



Erie Shores Council, 2015 Anniversaries

1915 - 100th Anniversary of...first council newsletter being published in Feb 1915. The newsletter was started by J. St. Clair Mendenhall, our first fulltime council executive.

1945 - 70th Anniversary of...the first Cub Leaders PowWow event.

1965 - 50th Anniversary of...Camp Alaska

1991 - 25th Anniversary of...Construction City event.

Scout Moms Project

*Congratulations to our
2014 Scout Mom Winners!!...*

Denise Grant Montgomery

Stefanie Semler

Tammy Stahl

Sara Sulewski

Please think about, and get ready to nominate, your Scout Mom in 2015. Nomination availability will be launched again on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015. Scout Moms can be nominated by a child, other boys in the Scout Unit, spouse or relative. Checkout the Scout Moms Project and these amazing moms at: www.scoutmoms.org

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Gary Harden
Council President

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On the Development of Boys and a Council

Fellow Scouters:

One Sunday morning I was listening to music on my car radio. I hadn't paid attention to the DJ's introduction of a new song but was soon caught up in its train-like chanting & rhythm. Then the refrain hit me, "I've got a *chicken* on the train TRAIN *chicken on the train!*" It sounded wrong. So I waited for the refrain through an unintelligible verse, and there it was again. Why did this guy have a chicken on the train? It sounded like *everyone had a chicken on that train.* They were all singing about it. Pondering that image, many unanswered questions ran through my mind. Was this a new genre of song? Country RAP? Comedian Timmy Wilson coined that label, even had a contraction for it that I won't repeat here. Sherrie's remarked that my hearing's off, "shooting too many rifles and shotguns lately?" Maybe she's right. So on Monday I left the radio on low as I ran the car pool to St. Francis. They had fresh ears. I turned it up when the song played. "Hey, does this guy have a chicken on a train?" Soon the Expedition that hauls Troop 254's trailer on campouts was chugging down Dorr St. jammed full of Scouts chanting "I've got a chicken! You've got a chicken! I've got a chicken on the train TRAIN chicken on the train!" Next time we go to Philmont, I'm flying. A couple weeks later, also on a Sunday, I heard the same DJ announce, "Better get your *ticket*, 'cause here comes the *J Train!*" Oh my... and the song's religious. I felt awful. My version's funnier, though.

Sometimes a sense of humor is needed when you have to change direction.

There was nothing funny about the Area 2 Project. And when we withdrew, the same could be said of our relationship with National as we embarked on this 3 year journey. Changing Areas, hiring a new Scout Executive in that setting were not on our Christmas lists of jolly things to do. Add the Ineligible Volunteer Files, Membership Standards Policy, Leadership Center, PSR sewage lagoon, dredging Lake Sawyer, replacing staff, Risk Management incidents, neighbors dumping at our camps... Someone tell Rod Cundiff I've rewritten the 12 days of Christmas. Funny? No. But from here looking back, we should be filled with joy. Building consensus in the Scouting Family, partnering with our National Council and other Local Councils, developing philanthropy and understanding within the community we have changed direction. We've brought our family with us and made new friends. We are optimistic, growing, alive!

Developing infrastructure is one thing. Developing membership, another. I'd like to say that we've changed the minds and hearts of moms, dads and community leaders to where they value Scouting's critical role in developing *their children* as leaders, citizens with better character, opportunity, and skills to lead happier lives and give back to others. But can we? It's easier to see one's mark on a building than it is on the mind, heart or soul of young man, a young woman, their parents. We made this progress by consensus, and so we've enabled membership development by including more emissaries; if you're paying attention, that means *all of us.* It's time to embark on that journey.

We have the program, the training and support to deliver the promise of Scouting to this generation and beyond. We must, however, maintain the enthusiasm, sense of urgency and consensus that has carried us so far. The culture we build for our kids, must be the culture we live as adults. Let's challenge each other to be courageous, reach to do more, encourage not criticize, embrace change not complacency. Then let's celebrate the achievements, and have a jolly laugh when we have to change direction because living and learning is in the struggle. For me this is the essential message drawn out of every aspiring Eagle at his Board of Review. Did you learn more from the easy merit badges or the difficult ones? Which did you enjoy more and why? What did you learn from your Eagle Project about yourself and others? How did you respond when things didn't go as planned? The same lessons apply to me, and to all of us. The world our children experience will certainly be different than the one we live in. The best we can do is to provide them with a moral compass, some basic skills, an openness to continue learning, an enthusiastic attitude to accept challenges as opportunities, a patrol and Patrol Method to support them on the journey.

A fundamental teaching of the Patrol Method is that we must rotate leadership. Sometimes it's emotionally taxing, especially when you've watched a young man blossom as a Patrol Leader and the Patrol has done well. But we know it's essential because rotating leadership provides new ideas and energy to the Patrol as an organization, and provides new challenges and opportunities to the Patrol members. Growth is not possible without this kind of change. It's the same with Councils and Presidents.

At this year's Annual Meeting, Ed Frey will receive a hearty consensus nomination to serve as your President. I trust that he has the vision, understanding and dedication to deliver on our mission. I will find new opportunities to serve with enthusiasm, and I even hope to have at least one more Philmont Trek left in me. I'll need a new sleeping bag, though. One mountain sunrise as I rolled out of my warm but compressible goose down bag, I found it had developed a leak. The small tent was full of little white feathers, some scooting across the tent floor with each visible breath, others floating in the air. Climbing out of the tent, some followed me. In that thin crisp air, one of the crew exclaimed: "Do you have a *chicken in the tent!?*"

Jim Whitehead, is there enough air left on top of Mt. Baldy for a hearty laugh? I'd like to think so, because there are still a few more mountains to climb. See you all on the trail.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Harden, Council President

A Day in the Life of a Scoutreach Program Aid:

Every day may be different for the Scoutreach Program Aid as the Aid drives to various after-school programs or clubs. With a tool kit of resources and training and a few backup plans the Scoutreach Program Aid enters the school and greets the cub scouts. The program consists of the scouts reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Cub Scout Promise, and then the prepared lesson begins. The Scoutreach Program Aid helps each scout work towards various advancements, keeps track of membership and attendance, and passes along important information about upcoming camping trips, fundraising opportunities, and other events. After establishing a good relationship with the boys, the school or charter organization, and the parents, the Scoutreach Program Aid is able to help the group become more independent and confident with the Cub Scout program and the ways of scouting. Overall, the paid position of Scoutreach Program Aid is fulfilling and rewarding for all those involved. Scoutreach is looking to hire a few more Program Aids for next school year. After training, Program Aids 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 Aid position. To apply please submit the attached application to Elizabeth.Rebacz@Scouting.org by June 1, 2015.

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- Cub Scout Youth size Fleece Hoodie

Seasonal Favorites

- All your Pinewood Derby Needs! Weights, tools, ribbons, patches
- Blue & Gold Patches
- Scout Sunday Patches

Coming Soon

- Boy Scout 2015 Requirements book expected late February
- New Merit Badge Book Signs, Signals, and Codes
- New Merit Badge Book Animation
- New Boy Scout Award called The Complete Angler for those who earn Fishing, Fly-Fishing, and Fish and Wildlife Merit Badges

New Eagle Scouts

COMMODORE PERRY

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Charles Korotnayi

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Dan Beard's 1913 visit to Toledo

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 with some of the key founders being Ernest Thompson Seton, Dan Beard, James E. West and Edgar Robinson of the national YMCA organization. Seton and Beard each already had their own youth organizations up and running when they were merged into the early BSA. Seton's youth organization was called the "Woodcraft Indians" and Beard's group was called the "Sons of Daniel Boone". The Camp Miakonda museum has authentic original handbooks from both of these organizations on display from 1906 and 1909 respectively. Dan Beard was born in Cincinnati and grew up there when most of Ohio was still quite wild and mostly wilderness. He wore a fringed buckskin outfit much of the time when he was at Scout functions. He was quite famous and much revered in the early decades of Scouting and was a highly skilled outdoorsman.

The very first Scout troop in our council was founded in 1910 at the Toledo YMCA. We do have an original program in our museum from Dan Beard's 1913 visit although not a lot is known about his trip to the Toledo Council other than what is contained in the program. In the program it says that there was an entrance into the Toledo Coliseum by Boy Scouts then a flag salute which was followed by an address by Dan Beard who at that time lived in Flushing

New York. After that there were displays of tower building, signaling, wall scaling, bridge building, tent raising, relay races and tug of war. The program also gives the history of the Toledo Council (written in 1913) which says the first Scoutmaster was appointed in the fall of 1910. There were only four troops in Toledo by 1911 and by 1913 there were twenty-one troops. The new Council held a summer camp session at Wamplers Lake in the Irish Hills of Michigan in 1912 and 1913 and had a field day (one day camporee) at Central Park in Toledo in June 1912. The Council President in 1913 was William Boles and the Council Commissioner was A.T. Benson who was also the Scoutmaster of Troop 1 at the Toledo YMCA. William Hoffmeister was the very first Scoutmaster. It also lists all Scoutmasters of that time. Among them was James B. Ecker, Scoutmaster of Troop 25 at the First Congregational Church. A year later Mr. Ecker was the part time Council Executive who drowned with two scouts at the 1914 Toledo Summer Camp session near Lake Erie. Upon his death and that tragedy, J. St. Clair Mendenhall was hired as the first full time Council Executive. He presided over the purchase of land that became Camp Miakonda in 1917 and he personally helped build what is now the Miakonda Museum building in 1917. He was the founder of the Tribe of Gimogash and was the father of two little girls nicknamed Dutch & Irish. If you have not been to the Miakonda Scouting Museum in the last year it has completely changed. It is open most Saturdays.

Written by David L. Eby
Council Historian

Wood Badge Association Annual Meeting & Breakfast Saturday, March 28, 2015

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 per person. Registration forms can be found on the council website or at the Jadel Leadership 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

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Clayton Westphal

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Troop 104
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Troop 146
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Jody Germann

Jack Amburgey

Troop 422
Brian Crites

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Brock Goris

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Robert Whitman



50th Anniversary Camp Alaska

After 24 hours outside, sleeping in a shelter that you have built yourself, and, after having eaten three meals that you have cooked over an open fire; nothing is more refreshing than a good hot breakfast.

On January 18, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., the staff at the Richard P. Anderson Pioneer Scout Reservation offer the option of a hot pancake breakfast to those who have completed Camp Alaska there on Saturday night, January 17th. Please let us know in advance that you will be there.

Cost is \$8.00 per person with Camp Alaska and \$5.50 for Breakfast Only. Call the Jadel Leadership Center, 419.843.0107, or email Jennifer at Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org.

ESC Museum News

Boys Life Display at our Museums

We have a large display on Boys' Life Magazine in our old museum building in Central Camp at Miakonda. It features an issue from every decade since 1912. It also includes the oldest surviving Boys Life Pennant in the nation which was issued in 1934. The newest addition to the new displays is a unique 1920's Boy Scout combination chalkboard and desk. It was donated by Alan Bernard.

Things we are looking for include: old uniform red and white community strips for Swanton, Holland, Frankfort, Rossford and a number of others. Visit the community strip display in the old museum to see if you can help us. Also seeking old district event patches from all past and present districts to create displays on them. Thanks!

Camp Frontier Ground Hog Kickoff Dinner

Ready for next summer at Frontier? Join us Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Camp Miakonda for the PSR Summer Camp Kickoff. Dinner Starts at 6:00pm in the Ford Center. Meeting will follow in the Council Lodge. During the meeting we will update you on all the new information you will need to know for next summer. Call Jennifer at 419.843.0107 or email to jennifer.medley@scouting.org to make your reservation for dinner. Please limit 2 people per troop. Thank You.



Partners for Clean Streams 13th Annual Youth Patch Day Workshop

Join Partners for Clean Streams for our 13th Annual Youth Patch Day Workshop! Learn about local fresh water systems and fulfill requirements for various environmental related merit badges or patch requirements. Participants will learn about the water cycle, native wildlife, waste water treatment, rain gardens, storm drains and much more. The Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 8th 2015 from 1-4:30pm for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. The cost is \$5. It will be held at the University of Toledo Student Union in the Ingman Room, #2520, with free parking. Preregistration is required by February 27th. Registration flyers are available at the Jadel Leadership Center, by calling Partners for Clean Streams at 419-874-0727, emailing at Admin@Partnersforcleanstreams.org or visit our website at www.PartnersforCleanStreams.org for more information.



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1-3 ESC Office & Store Closed for New Year's Holiday
- 15 Advancement Committee
- 17-18 Camp Alaska & Breakfast, PSR
- 19 ESC Office & Store Closed for MLK Holiday
- 20 Council Commissioners
- 22 Camping Committee
- 27 Training Committee
- 28 ESC Annual Business Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 7 Scout Sabbath
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 13 ESC Executive Committee
- 15 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- 16 ESC Office & Store Closed for Presidents' Day
- 17 Council Commissioners
- 19 Advancement Committee
- 25 Frontier Ground Hog Kick-Off Dinner
- 26 Camping Committee

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