Camp Miakonda Wildlife Center

The new Wildlife Center is under construction now at Camp Miakonda! This new program building is designed specifically to enrich the wildlife and nature education we offer at camp. Programs will be available for Scouts and their families throughout the year, plus groups for school field trips, business retreats, and others who seek outdoor education.

The Wildlife Center construction began in late Summer with site preparation and utilities, then more visible progress like concrete and framing this Fall. Construction will be complete in Spring, with the grand opening planned at the Camp Miakonda 100th Anniversary event on May 20, 2017.

The Wildlife Center will be 3,800 square feet, is positioned just northeast of the Parade Field, and will offer many different learning spaces. The display area will include taxidermy and learning stations for our local habitat. Three classrooms will feature areas for even more hands-on experiences with wildlife who live in water, on land, or in the air. The wildlife viewing room will feature listening to animals as they feed just out the large windows.

The original vision for the Wildlife Center started in 2014 with volunteer leaders across Erie Shores Council planning and visioning for new and increased programs at Camp Miakonda. Several leaders have noted that it has become clear in recent years that Scouting needs to partner with other agencies, groups, and schools to expand and enhance curricular activities. The new Wildlife Center is specifically designed to embrace that vision. The program components will include detailed learning opportunities for all kinds of local wildlife: waterfowl, insects, mammals, birds, amphibians, fish and more. If you or someone you know are interested in joining the program team, please contact Council Program Director Alan Lepard: 419-843-0118, alan.lepard@scouting.org.

Leadership at Erie Shores Council identified early in the planning phase that this project is so pivotal to our community that earnings from our endowment would be used, in part, towards this project. The endowment will invest $385,000 of earnings only towards this project, with the remainder of $197,000 to be fundraised from private donations. To date $71,000 has been raised from individuals committed to this project of excellence at Camp Miakonda. Naming and funding opportunities are available: please contact Director of Development Dean Adkins for more information: 419-266-6856, dean.adkins@scouting.org.

Camp Miakonda is a special and unique resource that has become a citadel of our community. The Scouting leaders who started our camp in 1917 were wise to set aside these acres, and it’s been interesting how the metro area has grown around the property in decades since. Our heavily wooded land is home to deer, turkey, bats, beetles, turtles, eagles, geese, fish – and Scouts!

As you visit Camp Miakonda in weeks and months future, be safe and stay out of construction areas. We are thankful for architects from Buehrer Group in Maumee, contractors from Adohr Contracting in Monclova, and many builders and suppliers from several local counties. Be sure to follow construction progress at Camp Miakonda’s Facebook page, and www.erieshorescouncil.org.

More information about Camp Miakonda’s 100th Anniversary News is coming in 2017!
COUNCIL COMMISSIONER CORNER

Fellow Scouters,
The holidays are just around the corner! What a joyous time of the year as we gather with family and friends to renew our commitment to our respective faiths and to each other.

It is important for us to keep in mind that this is also the time of the year when every unit must complete two very important Scouting responsibilities: 1) charter renewal; and, 2) Journey to Excellence reporting.

Charter Renewal

Every Scouting unit (pack, troop, crew, ship, and post) must renew its association with the Boy Scouts of America every year. The document which defines the relationship between a unit and the Boy Scouts of America is called a “Charter”. All charters within the Boy Scouts of America have a term of one year. Registration fees are the same whether a unit renews its charter in November or in January. If your unit plans to utilize the proceeds of popcorn sales or a holiday fundraising project for your charter renewal fees, you should complete the on-line portion of the renewal process now, leaving only the payment of registration fees for January. Without a current charter, the unit does not exist.

The on-line Charter Renewal process will be available beginning November 1, 2016. Printed documents are utilized with charter renewal fees and for the charter signature page. These documents can be mailed or presented in person at the Jadel Leadership Center.

For 2017, all unit responsibilities must be completed by January 15, 2017. With very few exceptions, charters in Erie Shores Council are renewed each January. The initial renewal process is undertaken by unit leaders and the remaining steps are undertaken by our Council Registrar, Karen Krieger. All steps must be completed before January 31, 2017.

Important Note: The two-month grace period of prior years no longer exists. The hard and fast deadline is January 31, 2017. If a unit does not renew its charter by January 31, 2017, the unit no longer exists. The chartering organization must then apply for a new charter. Every request for a new charter must be fully reviewed. Should a new charter be granted, the new unit will most likely have a new (and different) unit number. Without a current charter, a unit will be unable to hold meetings, as there is no agreement in place allowing the unit to use the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, and there is no liability insurance to protect Scouts and leaders.

Please take action now to renew your charter, to prevent your unit from being at risk and enjoy the holidays with the awesome Scouts and leaders in your unit, knowing that everything is ready for a great new year in Scouting.

Youth Protection Training

Our first and foremost objective in Scouting is to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which Scouts and leaders can learn and grow. To that end, as has been the case for a number of years, to be registered as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America, you must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) within the past two years. Please be certain that your leaders have current Youth Protection Training. Documentation as to Youth Protection Training status must be available for review by the Council Registrar, either in electronic format or in hard copy form.

Journey to Excellence Reporting

Every unit must submit its fully-completed Journey to Excellence (JTE) scorecard to Council Registrar, Karen Krieger on or before December 15, 2016.

You are not alone in this process

Help with charter renewal and JTE reporting is readily available via phone, email, or in person. Your Unit Commission is eager to lend a hand. Your District Executive is ready to help. Council Registrar, Karen Krieger can be reached at Karen.Krieger@scouting.org. And, I am always here to help at any step along the way.

Yours in Scouting,
Tim Myers
Council Commissioner
bsatmyers@gmail.com

Membership – Additional Join Scouting Night (JSN)

The goal of every Pack, Troop, Crew and Post is to give as many youth as possible an opportunity to join and experience Scouting. Packs that held JSN’s during September and turned in new Scout applications did a great job in recruiting Scouts. However, let’s not stop recruiting yet!

Another element of membership: Are there enough Scouts in a Den or Pack etc. to have the synergy to have a great program? Any Den, particularly a Tiger, should have at least five (5) Scouts if not more. If less than five (5), we usually lose the Scouts. Why? Because the Den lacks the synergy. So Pack leaders, look at your Dens in particular, but Troops, Crews and Posts do the same if down, let’s hold another recruitment and work on recruiting the age range, especially Cub Scouts. Contact your District Executive and talk about scheduling another JSN. Give every eligible youth and parent a chance to join Scouting.
### Unit Challenge

Ed Caldwell, Erie Shores Council Scout Executive, has challenged your Unit to help Scouting grow in 2016. The challenge has four parts: Units that successfully complete all four parts by **December 15, 2016**, will receive a $250 gift card to the Anderson’s.

1. Grow your Unit’s Membership with new Scouts over 2015-year end.
   - Cub Scouts need to be 5 new scouts over 2015-year end.
   - Boy Scouts need to be 3 new scouts over 2015-year end.
   - Sea Scouts, Venturing and Exploring 2 new Members over 2015-year end.

   To count “Unit Membership,” Scouts must be new to the Council. (i.e. in council transfers do not count towards gift card). (Since Exploring is considered to be a separate program from traditional scouting, a scout (age 14 and older) can register in Exploring and count as a new membership, since a separate registration form and fee would be required.)

2. Schedule your Unit’s Family FOS presentation by **December 15, 2016**.

3. Enter community service hours in My.scouting.org for your Unit’s Journey to Excellence dashboard by **December 15, 2016**.

4. Submit to your District Executive your Unit’s 2017 program calendar by **December 15, 2016**.

   - For an alternate to numbers 3 and 4, you may substitute 2 of the following:
     - Cub Packs: Schedule a Cub Camp presentation at the meeting you hold your Pack’s FOS presentation.
     - All Units: Top Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor) completes Leader Specific Training (if not yet completed) and confirms documentation with the Council office.
     - All registered leaders on the Unit Charter have completed Youth Protection Training by **December 15, 2016**.
     - Your Journey to Excellence form is completed and turned in to the office by **December 15, 2016**.

If your Unit completes all four parts of the challenge by **December 15, 2016** your Unit will receive a $250.00 Anderson Gift Card at your February Roundtable.

### Alternates:

- Cub Packs: Schedule a Cub Camp presentation at the meeting you hold your Pack’s FOS presentation.
- All Units: Top Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor) completes Leader Specific Training (if not yet completed) and confirms documentation with the Council office.
- All registered leaders on the Unit Charter have completed Youth Protection Training by **December 15, 2016**.
- Your Journey to Excellence form is completed and turned in to the office by **December 15, 2016**.

Questions regarding the Scout Executive Unit Challenge and to get your September 2015 youth membership number please connect your District Executive.

### Iott Scout Shop News

#### Holiday Gift Ideas

Small camping items: pocket knives, compass, sharpening stones, camp pillows, headlamps, water bottles, gear straps, carabiners, first aid kits, whistles, mess kits and silverware.

- Frogg Toggs rain suits and ponchos
- Class “B” uniform t-shirts, Red Wool Jac shirts, hooded sweatshirts
- Hiking staves, car magnets
- Earrings, charm bracelets and BSA refrigerator magnets
- Christmas: Scout ornaments, nutcrackers and mugs

### It’s Pinewood Derby Time!

We have cars, tools, decals, weights, decorations, patches and medals. Trophies for your big event can be ordered and ready for pick up within two weeks.

### Iott Scout Shop Holiday Schedule

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District News

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Northwest Winter Weekend I
On the weekend of December 2-4, 2016, the Northwest District Activities Committee is hosting Winter Weekend I for all troops, crews, and posts in Northwest District. The theme chosen for this year is “Everything Duct Tape.” Come and participate in a weekend of sticky fun! The registration fee will be $8 per person with a registration deadline of November 28. For more information, please visit www.erieshorescouncil.org/NWWWI or contact Scott Moffett at 419-304-5549 / mistemuffin31new@hotmail.com

Cub Scout Summer Camp Kick-off Meeting
Please save the date of Thursday, January 26, 2017 for the Cub Scout Summer Camp Kick-off and informational meeting. For more information and to register, please visit www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdck

Common Cub Scout Terms

Achievement The name given to a major requirement in Cub Scouting. There are achievements for the Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear ranks. Capitalize only when writing about a specific achievement: “Feats of Skill, Wolf Achievement 1”; "Bear achievement.”

Advancement The process by which a youth member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. There is no advancement program for adults. See "methods of Scouting."

Arrow of Light Award The highest rank in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

Assistant Cubmaster A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cubmaster.

Assistant Den Leader A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cub Scout den leader.

Assistant Webelos Den Leader A leader in a pack, at least 18 years of age, who is appointed by the chartered organization to help the Webelos den leader.

Bear The rank designed for a Cub Scout in the third grade (or 9 years old). Combinations: “Bear achievements,” "Bear badge,” "Bear Cub Scout,” "Bear electives,” "Bear trail.”

Blue and Gold Banquet A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and of Cub Scouting in 1930. May be called “blue and gold dinner.” Capitalize only when part of a full title: "Pack 214 Blue and Gold Banquet.”

Bobcat The first rank earned by every boy in Cub Scouting.

Boys’ Life The magazine for all boys published by the Boy Scouts of America. The title should be typeset in italics and underlined when italics is not available. Note the placement of the apostrophe (not Boy’s).

Campout A camping activity with at least one overnight stay. One word.

Chartered Organization A religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other community-based organization that has applied for and received a charter to operate a BSA Scouting unit.

Council An administrative body chartered to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory.

Cub Scout A registered youth member of a Cub Scout pack or one registered as a Lone Cub Scout who has completed first grade but who has not yet completed third grade, or who is age 8 or 9.

Cub Scout Motto Do Your Best.

Northwest District welcomes James Brazeau, District Chair & Robert Church, District Commissioner!

James (Jim) Brazeau is a trial attorney, focusing on defense of professional liability claims for healthcare providers and institutions. He has extensive experience in licensure issues for state regulated professionals and includes commercial litigation and the defense of product liability claims brought against manufacturers and suppliers. Jim is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Jim can be reached at 419-290-4876 / jbrazeau@rcolaw.com

Robert (Bob) Church started his scouting career has a Boy Scout in 1962 at the age of 12 in Lorain, Ohio in Troop 307. In 1968, he became an assistant scoutmaster in Troop 307 and served briefly in that position until entering the United States Air Force. Over the years, Robert has served in various capacities of Scouting, including but limited to positions at Elmdendorf Air Force Base, Castle Air Force Base, Firelands Area Council and Erie Shores Council. He has served on staff for five (5) National Scout Jamborees, five (5) National Order of the Arrow Conferences, participated in an adult leadership role for three (3) Jamborees. Robert has been awarded the Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, James E. West and the Founders Award. Bob can be reached at 419-508-7141 / scouter@bex.net

We welcome Jim and Bob to the Northwest District!

EAGLE BAY DISTRICT

Scouting for Food
Deliver tags: November 12-18
Pick up donations: November 19
Contact: Carol Terry at 419-307-6045

All Scout Skate
When: December 26, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Where: Fremont Recreation Center
600 St. Joseph Street, Fremont, OH 43420
Skate Rental: $3.00
Contact: Traci Davisson, davissont@gmail.com
Note: If you bring your own skates, there is no cost. Snacks are permitted, in addition to the concession stand sales.

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT

Scoutreach District has increased the number of units since the beginning of programming in October at schools and various locations. The District is glad to welcome: Sylvania Area Family Services, Junior Role Model Mentoring, Greenbelt Place Apartments and Toledo Islamic Academy. In addition to the new units, the district increased the staff to 10 specialists including: Iliana Reese and Cheri McDaniel.
Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training is the first required training for all Scouting leaders, and new rules are in effect for Erie Shores Council. Effective November 1, 2016, all unit leader registration forms submitted for processing must be accompanied by the printed completion form for Youth Protection Training.

Youth Protection Training can be completed in person (see the Council Calendar) or online at my.scouting.org. A new-to-Scouting leader can create their profile on this website without having a membership identification number. They will complete the training, print the completion certificate and present that with their completed application. Once the membership number is issued, the leader should then add that to their my.scouting.org profile so that subsequent online training is properly credited.

Please remember that Youth Protection is a very broad topic that includes relationships, proper equipment and proper program options. Youth Protection begins with you!

If you have questions on the training, please contact Registrar Karen Krieger: karen.krieger@scouting.org.

High Adventure Opportunities

Older youth stay in the Scouting program longer when participating in high adventure, and become better leaders as part of this process. To help our local Scouts achieve these goals, Erie Shores Council is pleased to offer several high adventure opportunities again in 2017 and 2018:

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE
Jamborees are held only once every four years, and only 5 youth spots are still open in our 50-person contingent. July 19-28 in Wild West Virginia!
Contact Mike Lynn: mike-amylynn@bex.net.

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
Philmont Scout Ranch is Scouting’s paradise in the New Mexico mountains. Individual and Unit opportunities exist for backpacking, Philmont Training Center, and more. We offer 12-day contingents annually:
• 2017 contingent is nearly full.
• 2018 contingent applications are being accepted now, with decisions confirmed in January.
Contact Alan Lepard: alan.lepard@scouting.org

HIGH ADVENTURE
Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier in Minnesota, and Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia are options for contingents in future years. Interested in helping form a contingent? Contact Alan Lepard: alan.lepard@scouting.org

Council Museum

• The first Eagle Scout medal in our council was 100 years ago in 1916. To date, there have been 6,778 Eagle Scouts from ESC & counting!
• Jake the Goose, the 1950’s camp mascot at Miakonda in the 1950’s died 60 years ago this year. He died on December 7, 1956.

You are invited to schedule a tour of the Council Museum (2 locations), to check out the hundreds of items on display dating back to 1917. To schedule a tour, contact Dave Eby, the Council Museum Director at: daveeb@yahoo.com or at reby70@gmail.com
Calendar of Events (Check ESC Website for Event Details)

NOVEMBER
5 University of Scouting - Cardinal Stritch High School
6 Construction City Training
16 Executive Board Meeting
17 Advancement Committee Meeting
17 Camping & Outdoor Program Committee Meeting
19 Construction City - 180th Air National Guard
22 Training Committee Meeting
23 Membership Committee Meeting
24-26 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed -- THANKSGIVING
29 #GivingTuesday

DECEMBER
2-4 Northwest Winter Weekend
9 Executive Committee Meeting
14 Risk Management Committee Meeting
15 Advancement Committee Meeting
17 Youth Protection Training
21 Membership Committee Meeting
23-26 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed -- Christmas
26-31 Iott Scout Shop Closed for Inventory
31-Jan. 2 - Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed -- New Year

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