonda
- November 3 at the University of Scouting. Morning class for Youth Protection and Afternoon Class for Facilitator Training.

Call Ed Taylor at 419-476-0099 or 419-508-3472 or email edtaylor49@yahoo.com for details on Youth Protection Training. If you can't make any of the above sessions, call Ed about scheduling a session for all the adults in your unit.



Cub Day Camp 2012

Still room for Cub Scouts to enjoy the fun and adventure of Day Camp! If you need a registration form for your Tiger Cub, Cub Scout or Webelos, call the Council Office (419-241-7293, ext 204) and we'll be glad to mail you one. Or you can stop by the Ford Center at Camp Miakonda and pick one up, or, visit the council website www.erieshorescouncil.org under "Events" and download a copy at home. Don't forget Medical Form A & C. You can also get them through the Miakonda website at <http://www.camp-miakonda.org/>. Everyone's having a GREAT time at Miakonda this summer! Walk Ins are Welcome!.

New Eagle Scouts

COMMODORE PERRY

Evan Bauer
Troop 25
Roger Thompson

EAGLE BAY

Eric Eischen
Troop 342
Jeff Smarck

Austin Rife
Troop 339
Dennis Setzler

Michael St. John
Troop 314
James Whitcum

Dimitri Vigil
Troop 339
Dennis Setzler

NORTHWEST

Benjamin Ginsburg
Troop 154
Allen Ellett

London Ritzler
Lone Scout

Oliver Greive
Troop 154
Allen Ellett

Andrew Shall
Troop 2
Thomas Shaw

Joseph Granata
Troop 263
Ken Walz

SWAN CREEK

Andrew Barker
Troop 114
Charles Davis

Andrew Hunt
Troop 252
James Hunt

Thomas Cook
Troop 254
John Murray



POPCORN & PROGRAM KICKOFFS

New Popcorn Vendor

Don't miss out on getting all the latest information about the fall Popcorn Sale and the next year of Scouting activities and events! Plan to attend your District's Kick Off!

You may be excited to learn that the Erie Shores Council Popcorn Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, are pleased to announce that this year's Popcorn Sale will be with a new vendor, Pecatonica River! Pecatonica River Popcorn (est. 1983) is privileged to be able to continuously support the time honored organization of the Boy Scouts of America. Our goal has been, and always will be, to consistently craft the best popcorn possible with great attention to detail and quality.

This year's sale is made up of many outstanding decorative tins filled with a tantalizing blend of flavors that are sure to get your mouth watering. All of the tin designs are handpicked using artists such as Terry Redlin, Currier & Ives, and Norman Rockwell. Each is filled with flavors like Jalapeno Cheese, a hot twist on an old-fashioned favorite; Caramel Corn, a rich and buttery classic; Mud Puddles, caramel corn and peanuts in a rich

creamy fudge; and White Gold, a creamy medley of popcorn, almonds, and white fudge. We are also excited to introduce a NFL Cleveland Browns tin and a NCAA Ohio State University tin. So, strap yourselves in for a great 2012 Popcorn Sale!

Commodore Perry District:

Kick Off, August 21, 7:00 PM,
Miakonda's Ford Center

Eagle Bay District:

Kick Off, August 14, 7-9 PM,
2100 Birchard Ave., Fremont

Northwest District:

Kick Off, August 9, 7 PM,
Camp Miakonda

Swan Creek District:

Kick Off, August 16, 7 PM,
Providence Lutheran Church

Wood District:

Kick Off, August 15, 7 PM,
BGSU Stroh Center

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16th Annual Streambank Clean Up

Join Partners for Clean Streams for the 16th Annual Streambank Clean Up on Saturday, September 15th from 8 am to 12 Noon. An appreciation picnic follows the work. There are 9 kickoff locations you can join: the UT Law School, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Olander Park, Friendship Park, Oregon Municipal Building, Washington Township Hall, Highland Park, Sidecut Metropark, Bowling Green. Group registration will be available after July 15 at www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org. For more information contact the CYS Group and Challenge Coordinator at 419-936-3054.

Sea Badge

Sea Badge Course SB-11-IN-2012 was held on April 27-29, 2012 at Lake James Christian Assembly in Angola, Indiana. Sea Badge is to Sea Scouts what Wood Badge is to Boy Scouts. Erie Shores Council had two participants complete the Sea Badge Course, Michael Pierson and Scott Ragan.

Recognizing the uniqueness of the on-the-water leadership required in the Sea Scout program, the Sea Badge training conference was conceived to improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivation among selected experienced Sea Scout adult volunteer leaders. The Sea Badge training consists of a comprehensive weekend of training and instruction followed by a set of measurable goals to be completed by the participant so as to improve the participants' council/ship Sea Scout program.

If you want to know more about Sea Badge or Sea Scouts call Scott Ragan at 419-472-0265.

New Eagle Scouts

SWAN CREEK

Michael Gerber
Troop 167
Ken Kowalski

Richard Anderson
Troop 104
Dan Anderson

Rhett Davidson
Troop 104
Dan Anderson

Andrew Atkins
Troop 198
James Wilson

Jacob Gurecky
Troop 103
James Tanner

Bradley Wilson
Troop 198
James Wilson

Peter Adkins
Troop 198
James Wilson

Colin A. Heslit
Troop 198
James Wilson

WOOD

Daniel R. Householder
Troop 343
Howard Beck

Tyler W. Hokanson
Troop 444
Joe Maxwell

Evan Kenny
Troop 325
Brent Bomer

Communication Points Regarding The Erie Shores Council Plan For Success Prepared. For Life™

Top Five Priorities

Membership and Units

It is our belief that in order for Erie Shores Council to fulfill our mission, we must serve a growing number of youth. "We cannot change lives for the better if our youth don't join our programs." This will take time, money, marketing strategies and printed materials.

Adult Leadership

We cannot deliver quality Scouting programs without a growing number of adults that are properly trained to serve our youth.

Funding

We cannot provide Scouting to more youth and adults if we cannot afford to purchase materials and employ a staff to serve the adults who in turn serve our youth

Technology

In our busy world today we (Council) must get smarter about how we share information with adults, youth, donors, future customers, and alumni. In our busy world today, we (Staff) must have the technology resources to communicate clear and concise Scouting information to leaders and community in an efficient and cost effective manner that allows for quality program to be delivered for our youth.

Outdoor/Camping Program and Facilities

We must deliver top notch programs at our premier facilities (Camp Miakonda and Pioneer Scout Reservation) to attract more and more youth and adults to the Scouting program.

All of these priorities are inter-wound and are needed to support the overall Mission of Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Now to August:

Share the draft plan throughout the Council and all Districts. Express to all in attendance at various functions the need for everyone's input to the Plan for Success. (i.e., Council and District Meetings, Roundtables, Camp, etc.) See the draft by visiting the webpage at www.erieshorescouncil.org.

Communicate to everyone how they can provide input and ideas to the Erie Shores Council Plan for Success Committee.

August & September:

Town Hall Meetings in each district TBD

October 20th:

Strategic Planning day for all volunteers. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY! YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND AND HELP US MAP OUR FUTURE!!!

December 2012:

Finalize Plan for 2013



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Calendar of Events

JULY

- 1-7 Camp Frontier, Week 3
- 2/3 Tiger Twilight, Camp Miakonda
- 4 Independence Day Holiday – Office & Store Closed
- 8-14 Camp Frontier, Week 4
- 9-13 Cub Day Camp, Week 3, Miakonda
- 15-21 Camp Frontier, Week 5
- 16-20 Cub Day Camp, Week 4, Miakonda
- 17 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 22-28 Camp Frontier, Week 6
- 29-8/4 Camp Frontier, Week 7
- 29-8/4 Webelos II Resident Camp, PSR

AUGUST

- 1-4 Webelos II Resident Camp, PSR
- 21 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 22 Council Advancement Meeting
- 22 Council Membership Meeting
- 23 Council Camping Meeting
- 28 Council Training Meeting
- 9/1-3 Labor Day Holiday – Office & Store Closed
- 9/4 Office/Store Summer Hours End

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