

# scouting news

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ERIE SHORES COUNCIL #460

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## Leadership Center

The Executive Board of the Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America has unanimously approved final plans for our Leadership Center at Camp Miakonda. During our 100th Anniversary as a Council, everyone will be invited to the groundbreaking ceremony this year. The final approved design of the Leadership Center will provide services to our community and to the youth entrusted to our care:

- It will be a program center for Scouts and other organizations;
- Provide the necessary resources for our volunteers;
- A basement shelter in the event of severe weather;
- Scout store and staff offices.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, "The Legacy Campaign: Building Honor for the Future" has successfully crossed the \$2 million dollar mark in private and corporate gifts directed towards our Leadership Center. As we proceed with final architectural design, and engage local contractors in the bid process, we want to assure you that your gifts are being invested wisely.

We have reduced expenses, secured gift in kind donations, and are seeking other ways to be good stewards of Scout resources.

Your contributions to The Legacy Campaign are very much appreciated! Should you have the opportunity, we could use your continued support in the following ways: 1) Pledges paid in full, or paid in advance. This will reduce interest expense on a bridge loan needed in order to begin construction this year; 2) Identify and promote our Leadership Center to other interested donors and ask for their support; 3) Support the need for materials, such as lumber, drywall, windows, doors, lighting, plumbing, etc. – if you know of a possible resource, please contact us; and 4) Would you kindly consider extending your pledge a year or two to add to your gift?

We look forward to sharing more with you in the near future as we determine our groundbreaking celebration, and the opening of our new Leadership Center!

## Annual Council Scouter Recognition Dinner

~ A Celebration Honoring All Erie Shores Council Adult Volunteer Leaders ~

**Featuring the Silver Beaver Court of Honor  
Thursday, June 7, 2012 • Camp Miakonda  
DeVilbiss Scout Reservation**

**5:30 p.m.** Fellowship  
**6:00 p.m.** Dinner  
**7:15 p.m.** Program

 **Please RSVP  
by May 18th**



Join us in honoring all of the volunteers who have made the first century of Scouting possible! On Thursday, June 7, 2012, Camp Miakonda is the place to be beginning at 5:30 p.m. Stroll around the Parade Field and visit with friends, check out the Scout Museum, come spend some time with your Scouting family. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., enjoy a picnic-style barbecue rib & chicken dinner while you catch up with Scouters you haven't seen in awhile. At 7:15 p.m. a campfire program will be held in the Council Ring honoring you and your fellow volunteers. The program will culminate with the Silver Beaver Court of Honor. The night will end around 8:30 p.m. with a dessert reception for the Silver Beaver recipients in the Council Lodge. Tickets are \$12.00 per adult. A flier with registration form can be found on the Council website at [www.erieshorescouncil.org](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org).

## At the Scout Shop

### Erie Shores Council Scout Shop

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[scrosby@bsaemail.org](mailto:scrosby@bsaemail.org).

The National BSA Catalog is available at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)





Gary Harden  
Council President

## President's Message

Fellow Scouters:

Every boy remembers his first summer camp. Mine was a week of steamy days and crisp nights in July 1966 at Charles Howell Boy Scout Reservation, Detroit Area Council. The sound of a bugle outside my tent at 7 a.m., diving back into my warm sleeping bag just for a moment, the smells of dew covered canvas mixed with campfire smoke and bacon, rifle range, swamp hikes, outpost on Thursday night, mosquitos, snakes and war canoe races are etched into my memory. The only Scout I remember who didn't answer reveille when called to all this fun was Billy. He got a pass when his buddy noticed that a skunk had wandered through the open flap of their Baker tent and was curled up asleep under Billie's cot. I don't know how his buddy got out, but I could see Billie's open canteen of bug juice next to the critter. Our Scoutmaster put the troop bugle away. Billy didn't move until that skunk got up on its own, stretched and yawned like a cat, and trundled off into the nearby weeds. We saved some breakfast for Billie.

Mom & Me, Dad & Lad, Summer Camp, Philmont and other High Adventures are prepared and calling to the boys, young men & women in NW Ohio and adjacent counties and states who will attend our outstanding programs. On this our Council's 100th Anniversary, we've also prepared a Centennial Camporee with 100 activities on the second weekend in October. Who wouldn't want to attend? Each experience will engage our youth in unique learning experiences, with and without members of the weasel family. It all happens because of you, and the other trained and committed staff and volunteers of Erie Shores Council. It's because of you that we can offer resident camp experiences to Cubs and Webelos at historic Camp Miakonda and PSR. You're also responsible for camping, cooking, religious services, handicrafts, water sports (blobs, icebergs and a host of water toys), shooting sports, ecology, and outdoor skills (at a Frontier Fort, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience – "C.O.P.E." courses, "Frontier Trading Company", "ATV Adventure", other "Extreme Sports", and soon to come - Order of the Arrow trails with campsites providing training for concentrated impact and leave no trace – "LNT"). We prepare these Scouts for life with service projects, merit badges, competition, teamwork, leadership opportunities, and the occasional encounter with critters. You also make it possible for our young men and women to have unique experiences backpacking in the Rocky Mts., canoeing and portaging their way across the Boundary Waters, sailing and exploring the oceans at Sea Base, and soon to be whitewater rafting, rock climbing and rappelling at the Summit in West Virginia. It takes all of us as trained volunteers, staff, parents and financial benefactors to make a difference in the lives of our youth, and to develop the leaders of tomorrow. Prepared for Life.

The infrastructure for all these programs is often underappreciated, and its care can be overwhelming for those in charge. This year we've invested in the future of our youth through the largest capital campaign in the Council's history, and are breaking ground on a new Leadership Center at Camp Miakonda. Many thanks to those who have contributed; and to

everyone else, you still have an opportunity to join us! Work has already begun at Camp Miakonda as we're collaborating with the Army Corps of Engineers and Partners for Clean Streams in a Habitat Restoration Master Plan partially funded through a U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to rehabilitate Lake Sawyer and its tributary for viewing, programs and educational opportunities. And, we're improving and expanding upon the water and waste treatment systems at PSR, in order to accommodate the campers at PSR. With your support, all these projects, and more, are possible.

So I am grateful to everyone who reads this column for making Scouting possible for the youth in NW Ohio. Your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure continue to make a difference, every day. And because the routine of daily commitments can sometimes separate us from the joys of Scouting and the reasons we invest in our youth, I invite you to join us in camp. See the wonder and excitement on a young person's face. Smell the campfire. Taste the bacon and sip the bug juice. Experience the excitement with your favorite unit. But remember Billie, so no food in the tents, please. If you're not connected with a unit, you can volunteer for a District or Council event this summer or fall during our centennial year. The mosquitos won't be so bad. Promise. Perhaps you will even have fond memories of your youth at one of our camps, like I have.

As a transplant to NW Ohio, I've transferred my early Scouting memories to Camp Miakonda and PSR. I've needed to, and perhaps you've had a similar experience. During the Area 2 Project, I learned that Charles Howell Boy Scout Reservation had already been lost to Scouting when the former Detroit Area Council's financial challenges resulted in its sale. Now that unique Scouting opportunity has become just another residential development. Even with those sale proceeds, the Detroit Area Council merged into the Great Lakes Council and eventually into the Greater Michigan Council that resulted from the Area 2 Project. This situation has become much too common as councils debate on how to deal with demographic, cultural and financial challenges. These challenges are core reasons for our "Plan for Success, Prepared for Life", the name chosen for ESC's strategic plan.

As a united Council, our charge is to fulfill the Scouting mission by improving our base of membership, volunteers and philanthropy. I believe this is a better choice than the alternatives. However, it challenges our courage and commitment. Ed Caldwell, ESC Scout Executive, John Stout, Chair of the ESC Plan for Success Steering Committee, the Board and I hope you will join us in this consensus. Please provide us with your comments and feedback as we reach out to you, or just contact one of us. The challenges we face are no different than those of other councils. Let's open the tent flap of Scouting to others. We are counting on your continued support to fulfill our mission. Together, we can make our camps, programs and Scouting strong in NW Ohio, strong for the next 100 years!

Gary M. Harden  
President, Erie Shores Council

For information about district events and activities call your district executive, attend your district roundtable, visit the district website, or link from the council website [www.erieshorescouncil.org](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org)

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Edward Caldwell  
Scout Executive/CEO

Dear Scouters of Erie Shores Council,

It has been a pleasure to start my next journey of Scouting with you!

I believe we are on the cusp of the next exciting chapter for Scouting in Northwest Ohio! You will be excited to learn that recently the Executive Board of our Council unanimously approved final building design plans for The Leadership Center to be built at the historic Camp Miakonda!

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2012, among the festivities taking us into the next century will be a groundbreaking ceremony for this building – the new face of Scouting for our community.

Diligent work has led to effective progress within “The Legacy Campaign” and we have crossed the \$2 million mark! We are in the home stretch to the total needed to fully fund this project - thanks to the support of you, our communities and our staff!

The completion of our goal requires an additional \$300,000 to be raised. If you have not done so already, please consider an investment towards this worthwhile project that will help to continue the Scouting legacy in Northwest Ohio. If you have any questions regarding this campaign, or would like more information on how you can contribute, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for all you do to help our young people to develop into productive community leaders!

Edward A. Caldwell  
Scout Executive/CEO

## New District Executive

We are pleased to announce Joe Maxwell as our new Swan Creek District Executive. Joe has been working with us on a part-time basis the past few months while Glenda Bowman has been on medical leave. Joe brings nearly 12 years of BSA professional tenure with him as he joins our team. He served in Meridian, MS; Waycross, GA; and Seminole, FL. Joe is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA.

Joe and his wife Jennifer currently reside in Bowling Green, OH with their 3 children, including 2 boys who are in Scouts, and a daughter living and attending college in Canada. Please join us in welcoming Joe as a full time member of the Erie Shores Council team.

## Comments heard at PCS Patch Day Event...

*Matty and Ethan (Cub Scouts from Pack 208) said “It was awesome! We’ll be back next year!”*

*Pack 236, Jason Vannette’s Den (4th graders) learned how to make a rain garden, how many things can be made from recyclables, and how to do their part at home [to help the environment].*

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## Bonita Jemison Honored at National Level

Bonita Jemison, Scoutreach District Executive, has been recognized as one of the Top Multi-Cultural Market Executives for the National Recognition Program!

This award honors select youth serving executives who demonstrate outstanding unit and membership growth in diverse population areas such as urban, inner city, and rural communities.

Through her leadership, she and her team of program aides have formed 12 new Packs and Troops in communities never before served, implemented an annual “spring break” trip to Camp Miakonda for Toledo Public Schools students, and recognized 13 Cub Scouts with the prestigious Arrow of Light award. She has also assisted in the formation of the new council-wide disAbilities Awareness Committee.

Bonita will be recognized for this achievement at the 2012 National Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, Florida. Bonita started her career with Erie Shores Council as a program aide for the Scoutreach District in 2009. Her continued success led to her becoming a District Executive in August of 2010.



Bonita Jemison  
District Executive

### New Eagle Scouts

**COMMODORE PERRY**

### EAGLE BAY

Jacob Wistinghausen  
Troop 316  
Roger Carpenter

Quinton Babcock  
Troop 385  
David Spurgeon

### NORTHWEST

### SWAN CREEK

Alex Nelson  
Troop 210  
Chris Jackson

Robert Wills  
Troop 259  
Doug Wills

Paul Glaza  
Troop 104  
Dan Anderson

Spencer Chaplin  
Troop 199  
Greg Nickey

Dustin Koehler  
Troop 199  
Greg Nickey

Joshua Copi  
Troop 252  
James Hunt

Andrew Barker  
Troop 114  
Charles Davis

Thomas Cook  
Troop 254  
John Murray



**BREAKING NEWS** – Popcorn tins are back!! As a volunteer and fan of Boy Scout popcorn, 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! More details will be forthcoming.

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. The experience and talent of our team has allowed us to develop an amazing product line for the Erie Shores Council.

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!

**WOOD**

**Brandon Hales**  
Troop 444  
*Joe Maxwell*

**Logan Wick**  
Troop 422  
*Christopher Sabo*

**Anthony Mehaffey**  
Troop 325  
*Brent Bomer*

**Joshua Boes**  
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**Camp Miakonda Restoration Project**

**Habitat Restoration Project:** Partners For Clean Streams is pleased to announce our awarding of the Army Corp of Engineers and Ohio EPA 401/404 permits allowing the Ottawa River Restoration Project at Camp Miakonda to proceed later this year into actual construction. In March, Camp Miakonda had selective tree removal in response to a tree clearing restriction in the Nationwide Permits. Miakonda is native habitat for the Indiana Bat, an endangered species, which puts restrictions between the months of April and October. A request for quotes was released earlier this year to several interested tree removal service providers, with the award going to T & J Excavating and Tree Clearing, with approximately 40 trees being removed throughout camp in potential staging areas, drives, and the wetlands for fall construction. The next stage for the project is to begin the open bidding process for specialized contractors in mid- April of this year. For further details on the project and to find out ways you can help, head to our new website: [www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org](http://www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org).



**Partners for Clean Streams Educational Opportunities**



**T**HANK YOU to all the troops that joined PCS for the *Patch Day Workshop* on March 4th. Participants from Packs 208, 236, 344, and 422 joined educational activities focusing on water conservation topics. The participants earned the Partnering for Clean Streams Patch and are better able to care for local water resources. Thanks for joining us!

Looking for late spring and summer conservation activities for your Pack? *Storm Drain Stenciling* will be continuing through early summer with multiple jurisdictions throughout Greater Toledo. In this project, groups go into local neighborhoods and stencil the message "Drains are for Rain, Flows to Waterway" next to storm drain grates, reminding residents to protect our waterways.

*Get the Lead Out!* is another program designed for groups of all ages to remove harmful fishing line and lead from the Maumee River left behind from the fishing season. We provide equipment and locations for your troop to walk through the Maumee River and remove the harmful lead and line on your own time, weather and water level permitting. Contact our office to register for these programs by calling 419-874-0727, emailing [Ava@PartnersForCleanStreams.org](mailto:Ava@PartnersForCleanStreams.org) or visiting [www.PartnersforCleanStreams.org](http://www.PartnersforCleanStreams.org).

*Pack & Troop 66  
Help with River  
Clean Ups*

## Cub Day Camp Camp Miakonda

**Single Week:** \$140/week

**Additional Weeks:** \$100/each

**Early Bird Discount** — Save \$15 on your initial week of camp if you register by May 21st!

**Week 1:** June 18-22

**Week 2:** June 25-29

**Week 3:** July 9-13

**Week 4:** July 16-20

**Webelos I Weekend:**

June 29-July 1, 2012

\$60/Includes Scout & Parent/Adult Partner, Meals, Activities

**Tiger Twilight:**

Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3, 2012

\$50 Scout/Partner team (Adult parent/guardian must attend)

If they will be going into the 1st through 5th grade in the Fall of 2012 this is the camp for your Cub—Archery, Wrist Rockets, Skateboarding, Soccer, Swimming, BMX Course, Handicrafts, Fishing and more! Scouts will be earning skills and expertise for their badge requirements. Adult volunteers are always welcome. (Tiger Cubs must have an adult/partner with them each day). One week, multiple weeks, or all 4 sessions! The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m. Thursdays are Family Nights – Bring everyone along and come out, visit the camp and the skills areas and stay for the campfire program. Brochures have been mailed to all registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and are available online at [www.erieshorescouncil.org](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org).



## Webelos II Resident Camp 2012

Visit [www.psrweb.org/Webelos\\_Camp.html](http://www.psrweb.org/Webelos_Camp.html) to see the flyer, parents' guide and all the information you need to get your Pack or family signed up to participate in a great program at Camp Frontier!

Call Nancy at 419.241.7293 or email her at [nancy.brushaber@Scouting.org](mailto:nancy.brushaber@Scouting.org) to reserve your space today! Space is limited to 80 participants per session.

For questions please email Matt at [matthew.reineck@Scouting.org](mailto:matthew.reineck@Scouting.org).

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Annual!

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Admission only for those wearing scout uniform. Scout must be accompanied by an Adult.



# Calendar of Events

## MAY

- 5-6 Mom and Me Overnight, Camp Miakonda
- 13 Mothers' Day
- 15 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 19 Ten Commandment Hike, Camp Miakonda  
Trailblazer Day, Camp Miakonda
- 22 Council Training Committee
- 23 Council Advancement Committee
- 23 Council Membership Committee
- 24 Council Camping Committee
- 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend – Office and Store Closed
- 29 Office & Store Summer Hours Begin

## JUNE

- 1-3 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
- 7 Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner, Camp Miakonda
- 8-14 NYLT, Camp Miakonda
- 10-22 Council Philmont Trek, New Mexico
- 11-15 CDC Staff Week, Camp Miakonda
- 17 Fathers' Day
- 17-23 Camp Frontier – Week 1
- 18-22 Cub Day Camp – Week 1
- 19 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 24-30 Camp Frontier – Week 2
- 25-29 Cub Day Camp – Week 2
- 26 Council Training Committee Meeting
- 27 Council Advancement Committee Meeting
- 27 Council Membership Committee Meeting
- 28 Council Camping Committee Meeting

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