Join Scouting Night

Special Join Scouting Nights will be held to enroll new Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their parents in every elementary school in our four counties of Northwest Ohio starting in late August through this fall, with a focus of completing the first round by September 18. The Join Scouting Nights are sponsored by the Erie Shores Council, BSA, and are held through the cooperation and support of the local school systems. Over 200 schools will open their doors to allow new members to join Scouting. A group of several hundred adult volunteer leaders will conduct the Join Scouting Nights.

During each Join Scouting Night program, volunteer leaders will explain all about the programs and activities in the Tiger Cub, Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs and will sign up new members. Parents are asked to attend with their son(s) in order to be informed regarding Scouting activities. Boys in the first grade can join Tiger Cubs; boys in the second, third, fourth and fifth grades can join Cub Scouts; and boys in grades six and up can join the Boy Scout program.

Boy Scouts Open House

All families of the community are invited to explore the awe of historic Camp Miakonda and tour the new Jadel Leadership Center. Be one of the first to visit the unique new home of Erie Shores Council—Boy Scouts of America. Take the Scouting Challenge!
**Gardening**

Fellow Scouters:

Sunday I caught up on my gardening. We have a rather large country garden, about 40 x 50 feet. Over the last three weeks, I’d gotten behind on my tilling, thinning of the onions and garlic, picking the tomatoes, especially the cherry tomatoes. The cucumbers were reaching epic proportions, and the weeds… why do they thrive so much better than crops? But then there’s jalapeno, serrano, habanero and cayenne peppers. They were fine. They always seem to be.

I was reminded of a story in the Bible about weeds among the wheat. When the servants asked the master “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” He replied, “No, because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest.” I’m really not that patient with weeds. If I don’t till them under early enough, I generally rip them out by the roots and deal with the consequences. I’ve had to reset a few tomato plants over the years, and when they wither, Sherrie asks me “what happened here?” As a Scoutmaster and father, I’ve learned that the story is not about plants.

On my hands and knees, ripping out weeds and throwing them into the wheelbarrow, I got reacquainted with the soil. Within the loam and sand were dried oak leaves from last fall, rotting stuff in compost we spread earlier in the season, insects some hungrier than others, and a few stones. A variety of stuff to nurture plants. I started noticing little plastic shot pellets, a green one here, a few orange ones there. When my sons were young they had a small arsenal of Airsoft weapons to plink and play, shoot targets, enact war games, and so on. Evenings after school and weekends, part of a Scout Patrol would disappear into the woods behind the garden to stalk the others. The others would hide in various places, sometimes behind the barn at the edge of the garden. Inevitably the confrontation would end up in the garden that was of course off limits. Traces of a formation activity left in the soil, used to grow kids.

Summer camp is like that. The pastoral settings of PSR and Camp Miakonda transform into teaming program areas of ropes, fish, projectiles, wood chips, weather rocks, poles and boondoggle. This summer everything was put into motion by 2,639 boy scouts, 1,119 cubs and the most dedicated, enthusiastic and best trained camp staff in the country. It was truly an honor to visit camp as your President, see them all in action, to marvel at how well camp staff dealt with all the variables at once, and converse with Pack and Troop volunteers. You don’t have to take my word for it. Here is an excerpt from the camp inspection team critiquing our Webelos Resident Program at PSR:

“As you can see from our report, we found your Webelos Resident camp to be truly an exceptional camp and camp staff. Youth in camp reported that they were having an excellent experience and were being prepared exceptionally well for their next step in their scouting adventure. Your Webelos programs are well designed and encourage the youth of Erie Shores and beyond to continue to return to Camp Frontier year after year. As noted from my June report, your staff approaches their jobs with an infectious enthusiasm that represents your council exceptionally well. You should be justifiably proud of what your Chief Executive and Camp Director have accomplished. They have continued maintaining this as a premier camp and an excellent example of what councils can do with the proper support and dedication of purpose in delivering our promise to the youth of America.”

We received similar reviews for all of our summer programs, for both camps.

For these three years as Council President (and before), visiting Summer Camp at PSR and Day Camp at Camp Miakonda has been the highlight of my summer. The most amazing part of this process, for me, is that all of our camp staff (young at heart, and some young in years), maintain their energy and enthusiasm enough to carry through from early June. They set an amazing example.

What Scouts learn in these activities, their play, and the examples they follow from Camp Staff, teach them a lifetime of lessons they will never forget. None of the Scouts are weeds. Although sometimes, like Billie in some of my earlier articles, they make me wonder, and later fill me with wonder.

So when I come across those green and orange pellets in the soil, I think about what those youngsters, now adults have done, and how they’ve used their lessons. In the workforce, some in professional school, some starting their own businesses, after two tours as a Marine in Afghanistan, flying F-16s for the Air Force, in the Coast Guard, and in a position that I’d need a security clearance to learn what he does.

What do we grow in Scouting? Let’s do some more gardening.

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Harden, Council President
2014 Popcorn Sale

We are looking forward to another successful year of popcorn! The sale starts on Friday, September 19th and runs through Wednesday, November 5th!

Pecatonica River is once again offering an excellent selection of popcorn. Back by popular demand is the incredibly delicious and chocolaty Sea Salt Splash. New items include an OSU Tin with Sea Salt Caramel at the $25 level, a 30-pack of Double Butter and a four-way Cheese Lovers Tin.

The Chocolate Lovers collection will make a return with five chocolaty delights. Scouts will be given opportunities to win some really cool prizes! We’ve brought back the Campers Club at the $1,500 level and we have some really awesome prizes in our Weekly Prize Drawings for the Fill-it-Up, including a mini iPad!

“Show & Sell” Unit orders are due by Wednesday, September 3rd. Units will be notified of their Show & Sell Distribution locations which vary by district and will occur on Thursday September 18th or Friday, September 19th in preparation for first weekend Blitz Days!

“Take Order” orders are due by November 5th. In addition to updates to the council website (www.erieshorescouncil.org) and Facebook pages, if your unit’s Popcorn Kernel is not receiving email updates regarding key information about the 2014 Popcorn Sale, please contact Erin at Erin.LaLonde@Scouting.org or Taia Sutherland, ESC Kernel, at ptjsuther@aol.com or 419-466-7197 to be added to the email list!

Thank you for participating in this year’s popcorn sale because every sale you make for your Pack or Troop no matter how big or small, is important to our successful delivery of Scouting in our community. Keep Popping!!

Scout Shop News

We are now located in the beautiful Jadel Leadership Center building!

Store Hours
(Labor Day-Memorial Day)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30-5:00; Thursday 8:30-7:00; Saturday 9-12 Noon

Many of you have asked about upcoming changes to the Cub Scout Program coming in May of 2015. The Venture Program is also new! Check out the latest updates on the Program Development Section of the www.scouting.org website or on Bryan’s Blog, http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/.

Available now

Small Camping Gear: mess kits, camp pillows, sleep mats, water bottles, knives, compass

Apparel: Red Wool Jac Shirts, Class B uniform shirts

Uniforms: shirts and pants (available in microfiber or cotton/canvas), caps, belts, socks, sashes, neckerchiefs, slides

Crafts: scrapbooking albums, paper, stickers, stationary, stamps, wood kits

Gifts: Frames, Keepsake Boxes, Blankets, Plaques, Statues, Wallets, Watches and more!

Coming Soon

• New Venture program books are expected any time! New youth handbooks and leader support materials are expected. Venture pants also have a new look and are expected late October.

• Pinewood Derby Items fully stocked for November! Cars, weights, decals and tools available!

• Christmas Gift ideas including additions to the BSA Scouting Village. We have a limited number of full sets available and the new addition this year will be a Dining Hall and more people sets. There will also be a new Nutcracker this year.

• A New Merit Badge book is expected for December/January! Signs, Signals, and Codes which covers Morse Code, Semaphore, and American Sign Language.

Your input is important to us! If there is something you would like to see in the Scout Shop please contact Sara Crosby Sara.Crosby@Scouting.org. Special orders are also available for unit flags and custom unit patches with a turn around time of 4-6 weeks.
The 18th Annual Clean Your Streams

PCS is preparing for our largest, most productive Clean Your Streams event to date and you are invited to join us! With seven kickoff locations, new sites, t-shirts, and much more, this year’s 18th Annual Clean Your Streams promises to be the best yet! Help PCS and its partners clean up dozens of miles of stream banks in the greater Toledo area, making a recognizable difference in our local waterways. In the last seventeen years, our volunteers have removed over 90 tons of trash from local stream banks. Check-in at the kickoff sites will begin at 8:00am and the required orientation and final instructions will begin at 8:30am. An Appreciation Picnic for all cleanup volunteers will be held after the clean-up featuring Challenge Competitions Awards (including Change for Change), door prizes, a thank you lunch and much more!

This year, there are seven kickoff locations around the greater-Toledo area where volunteers will initially gather. These locations include: The University of Toledo Law School, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Olander Park Open Air Shelter, Oregon Municipal Building, University of Toledo Medical Center, Side Cut Metropark Riverview Shelter House, and downtown Toledo’s International Park Gazebo. We will be working in the Swan Creek, Duck Creek, Otter Creek, Ottawa River, Maumee River, Lake Erie tributaries and associated ditches, streams and creeks to remove all types of garbage from these stream banks. Individuals, families, and group organizations are welcome to participate. Registration is required for all participants by September 10th. To get more information, sponsor or register for Clean Your Streams, visit the Clean Your Streams web page or call 419-874-0727. We look forward to seeing you in the river!

NEW PERSONNEL

Timothy Bosserman
Erie Shores Council and Wood District are pleased to announce that Timothy Bosserman, an Eagle Scout, has taken the role of District Executive for Wood District as of July 1, 2014. Tim is a graduate of Ohio State University and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Affairs and a minor in Economics. Tim has served as a Federal Government Affairs Intern for Marathon Petroleum Corporation in Washington, D.C.; as a District Office Intern for the office of Congressman Robert E. Latta in Bowling Green, OH; as a Constituent Services Aide, Majority Caucus for the Ohio House of Representatives, and Page Chief. Tim was on the Ohio State University Deans List, Seven Academic Terms; was a Glenn Fellow; and a recipient of the Ohio Lobbying Association Scholarship Award.

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Jaci Cangealose
Taking on the responsibility of Commodore Perry District Executive is Jaci Cangealose starting July 16, 2014. Jaci is a graduate of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree. She has experience working as Special Projects Coordinator with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan; as a Special Events Intern with ArtPrize; and in the Business Section of Quicken Loans in Detroit. She has experience in customer relations and working with non-profit organizations.

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Jacqueline Gaston
Welcome to our newest Support Staff member, Jackie Gaston. Jackie will be serving as Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the Scout Executive, replacing Joyce Dale who retired July 31, 2014 after 47 years of service. Jackie attends Lourdes University, in the area of Business Management and has 27 year’s experience as an Administrative Secretary, Purchasing Coordinator, Legal Assistant and was an Executive Assistant with Owens Illinois, Inc. Jackie served as a Yeoman in the U.S. Navy Reserves for 12 years. She is a member of Toastmasters International, a member of Alumni Council of Leadership Toledo, a past President of the Onized Club for Owens Illinois Employees, and a Notary Public. She volunteers her time with the Lucas County Board of Elections, Children’s Hunger Alliance, ASSETS Toledo and Club 300 Catering.

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Please join us in welcoming all three new members to the Erie Shores Council Scouting family!
Construction City 2014 – A Webelos Special Event

Saturday, November 29
(Thanksgiving & UM vs. OSU Weekend)
7:45 AM – 3:30 PM
University of Toledo Main Campus
Health Education Center

Construction City is divided into two divisions—City and Bridge. Please indicate which division you want to participate in. Registrations are on a first come basis due to limited space, so REGISTER EARLY. Register in advance at the Council Service Center. Payment of $10 per Webelos is required when registering your group. Each Webelos is required to have one adult with him during the event. Food will be for sale offered by a local Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop.

Parent Preparation Training Session: Packs are required to send at least two adults. It will be at Camp Miakonda, Council Lodge, Sunday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m.

City
This division requires the Webelos to build structures on an 8’x6’ plot of land with supplied cardboard, tape and tools after completing the permitting process.

Division limited to 360 1st or 2nd year Webelos.

- 8:30 a.m. Arrival
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 a.m. Build Structures
- 12:20 p.m. Judging
- 1:00 p.m. Demolition
- 3:00 p.m. Close/Drawing (Tentative)

Bridge
This division requires the Webelos to build a bridge spanning 12’ capable of holding scale weights while controlling structure weight of materials with supplied cardboard, tape and tools.

Division limited to 84 2nd year Webelos.

- 7:45 a.m. Arrival
- 8:00 a.m. Build Structures
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 11:30 a.m. Structure Testing
- 3:00 p.m. Close/Drawing (Tentative)

Cub Family Camp
October 4-5
Camp Miakonda

Come out to Camp Miakonda and join in the great fun planned. Bring the whole family (sorry – no pets). Check in on Saturday from Noon to 2 p.m. on October 4 and stay till Sunday, October 5 at 9 a.m. Bring a tent to sleep in — $10 per person. Come just for the day —$10 per person. Or put in for a cabin bunk at $14 per person. Price includes Saturday’s Dinner, Sunday’s Breakfast and all youth receive a patch. Register in advance to guarantee a spot by September 26 with Jennifer at 419-843-0107 or email at Jennifer.Medley@Scouting.org. All Cub Families are welcome – all districts!

Future Eagle Scouts

Every Life Scout who reaches the rank of Eagle Scout will receive a one-year Daily Devotional Book. This program will run for the next three years. This book will be included when you pick up your Eagle Kit. The National Lutheran Association on Scouting is providing this book at no charge. Also, The NLAS is still giving an Eagle belt buckle to all Lutheran scouts. It takes two weeks to have the engraving done. Call Gary Nordahl at 419-205-3737 to order this buckle for your scout.

Halloween Party
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners

All Scout families are invited to come trick or treating at Camp Miakonda. Our Halloween extravaganza sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners is open to the public and also has a special time set for Scout families only. Cost is $7 per child, adults and children under 2 are free. 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 included with the registration fee. Come as a pack, bring your family and friends. Wear a costume! Pre-registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome. Haunting this fall is Saturday, October 25 from 5:30-9 p.m., open to Scouts and to the general public; and on Sunday, October 26 from 2-4:30 p.m. just for Scouting families.
Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
1  Labor Day Holiday – Office & Store Closed
3  Popcorn Show’n’Sell Orders Due
9  Properties Committee Meeting
12 Sporting Clay Classic
16 Council Commissioners Meeting
17 Executive Board Meeting, Miakonda
18 Council Advancement Committee
19 Popcorn Sale Starts
20-21 OA Fall Fellowship
23 Council Training Committee
24 Council Recruitment & Retention Committee
25 Council Camping Committee
27 PSR Star Party
27-28 Wood District Cub Family Camp

OCTOBER
4-5 Eagle Bay Cub Family Camp/Council Cub Family Camp
10 OA Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)
16 Council Advancement Committee
21 Council Commissioners Meeting
22 Council Recruitment & Retention Committee
23 Council Camping Committee
25-26 Council Halloween Party, Miakonda
28 Council Training Committee
31 Halloween

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