87th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner

The Council Distinguished Awards Committee honored several volunteers at the 87th Annual Council Scouter Recognition Dinner on June 6th 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:
Jack Bohland, Brenda Corr, James Dollman, Sr., Denny Fairchild and Tim Myers

The Greg Hendel Lifetime Achievement Award:
Hal & Diane Hawk

The John Haar Lifetime Achievement Award:
Jim Whitehead

The Glenda Bowman Lifetime Inspirational Award:
Cynthia Horne

Lifesaving Meritorious Awards recognized were the Heroism Award to Logan TenEyck, Medal of Merit to William Kelly, and Certificate of Merit to Nathan Goulet.

Thanks also to Troop 154 serving as Honor Guard for the ceremonies, Roger Greive as Narrator for the program and Glenda Bowman, Chairman of the event. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do for the youth of Northwest Ohio!

Silver Beaver Honorees (pictured Left to Right): James Dollman, Denny Fairchild, Brenda Corr, Tim Myers and Jack Bohland

Congratulations!
A Scout is Trustworthy

Fellow Scouters:

Do you remember the first time a stranger trusted you with something important? I do. It was a Saturday afternoon in 1972. My high school buddies and I, three of us Scouts, were out on an adventure. Canada was a quick trip through the Tunnel back then, and emerging from under the Detroit River it held the mystique and allure of another country. Canadian currency was worth 20% less than U.S., so we could get more for our money too! By now I’ve forgotten everything else about that trip, except for pulling into a gas station on the outskirts of Windsor rolling in on fumes. When the attendant didn’t meet us at the pumps, I was concerned the station was closed and there wouldn’t be enough gas in my ’64 Chevy to get to the next station, much less back home. Then I saw a pair of legs at a service bay and heard a few choice words from a guy wenching under a truck. He must have heard me coming because when I got there he yelled “just fill it and leave your money in the drawer.”

The world was a different place in ’72. Before then I hadn’t operated a pump, but figured it out. Growing up in Detroit, I was more familiar with distrust, anger and despair from the riots of ’67. So I couldn’t imagine someone would trust me to cash myself out. And when I opened his drawer hoping to make change for a ten (gas was only about 40¢/gal. even for Imperial Gallons), I hadn’t figured he would leave me alone with a full cash box in Canadian and U.S. currency – his entire day’s take. I told my buddy to put away his slide rule and left $8 U.S. for a pump price a little over $5. It takes trust to bring out the good in people, to make them trustworthy. And that day I learned that good people make themselves vulnerable when they trust, but do it anyway.

On May 23, 2013, the BSA National Council Executive Committee and Board trusted representatives from local councils, like ours, to make an important policy decision for the future of Scouting. It was a “historic” decision that in February they were ready to make themselves as they have on all prior ones. As a result, a clear majority concluded it’s time to allow adolescents who profess they have a gay orientation to remain in Scouting, or even to join Scouting, although the vast majority of Scouts join in the first and second grade well before sexual orientation becomes an issue.

We’ve already begun with a Youth Protection Program that’s second to none, and our leaders will continue to pattern conduct setting a moral example. I expect we’ll rely on behavioral standards as sexual conduct of any nature is outside of the program. We’ll continue to trust in the goodness developing in our kids, being vigilant but without overreacting to ambiguous situations. After all, the Scouts in our program today are the same as they were on May 22. They’re whistling, swimming, shooting firearms, telling stories, taking swamp hikes, starting fires, cooking, pitching tents, learning about critters, themselves, and their relationship with God. What better place for this to happen than in Boy Scouts?

Together we can make this work. We have to, because Scouting is for kids. It’s the best place to develop character and leadership skills for our youth bar none. In the words of Henry Ford “If you think you can, or you think you can’t…it’s you’re right.” May God be with us and continue to bless us in our mission.

Yours in Scouting,

Gary Harden
Council President

“Trust should be the basis for all moral training.”
—Robert Baden-Powell

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Moving Forward to Serve More Youth – Final Membership Standards Update

Friends,

Once again, a special thanks to all who participated in the Membership Standards Study Initiative. The process in which you participated was historic. Through the process, the Boy Scouts of America proved that a volunteer-led organization can listen and learn from its members and move forward to serve more youth.

We are now in the implementation phase of the initiative. Between now and Jan. 1, 2014, an implementation task force made up of volunteers and professionals is looking at every aspect of our organization to implement the new membership policy in the best way for the youth and families we serve.

In the weeks ahead, you will begin receiving updates that will outline the work of the implementation group and its progress.

On May 24, Rex Tillerson, past president of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke to attendees of our National Annual Meeting. His message about Scouting, change, and the future of the BSA was powerful. I’m proud to share those remarks with you here. I encourage you to share this video with anyone who cares about the Scouting movement. A special message from Rex Tillerson, BSA past president, from the National Meeting can be seen at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwLvmu8FAfo&feature=youtube

Thank you for your leadership, your passion for Scouting, and for helping move the BSA forward to serve more youth.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Butler
Assistant Chief Scout Executive, Operations

May 2013

These are the latest pictures showing the progress of the construction teams on the new Leadership Center.
Commemorative Bricks at Camp Miakonda

The Erie Shores Council offers an opportunity to place a brick in the Memorial Pathway constructed at Camp Miakonda where a personalized mark can be created for many generations to come see and enjoy.

Camp Miakonda dates back to 1917. Over the years, literally thousands of Scouting memories have been made. In late 2001, the council began designing the Memorial Pathway laid around the upper portion of the Council Ring. Their vision was to offer an opportunity to Scouts, volunteers, troops, packs and other friends of Scouting to create a lasting memory and recognize treasured experiences and the people of Scouting. Over 350 bricks have been placed.

For more detailed information on how to order a brick paver contact the Scout Office at (419/800) 241-7293 or email at erieshores@bsamail.org.

BSA Staff

May 27th Jacqueline Rivers joined the Scouts and Scouters of Northwest District. She had been serving as District Executive for the Swan Creek District working with Joe Maxwell, Senior District Executive. Jacqueline earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Bowling Green State University. She has worked with the Cherry Street Mission Ministries Ready for Life Program, the City of Toledo Board of Community Relations, and has a wealth of experience and leadership skills. Her time spent with the Swan Creek District was short but very productive and a fun experience.

Starting July 1, 2013, we welcome Patrick Keenan to the Council staff. Patrick will be serving as Field Director overseeing, guiding and helping out the District Executives with their plans for membership, finance and programs. Pat began his professional Scouting career in Auburn, Michigan in 1984. Since that time he has served on staffs in Peoria, Illinois; Waterford, Michigan; Flint, Michigan; and Detroit, Michigan; and most recently in South Bend, Indiana. Pat has developed and mentored numerous Scout professionals in five different councils. Pat and his wife, Marian, have three grown children — John, Chris and Kathleen — who are on their own. At home they have two dogs named Abby and Mirko. Please help us welcome the Keenan family.
Youth Protection Training

Leaders are required to take Youth Protection training every two years. Youth Protection Training is available online at: http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html.

Resident Camp for Webelos II

Still have some room—All Second Year Webelos Scouts are invited to sample the Boy Scout summer program at Camp Frontier in the Pioneer Scout Reservation. Two sessions are scheduled: July 28 to July 31 and July 31 to August 3. Cost is $127 per Scout and $66 per adult. There are 48 spaces left for Webelos (plus parents/leaders) in the first session, and 30 spaces in the second session—so sign up right away!

Fees include all meals, platform tent space with cots and mattresses, all the activities, and a PSR patch and cap.

Lots of activity areas to try—rowboating, waterball, fishing, swimming with THE BLOB, Leatherworking, BB Guns, Archery, Blacksmith demos, Woodworking, and Climbing Walls. Call the Scout office for an application or visit www.psrweb.org for information and forms.

Partners for Clean Streams

Mark your calendar, organize your den, pack, patrol, troop— and join Partners for Clean Streams for the 17th Annual Streambank Cleanup on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon. There will be an Appreciation Picnic following the clean up. Local kickoff locations are the University of Toledo, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Olander Park, Oregon Municipal Building, Downtown Toledo, Sidecut Metropark and more. Registration will be available after August 1st on the PCS website www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org. Registration is required due to limited supplies. For more information contact the Group & Challenge Coordinator at 419-936-3954.

Popcorn Kick-Off

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
FIFTH THIRD FIELD
Gates open at 8 a.m.
Events run 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Finished by 10 a.m.

Come on out to the Popcorn Kick-Off! We’ll have bagels, OJ, popcorn samples (of course), carnival style stations, bounce houses, prize giveaways, and much more! Players, mascots, and other community organizations will be out and about.
Calendar of Events

**JULY**
- 2  Frontier – PreCamp Leaders Meeting
- 7-13  Camp Frontier Week 4
- 8-12  Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week 3
- 9  Frontier – PreCamp Leaders Meeting
- 14-20  Camp Frontier Week 5
- 15-19  Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week 4
- 15-24  National Jamboree, The Summit
- 16  Frontier – PreCamp Leaders Meeting
- 16  Council Commissioners Meeting
- 17  Webelos Resident Camp, Miakonda
- 17  Council Advancement Meeting
- 21-27  Camp Frontier Week 6
- 25  Council Camping Meeting
- 28-8/3  Camp Frontier Week 7
- 28-31  Frontier Resident Session I
- 30  Eagle Bay Webelos Overnight
- 31-8/2  Eagle Bay Cub Day Camp
- 31-8/3  Frontier Resident Session II

**AUGUST**
- 16-18  OA Ordeal, Miakonda
- 16-18  Wood Badge Weekend I, PSR
- 20  Council Commissioners Meeting
- 22  Council Camping Meeting
- 27  Council Training Committee
- 28  Council Membership Meeting

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