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Council Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Erie Shores Council, BSA, will be January 15th at Camp Miakonda. All Chartered Organization Representatives from every pack, troop, post, and crew; Executive Board Members; and Council Members-at-Large are voting members of the council and are invited to attend. An optional dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. (RSVP with Joyce at 419-241-7293 ext 206) and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The voting slate includes the volunteer Scouters nominated to serve as Executive Board Members, Council Advisory Committee Members, Council Members at Large, Council Associate Members and National Council Representatives. The District Commissioners will also be approved for service in their respective districts.

Erie Shores Council, BSA 2014 Anniversaries

1914 - 100th Anniversary of
....creation of the Tribe of Gimogash and Order of the Mystic Circle honor programs

1924 - 90th Anniversary of
....Miakonda's Ford Dining Hall built
....Miakonda's first Summer Camp program

1934 - 80th Anniversary of
....Miakonda's Council Lodge

1944 - 70th Anniversary of
....Aubel Newell, first of our Council's 8 Silver Antelope recipients (Regional Honor). The Sea Scout Ship on the island in Lake Sawyer was named after him.

1964 - 50th Anniversary of
....Camp Alaska program. First one held in November 1964 at Camp Miakonda and attended by 700 participants

1964 - 50th Anniversary of
....the creation of Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation.

Wood Badge Association Annual Meeting & Breakfast

Saturday March 29, 2014

Camp Miakonda, Ford Center,
5600 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43623

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Erie Shores Council Wood Badge Association. Everyone is welcome! Wood Badgers are heartily encouraged to bring one or more future Wood Badgers as guests. Fellowship and a delicious breakfast precedes the business meeting during which time we will elect 2014 Association officers. Breakfast is \$10 per person, Wood Badge Association Dues are \$5.00 per person.

Registration forms can be found on the council website or at the Scout Service Center - return it to the Center by March 14, 2014. Any questions, please contact the Scout office at 419/800 241-7293 or email eriesthores@bsaemail.org.

At the Scout Shop

Erie Shores Council Scout Shop

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Scout Shop Hours:

MONDAY-FRIDAY	9 AM-5 PM
THURSDAYS	10 AM-7 PM
SATURDAYS	9 AM-12 NOON

Please place your orders with Sara at the local Scout store. Any profits on our sales help the council grow to become a more vibrant council for you.

The Scout Shop will be closed while moving. We ask your indulgence while we move to our new Scout Shop in the Jadel Leadership Center. Dates of the move will be posted on the Council website www.erieshorescouncil.org.

MasterCard/VISA accepted

Our Scout Shop can order anything for you with a 1-2 week delivery.

Let us do the work for you!
Contact Sara (ext. 216) or scrosby@bsaemail.org.

The National BSA Catalog is available at www.scoutstuff.org





Gary Harden
Council President

What's For Breakfast?

Fellow Scouters:

When I was a Scout, I had two Scoutmasters. The first one lived to camp; the second stressed rank advancement and merit badges. I was fortunate to have each as a mentor when I did. The first one wore a Safari hat on campouts. A tall thin man of few words right out of a Norman Rockwell print, we called him "Bwana." Early one Sunday morning our Troop was breaking camp. My task was to organize and cook breakfast for the Troop. Everyone else was dropping tents and packing gear. To be efficient, I'd piled all four dozen eggs on a container to make one trip to the cooking area. I'd never heard the saying, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," and it wouldn't have mattered. I was 13. Just at the time I reached the middle of the campsite, Billy came running with the tent stake bucket, large rectangular and metal, about half full. Well by now you've guessed it. We collided in the middle of camp. All the eggs smashed on and into the bucket. The everyday noise of Scouts about their tasks ended abruptly with our collision. The eyes of all Scouts froze me. There would be no breakfast, and we wouldn't get home for a meal until afternoon. As Bwana stalked over in my direction, I feared the worst. Motionless like a game bird ready to flush, in my mind I raced down just about every justification that a 13 year old could muster. Upon his arrival, he stood and gazed down into the bucket, pondering my situation like a shorthair on point. Then he looked directly into my eyes, smiled, pointed at the bucket and proclaimed loudly enough for everyone to hear: "Stake & Eggs! Let's clean this up and be on our way."

He could easily have chastised me for my mistake; it was deserved but already appreciated. Calling attention to the obvious might have relieved his frustration, and would certainly embarrass me even more. It couldn't have saved our smashed breakfast. Instead, he used the moment to teach. It took me years to appreciate the elegance of his lesson: a lesson in leadership; a lesson in kindness. "There is no teaching to compare with example" – Robert Baden Powell.

As a Council we've needed to reverse trends taking a toll in membership and threatening our future. So for two years we've looked to the Council to provide answers, to invent and to regain best practices of the past. We've gathered ideas, nurtured the gift of feedback, developed a strategic plan, invented "MCR", and began delivering on promises. We are developing training, erecting program facilities (come check out the human foosball courts at Camp Miakonda), and are actively working through the lists created.

As the next step, we're broadening our Board to develop a vision of "diversity". Diversity in this instance should provide inroads into community centers of influence, opening the tent flap of Scouting to their kids. Scouting in NW Ohio presents a conundrum, and yet an incredible opportunity at the same time. So many adults in the community were Scouts or were involved in Scouting at one time, and yet they don't participate today because they don't know who we are. By broadly including

all communities, religions, schools, other service organizations, social, occupational and business diversity in this approach as well as race and gender, we're opening the tent flap of Scouting to new members. For growth to be sustained into the future, we need everyone who shares our culture and vision in the same tent. (Yes, there will be two-deep leadership.) More kids in Scouting. And so the influential leaders of community centers of influence should be on our Board, on our Committees, and should be leaders in our Districts. More volunteers, more families.

To make this possible, Scouters serving us well for decades are again leading the way. Seven experienced members of our Board are refocusing their efforts on important work in a structured and revitalized Advisory Council. Their example of leadership is one of kindness, showing us a way to encourage new leaders, to provide new ideas and energy not only for our Board, but also for our Committees and in our Districts. Developing continuity plans for Committees and Districts is strategic in this effort. It is as critical as developing continuity in Cubmasters and Scoutmasters in stabilizing Unit membership.

We've had some success as a Council. It hasn't been easy. Erie Shores Council is one of only two Councils in our Area experiencing positive membership growth. We are one of only two Councils in the Region to achieve Gold Status in all "Journey to Excellence" categories. But sustained growth and continuity take more. They require many Units, many moms and dads sharing our vision with the moms and dads of their sons' classmates and teammates. They require our concerted effort to share our vision with their daughters and other young women in the community welcoming them to our Venturing and Exploring Programs.

Let's not overlook the wisdom that has grown Scouting for over a century: Strong Units make Strong Districts, and together they make a Strong Council.

The strong and silent leaders of Scouting have made us who we are today. By example they've developed many boys into productive leaders in society. I will end with a favorite quote which is from Taoism, one of the religions of China, a subject I studied when I was an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves" —Lao Tzu. I don't think Bwana studied the religions of China. I doubt he expected his act of kindness would have such a profound effect upon a young man. But he was a Scoutmaster, so you never know.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Harden, Council President

President's Note: Do you have a Scouting story or two that can serve as an inspiration to others? We'd love to hear from you, and to gather the stories for future use. Please forward to my attention c/o Erie Shores Council office.

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

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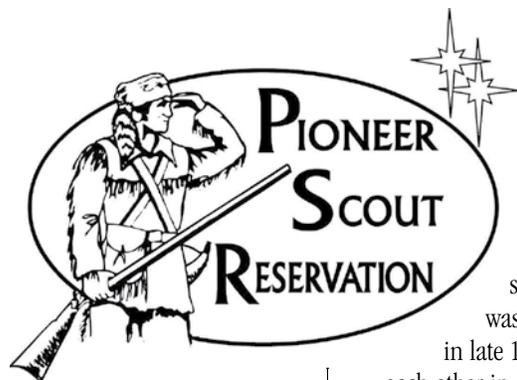
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PSR 50th Anniversary

It was fifty years ago this year that the Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation was created. The camp was used by units and districts for camping in the early years until the first of five planned camps at the Reservation, Camp Frontier, was developed and opened in 1969. Like Camp Miakonda, summer camp was not held there until several years after it was created. Miakonda was created in 1917 but summer camp was not held there until 1924. PSR was created in late 1964, but summer camp was not held there until 1969. The two camps parallel each other in a number of ways. Miakonda is actually named DeVilbiss Scout Reservation with Miakonda originally being just a summer name for part of the Reservation. Pioneer Scout Reservation was the original name for the entire property with Camp Frontier being just a part of it. Miakonda was created through four separate land acquisitions between 1917 and 1953 and PSR was created through the purchase of multiple adjoining farms. The average price per acre of each Reservation was very close to the same, about \$116 - \$175 per acre.

Camp Frontier Ground Hog Kickoff Dinner

Ready for next summer at Frontier? Join us on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at Camp Miakonda for the PSR Summer Camp Kickoff. Dinner starts at 6:00pm at the Ford Center. During the dinner, we will update you on all the new information you will need to know for your visit to Camp Frontier next summer. Call Jennifer at 419/800.241.7293, ext 204 or email to Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org to make your reservation for the dinner. Please – limit of two people per Troop. Thank You.



Partners for Clean Streams Patch Day Workshop

Registration is now open for the 12th Annual Youth Patch Day Workshop held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 from 1-4:30pm at the University of Toledo Student Union. The Workshop allows participants to explore exciting water conservation related activities and learn how to make a difference in protecting our rivers! Activities are specifically designed for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. It is designed for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts needing requirements for various merit badges or patch requirements, including the Partnering for Clean Streams Patch.

The cost is \$5 for each participant. To register, fill out and return the registration form with your payment by February 19th. For more information, please contact Partners for Clean Streams at 419-874-0727 or visit PartnersforCleanStreams.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Troop 38
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Troop 87
Michael Lynn

Rhys Black
Troop 258
Eric Chanmer

Charles Mira
Troop 263
Kenneth Walz

Asher Rabquer
Troop 258
Eric Chanmer

Joseph Diehl
Troop 154
Allen Ellett

Mitchell Kahn
Troop 154
Allen Ellett



Mini Golf Course at Camp Miakonda

Any interested unit, organization or group of Scouters can sponsor a hole for the miniature golf course which has been relocated to a more accessible area between Engle and Steadman cabins, off the parade field, at Camp Miakonda. You create the hazards, bumps, tunnels, ramps, twists and turns for the ultimate hole. Each participating unit or group will have a plaque posted at their sponsored hole for recognition. **In addition, two awards will be given at the completion of the project: Best Design and Best Theme.**

Rules and Guidelines: The theme of this miniature golf course is Frontier/Historic Camping/1800's. You may add doglegs or angles as your plot of ground permits. You can pick the hole you want to build or we can pick one for you. You will need to come once or twice a year for continued maintenance, as needed. **Completion date has been extended to May 31, 2014.** This gives units more time for project planning and execution.

Materials should be able to endure year-round weather. Lumber should be pressure treated. The surface can simply be hard packed dirt or whatever your design dictates. You will need to send in your plans for final approval prior to construction. The cup size should be 4" in diameter and have drainage. Please, no mosquito breeding water hazards. Electric is not available. We request that you make or provide 4 putters: one in each of the following shaft lengths: 30", 34", 38" & 42." Very simple instructions for Scout-crafted putters can be e-mailed to you upon request. Garage sale putters are fine too. The course will be equipped with regulation golf balls for play.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, please contact Diane Wilkie Smith by e-mail at dwilkiessmith@msn.com and put in the **Subject Box: Miniature Golf Course.** You will receive written confirmation of your numbered hole.

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Miakonda Scout Museum

The Miakonda Scout Museum has recently changed nine of their displays, including a new one with Boy Scout model trains, and reorganized five others. They just added a 1915 era Boy Scout silent movie projector that has a hand crank to run the film. They are seeking photos of past Construction City events as well as a few of the patches to complete a display. With the additional museum display space being built in to the new Jadel Leadership Center, the overall museum complex is effectively being tripled in size. The new building will have about twenty custom made display cases that will each be seven feet tall and six feet wide. The current museum will continue with separate displays. We will have many new displays using items from the museum collection that we have never been able to show because of limited room. There will also be a number of large framed historical photos highlighting the Council history that will be hung throughout the new building dating back to 1910. If you have things to donate to the museum please call Dave Eby at 734-242-3445.

Rechartering

Start planning for your rechartering now so it will be an easy process for your unit. Some steps you can take now to save time later are as follows:

- Make sure all adult leaders' Youth Protection Training (YPT) certification is less than 2 years old.
- Make sure that the name on the new charter is identical to the name that a new adult or youth put on their application.
- Remember you need to print out a copy of the charter to be brought into the office. Make sure the Executive Officer and unit leader sign the cover page.

If you have questions about your unit's charter please contact your commissioner, district executive or Karen, our Council Registrar.

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Christopher Sabo

Ian Reineck
Troop 344
Matthew Meyer

Fredrick Riggs V
Troop 358
Fred Riggs

Matthew Pisarski
Troop 325
Brent Bomer

Arthur Pollauf II
Troop 63
Jack Bobland

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 Scouter can receive from a local Scout council.

The Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner will be held June 5th at Camp Miakonda. Nominations for the Silver Beavers that will be presented that evening must be in to the Distinguished Awards Committee by March 28th for their consideration. Nomination forms are available at the Scout Office, online at www.erieshorescouncil.org in the Leader Resources listing under the Resources section or email erieshores@bsaemail.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.

Family FOS

It is Family FOS (Friends of Scouting) time! If you like the improvements going on around the council camps and enjoy the programs being offered and want to see more continue, then please set a date for your unit's FOS presentation and schedule it with your district family FOS Chair or district executive. Cub Packs please schedule your presentation no later than your March pack meeting. A pack Blue and Gold is the ideal meeting to hold the presentation. Troops please schedule your troop presentation, no later than your spring court of honor. It is important that all parents receive a chance to hear the FOS story. Remember that all registration money goes to national, no registration money stays local. Thank you in advance for setting your FOS date.

New Eagle Scouts

Our sincere apologies for the incorrect listing in the November/December 2013 issue of Scouting News. Congratulations to **Jakob Brand** of Troop 777, Northwest District and his Scoutmaster Michael Pietras.

NRA Instructor Training

Erie Shores is continuing to improve the shooting sports experience and deliver a year-round program for our youth. As of January 1, Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badge Counselors must be currently certified in the appropriate NRA instructor discipline. If you are interested in becoming or remaining a Shotgun Merit Badge Counselor, or simply helping with range instruction, we are offering an NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor course at Camp Miakonda, March 7-9, 2014.

Space is limited, so please contact Mark Abramson at 419.705.1959 or mcabramson56@gmail.com as soon as possible. The deadline is February 7, 2014.



Philmont 2015

Is your unit looking for a Mountain Top Adventure?

The Erie Shores Council is once again holding six crew spots for its June 2015 Philmont Council Contingent. Crews are comprised of no more than eight youth and four adults per crew and can have no fewer than 4 youth and 3 adults. In order for a unit to request taking crew through the Council, a form must be submitted to Jennifer Medley at the Scout office. That paperwork can be found at: <http://www.toledobsa.com/highadventure.html>.

Questions or more information, please contact the Council High Adventure Chairman: Jim Whitehead, 419-866-1195 or by email at jcwscouter@sbcglobal.net.



Membership

If your unit is holding any outstanding membership applications, please turn them in right away. All applications must be turned in promptly after being received. This is a serious matter. If you are unable to bring the applications in, contact your district executive who will be glad to bring in your new Scout applications. It is important that all scouts are registered in a timely manner. If you would like to hold an additional Join Scouting Night, please let your district executive know. Thank you for your support.



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1 Office & Store Closed for New Years Holiday
- 15 Council Annual Meeting
- 16 Council Advancement Committee
- 18-19 Camp Alaska & Breakfast, PSR
- 20 Martin Luther King Day
- 21 Council Commissioners
- 22 Membership Committee
- 23 Camping Committee
- 28 Training Committee

FEBRUARY

- 2 Scout Sunday
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 16 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- 17 President's Day
- 18 Council Commissioners
- 20 Council Advancement committee
- 25 Training Committee
- 26 Frontier Ground Hog Kick-Off
- 27 Camping Committee

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