“Rocket into Scouting” Join Scouting Night
September 14th in Northwest Ohio

September is “Rocket into Scouting” month. This is the month that we need to encourage your Scouts to invite a friend to the units’ Join Scouting Night (JSN). On September 14, 2017, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., elementary schools throughout NW Ohio are being asked to let scouting volunteers in to be available to families who are interested in joining scouting. Erie Shores Council and Black Swamp Council are joining forces with a marketing plan that will promote this opportunity to join Scouting.

If your unit plans to hold your Join Scouting Night prior to the September 14th event, please continue to do so but have some volunteers at your local elementary school on the 14th to welcome families that may have missed it. If your unit holds your JSN after the 14th, no problem, we welcome as many opportunities for families to join!

Scout parents talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits that Scouting provides for youth. Tell them why your kids are in Scouting and recommend that their kids join Scouting. Just imagine if each Scout or Scout family invited and brought in just one new Scout this fall, think about the impact we would make in our schools and communities through what Scouting offers. Make an “ask!” Make a sale!

Is Your Unit Ready for Some Scouting?

Is your unit ready for the 2017-2018 Scouting Year? Did you take advantage of the suggested steps in the past two editions of the Scouting News to prepare for the fall program? Cub packs, have you scheduled your Join Scouting Night (JSN)? Do you need help? If so, contact your unit commissioner, district commissioner or your District Executive for help. Now is the time to recruit your new Scouts and leaders.

Below are steps that a unit, in particular a pack, should complete:
1. Conduct a Leader’s Analysis.
2. Identify your Tiger leaders and help them log-on to online training.
3. Build your calendar and budget. Have copies to share with new Scout families.
4. Set your Join Scouting Night (JSN) no matter the type of unit. Packs, try to hold before September 22, 2017.
5. Create a handout with a brief biography on all the unit’s leadership. If possible, have a picture of them.
6. Troops and Crews don’t be left out of the recruiting. Make Scouting the thing to do in your community.
7. Exploring Posts, let’s give High School students an opportunity to explore career fields by inviting them to join Exploring.
2017 Popcorn Sale

We are looking forward to another successful year of popcorn! The Popcorn Sale starts on September 15th and runs through October 31st.

Once again, Pecatonica River is offering an excellent selection of popcorn! In addition to many of our favorites, we’ll be selling Sea Salt & Cracked Pepper Microwave and Trail Mix, as well as, the return of Peanut Butter Cup. Prizes, Prizes, Prizes — Scouts will be given opportunities to win some really cool prizes from BSA National Supply! In addition to winning cool Scout stuff, Scouts can earn Scoutshop Gift Cards, and at $1,500 in sales, Scouts will earn a BONUS of a Camper’s Club certificate for $50 to any ESC camp. Weekly prize drawings will be held for Scouts who fill up and submit an entire order form. Scouts who sell $400 or more will be entered for a drawing of a $500 Scoutshop Gift Card, and other prizes. Top District sellers win a choice of a Star Wars Remote Control BB-8, iPad Mini, or Kindle Fire HD.

Schedule for all the Popcorn Sale Events:

- Sept. 12: Show-&-Sell Distribution (CP & NW)
- Sept. 13: Show-&-Sell Distribution (EB, SC & WD)
- Sept. 15: Sale Begins
- Sept./Oct.: Additional Show & Sell pick-ups as needed (Thursdays weekly 4-6 p.m.)
- Oct. 25: Show & Sell Payment Due
- Oct. 31: Popcorn Sale Ends
- Nov. 1-2: Final: Show & Sell Returns Accepted
- Nov. 1: SC & WD
- Nov. 2: CP, EB & NW
- Nov. 9: Final “Take Orders” Due
- Nov. 15-16: Take Order Distribution
- Nov. 15: SC & WD
- Nov. 16: CP, EB & NW
- Dec. 7: Final Payments Due

District Key: Commodore Perry (CP), Eagle Bay (EB), Northwest (NW), Swan Creek (SC), Wood District (WD)

For more information, please contact Erin LaLonde at 419-843-0111, erin.lalonde@scouting.org, or the ESC Kernel, Taia Sutherland at 419-466-7197, ptjsuther@aol.com.

Thank you for participating in this year’s Popcorn Sale, as it is important to our successful delivery of Scouting within our community. Keep Popping!

Rocket into Scouting this Fall!

Ignite the Fun!

All new Cub Scouts (grades 1-5) recruited this fall through September 29 will be eligible to receive a rocket when they register to join Scouting. New Lions (Kindergarten) will receive Bungee Rockets. New applications need to be turned into the office by the Pack by Friday, September 29, 2017. On September 30, at Camp Miakonda, join us for the New Scout Family Fun Day where there will be a special welcome to Scouting activity for new scouts and parents. Scouts will receive their rocket engines, blast off their rockets and participate in the many other camp activities.

Online Registration is now available!

To help in recruiting new families to the Scouting family, Online Registration is now available to units who wish to take advantage of it. Units can reset their BeAScout sites to take advantage of this new membership process. Whether your unit opts in to use this new registration process or not, your unit must go and reset BeAScout and update your pin information for any family that visits your site. To prepare your unit for Online Registration go www.scouting.org/onlineregistration. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Krieger, Registrar at 419-843-0106.
Camp Miakonda 100th Gala Event
“Dinner Under the Crescent Moon”

Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Toledo Museum of Art – Glass Pavilion
Tickets: $250 per person

We are pleased to announce Captain Richard Phillips as the keynote speaker for “Dinner Under the Crescent Moon” on Thursday, October 5, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art’s Glass Pavilion.

For five days in April 2009 Captain Phillips became the center of an extraordinary international drama when he was captured by Somali pirates who hijacked his ship, the first hijacking of a U.S. ship in more than 200 years. Phillips will discuss his heroic experience and remarkable rescue after five days of capture, which was recounted on the big screen in the movie, “Captain Phillips” starring Tom Hanks and in Phillips’ book, “A Captain’s Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea.”

“We are very proud to be celebrating 100 years of leadership development at Camp Miakonda,” said Edward Caldwell, Scout Executive and CEO. “Our ‘Dinner Under the Crescent Moon’ is the grand finale in a year-long celebration of Camp Miakonda’s 100th anniversary. As an organization that is known for our leadership training, we are honored to have Captain Phillips, whose courage and leadership has been publicly recognized by the President, share his leadership experiences and motivation with our dinner attendees. His story is riveting and the leadership lessons are extraordinary.”

Tickets for the dinner are $250 per person. Sponsorships are also available. Dress for the evening is “Business Attire”. The evening also includes music by Toledo Symphony Orchestra’s principal harpist Nancy Lendrim and an elegant dinner for our 200 total participants. For more information, contact Jennifer Medley at 419-843-0107 or email her at jennifer.medley@scouting.org. Details are also available online at www.erieshorescouncil.org/crescentmoon.

Additionally, be sure to gear up with all the Camp Miakonda 100th Anniversary memorabilia, with new items available in the Scout Shop and Camp Trading Post: patches, silver coins, knives, mugs, and more! It’s almost Pinewood Derby season! The Iott Scout Shop will be fully loaded with cars, tools, decorations, medals, ribbons, and more in the month of November. Christmas will be here before you know it! Scouts always need equipment for camping and we have many small items that are great for stocking stuffers as well as Class B uniform shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. Look for ornaments, nutcrackers, and new gift items in the month of November.

We are back to regular hours!
**EAGLE BAY DISTRICT**

Eagle Bay District Fall Camporee

Join us on September 22–24, 2017, for the Eagle Bay District Fall Camporee at 8996 CR 17, Oak Harbor, OH. This year’s theme is “Pioneering.” The cost of the event is $7.00/Scout and Leaders are free. There will be a competition for the construction of a Troop Gateway. Saturday dinner will be a Camp Wide Hobo Stew and each Troop is asked to bring Dutch Oven desserts to share! For more information, contact Chuck Cheek at 419-202-6584 or cheekjr@gmail.com.

**COMMODORE PERRY DISTRICT**

PIRATES OF THE ERIE SHORES

Fall Camporee

When: September 22-24th, 2017
Where: Camp Miakonda

Gone are the days where pirates sailed the high seas but mysteries from the names of Blackbeard, William Kidd, or Stede Bonnet remain. All Erie Shores Council Troops are welcome to come join us for a unique camping experience where we will celebrate their history and test our skills to see if we have what it takes to become part of their brethren and one of the Pirates of the Erie Shores. The day’s activities will put you in the shoes of the crew and let you practice the skills needed to become a pirate. Scouts will need their handbook and compass to help them complete the tasks and find some treasure. Patrols should bring their own special pirate flag to use during the day. Costumes are encouraged and may earn you extra gold. Adult volunteers from each troop must run at least 1 event for the day. An informational flyer can be found on the Erie Shores Council Website calendar. Cost: $10.00 per Scout. To register or have questions, please contact Jaci Bugaj at jaci.bugaj@scouting.org.

**COMMODORE PERRY DISTRICT**

Longtime Scouter Leaves Generous Estate Gift to Erie Shores Council

When longtime Scouter Gerhardt “Gerry” Grafner passed away in June of last year, he left instructions in his will for a substantial gift to be made to Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America. His gift will impact Camp Miakonda in meaningful ways for many years and will undoubtedly impact future generations of Scouts. His generosity is part of the new Camp Miakonda Wildlife & Nature Center and will enable the leadership of Erie Shores Council to develop programming in the sciences as never before. His generosity and aforesaid is a clear testament to the value of remembering Erie Shores Council in your will or trust.

For information on how you can follow the example of Gerry Grafner, contact Dean Adkins, Bowlie Legacy Society, Erie Shores Council, P.O. Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623, phone: 419-266-6856, or email: Dean.Adkins@scouting.org.

**District News**

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT

Welcome New District Committee

Scoutreach District is excited to welcome four new committee members.

- Kristin Baldesthewiler is an educator at Mercy College and will serve as District Nomination Chair.
- Angela January is a real estate agent and will serve as a Vice Chair.
- Jurry Deen is a reporter for The Journal and will serve as a District Nomination Committee Member.
- Tiffany Whitman is an educator at University of Toledo and will serve as a District Nomination Committee Member.

Employees Wanted

Scoutreach District is currently recruiting for seasonal program specialists and interns for the Fall program season. Duties include, but not limited to: delivering Scout program at various assigned sites in Lucas County, be familiar with Google Drive and Email, maintain attendance and advancement information, and complete required position trainings. On-site interviews available at Lourdes University on September 21, 2017. Please contact Career Services to schedule at 419-824-3704. Please provide an updated resume and complete the application. More information available at www.erieshorescouncil.org/SRPA.

Volunteer Recruitment Event

Are you interested in serving Scouts in Scoutreach? The District Nominating Committee is organizing a Scoutreach Open House for adults who are interested in learning about the time commitment and duties for several District committee members. The October 25, 2017 event, at Camp Miakonda, will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a tour of the new Nature Center, 5:00 p.m. networking and refreshments at Council Lodge, and a brief one-hour volunteer presentation at 5:45 p.m.

**WOOD DISTRICT**

Wood District Cub Family Camp Out

It’s that time of year again for the Wood District Cub Family Campout at the Wood County Historical Society Grounds. This year’s theme is “Wild Kingdom” Registration is $10.00 per scout and $8.00 for additional Scouts from the same family. The campout runs from Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 12 Noon until 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 24th. The opening ceremonies are at 12:45 Saturday afternoon. We will have day activities for the Cub Scouts and siblings and an evening event for the entire family. This will be a fun event for all who attend; you do not want to miss it.
Halloween Party

**October 28 – 5:30-9:00 p.m.**
**October 29 – 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners

All Scout families are invited to our Halloween Extravaganza at Camp Miakonda, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners. Activities include a haunted hayride, haunted hike, face painting, lots of games, haunted cabins, storytelling, haunted fort, trick-or-treating and concessions. A Trick-or-Treat bag of goodies and patch is also included in the cost. Come as a Pack, bring your family and friends. Wear a costume! Haunting for everyone will be **Saturday, October 28th from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 29th from 2:00-4:30 p.m.** Purchase tickets online for a price of $6 per child; Adults and Children 2 and under are free. We encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance at [www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/HP2017](http://www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/HP2017). Walk-Ins are always welcome! If you are interested in volunteering at this year’s event, please contact Alissa Hunt at [alissa.hunt@scouting.org](mailto:alissa.hunt@scouting.org) or 419-410-0390.

Scouting for Food

Erie Shores Council is once again excited to announce the upcoming Fall 2017 Scouting for Food campaign. The Boys Scouts of America national initiative collects non-perishable items for those in need. Door hangers will be available by September’s District Roundtable, and patches delivered once service hours are entered.

The door hangers are sponsored by Northwest Ohio’s Frisch’s® Big Boy Restaurants and the patches are sponsored by Keystone Press.

The Scouting For Food schedule is:
- **October 14-21** – Wood District
- **November 11-18** – Eagle Bay District
- **March 17-24, 2018** – Erie Shore Council

Units are encouraged to sign up and review safety tips and timeline information at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Scoutfood](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Scoutfood).

University of Scouting

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Hull Prairie Intermediate School

(NEW LOCATION!)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an informative (and FUN) day of required, supplemental and advanced training for adult & youth leaders involved with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venturing programs. (No classes for Cub Scout aged youth.)

You will be able to complete basic training or work towards earning your Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degrees.

**Cost:**
- $20 Pre-registration (on or before Friday, October 29, 2017)
- $25 Late Registration and Walk-ins (NO guarantee of patch/lunch)
- $7 Staff/Instructors that want lunch.

Register online at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/uofscouting](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/uofscouting) Questions: Todd Welborn at [phb21@hotmail.com](mailto:phb21@hotmail.com)

New Scout Family Fun Day

Did your Unit recruit any new Scouts this fall season? Are they excited to see Camp Miakonda? Well, invite them to the historic Camp Miakonda on **Saturday, September 30th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** for the New Scout Family Fun Day! Camp Miakonda is hosting an open-house style event where new Scouts, and their families, can come out and discover what camp offers. They will be able to participate several activities including: model rocket launch, human foosball, Gaga Ball, BB and Archery; and much more! We will even provide the lunch! This program is for new Scouts recruited during the fall season 2017 and is provided at no cost. For more information and/or to register, please visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/NSFFD](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/NSFFD).

2017 Sporting Clays Classic

The 2017 Sporting Clays Classic Tournament, presented by Key Bank and Owens-Illinois, will be held on **Friday, September 22, 2017** at the Island Lake Shooting Range in Brighton, Michigan. Registration deadline is September 15, 2017. For more information and entry forms, please visit our website: [www.erieshorescouncil.org/sportingclays](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/sportingclays).

MUSEUM FUN FACTS

By Dave Eby, Council Historian

Camp Miakonda held a total of 49 Boy Scout Summer Camp seasons from 1924 to 1972.

This year Camp Frontier had its 49th Boy Scout Summer Camp season. Next year, in 2018, Camp Frontier will finally surpass Camp Miakonda’s record when it celebrates its 50th Boy Scout Summer Camp season!

Then, in 2019, Erie Shores Council will celebrate 100 Boy Scout Summer Camp seasons between the two camps!
Calendar of Events

(October)

1-31 Council Wide Popcorn Sale
5 Camp Miakonda Gala Event
7 Eagle Bay District - IOTT SCOUT SHOP ON THE ROAD
7-8 Swan Creek & Northwest Districts Cub Scout Family Camp
13-15 Northwest District Fall Camporee
13-15 Swan Creek District Fall Camporee
13-15 Wood District Fall Camporee
21 Wood District Scouting for Food
21 Eagle Bay District Cub Family Fun Day
21 UT Football Scout Night
25 First Popcorn Payment Due
28-29 Camp Miakonda Halloween Party