Join Scouting Night

Special Join Scouting Nights will be held to enroll new Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their parents in every elementary school in our four plus counties of Northwest Ohio starting in late August through this fall.

The Join Scouting Nights are sponsored by the Erie Shores Council, BSA, and are held through the cooperation and support of the local school systems. Over 200 schools will open their doors to allow new members to join Scouting. A group of several hundred adult volunteer leaders will conduct the Join Scouting Nights.

During each Join Scouting Night program, volunteer leaders will explain all about the programs and activities in the Tiger Cub, Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs and will sign up new members.

Parents are asked to attend with their son(s) in order to be informed regarding Scouting activities. Boys in the first grade can join Tiger Cubs; boys in the second, third, fourth and fifth grades can join Cub Scouts; and boys in grades six and up can join the Boy Scout program.

2013 Popcorn Sale

We are looking forward to another successful year of popcorn! The sale starts on Friday, September 20th and runs through Friday, November 1st! The sale kicks off with the MudHens Rally at Fifth Third Field on Saturday, September 21st, 8:30-10:00 AM. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun! One lucky Scout will win a mini iPad! So mark your calendars now for this exciting event! Everyone is welcome!

Pecatonica River is once again offering an excellent selection of popcorn. Back by popular demand is the OSU Chocolate Lovers tin and new this year is the Sea Salt Splash in its own Terry Redlin Tin! Our Scouts will be given opportunities to win some really cool prizes! We’ve brought back the Campers Club at the $1,500 level and we have some really awesome prizes in our Weekly Prize Drawings for the Fill-it-Up, including a mini iPad!

“Show & Sell” orders will be distributed on September 19-20th. “Take Order” orders are due by November 1st. If your unit’s Popcorn Kernel is not receiving email updates regarding key information about the 2013 Popcorn Sale, please contact Erin at Erin.LaLonde@Scouting.org or Taia Sutherland, ESC Kernel, at ptjsuther@aol.com or 419-466-7197 to get added to the email list!

Thank you for participating in this year’s popcorn sale because every sale you make for your Pack or Troop, no matter how big or small, is important to our successful delivery of Scouting in our community. Keep Popping!!
On Camping

Fellow Scouters:

Consider the mosquito. Reviled by creatures small and large except for bat, bird and fish; as individuals they’re disregarded. They weigh nothing, persuade nothing. But in sufficient numbers they chase troops of men, women, boys and girls, without distinction, without shame, to shelter swatting and spraying, abandoning all other activity until perhaps a fogger truck provides relief. Its cousin, the black fly in a swarm can drive a bull moose to run for a bog submerging itself completely in brackish water, except for nostrils and antlers, with even these dipped episodically for relief below the surface. Mosquitoes in turn entice us to eat things we might not otherwise consume, like raw garlic or brewer’s yeast, hoping to make ourselves unattractive by flavoring. Wearing winter clothes in the summer heat presents a viable option. In campers, mosquitoes inspire complex strategic eradication and prevention procedures before succumbing to sleep in a tent, and soulful reflections by this writer contemplating the mercy of a loving God, and how something so vile could actually have been intended in the Master Plan.

Thiers is a simpler lot. They perceive no good, no evil, only campers, and upon an encounter, just... Yum! And yes, I’m camping, swatting, and scratching my bites as I write.

The coordinated influence of many sharing a common goal can make a big difference. Summer camp is like that. This year we camped almost 3,700 at PSR, not including staff or insects. At three of the seven weekly Coffees, I explained to unit leaders that “this is what capacity looks like.” More units are booking next year’s reservations before they leave camp, because this year we were fully reserved for the week of their first choice. Miakonda Day Camp had its highest attendance in the last five years, adding about a hundred, while making long term strides in staff development, program and efficiency that will continue to pay dividends in the future. For example, one Thursday evening before the family campfire, I encountered a parent on the Parade Field looking for her son. Mom was beaming. Her Tiger just declared that he was going to be an Eagle Scout some day! Originally Day Camp was not his first choice of a summer activity.

The right culture drives success. Success can develop the right culture. Culture can only be appreciated over the long term.

The success of our camps is not accidental, or the result of circumstance. It comes from a commitment to delivering outstanding program by staff with the right kind of attitude, one I first witnessed at PSR years ago as a scoutmaster. Robert Baden-Powell referred to program in this way: “A fisherman does not bait his hook with food he likes. He uses food the fish likes. So with boys.” And of attitude: “We must change boys from a ‘what can I get’ to a ‘what can I give’ attitude.” I had the privilege to see both camps in action this summer, and everyone reading this newsletter should be very proud of our staff. They were very well trained, and remained cheerful and engaging, delivering outstanding program and problem solving even when with a full camp, units checked in with more campers than had pre-registered. This happened at both camps. Scout and leader feedback support the conclusion that units return and refer others, when we listen and show we care, even if some things don’t go as hoped. A new merit badge, Welding, had room for 8-10 scouts in one offered session. In week one, 80 signed up. We had a similar response in other weeks. Paddle Boarding, first offered this year, was also a big success. We had great equipment and our aquatics staff was trained by the manufacturer. Fortunately our camp provided lots of other merit badges and activities to substitute, and a reason to come back next year. This success is a result of at least 10 years of focus on creating a customer service attitude. It also relies on continuity of camp management. What camp staff learns in training, what scouts learn from them and from all our leaders, the common culture of care and service, is at the core of Scouting. It’s how we build character and develop leaders. In this way, our scouts become the many sharing a common culture who together, make a big difference.

Have you ever returned to a restaurant you loved, only to have a bad meal or poor service? And if for some reason you returned again and had another bad experience, what then? Success can be a fleeting experience unless you continue to have a quality product and the right culture modeled and shared by all. The same principle holds true in every business, in every nonprofit we encounter. Continuity of the common culture of care and service is also fundamental to the teachings of all established religion. So it is with the BSA, and how we should run our camps. We have been blessed with success but must always be mindful of the trust we’ve been given. So for now, we will continue to press for innovation in programs and supporting facilities. We will continue to train our staff, managers and other leaders. But as time passes and leaders change, our culture must remain the same.

We have many to thank (mosquitos not included). We have much still to do.

I’m reserving comment on poison Ivy for later.

Gary Harden, Council President
New at the Scout Shop

**Cub Scouts**
All your Scouting needs; handbooks, uniform shirts, neckerchiefs, ball caps, slides, belts and more!

We also have a large selection of Leader Guides and helps.

Cub Scout Day Camp shirts are available for $5 each while supplies last!

**Crafts**
Wooden Lunar Lander Kits - Birdhouses & Birdfeeders - Smithsonian Science Mars Dig and Gold Dig Kits

**Boy Scouts**

**New Patrol Emblems:** Alien, Black Mamba (Snake), Bull, Bulldog, Computer Geek, Coyote, Falcon, Gamemaster, Knight, Phoenix, Ninja, Old Goat, Robot, Squirrel, T-Rex, and Zombie plus updates of old favorites!

**New Merit Badge Pamphlets:** Game Design, Programming, and Sustainability

**Something for Everyone**

- NEW Badge Magic Name Labels
- *Lip Smackin’ Backpackin’ Cookbook*
- Ladies 5 Star Lodging T-Shirts
- Wood Badge; CSP with Gold Border $10 each; Woggle Knot Patch $3 each
- Wood Badge Custom Patch set for our 2013 Course $100 set includes 6 patches and is limited to 25 sets

**In the News**

- NEW Stand Up Paddleboarding Awards for Boy Scouts and Adults
- NOVA Award for all Scouting Levels Patches have blue border for Cubs, red for Boy Scouts and green for Venturing
- Leave No Trace Awards are changing to Outdoor Ethics. The new patches will be in the shop soon. For details on the award changes go to www.scouting.org

**Coming Soon**

- New Merit Badge for Digital Technology
- Updated Merit Badge book for Cooking which will be Eagle Required in January of 2014

- **New Eagle Scouts**
  - **COMMODORE PERRY**
    - Dennis Shammo
    - Troop 408
    - William Shoup
  - Michael Smarkel
    - Troop 370
    - Joseph Lochotzki
  - Zachary Baugh
    - Troop 360
    - Albert Kodak
  - Dustin Schmidt
    - Troop 314
    - James Whitecane
  - Nick Vizi
    - Troop 385
    - David Spurgeon

- **NORTHWEST**
  - Jakob Brank
    - Troop 777
    - Michael Pietras
  - Zachary Mercer
    - Troop 154
    - Allen Elliott
  - Edward Holewinski II
    - Troop 38
    - Gary Holewinski
Jamboree on the Air

Few people realize that each year more than 500,000 Scouts and Guides “get together” over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home. JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides of all ages and all over the world talk with each other using Amateur (Ham) Radio. They share Scouting experiences and ideas via radio waves.

Last year, JOTA worldwide participation reached just short of 700,000 Scouts operating from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations, operated by 22,500 amateur radio operators across 142 countries. In the USA we had 18,000+ Scouts on the air from 204 stations. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years. The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs.

Local JOTA activities begin at 0900 (9:00 AM) through 2100 (9:00 PM) Saturday October 19 and 0900 (9:00 AM) to 1200 (12:00 PM) on October 20. The event is open to both overnight campers and walk-in visitors. Boy and Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to attend, either as a group or individually with a parent or guardian. Activities will be held in Booker Cabin located on the Parade Field at Camp Miakonda, 5600 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo, Ohio.

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association (W8HIF), in cooperation with the Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America, sponsors our local JOTA event each year. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) support JOTA nationally. Questions may be sent to Steve Stalker (KC8TVW): KC8TVW@arrl.net.

To reserve a cabin for the weekend at Camp Miakonda, please contact Jennifer Medley at 419/800.241.7293 x 204 or Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org.

Leave No Trace

Saturday, September 14, Noon-4 PM
Camp Miakonda

This free workshop is open to Scouts and Scouters over 14 years of age who have an interest in lessening the damage we do when we use the outdoors for camping, hiking and backpacking. Using hands-on instruction the workshop will teach you the principles of Leave No Trace and how to apply them to your outings. This workshop will give your Scouts a head start in meeting the 2nd and 1st Class Leave No Trace requirements and is taught by a LNT Master Educator and a staff of LNT Trainers.

Cost: Free – Please no walk-ins
Register by September 4 with Rodger Phillips at kj8m@hotmail.com

Miniature Golf at Camp Miakonda

Any interested unit, organization, or group of Scouts can sponsor a hole for a Miniature Golf Course which will be located around the Fort at Camp Miakonda. You create the hazards, bumps, tunnels, ramps, twists and turns for the ultimate hole and you will be responsible for periodic maintenance on the hole. Each participating unit or group will have a plaque posted at their sponsored hole and will be entered into the competition for Best Design and Best Theme. The Golf Course Theme is “Frontier/Fort/1800’s.” Completion date is scheduled for October 31, 2013. Rules/ Guidelines, themed ideas and more details are available on the council website at www.erieshorescouncil.org under Current Events or contact Diane Wilkie-Smith at dwilkiesmith@msn.com and put “Miniature Golf Course” in the subject line.
Construction City 2013 – A Webelos Special Event

Saturday, November 30th
(Thanksgiving & UM vs. OSU Weekend)
7:45 AM – 3:30 PM
University of Toledo Main Campus
Health Education Center

Construction City is divided into two divisions—City and Bridge. Please indicate which division you want to participate in. Registrations are on a first come basis due to limited space, so REGISTER EARLY. Register in advance at the Council Service Center. Payment of $10 per Webelos is required when registering your group. Each Webelos is required to have one adult with him during the event. Food will be for sale offered by a local Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop.

Parent Preparation Training Session: Packs are required to send at least two adults. It will be at Camp Miakonda, Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM.

City
This division requires the Webelos to build structures on an 8’x6’ plot of land with supplied cardboard, tape and tools after completing the permitting process.

Division limited to 360 1st or 2nd year Webelos.
- 8:30 AM Arrival
- 9:00 AM Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 AM Build Structures
- 12:20 PM Judging
- 1:00 PM Demolition
- 3:00 PM Close/Raffle (Tentative)

Bridge
This division requires the Webelos to build a bridge spanning 12’ capable of holding scale weights while controlling structure weight of materials with supplied cardboard, tape and tools.

Division limited to 84 2nd year Webelos.
- 7:45 AM Arrival
- 8:00 AM Build Structures
- 9:00 AM Opening Ceremony
- 11:30 AM Structure Testing
- 3:00 PM Close/Raffle (Tentative)

(Sponsored by Rudolph/Libbe, The Associated General Contractors of America, AIA, Bay Corrugated Containers, Home Builders Association of Greater Toledo and the Construction Contractors Council.)

Cub Family Camp
Camp Miakonda
October 5-6, 2014

Come out to Camp Miakonda and join in the great fun planned. Bring the whole family (sorry – no pets). Check in on Saturday from Noon to 2 PM on October 5th and stay til Sunday, October 6 at 9 AM. Bring a tent to sleep in – $10 per person. Come just for the day – $10 per person. Or put in for a cabin bunk at $14 per person. Price includes Saturday’s Dinner, Sunday’s Breakfast and a patch. Register in advance to guarantee a spot by September 27th with Jennifer at 419-241-7293 ext 204 or email at Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org. All Cub Families are welcome – all districts!

Star Party
October 12-13
Pioneer Scout Reservation

The Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation and the Toledo Astronomical Association are combining to present a Star Party for Boy Scouts. Patrols or individual Scouts are welcome. Every Scout needs an adult to accompany him. Camping will be in regular campsites, units need to provide 2-deep leadership. Cost is $20 per person. A patch will be provided. For more information contact the Camping Department at 419/800.241.7295 ext 204 and ask for Jennifer.

Halloween Party
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners

All Scout families are invited to come trick or treating at Camp Miakonda. Our Halloween extravaganza sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners is open to the public and also has a special time set for Scout families only. Cost is $7 per child, adults and children under 2 are free.

Activities include a haunted hayride, haunted hike, face painting, lots of games, haunted cabins, storytelling, haunted fort, trick-or-treating and concessions. A Trick-or-Treat bag of goodies and patch is included with the registration fee.

Come as a pack, bring your family and friends. Wear a costume! Pre-registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome.

Haunting this fall is Saturday, October 26th from 5:30-9:00 PM, open to Scouts and to the general public; and on Sunday, October 27th from 2-4:30 PM just for Scouting families.
Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
2  Labor Day Holiday – Office & Store Closed
13  Sporting Clay Classic, WR Hunt Club
17  Council Commissioners Meeting
18  Executive Board Meeting, Mlkonda
19  Council Advancement Committee
24  Council Training Committee
25  Council Membership Committee
26  Council Camping Committee
28-29  Wood Badge Weekend II
28-29  Wood District Cub Family Camp

OCTOBER
5-6  Commodore Perry & Swan Creek Cub Family Camps
12-13  Star Party, PSR
15  Council Commissioners Meeting
19  Order of the Arrow Work Day
22  Council Training Committee
23  Council Membership Committee
24  Council Camping Committee
26-27  Council Halloween Party, Mlkonda
31  Halloween

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