Annual Council Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Erie Shores Council, BSA, was held on Wednesday, January 28th at the Jadel Leadership Center at Camp Miakonda. All Chartered Organization Representatives from every pack, troop, post, and crew; Executive Board Members; and Council Members-at-Large were invited to attend.

Volunteer Scouters were elected to serve as Executive Board Members, Council Advisory Committee Members, Council Members at Large, Council Associate Members and National Council Representatives. Officers elected were Council President H. Edwin Frey, Council Commissioner Tim Myers, Council Treasurer Jim Layman, Past President Gary Harden, Vice President Properties Shawn Chowdhary, Vice President Marketing Gary Corrigan, Vice President Programs James Wilson, Vice President Finance Brent Lochbihler, Vice President Membership Robert Thompson, Vice President District Operations William Giezie, and Vice President Development Jerome Sullivan. In addition to William Giezie and Tim Myers, Larry Caffro of Maumee City Schools and Brian Dicken of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce were elected as new board members. Justin Sutherland was duly elected as well and is the 2015 Chief Lodge Officer, Order of the Arrow.

2015 Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camp Kickoff

Although it seems like the warmer weather of summer may never arrive, it's not too early to begin making your summer plans. In those plans should be Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camp. With a new theme and new programming, Cub Day Camp will be better than ever!

Your pack is invited to join us on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford Center for the 2015 Camp Miakonda Cub Day Camp Kickoff.

At the kickoff you will enjoy a delicious meal and receive valuable information about the program and structure of Cub Day Camp. Members of the Cub Day Camp staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Brochures and registration information will be distributed at this time.

Each pack is requested to send two people to the kickoff dinner. To RSVP for the event, please visit erieshorescouncil.org/cdckickoff no later than March 5. If you have any questions, please contact Ellie Rebacz, Staff Advisor, at (419) 410-0460.
COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

Fellow Scouters,

I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; my name is Tim Myers, the new Council Commissioner for Erie Shores Council.

I have Scouting in my blood. I started my Scouting career as a Cub, eventually crossed over into Boy Scouts and later became involved with an explorer post in Bowling Green, OH. In 1983, I started my adult career as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 322 and then moved to Troop 345 as an ASM and later became a Unit Commissioner. I hold a Master’s Degree of Commissioner Science, I was the district Commissioner for Wood District for 3 years and most recent was Assistant Council Commissioner.

My favorite part of the role as a Commissioner is to help units meet their goals and being a coach to ensure a unit’s success. If this sounds like you and would like to know more about being a Commissioner let me share the following information:

Who can be a Unit Commissioner? Are you a parent who would like to give some time to Scouting, but is unsure where or if you can fit it in? Are you a Cub leader who has recently stepped down and still wants to be involved in Scouting? A Webelos leader who has graduated his 2nd year Webelos into Boy Scouts and is unsure how to stay involved in Scouting? Are you an Assistant Scoutmaster who feels that they can give some additional time to Scouting? Are you an adult who was a Scout as a youth and misses out on the Scouting fellowship? We have an opportunity for you! Be a Unit Commissioner! We will provide the training if you provide some time.

A Unit Commissioner is a friend to a unit. The Commissioner visits a unit meeting, provides information, helps answer questions, finds help if needed and keeps the District informed on how the unit is doing. If you are interested in hearing more about being a Commissioner, please contact your District Commissioner, District Executive or myself. We would be glad to help answer your questions. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please do not be a stranger; if you have any questions or concerns I will be happy to help.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Myers
Council Commissioner
bsatmyers@gmail.com

Wood Badge Course

Leadership development in Scouting is essential for effectively helping the youth we serve. There is no better program for leadership than completing the Wood Badge course.

The best opportunity to enroll in a Wood Badge course for 2015 is here in the Erie Shores Council. An outstanding staff has been assembled to provide a quality program. If you are not already signed up for the course, be reminded that space is limited and filled on first-enrolled basis. Applications and course information can be found on the ESC website.

The course dates are:

- **First Weekend:**
  7:30 a.m., Friday, August 14 to 6 p.m., Sunday, August 16, 2015.

- **Second Weekend:**
  7:30 a.m., Saturday, September 26 to 6 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2015.

Any questions should be emailed to the Course Director at scoutmaster@boyscouting.org.

Automotive Merit Badge Day

**Brought to you by:**
Vin Devers Autohaus of Sylvania

**Through a partnership with:**
The Norman and Louise Jones Foundation and the Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America

**Who:** Boy Scouts

**What:** Automotive Merit Badge Day

**When:** March 28, 2015

**When:** 1 - 5 p.m.

**Where:** 6202 Trust Dr. Holland, OH 43528

**Cost:**
- **Before March 16:** $18.00
- **March 16-26:** $20.00

Reservations only by phone at: 567-703-8511.

**space is limited, act now!**

**More Information about our Partners:**
www.vindevers.com
www.nljfoundation.org
Boy Scout & Girl Scout Spring Camporee

Eagle Bay District, Boy Scouts of America, Erie Shores Council
Sponsored by Troops 302, 307, 339, and Crew 463
Service Unit of Lower Sandusky, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio

Save the date: April 10 - 12, 2015
Cost: $6 per person, (includes registration, patch, spaghetti supper and root beer cantina).
Where: White Star Park of the Sandusky County Park District
S.R. 300 and C.R. 65, Gibsonburg, Ohio

Please plan on joining us for this combined Boy Scout and Girl Scout Spring Camporee at White Star Park near Gibsonburg, Ohio. There will be a separate camping area reserved for the Boy Scouts and another camping area reserved for the Girl Scouts.

The Saturday events are being planned for both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts together. The scouts will be able to show their skills with fun activities such as: Archery, Atal – Atal, Scavenger Hunt, Kite Making and Kite Flying, Stills, Stick and Wheel, Hula Hoop, Rod and Reel Casting Accuracy, and Giant Jenga.

There will be a camp-wide spaghetti supper Saturday evening. Each troop is asked to contribute their special dessert to share for the meal. Later Saturday evening there will be a Vesper Service followed by a Campfire Program. By popular demand, after the Campfire Program we will have a free Root Beer Cantina inside the Barn. For further information, please feel free to call Denny Setzler, 419-332-2318.

Wood Badge Association
Annual Meeting & Breakfast
Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Camp Miakonda Ford Center
5600 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43623

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 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 2015 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, 2015. Any questions, please contact the Scout office at 419 241-7293 or email Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org.

Membership--Invite a Friend

Spring is right around the corner, and we will be thinking of being outdoors more. Erie Shores Council offers outdoor experiences in the form of Cub Weekend camps, District Spring Camporees and unit activities. Later in the Summer, we have Summer Camp and Cub Day Camp. Why not invite your non-Scout friends and their parents to join you on a Scouting activity for the unique experiences that Scouting is known for? Spring is a great time to join Scouting. To the Packs, if you meet once a month all Summer, hold a Spring Recruitment for Kindergartners thru 2nd Graders. Becoming a leader is less taxing in the Spring than in the Fall. To the Troops, do not forget the 5-6th Graders who are looking to join a program. Why not Scouting? Let’s get those 2nd-year WEBELOS into Boy Scouts. To the Unit leaders, talk to your District Executive to help set up a Spring Recruitment. We have the tools to help you be successful.
Class of 2014 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet

Who: All Eagle Scouts and anyone who would like to celebrate their accomplishments with them.

When: Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Grace United Methodist Church
601 East Boundary St, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Cost: Tickets are $10.00/person, Eagle Scout sponsorships are available, if you are interested, contact Matthew.Reineck@Scouting.org

Reservations can be made online at www.ErieShoresCouncil.org and must be confirmed by March 10, 2015.

National Youth Leadership Training

Erie Shores Council will be having another 21st Century course called NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). This course will be held at Camp Miakonda June 7th through June 12th.

This NYLT course is set up to represent a month in the life of a typical Scout troop, mirroring the troop structure, by assigning incoming participants to patrols. The first few days represent the first three weeks of a troop calendar, planning for a big troop event. Participants will use resources of the BSA training. They will conduct interesting meetings that are lively and relevant. They will learn skills to provide great events for your Troop at your meetings and activities. Venturing Crews are also encouraged to enroll their youth leadership. This should be a great opportunity to strengthen both your troop and crew leadership. The course will be taught by youth that have previously taken NYLT after many weekends and hours of staff development. Some of the trainings that will be taught are “Stages of Team Development, Leadership, Visions of Setting Goals, Toolbox Leadership, and always following The Scout Oath and Law.

The cost of the course is $210 if paid before May 1st and $230 after that deadline. The fee includes: course supplies, meals, t-shirts, neckerchiefs, training awards and more. The course is set up for SPLs, future SPLs, ASPLs, in a troop and President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurers in a crew and any other future troop and crew leadership positions.

For information go online at www.ErieShoresCouncil.org and click on Resources, Training or contact, Dick Ball, Course Director rjball@troop14.org or Tom Farkas, at granppa42@yahoo.com.

Iott Scout Shop News

Cub Scout Program Changes are coming in June of this year. For Cub Scout Program Development Updates please visit our website at www.scouting.org for the latest news and information. The Sports and Academics Belt Loops will continue to be in the store through the end of May, or until inventory is depleted. Sports and Academics Pins will be ordered as needed. Please call ahead to the Iott Scout Shop if you need pins at 419-843-0113, or e-mail Sara.Crosby@Scouting.org.

Cub Scout Books

New Cub Scout Books will be arriving soon. Please check the Iott Scout Shop portion of the Erie Shores Council Website for updated information.

WEBELOS Program News

The WEBELOS program is also changing. The pin system is roughly the same but the pins will be different. The program listing says that WEBELOS 1 may continue to complete the program they started, or may choose to go to the new program. We do not know at this point if we will be able to get the current WEBELOS pins after June 1st. Please keep this in mind as you make the decision on old or new program for the WEBELOS 1 dens!
Do you want your WEBELOS to stay in Scouting?

If so, WEBELOS Resident Camp at Camp Frontier is for YOU!

SESSION 1: July 26-29
SESSION 2: July 29-August 1
FEES: Youth $140; Adults $72

WEBelos Resident Camp is a great opportunity for your WEBelos II Scouts to get a taste of what Camp Frontier has to offer for them as Boy Scouts. Activities range from swimming, blobbing and boating to stargazing with telescopes and a Root Beer Cantina. Informational packets and reservation forms are available from Jennifer Medley@Scouting.org, 419/800-241-7293 ext. 0107 or reservation can be made online at: www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/WRC

Shrine Circus

SCouts, Scouters and the whole family will enjoy attending the fun and friendly Shrine Circus March 19-22 at the Seagate Centre. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are $12 and/or $15 each, and will include a Scout patch. This Scout offer is for performances on Thursday, Friday or Sunday. The group sales offer is also good for the 11 a.m. show on Saturday, March 21st where all Scouts in uniform will be a part of the opening flag ceremony. Contact Suzie Mignogna at 419-321-5030, or email smignogna@meettoledo.org. For regular individual tickets call 1-800-GO CIRCUS.

Scouting for Food

A Scout is helpful. In the spirit of helping others and our community, Erie Shores Council will be holding our annual Scouting for Food drive this spring. Scouting for Food is a community-wide food drive that provides much needed food to shelters and food pantries in our area. Your involvement will have a direct impact on our communities by providing food to our neighbors when they need it most.

All units are encouraged to participate in Scouting for Food. Flyer distribution will be March 21-27 and food pick-up will be March 28. More information, including Scouting for Food flyers, will be provided at March roundtables. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Bosserman at Tim.Bosserman@Scouting.org.

DAD & MOM OVERNIGHT WEEKENDS

Dad & Lad Overnight--Kamp KaBoom
Saturday, April 25—Sunday, April 26

Mom & Me Overnight--Amazing Flying Machines
Saturday, May 2—Sunday, May 3

Come join the fun at Camp Miakonda! Spend some quality time with your son while participating in fun and exciting activities. This year will feature some of Camp Miakonda's classics with a twist. The program will revolve around S.T.E.M.: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Check your mailbox for registration or visit our website to register at: www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/momdad

If you have any questions, contact: Scout Offices at 419/800-241-7293 or Matt Reineck at Matthew.Reineck@Scouting.org

Silver Beaver Nominations

Do you know of a volunteer Scouter 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 is the highest honor a volunteer Scouter can receive from a local Scout council.

The Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner will be held June 4th at the Stone Oak Country Club. Nominations for the Silver Beavers being presented that evening must be in to the Distinguished Awards Committee by March 31st 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 ErieShoresCouncil@Scouting.org

Send the completed forms to: Erie Shores Council Distinguished Awards Committee, P.O. Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623 no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
Calendar of Events

**MARCH**
7  BALOO Training
8  EB Pinewood Derby
8  Health & Safety Merit Badge Day (@UT)
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins—“Spring Forward”
10  Council Properties Committee
11  Council Risk Management Committee
14  CP, NW & SC Pinewood Derbys
17  Council Commissioners Meeting
18  Executive Board
19  Council Advancement Committee
21-28  Scouting for Food Week
21  Council Eagle Scout Banquet
24  Council Training Committee
25  Cub Leader Specific Training
25  Council Recruitment & Retention Committee
26  Council Camping & Outdoor Program Committee
28  WD Pinewood Derby
28  Wood Badge Association Breakfast
28  Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Day

**APRIL**
3-4  ESC Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Good Friday/Easter
3-4  Order of the Arrow Ordeal
16  Executive Committee (changed from 4/10/15)
21  Council Commissioners Meeting
16  Council Advancement Committee
17-19  PSR SPL Weekend
22  Council Recruitment & Retention Committee
23  Council Camping & Outdoor Program Committee
25-26  Dad & Lad
28  Council Training Committee

**MAY**
2-3  Mom & Me Cub Scout Weekend

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