New Scout Executive for Erie Shores Council

We are pleased to announce that the Scout Executive Search Committee met, interviewed and selected a new Scout Executive for the Erie Shores Council, BSA. Mr. Ed Caldwell began his service to youth in Northwestern Ohio effective February 15, 2012.

Ed brings with him a wealth of experiences in the Scouting profession, from District Executive, to Field Director, to Director of Field Service, and is an experienced Scout Executive. Ed is a second generation Eagle Scout with 25 years as a professional Scouter. His experience and team approach have helped him guide councils through challenging economic times with continuous improvement in camps, programs and membership.

His career began in 1986 in Nebraska where he served for over 5 years. He then served in Waterloo, Iowa, for 6 years before heading to Rochester, New York for 8 years. His recent service as Scout Executive of the Sagamore Council in Kokomo, Indiana began in 2005.

Ed and his wife, Barb, have been married 12 years and have 2 children, a daughter Lauren (10) and a son Weston (8). Lauren enjoys swimming, collecting dolls, and cooking with her mom. Weston is a Bear Cub Scout, and enjoys shooting sports, reading, and math. Ed is a Rotarian, and enjoys Skeet/Sporting Clays, the outdoors; and, along with his wife, is an antique collector. We welcome Ed and his family to the Erie Shores Council family as we begin our 100th year as a council.

Council Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Erie Shores Council, BSA, was held 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 were invited.

Elected 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/Development Paul Nungester, Jr., Vice President/Scoutreach Mark Urrutia, EC Member at Large Richard Reynolds and EC Member at Large Hal Munger, Chairman Activities & 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.

COUNCIL STATISTICS

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Fellow Scouters:

On January 18th I was honored to be selected as your President, to help continue the traditions of this great council in delivering Scouting’s mission through programs and service second to none. We have two of the finest camps in all of BSA in Miakonda and PSR, well attended by our Council’s units and those in 5 adjacent states. Our new Scout Executive, Ed Caldwell, professional staff, and enthusiastic volunteers are top notch, and our endowments and community support continue to be strong. We truly have an outstanding tradition, and your board and I are truly grateful, and mindful of what we have been entrusted.

As we commence our second century of Scouting, BSA’s vision calls us to do more than act as faithful stewards and caretakers. The local economy, cultural changes and demographics have taken their toll in the number of units and the Scouts we serve. Our traditions and the support we enjoy provide us with opportunity and resources, enabling us to answer the challenges before us, to address the needs of our units, to broaden the base of Scouting and to develop a sustainable plan to deliver Scouting’s mission for the next century. Last year we concluded more than a year’s study and collaboration in the Area 2 Project with a clear consensus to face these challenges head on in an Erie Shores Council Plan for the Future. It begins with the hiring of a new Scout Executive, Ed Caldwell; and will draw upon best practices and successes of ESC and other councils like ours across the country, the dedication of volunteers, including you, the readers of this column. We have been gathering ideas and input from a number of sources, including Area Directors Marc Richardson and Richard Fisher, to seed into the process under Ed’s direction. So I ask for patience and participation, continued engagement and enthusiasm. And as it is time to act, I also ask you for your prayers.

The ESC Plan for the Future begins as other significant projects continue and are completed. We are concluding the largest Capital Campaign in the history of our Council and will construct a Legacy Center. We have engaged an engineering firm to design water and waste systems at PSR as summer camp and programs expand. After day camp concludes at Camp Miakonda this summer, Partners for Clean Streams will begin their project to dredge, clean and return Lake Sawyer and its tributary to a more useful and natural condition. Many smaller projects important for our future are also under way.

We can set the right course, accomplish these projects and fund them responsibly by broadening the support of this great council in membership, volunteers and community philanthropy. We can do this with focus and dedication. It can also be fun.

I recall a Thanksgiving campout a few years back when I was Scoutmaster of Troop 254. The Scouts have a tradition of cooking a Thanksgiving feast for their families, and that year we were at Oak Openings on one of those cold November weekends highlighted by driving wind and freezing rain. It was a challenge to set up stable dining flies, a fitting dry area, and cooking fires. But, we smoked 6 turkeys over pots of cider and wood chips, golden brown on the outside and moist in the center, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, pies, camp coffee… I’m getting hungry. Anyway, we prepared a meal for about 90 and as the serving line became smaller, I saw a crew from an Indiana troop two sites over coming off the 17 mile trail on a Philmont prep hike: wet, dragging and irritated. So, I asked my SPL to take a buddy, chat up the hikers about their day, and ask them to join us for dinner. Freeze dried Philmont rations or Thanksgiving dinner? Unbelieving their Scoutmaster came over with his SPL to ask me if it was true. Watching them eat was more rewarding than eating our own food, and then we swapped Philmont stories and stories of favorite campouts. Afterward, our Scouts helped their new friends dry their gear and secure their tents.

Alone, each troop had prepared well, overcome obstacles, and succeeded in their tasks. But it took a final challenge when we thought we were spent to appreciate the opportunities, to teach a lasting life’s lesson, and to create a lasting memory.

I don’t know where the trail will take us, but I look forward with you to facing our challenges as we make Scouting possible for the youth in NW Ohio for many years to come.

Gary Harden
Council President
Camp Miakonda Cub Scout Day Camp 2012

Cub Scout Day Camp is fun and adventure with a purpose. What will your son be doing this summer? Cub Day Camp provides fun and adventure in an outdoor setting with an emphasis on new experiences difficult to obtain in the usual indoor den meeting atmosphere. The program includes nature, and aquatics, shooting sports, songs, skills, crafts and Scout skills. Day camp isn’t just an activity program for your son. It is much more! It is a program based on the Scouting ideals which revolves around a central theme which ties together all the activities and makes Day Camp come alive!

Each Thursday there is a Family Night. Families are encouraged to tour the camp with their Cub, check out all the fabulous things they have done and places they have explored during their week. Then have a simple dinner on us and enjoy a Campfire program put on by your Scouts!

Camp Miakonda offers four weeks of programming that runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The weeks being offered this year are:
- Monday June 18th thru Friday June 22nd
- Monday June 25th thru Friday June 29th
- Monday July 9th thru Friday July 13th
- Monday July 16th thru Friday July 20th

The price for Cub Day Camp is $140 for the week and there is an Early Bird Discount of $15 available. Each additional week is $100 each. There is the the option to purchase lunch for an additional $30. Day Camp encourages the participation of adult Den and Pack leaders. An additional $30 discount will be offered to the Scout that brings an adult volunteer with him. Youth Protection Training required for all adult volunteers.

This year Camp Miakonda will be offering a Tiger Twilight - an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with your son during two exciting evenings at Camp Miakonda. Tiger Twilight will be offered Monday July 2nd and Tuesday July 3rd. All the fun and exciting activities of a day camp, but done in the evening! Tiger Twilight is a 2-day program and runs 6pm-9pm, with a cost of $50 per 1 parent/1 Scout. A parent or guardian (Tiger Cub partner) must attend camp with the Scout.

Camp Miakonda will also be running WWEBELOS I overnight the weekend of June 29th thru July 1. This is for all WWEBELOS I to spend the weekend out at camp with a parent. This weekend is specially formatted to challenge your WWEBELOS I Scout while still having a fantastic experience at camp. Price for WWEBELOS I Overnight is $45 per Scout and $15 per Adult Partner. The fee includes 5 meals, T-shirt, Patch and all Program Supplies.

The place to be this summer is at Camp Miakonda! See you there!

Partners for Clean Streams

Join Partners for Clean Streams for our 10th Annual Youth Patch Day! Learn about local fresh water systems and fulfill requirements for various environmental related merit badges or patch requirements. Also, receive training for Storm Drain Stenciling and be part of two new activities. Youth Patch Day will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 2012 from 1-4:30 p.m. for children 2nd grade through high school. The cost is $5.00. It will be held at the University of Toledo Student Union Ingram Room, #300 with free parking. Preregistration is required. Call Partners for Clean Streams at 419-874-0727 or email at Registration@Partnersforcleanstreams.org or visit our website at www.Partnersforcleanstreams.org.

Join the Partners for Clean Streams for our 10th anniversary Youth Patch Day! Fulfill requirements for environmentally related merit badges or patches including the Partnering for Clean Streams Patch. Celebrate with two new activities including “Wet Feet, Dry Feet” and “Shades of Green” and explore other improved educational activities.

What: Partners for Clean Streams Youth Patch Day
When: Sunday, March 4th, 2012 at 1-4:30 p.m. (registration begins at 12:30pm)
Where: The University Student Union Ingram Room, room #300, free parking included
Who: Youth 2nd grade through 12th grade looking to complete activities for environmentally related merit badges or patches

Preregistration required with Partners for Clean Streams at Registration@Partnersforcleanstreams.org, or by visiting www.Partnersforcleanstreams.org or 419-874-0727.
**Webelos Resident Camp 2012**

**Calling all Webelos II Scouts:** Come get a taste of what awaits you for long term Boy Scout summer camping in the coming years! Join in the fun at Webelos Resident Camp 2012 at the Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation, home of Camp Frontier!

- **Session 1:** July 29 to August 1
- **Session 2:** August 1 to August 4

Space is limited to 80 Webelos in each session. Cost is $122 for the Webelos, $65 for their adult partner. Your fee includes all meals, platform tent with cots and mattresses, activities, PSR patch and hat. **Minimum ratio of 5 Scouts to 1 adult.** Activities being planned are row boating, Water Ball Competition, fishing, swimming with The Blob, leatherworking, BB guns, archery, blacksmith demos, woodworking, first aid, nature hikes, Root Beer Cantina, climbing walls, and numerous other activities that will help with activity badge requirements.

**Scouting for a Quote**

“The only problem with Boy Scouts... is that there aren’t enough of ‘em.”

–Will Rogers, Actor and Humorist

**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 Scout 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](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org) in the leader Resources listing under the Resources section or email [erieshores@bsamail.org](mailto: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.

**New Items at the Scout Shop**

Are you a Boy Scout who misses the glory days of the Pinewood Derby? Check out **Blastcar!** It's a car you build and race that is fueled by a CO2 canister. Cars will travel from 50-200 feet on a fishing line track. Race downhill, uphill or all terrain on a course designed by you!

- Car kit $7.99 (includes wheels and axles)
- 10 pack CO2 canisters $8.99 (must be 16yrs. old to purchase)
- Launcher $69.99

**Now available**

- 2012 Requirements Book $4.99
- Raingutter Regatta Inflatable Raceway $24.9
- Beat the summer rush! Boy Scout uniform low Cut, crew and knee socks available!

**Coming Soon**

- Welding Merit Badge Pamphlets $4.49
- Future Scout Toddler T-Shirts $9.99
- Future Tiger Cub Onesies $14.99
- 100th Anniversary Eagle Scout T-Shirt $14.99
- Ladies T-Shirts $14.99
God & Country Camporee
March 9-11, 2012 • Camp Miakonda
Theme: Serving God’s Hands
Checks in is Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Social Hour begins in the Council Lodge followed by a Leaders’ Meeting. This weekend is one step to qualify your Troop for the National Camping Award. Cost is $7.00 per person and includes pizza Friday night, a patch and the program. RSVP with Nancy at 419/800 241-7293 ext 204 or Nancy.Brusher@Scouting.org.

God & Country Banquet
March 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Moline United Methodist Church
Moline, OH
Any Scouts or Scouters who have received a religious award between January 1 and December 31, 2011 will be recognized. Please submit the members of your unit that qualify to Karen at 419/800 241-7293, ext 205 or Karen.Krieger@Scouting.org. Award recipients are honored guests, additional guests area $15 per person.

National Lutheran Association on Scouting
Northwest Ohio Chapter
The National Lutheran Association on Scouting Northwest Ohio Chapter will cover the Black Swamp and Erie Shores Councils. Their initial goals are four fold: 1) to support our camp chaplains; 2) to initiate “Finding Your Faith” program at summer camp; 3) a Troop 5-day devotional “Walking with God”; and 4) promoting Lutheran religious awards in our packs and troops. This new committee is seeking Scouters who would be interested in joining the committee. If you are interested in serving on the Lutheran Association on Scouting Chapter Committee, please call Gary Nordahl at 419.205.3737 or email to garynordahl@bex.net.

Archery Merit Badge Day
at Mudjaw Bowman
Saturday, March 31
Limit of 30 Scouts, must be 11 years of age or older. First come, first serve with a $15 registration fee paid to hold a space. Sorry, absolutely no walk-ins. Leaders and parents are welcome. RSVP by March 23 to meritbadge@ mudjawbowmen.com. Make sure to mark the subject line as “Archery Merit Badge”.

Wood Badge Association
Annual Meeting & Breakfast
Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.
Camp Miakonda
The Wood Badge Association will be starting off with breakfast and fellowship so bring a fellow Wood Badger or a future one. 2012 officers will be elected. The 2012 Wood Badge course will be hosted by the Black Swamp Area Council with Dr. Dan Meffley as Course Director. RSVP a spot for yourself ($10.00 Breakfast, $5.00 Association Dues) with Karen at the Council office.

Scouter Recognition Dinner
Thursday, June 7, 2012 • Camp Miakonda
Mark your calendars for this year’s Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner which will be at Camp Miakonda June 7th. Fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m., the traditional BBQ Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Come celebrate and honor all our volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to the youth of Northwest Ohio. The Silver Beaver Awards will be the highlight of the evening. Have you nominated someone you know? More information will be coming soon.

Miakonda Cub Day Camp
Erica King, Camp Director, is looking for great staff members. If you are interested in this great opportunity please visit camp-miakonda.org under Cub Day Camp.

A Parent and Leader Meeting is scheduled for March 14th, 7 p.m. at Camp Miakonda in the Ford Center. All are invited to come out and learn more about the Day Camp program for 2012. Refreshment and a light snack will be provided.
Calendar of Events

MARCH
2    God & Country Banquet, Moline United Methodist Church
9-11  God & Country Retreat, Camp Miakonda
20   Council Commissioners Meeting
22   Council Camping Committee Meeting
27   Council Training Committee Meeting
28   Council Advancement Committee Meeting
28   Council Membership Committee Meeting
30-4/1 Webelos Weekend, Camp Miakonda
31   Camp Alaska Program Ends
31   Wood Badge Association Meeting/ Breakfast, Miakonda

APRIL
6-7  Good Friday, Office & Scout Shop Closes Noon Fri & Sat
8    Easter
13-15 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
17   Council Commissioners Meeting
24   Council Training Committee Meeting
25   Council Advancement Committee Meeting
25   Council Membership Committee Meeting
26   Council Camping Committee Meeting
28-29 Dad & Lad Overnight – Camp Miakonda

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