The Council Distinguished Awards Committee honored several volunteers at the 88th Annual Council Scouter Recognition Dinner on June 5th 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.


The John Haar Lifetime Achievement Award Charles C. Home, Jr.
The Glenda Bowman Lifetime Inspirational Award Frank S. Merritt
NESA Outstanding Eagle Award Dennis Setzler
Woods Service Award Sonya Whitehead
Torch of Gold Awards: Sara Crosby, Dennis Gable, Robert Schuster, Mark Urrutia

Thanks also to Troop 14 serving as Honor Guard for the ceremonies, The Andersons Garden Center for the flowers, MC’s Liz Smarkel and Justin Sutherland, and Roger Greive as Narrator for the program. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do for the youth of Northwest Ohio!
Of Tennis Courts and Honey Dippers

Fellow Scouters:

It’s summer camping season once again! Time for Scouts and Scouters of all ages to embrace the great outdoors. For some of us it’s a familiar experience, rich in stories and nomenclature. For those new to camp, it can be a mystery tour of wonder and discovery. I enjoy mystery as much as the next guy, but it’s handy to know what to do (“Blob On!”), where to meet someone (“over by the Tennis Courts”), and where to do something really important (“time to check into the Red Roof Inn”) when instructed by a helpful Scout. Helpful is the third point of the Scout Law, one of my favorites. In whichever of these camps you pitch your tent, you may better appreciate the experience knowing “The Terms of Scout Camping.” This knowledge can improve your life, as was mine from reading the sort of non-fiction book, *House of God* that my brother brought home from Medical School. Made me look at medicine and hospitals in a whole new way, forever. With this in mind, I offer the following terms for your enrichment.

**Ado:** That of which much is said, little is known, and when recognized, nothing more is done. “And without further ado... whatever that is.” Pursued in Camp, much in the same way as was “truth” in the Roman Empire. “Truth... what is truth?”

**Announcements:** Pronounced “Informational Bulletin,” given at morning and evening flags. “No person shall ever say the ‘A word’ at flags, lest they invoke the longest and most annoying song in the English language.” H. Edwin Frey, Jr. CF of the “R Word” pronounced “Liquid Sunshine;” when in the days of horse drawn wagons, use of the “R Word” resulted in assignment to animal clean up duty for life, similarly discouraged in Camp today.

**Blob:** Large rubber water toy resembling a colorful cigar, launches Scouts into the Stratosphere and Scouters a few feet into Lake Spieker. Allowed for “Swimmers” with PFD. As a noun: “Jump on the Blob!” Verb, “Would you blob me?” Adverb “Feeling blobby today?” as gerund “Blobbing” passed along to the afternoon, Billy’s day was spent in Aquatics. As a conundrum: “To blob or not to blob?” Frequently as protocol command. “Blob on!” Response, “Blobbing!”

**Bug Juice:** Favorite beverage of Scouts, derived in antiquity from squeezing a Scout’s daily allotment of Camp Mosquitos, today’s version is produced from fruit punch concentrate with an ample measure of Compass Bearing Oil. “Billy, you’d do better on that orienteering course with a little compass bearing oil.”

**Camp Coffee:** Favorite Scouter beverage filtered through layers of grounds or by boiling grounds in a can with egg shells to clarify, oft resembling a thick emulsion of unknown content when mosquito activity is high. “Pour me some Camp Coffee... Hey, I think something just did the backstroke in my cup!”

**Compass Bearing Oil:** Legendary substance rumored to have provided direction to first year Scouts that has since gone the way of the Left Handed Smoke Shifter, and “The Final Resting Place of The Unknown Scoutmaster” into antiquity. The Camp Trading Post does not carry a supply of Compass Bearing Oil. “Billy, you’d do better on that orienteering course with a little compass bearing oil.”

**DeVilbiss Scout Reservation:** Official name of Scout Reservation on Sylvania Ave., home of Camp Miakonda, the Legendary Camp of the Crescent Moon, 6th oldest Scout Camp in the Country. “See you at the Grand Opening of the Jadel Leadership Center at The DeVilbiss Scout Reservation on September 28, 2014!”

**Enthusiasm:** Coalescence of positive attitude into action, that with which one shall undertake all endeavors, at all times including sleep, exemplified by Camp Staff. “Enthusiasm? H-A-P-P-Y, I Looooooove my job!!!!!”

**Honey Dipper:** Camp vehicle requisitioned when 6’ clearance produces splashback, whose resemblance to bees is in name only, not wisely summoned at lunch or just before Parents’ Night. “Don’t jog too close behind that Honey Dipper, Billy!”

**Mystery Meat:** Questionable substance of ambiguous derivation served as food at other Councils’ camps. Synonymous with “Rainbow Meat,” displays coloration reminiscent of an oil slick on the Maumee. “Dude, at Camp _____ last year, they made us eat Mystery Meat every day; I’d rather have worms.”

**PSR:** Revered Scout Reservation in the NW corner of Ohio and South Central Michigan, favorite camping venue of Scouts, with the best Program & Camp Staff in the World, not to be confused with rival camp in New Mexico. “We are... Frontier... (at PSR)”

**Red Roof Inn:** No place for an extended stay, dwelling for necessary bodily function only. Not a preferred extreme weather shelter, really. Term derived from Philmont Ranger Training, named for the red corrugated plastic tops of backpacking latrines. Compared favorably to “Pilot to Copilot,” “Pilot to Bombardier,” “Cat Hole” and “Flat Rock,” whose similar facility is without shelter. “Better see about Scoutmaster Bill; he checked into the Red Roof Inn a while ago.”

**Snipe:** Mythical creature of folklore and night’s frolic, hunted in legend with paper bag and flashlight, the Common Jack Snipe is seasonally hunted with shotgun, synonym to Woodcock. “Hold that bag tight to the trail, Billy, and I’ll drive ‘em to ‘ya.”

**Tennis Courts:** Fenced area with flat green surface resembling Wimbledon Courts without white striping, meant to keep players out instead of balls in, frequented by the Honey Dipper. “Meet me by the Tennis Courts on the way to the Trad’n Post, and let’s get a Shushy!”

**Three Second Rule:** More a concept than a measure of time, a discretionary rule used in Camp to permit consumption of desired object after dropping. “No three second rule on that gum, Billy!”

Whatever your experience, the language of Scouting is best expressed in Camp. Hope to see you there this summer!

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Harden, Council President
Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest District Executive, Artisha Lawson. Artisha began her service to Eagle Bay District Monday, June 2nd. Artisha has a lot of experience in working with youth and not-for-profit organizations, including her professional tenure with The Padua Center, Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity, Aurora House, and Sojourner’s Truth. Artisha currently serves in a volunteer leadership role with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and is active in Toastmasters International, and the United North Board of Trustees.

In her free time, her hobbies include sewing and painting. Artisha is a big sister to two younger brothers—both past Boy Scouts, and is a special aunt to her nephew and niece. Artisha also enjoys the outdoors, shooting, and spending quality time with her dad.

We look forward to Artisha’s energy and enthusiasm for making a lasting impact on the youth of our community.

In other personnel news, Joel Moszkowicz is being promoted to the role of Northwest District Director effective Monday, June 2nd. Joel has successfully served in Eagle Bay District the past 5 years as District Executive and Sr. District Executive. Joel began his career with the Erie Shores Council in 2007 as Program Director before moving to the Eagle Bay District in 2009.

Joel is an Eagle Scout, served on the Philmont Scout Reservation staff for five summers, and before graduating college served as an Intern to the Erie Shores Council in 2005. In his free time, Joel enjoys shooting, taking his dogs for a hike, and volunteering his time to the BSA, and Order of the Arrow. Please extend a welcome and congratulations to Joel on his promotion, and for his dedicated service to the youth of the Erie Shores Council.
Thrivent Choice Dollars Program

We are pleased to announce that Erie Shores Council, BSA, has been accepted as a participating organization in the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. Thrivent is a non-profit organization called a “fraternal benefit society” that is over 100 years old. It was a Lutheran only membership organization that very recently became a Christian wide membership organization.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. Erie Shores Council Boy Scouts of America will be listed in the program’s searchable online catalog. When eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars® to our organization, Thrivent Financial reviews the recommendation and makes an electronic contribution. Those funds then may be used to help carry out the charitable or educational purposes of our organization. You can earmark your dollars for the BSA Leadership Center, Camperships/Workerships, or Council and/or District events for sponsorship, i.e., Halloween Party.

Thrivent also has a new program for its members that involves a $250 grant. You must apply online on the Thrivent website in “Thrivent Action Teams.” Approval is made on a case-by-case decision. A member can apply for a community project including our units/youth and camps. Any Thrivent member 16 or older can apply for a grant. They must be approved individually by the company. A Thrivent member in a local unit could apply for a $250 grant and use the funds as seed money to hold a fundraising dinner to help pay for youth members to attend summer camp or Cub day camp.

If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice, please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt or email mail@thrivent.com.

Scout Shop News July/August Edition 2014

Many of you have asked about upcoming changes to the Cub Scout Program coming in May of 2015. Check out the latest updates on the Program Development Section of the www.scouting.org website or on Bryan’s Blog.

Available now
• Mess kits
• Camp pillows
• Sleep Mats
• Red Wool Jac Shirts
• Cub Scout Neckerchiefs, Uniforms, Caps, and Books

Coming Soon
• Updated Scoutmaster Handbook Volumes 1 and 2
• Updated Troop Program Resources Volumes 1-3
• New Venturing Program Books

Your input is important to us! If there is something you would like to see in the Scout Shop please contact Sara Crosby at Sara.Crosby@Scouting.org.

Special orders are also available for unit flags and custom unit patches with a turn-around time of 4-6 weeks.
Registration for the Boy Scout Half Marathon is Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2014 Boy Scout Half Marathon to take place on Saturday, August 30, 2014. The Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America, will host the 6th annual half marathon, 5K, and kids runs over Labor Day weekend at the Wood County Fairgrounds. Register now at www.boyscouthalfmarathon.com.

Run Toledo, a race management company involved in the rapid growth of the Medical Mutual Glass City Marathon, has been retained to assist with the event which has a cap of 1000 runners this year.

Registration for the half marathon is only $40, the 5K is $25, and the kids run is $5. Registration rates are good through August 15, 2014. Runners are encouraged to sign up early to guarantee a shirt and a spot at the starting line as the event is capped at 750 runners for the half marathon and 250 for the 5K.

Age group awards will be given to the top three in each five-year age group. The course is flat and fast, consisting of 10 water stops staffed by area Scout troops, and chip timing for quick results. All finishers of the half marathon will receive a high-quality custom finishers medal.

To conclude the morning is a pancake breakfast held at the fairgrounds which offers an all-you-can-eat buffet for a $5 donation. The breakfast runs from 7am until noon and is open to participants as well as the general public and spectators.

Proceeds from the race and pancake breakfast go to the Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America. Interested sponsors should contact David Wilson, 419-308-2526. We are also seeking any old and/or new Eagle Scouts to help on staff. Please contact Dave or connect on the website.

The Boy Scout Half Marathon is brought to you by RunToledo, Elite Endeavors, Candu Creative, and Dave’s Running. The Boy Scout Half Marathon is produced by the Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America. For more information, please visit www.boyscouthalfmarathon.com.

Partners for Clean Streams

Join Partners for Clean Streams for the 18th Annual Streambank Cleanup on Saturday, September 20th, 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. An appreciation picnic will follow the cleanup. Registration is available after August 1st on the PCS website www.PartnersforCleanStreams.org. Due to limited supplies you must register in advance. For more information contact the Group & Challenge Coordinator at 419-936-3954.

Miakonda Trade-O-Ree

It has been at least ten years since we have had a Trade-O-Ree in our council. A Trade-O-Ree is a gathering of collectors of Scouting memorabilia of all kinds. People buy, sell and trade what they have. It will take place in the Council Lodge at Camp Miakonda on Friday, August 15th from 3pm-11pm and Saturday August 16th from 8am-1pm. Admission is FREE! You must walk back in from the parking lot. All Erie Shores Scouts, Scouters and the public are invited to come out and maybe buy (or trade) a patch or two (or more). Order of the Arrow and council shoulder patches seem to be the most popular with collectors, although a lot of people collect camp patches, popcorn sale patches and just about any patch. Not to mention bookends, pocket knives and a lot more. Come out and visit for an hour or a few hours. For those with larger collections, consider renting tables to display what you have to part with. Proceeds from table rentals will benefit the Miakonda Scouting Museum. For more information on table rentals, contact Russ Eby at reby70@gmail.com or 419-261-1090.
Calendar of Events

**JULY**
1  Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
4  Independence Day Holiday
6-12  Frontier Summer Camp Week 4
7-11  Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week #3
8  Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
11-12  Webelos Overnight, Miakonda
13-19  Frontier Summer Camp Week 5
14-18  Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week #4
15  Council Commissioners Meeting
15  Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
16  Webelos Resident Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
17  Council Advancement Meeting
20-26  Frontier Summer Camp Week 6
22  Council Training Committee
23  Council Membership Committee
24  Council Camping Committee
27-8/2  Frontier Summer Camp Week 7
27-30  Webelos Resident Camp Frontier #1
30-8/2  Webelos Resident Camp Frontier #2

**AUGUST**
19  Council Commissioners Meeting
21  Council Advancement Committee
26  Council Training Committee
27  Council Membership Committee
28  Council Camping Committee

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