Annual Council Scouter Recognition Dinner

A Celebration Honoring All Erie Shores Council Adult Volunteer Leaders ~

Featuring the Silver Beaver Court of Honor

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Camp Miakonda
DeVilbiss Scout Reservation

Join us on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Camp Miakonda at 5:30 PM. Stroll around the Activities Field and visit with friends, check out the Scout Museum, walk around Lake Sawyer and check out the fishing pier. Beginning at 6:00 PM enjoy a picnic-style barbecue rib & chicken dinner while you catch up with Scouters you haven’t seen in awhile. At 7:00 PM a campfire program will be held in the Council Ring honoring you and your fellow volunteers. The program will culminate with the Silver Beaver Court of Honor. The night will end around 8:30 PM with a dessert reception for the Silver Beaver recipients in the Council Lodge. Tickets are $12.00 per adult. A fler with registration form can be found on the Council website at www.erieshorescouncil.org.

5:30 pm Fellowship • 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Program

(Please RSVP by May 22nd)

Reservations to: Erie Shores Council, BSA, P.O. Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623-0728

QUANTITY: _______ Attendee Tickets $12.00 ea. Order Total $ ______________
Name ____________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________
City _________________________ State ___________ Zip __________________
District ___________________________________________________________

Scout Shop News

New Items from the Spring Catalog

Resources:
- 2014 Fieldbook (5th Edition now blue cover)
- Cooking Merit Badge Pamphlet (Eagle Required)
- Mining in Society Merit Badge Book
- 2014 Requirements Book
- Strength for Service to God and Community (Scouting Devotionals)
- Waterproof Pocket Guides: Basic Tracking; Basic & Primitive Navigation;
- Shelter, Fire, Water; Signaling for Rescue

Equipment:
- BSA All Weather Blanket
- Petzl Tikkina Headlamp Blue
- Adventure Ultralight Medical Kits
- Silva Brand 1-2-3 Starter Compass or Polaris Compass
- Water Bottles, Mess Kits, Assorted Pocket Knives, Mosquito Netting

Just for Fun:
- Car Decals for Cub and Boy Scouts
- 4 Pack Erasers
- Cub Scout Baseball Cap
- Cub Scout and Boy Scout Logo Beach Towels
- Cub Scout Adventure Mat
- Cub Scout “Tear-Through” T Shirt Youth Sizes (while supplies last)
- Boy Scout Chevron T Shirt (limited adult sizing/while supplies last)
- Eagle Scout T Shirts

At the Scout Shop

Erie Shores Council Scout Shop
Ford Center—Camp Miakonda
5600 W. Sylvania Avenue
Toledo, OH 43623
419/800.241.7293
Fax 419.241.6769

Scout Office Summer Hours:
Tuesday, May 27-Monday, September 1
OFFICE
MON-TUE-WED-THU 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
FRI 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

SCOUT SHOP
MON-TUE-WED 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
THU 10 AM-7:00 PM
FRI 8:30 AM-5 PM
CLOSED SATURDAYS

Regular hours resume September 2
Please excuse any inconvenience.

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@bsamail.org.
Please place orders locally, it helps support Erie Shores Council.
Pursuit of Excellence

Fellow Scouters:

I grew up hunting small game with Beagles. Chasing a pheasant flat out across a stubble field behind a brace of baying hounds—pure adrenaline! I also enjoy the strategic and tactical pursuit when partnered with an experienced Shorthair or Brittney. I’ve even hunted rabbits with a Dachshund, translated from the German “Badger Dog”, bred and trained to pursue badgers down holes. Better with badgers, not so good with rabbits. Perhaps it was me. I enjoy the pursuit. I love my dogs and am inspired by studying their God given talents and good character.

Taco the beagle had an incredible nose. I named her that because her inky black body was preceded by an oversized brown snout shaped like a flipped taco shell. As a pup she could hardly hold it up. I couldn’t wait to hunt with her. So I let her out of her kennel to see what she’d do when a squirrel crossed our fenced yard. It was incredible. Without distraction, she ran to the first track “bark”, and then “bark, bark, bark (turn the way the squirrel did)…bark, bark (turn again), bark, bark, bark,” right into an apple tree. I laughed hysterically. She walked around the tree once, from right to left, nose ever down, returning to the tracks. Any trail good one way, for her was equally good the other: “bark, bark, bark, bark (turn), bark, bark (turn)…bark, bark, bark” and then “bark” (at the point of beginning). Amused at first, I made a game of it by standing in her way at the tree and later putting a stone on the point of beginning. Amused at first, I made a game of it by standing in her way at the tree and later putting a stone on the track for her. To this day when I lose patience with something proceeding too deliberately, I think of her.

When hunting season arrived, I always had to validate the scent for the squirrel track. I soon tired of her deliberate nature. She refused to drop the track after running it several times back and forth, ever circling the tree right to left, so I put her in the kennel and let the other dogs out to play. They knew the squirrel was long gone, played fetch and smiled when I petted them. After feeling the weight of her stare from behind the chain link fence and believing she too wanted to play, I let Taco out only to have her pick up the trail again. We repeated this process for 3 days until the squirrel returned to lay a new track for her. To this day when I lose patience with something proceeding too deliberately, I think of her.

I sometimes lose patience with other things, important things I’m pursuing. Choosing to stay the course or to change can be difficult, frustrating. When leading change puts me in unfamiliar territory, and doesn’t bring prompt results, I doubt the prudence of my path. Is the squirrel long gone or just ahead, right around the apple tree?

Over the last 2½ years we’ve tried some new things. Turning around membership trends, more kids and more volunteers, formalizing the organization to reflect best practices and build efficiency, broadening our base of philanthropy, MVP, MCR, building the Cub feeder system at Camp Miakonda and in each of the of the Districts, building Scoutreach, reaching into new centers of influence in the community, rebuilding Council, committees, Districts, training, developing strategic plans for two camps, finishing a Leadership Center, and paying for it, take vision, enthusiasm and energy. They also take dogged determination.

The improvements we seek for Scouting, for the community, for kids, take a lot of dedicated people devoted to a plan and willing to stick with it. It's hard work. I am so thankful, humbled by the performance of our leaders, our volunteers, camp staff, full time staff and professionals. Your pursuit of excellence continues to inspire.

Unlike Taco, we need more than just the next set of tracks. We also need affirmation that the plan is working, see the smile on that Webelos’ face on his first camp out, watch fear turn to confidence in the pool or on the climbing tower, see it all come together in an aspiring Eagle’s community project. The snow has melted. I just can’t wait to get to camp! (OK, so I skipped Camp Alaska this year. My bad.)

So join me please. Let’s gather around the campfire, pitch a tent, strain to stay awake while counting a billion stars, serenade to the bacon, taste the bug juice. It’s camping season!

And if you remind me around our campfire, I’ll tell you the story about Terry the Beagle who hunted golf balls. Really.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Harden, Council President
Camp Miakonda's Cub Scout Day Camp is for all boys, grades 1-5. Young men can enjoy doing such activities as: BB Guns, Archery, Blow Darts, Wrist Rockets, BMX, Fishing, Nature, Crafts, Swimming, Showmanship, and so much more. It's a perfect way for a young Scout to have the best time in Scouting—summer day camp! For more information, please visit: www.camp-miakonda.org/cdc or call 1-800-241-7293 ext 204 to request more information or to register. (Informational brochures, applications and medical forms have been mailed to all registered Tigers and Cub Scouts). Packs and dens are encouraged to attend camp together.

- Scouts can sign up for multiple weeks and receive a discount—$100 each additional week!
- Want to volunteer? Discounts are offered for parent volunteers as well.

*June 30–July 2 is a Special 3-day session of camp ($30 per day). This is a more relaxed, non-advancement, fun time outdoors doing similar programs done during the regular weeks of camp.

**National Youth Leadership Training**

Camp Miakonda • June 8-13

Sign your Scouts up for the most advanced youth leadership training available! Scouts must be First Class in rank, be 13 years of age by June 1, and hold a Troop Junior Leader position (SPL, ASPL, PL, APL). During the week the Scouts will make new friends, campout, put together pioneering projects, learn to solve problems and resolve conflicts, be trained in better leadership, and have a great time while doing it.

Brochures and reservation slips are available at the office or from www.erieshorescouncil.org. Cost for the week is $230 and covers all materials, meals, program supplies, two t-shirts, neckerchief and slide.
Mud Hens Scout Experience

Scouts, Friends, Parents & Troop Leaders will enjoy the fun and excitement of a Scout experience at Fifth Third Field. What is the “Mud Hens Scout Experience”? It’s a custom learning program created especially for Scouts, wrapped around a great Mud Hens game and the key ingredient is FUN. There are six Boy Scout Sleepover dates, each with postgame fireworks.

BOY SCOUT SLEEPOVER SCHEDULE
- Friday, May 30
- Saturday, May 31
- Saturday, June 28
- Friday, July 11
- Saturday, July 12
- Friday, August 8

SCOUT NIGHT ACTIVITIES:
- On-Field Scout Parade – Bring as many banners and signs as you can carry and parade before the game to support your troop and the Mud Hens!
- Meet The Mascots – Muddy & Muddonna will make personal pregame visits
- Toledo Mud Hens Game – See the exciting Toledo Mud Hens take to the field for the 7 p.m. first pitch and cheer them on to victory!
- Fireworks – Right after the game!
- Scouts Run the Bases – Race around the bases with your fellow scouts.
- A Family Friendly Movie – Watch a kid’s film on the giant video board.
- Sleepover Adventure – Bring your sleeping bag and camp out on the field where the Mud Hens just played
- All You Can Eat Breakfast – A breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, sausage links, hash browns, fresh fruit, orange juice, apple juice, milk, plus plenty of hot coffee for mom and dad. (Optional. Must be purchased in advance.)

Have questions? Call the Mud Hens Scout line direct at 419-725-9292 or email Scouts@MudHens.com.

A Day in the Life of a Scoutreach Program Aide

Every day may be different for the Scoutreach Program Aide as they drive to various after-school programs each day. With a tool kit of resources, training, and a few back-up plans; the Program Aide enters the school and greets the Cub Scouts. The program consists of the Scouts reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Cub Scout Promise, and then working on a prepared lesson. The Aide helps each Scout work toward various advancements, keeps track of membership and attendance, and passes along important information about upcoming camping trips, fundraising opportunities, and events. After they establish a good relationship with the boys, the school and/or charter organization, and the parents; the Scoutreach Program Aide is able to help the group become more independent and confident with the Cub Scout program and the ways of Scouting. Overall the part-time paid position of Scoutreach Program Aide is fulfilling and rewarding for all those involved.

Scoutreach is looking to hire a few more Program Aides for the next school year. After training, Aides will be asked to lead Cub Scout meetings during or after school each week throughout the school year. Dedicated and enthusiastic individuals with time, energy and a desire to make a difference in a child’s life, and possibly the entire community, would be a perfect fit for the Scoutreach Program Aide position. To apply for this exciting and rewarding job, please send an email to Elizabeth.Rebacz@Scouting.org by June 1, 2014.
Camp Alaska

Camp Alaska is a unique opportunity for a troop/patrol to experience real winter survival. Careful preparation and education can pay off in a challenging, safe and successful outing. A Camp Alaska patch is available from the Scout Shop for a nominal fee to all Scouts and leaders who successfully complete the experience.

Congratulations to the following units who have completed the Camp Alaska experience:
Troop 14; Troop 39; Troop 66; Troop 101; Troop 112; Troop 131; Troop 146; Troop 154; Troop 222; Troop 263; Troop 325; Troop 332; Troop 339; Troop 345; Troop 347; Troop 350; Troop 357; Troop 485; Troop 1666.

Maumee Valley Tri-Adventure Race

The Maumee Valley Tri-Adventure Race is Saturday May 17th. The race begins with a 36 mile bicycle loop on paved low traffic back roads. The second leg is 6 miles of canoeing or kayaking down the Maumee River. The last leg is 8 miles of backpacking with 20% of your body weight. The entire race is a 50 mile challenge. The race is held at Independence Dam State Park on Route 424, 4 miles east of Defiance.

Plenty of free parking is available. Independence Dam is just 6 miles from Camp Lakota. Scouts can spend Friday night at the Scout camp. Camp Lakota also rents and delivers canoes for just $5/day, paddles and life jackets are included. The best thing about the location is the old canal, which provides an alternate route if the Maumee River goes into flood stage. The nearby roads in Defiance and Henry County are ideal for biking because there is very little traffic.

For Scouts 15 and younger, the entry fee is only $5.00. For Scouts 16-19, the entry fee is $10.00. College students 21-24 pay $20.00, and those over 25 pay $30.00. Proceeds from the race support Scouting Naturalist Venture Crew 3799 who started the Maumee Valley Tri-Adventure Race in 1985. For more information call Larry Lindsay at 419-826-5182 or view the brochure and application at www.maumeetriadventurerace.net.

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team

MAY 31, 2014
NED SKELDON STADIUM
LUCAS COUNTY REC CENTER

The Sylvania Senior All Stars are hosting the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball team at Ned Skeldon Stadium on Saturday, May 31, 2014. The national wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team represents some of our nation’s bravest and most determined heroes, soldiers and veterans. The wounded warriors will play 3 games vs former major leaguers, celebrities and Sylvania Senior All Stars. Sponsors and volunteers who are interested in this worthy cause can obtain additional information by contacting Jay Schramm at 419-356-8590 or email jayschramm@bex.net.

A parade will take place on Saturday morning, May 31st from behind Maumee High School to the Lucas County Rec Center starting at 10:00 a.m. All dens, packs, patrols, troops, crews are invited to participate in the parade. Reservation forms are available at the Scout Shop. For more information about this event go to www.sylvaniaseniorsoftball.com/woundedwarriors.

Scouting for Food

Thank you to everyone for your help and hard work on the Scouting for Food drives both this spring and last fall. Scouting for Food is the most comprehensive and successful food drive in the history of this nation. You and your Scouts should be proud to be a part of this great effort. By participating, you really make a difference in someone’s life. To do a Good Turn and REALLY make it count!
Calendar of Events

**MAY**

3-4 Dad & Lad Overnight, Miakonda
8 Camp Frontier Early Bird Deadline
10-11 Mom & Me Overnight, Miakonda
15 Council Advancement Committee
20 Council Commissioners Meeting
22 Council Camping Committee
24-26 Memorial Day Weekend-Office/Store Closed
27 Council Training Committee
28 Council Membership Committee

**JUNE**

4-6 OA Ordeal, Miakonda
3 Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
4-13 Camp Staff, Camp Frontier
5 Scouter Recognition Dinner, Miakonda
8-13 NYLT
9-13 Camp Staff, Miakonda
10 Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
15-21 Camp Frontier Summer Camp Week 1
16-20 Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week #1
17 Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
17 Council Commissioners Meeting
19 Council Advancement Committee
21-22 Webelos Overnight, Miakonda
22-28 Camp Frontier Summer Camp Week 2
23-27 Miakonda Cub Day Camp Week #2
24 Frontier Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting, Miakonda
24 Council Training Committee
25 Council Membership Committee
26 Council Camping Committee
29-7/5 Camp Frontier Summer Camp Week 3
30-7/2 Special CDC Days, Miakonda

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