Council Breaks Ground for New Centennial Leadership Center

On October 23, 2008, Council President Hal Munger and Scout Executive Richard Fisher announced our decision to build a new service and training center at Camp Miakonda. Over the last 4 years we’ve designed a facility that will serve a variety of functions, including training, programs, meetings and a home for our staff. We affirmed our vision for the future through participation in the Area 2 project and with input from Scouters and the community adapted, adjusted and finalized our plans.

On Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 4:00 PM, a formal Groundbreaking Ceremony was held at the site of the Legacy Centennial Leadership Center at Camp Miakonda. Construction will begin shortly.

Thank you to all who have supported and worked hard to make this historical project a reality and to all who continue to raise funds to fine tune the Center to make it an outstanding facility and asset to this council and to the Scouts and Scouters of Northwest Ohio.
Fellow Scouters:

This month, it’s stories of moms and how Scouting strengthens families. A few years ago, I was approached by a single mom with two boys. She is a devoted mom but a dad was not in the picture. She wanted them to grow up to be well rounded, self-confident young men, and asked me about Boy Scouts. Her oldest was in kindergarten, so it was a perfect time to discuss Tiger Cubs. I explained that next year she and her son could be part of a den with other first grade boys and their parents. They could go on field trips, and build relationships to last throughout grade school that might continue for the rest of their lives, as it’s been with my sons. She would get to know the boys he plays with at school, and get to know their parents. I showed her information on the BSA website on Tiger Cubs, including our youth protection program.

Over the years I’ve received reports on her boys, and bought some popcorn. She is now married, and Scouting gives her husband time and structure to bond with the boys. When she learned that my law firm and I were hosting a Capital Campaign Ambassador Event for the Legacy Center, she told me how important Scouting has been to her family and volunteered to speak to our guests. She spoke from the heart for 15 minutes, without notes. Everyone listened. Afterward I was uncharacteristically brief in my remarks. She had said it all.

From time to time I get together with another professional in the finance industry to discuss mutual clients and business opportunities. She’s also a mom with two sons. Of course she has heard many stories of campouts, activities, and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor from the years I was a Scoutmaster. So, when it came time for her oldest to enter first grade, she asked me how Sherrie and I juggled all the commitments, making time for business, sports, Scouts and family. Both she and her husband have careers, and striking a balance was already challenging. I explained that one of the best decisions of my life was choosing to schedule time with my sons. By becoming Scout leaders, Scouting became part of our family. Sherrie and I committed that at least one of us would be with our sons at meetings, camping every month, for a week at summer camp, Philmont, and white water rafting. Yes, Sherrie went white water rafting! But not Philmont, yet. Scouting is on our calendar, on a par with my business calendar. Scheduling both makes both possible. As a professional I had flexibility, but there were times business took precedence. Sherrie and I covered for each other. And unlike sports where coaches can be inflexible, the pack and troop are flexible. As a Scoutmaster, we included car pools and releases from camp for soccer, baseball, basketball and football in the logistics of campout planning. Many of the boys ended up on the same sports teams. One year, a sport commitment meant one of my sons attended summer camp later with a different troop, and ended up making new friends. Sports plus Scouting helped build relationships better than they could have, if they had been forced to choose. Years later, I am glad to say that this mom is part of a committed Scouting family because they chose to make Scouting possible.

Last week I met a third mom. She and her son had just joined Tiger Cubs and her husband was going to be a leader. They were excited! She wanted the things the other 2 moms wanted for their sons. But, only a few of the boys in her son’s class had signed up. She said when she was younger, everyone was a Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout. What happened? I explained that it is an exciting time to be in Scouting at Erie Shores Council. I talked about how PSR is now a regional camp, adding activities and attendance every year. Of how our investment in the Legacy Center and Lake Sawyer revitalize Camp Miakonda, and how we intend to add programs and stress continuous improvement in Cub and Weblos activities. But we also need her, her husband and the other two moms. With each Den of Tigers and Cubs, with each Patrol of Webelos and Boy Scouts, we need a Den and a Patrol of committed parents.

Our job as leaders should include recruitment of boys through their parents. It should include recruitment of parents by other parents in the same school class, where the enthusiasm for Scouting is strongest, where moms and dads want what Scouting is proven to provide: better grades by supporting school curricula, higher education, better jobs and pay, character, leadership skills, and better citizens. The data is in. The challenge is to help our newest volunteers spread the word.

Gary Harden, Council President
Partners for Clean Streams–Lake Sawyer Project

Partners for Clean Streams would like to emphasize the importance of safety throughout the project area, with special note to the lower drive through camp, which will be closed periodically throughout the project timeline. While we know everyone is excited and curious about the project, we ask all Scouts, parents, and other volunteers to please keep their distance and respect all signage throughout the project area. PCS would be happy to give tours as the project winds down and throughout the next year.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. Kyle Spicer, Project Coordinator with PCS, will be in contact with local Scouting Leaders to get Troops involved in future volunteer activities. Any interested individuals can head to website: www.partnersforcleanstreams.org and check out the Camp Miakonda Restoration page under Projects to keep an eye out for opportunities.

Available at the Scout Shop
November/December 2012

Pinewood Derby Supplies weights, colored wheels, tools, patches
New decals “Howlin Hot Rod”, “Light Racer”, or “Reptile Raptor”
New Scout Sunday Patches and program covers for 2013

Christmas Gift Ideas
Cub Scout Long Sleeved T-Shirts $9.99
Eagle Scout 100th Anniversary Long Sleeved T Shirt $19.99
Boy Scout and Cub Scout Baseball Caps
Boy Scout and Cub Scout Knit Caps $12.99
Boy Scout Nutcracker 14” $14.99
Leader Spa Gift Set $6.99
Collectible Christmas Ornament $9.99
Lighted Houses choose from Chapel, Trading Post or Rangers House $12.99 each

New awards available
Messengers of Peace Rings
Cyberchip cards and patches
NOVA patches, pins and medals
Search and Rescue Merit badges and books

New Scout Shop Hours
(effective September 4, 2012)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.–Noon
Charter Fee Increases, Changes Name for 2013

Effective January 1, 2013, what is now known as the “unit charter fee” will be renamed the “unit liability insurance fee” and will increase in cost from $20 to $40 yearly. As a result, the new fee will begin with units that have December 31, 2012 charter expiration dates (a charter period beginning Jan. 1, 2013).

All units, including Exploring posts, are required to pay this annual fee—100% of which goes into the general liability insurance program at the National Office—when submitting their charter renewal applications. This fee helps defray expenses of the general liability insurance program.

The reasons for the changes include:

• The reserves for open claims have increased significantly over the last several years.
• The average cost per claim has nearly doubled in the last five years.
• Claims payments have doubled in the last two years compared to a five-year average from 2005-2009.

The general liability insurance policy provides primary liability insurance coverage for registered adults and for all chartered organizations on file with the BSA for liability arising out of their chartering a traditional Scouting unit. This policy provides coverage for claims alleging negligent actions that result in either personal injury or property damage. Chartered organizations do not need a certificate of insurance. The chartered organization endorsement is a part of the insurance policy contract and is enforceable under the policy contract. There is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts. Liability insurance is purchased to provide financial protection in the event of accidents or injury that occurs during an official Scouting activity.

Construction City

Once again the Erie Shores Council, Construction City Committee is hosting this famous event on Saturday, November 24th at the University Main Campus. This is a Webelos I and II event only. Participation will be limited to 444 boys total. All reservations will be on a first come basis. Come out and enjoy a great Saturday after Thanksgiving building bridges and cities. For more information or to register please visit erieshoresscoutreach.org or call Nancy at the Scout Office: 419-241-7293 ext. 204.

Construction City General Session: (Limited to 360 1st or 2nd year Webelos) will be Saturday, November 24, 2012, 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is $9 per boy. You are required to bring one adult per boy — adults are free.

The Bridge Builder Division: (Limited to 84, 2nd year Webelos). This division requires the boys to build a bridge capable of holding a scale weight. The cost is $9 per boy. You will be required to bring one adult per boy — adults are free.

Construction City Training will be at the University of Scouting Saturday, November 3rd at Cardinal Stritch High School, 9:00 a.m. Packs are required to send at least 2 adults to training in order to participate. There is no charge for this training, but you must RSVP a spot.
2013 Jamboree Fundraiser Patches


Order of the Arrow

Two years ago Tindeuchen Lodge hosted the section C2A Conclave at Camp Miakonda and it was a great SUCCESS! In the past year our lodge was moved to section C6B and we are lucky enough to receive the honor of hosting the 2013 Conclave at Pioneer Scout Reservation, and we are excited!

What is Conclave? Conclave is a mini version of a National Jamboree. The people that attend conclaves are those who are in the OA lodges within the section. Our section covers a large part of Ohio and part of Kentucky and usually there are 200+ people in attendance at this event. Conclave is a weekend camping experience with a relatively low cost admission and food and fun are provided. 2013’s theme for Conclave is “Conclave in Paradise” and will include many paradise related events. “Can I go?” Anyone registered in Erie Shores Council, and who is in the Order of the Arrow, is invited and we encourage you to come. We invite all members to join us and see what Tindeuchen really is all about.

In February at the Annual Lodge Banquet more information, like pricing, how to sign up, or how to get your name into the drawing, will be given. Conclave will be May 17-19, 2013 at PSR. We invite all of our Arrowmen to join us at the Lodge Banquet on February 17th for an evening full of fellowship and great food. Please look in the lodge newsletter Elongamgussit, on our website www.tindeuchen.com, and in the council newsletter for more news on upcoming events like the banquet and conclave.

National Lutheran Association on Scouting

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting will present any Scout achieving Eagle Rank with a specially designed Eagle Belt Buckle for their hard work and dedication.

The buckle is oval with an Eagle and an engraved cross etched in. The Scout’s name and year is also engraved. For more information contact Gary Nordahl at National Lutheran Association on Scouting / Northwest Ohio, P O Box 756, Perrysburg, OH 43552-0756 or call 419.205.3737 or email at garynordahl@bex.net. Please allow two weeks for engraving. There is no charge for this buckle.

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 October 20, November 3 (at the University of Scouting, Cardinal Stritch High School). You can sign up for a session by emailing Ed at edtaylor49@yahoo.com or contact the Scout office at 419/800-241-7293, ext. 205 (Karen).

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

Harlem Globetrotters

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters will bring their 2013 World Tour to Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio on December 27th. This is the 87th consecutive season of touring the world showcasing a captivating assortment of trick shots, high flying dunks, and ball handling wizardry. Specially priced tickets will be available for Scouts and includes a special Globetrotter patch. More details will be out soon or check out www.harlemglobetrotters.com.
### Calendar of Events

**NOVEMBER**
- 3: University of Scouting, Cardinal Stritch High School
- 6: Election Day
- 9-11: Catholic Scout Retreat, Miakonda
- 9-11: Wilderness First Aid/CPR, Miakonda
- 11: Veterans Day
- 17: OA Workday
- 22-24: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24: Construction City/Webelos II
- 26: Protestant Committee on Scouting Meeting
- 27: Council Training Committee
- 28: Council Advancement Committee
- 28: Council Membership Committee

**DECEMBER**
- 18: Council Commissioners Meeting
- 19: Catholic Committee on Scouting Meeting
- 24-25: Christmas Holiday
- 26: Council Advancement Committee
- 27: Council Membership Committee
- 31-1/1: New Year’s Holiday

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