Celebrating 100 Years of Camp Miakonda!

As 2017 comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone in the Erie Shores Council who helped make ALL of the events this year Totally Amazing!! I would especially like to thank the 100th Camp Steering Team (Alan Bernard, Alison Rogers, Dave Eby, Shawn Chowdhary, Jim Wilson, Billy Pierce, and Alan Lepard) for their input and wisdom to make 2017 a year to remember and celebrate the 100th Birthday of Camp Miakonda.

On May 20, 2017, we celebrated Camp Miakonda with an Open House for the community to learn about our camp and the many Scouts who have camped here over the decades.

Then May 23, 2017 marked the actual 100th Birthday of Camp Miakonda and we featured an all-day open house, self-guided tour and cake and ice cream!

On the weekend of August 11-13, 2017, we continued our celebration with a 100th Anniversary Family Camp that included many of our Scouts and their families.

The last Camp Miakonda event was held on October 5, 2017 at the Toledo Museum of Art – Glass Pavilion. Captain Richard Phillips was our featured speaker. Captain Phillips had the entire crowd embraced as he described his capture, 5 days on a life boat with 3 Somalian pirates, and his rescue. His talking points centered around 3 points:

- You are much stronger than you ever know or realize.
- The only time that all is lost is when we choose or decide to quit.
- A motivated / dedicated / professional team can overcome or solve any problem or obstacle that life might come your way.

The standing ovation for Captain Phillips summed up the entire evening! Dan Cummins was the Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job of introducing everyone on the evening’s program. A great time was had by all!

Thank you to all who made 2017 a memorable year for Camp Miakonda!

Andy Hudec, Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Steering Team and GALA Dinner
Fellow Scouters,

Important news for all unit leaders—it’s recharter time!

**Charter Renewal**

To ensure your unit is prepared for the fun, life changing experiences that will happen in 2018 the first step is the Rechartering process. By the time you read this letter your unit should have its recharter packet. The online Charter renewal process will be available **November 1, 2017**.

Nearly all the Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts in Erie Shores Council recharter in the month of January. All January charters must be completed and turned into Council Registrar, Karen Krieger, by January 15, 2018. Only units whose charter is not completed by **January 31, 2017** will be dropped.

**New this year:** Recharter fees can be paid online with a credit card. A small National Council processing fee will apply.

**Youth Protection Training**

Youth protection training is required for all adults. You will get an error message if training is not current and will not be allowed to process your charter with those adults. Registered adults will receive notification that their YPT is expired or about to expire before charter renewal.

**Journey to Excellence (JTE)**

In addition to Rechartering comes our annual self-evaluation, the Journey to Excellence (JTE).

This program allows units to assess how they are doing compared to how high performing units operate. JTE is a time to look back on how we served our scouts in the previous twelve months and see where we can improve. The 2017 scorecards are due in to Council Registrar, Karen Krieger, by **December 15, 2017**. The 2018 scorecards are available now. Make sure your unit is using this valuable tool.

Part of the JTE score is recorded service hours. PLEASE remember to log your unit’s hours on the service hours website or through Scoutbook. At least one service project must benefit your charter organization.

**You are not alone in this process**

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

Commissioners are vital to the success of units, districts and our Council. If you are interested in becoming a Commissioner our next training opportunity will be at the University of Scouting on November 4th.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Myers
Council Commissioner

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**Membership**

What a great recruiting month September was! Erie Shores Council recruited over 716 new Scouts during the month. The membership push really took off on September 14 when the Council held a one night recruitment throughout the area and recruited over 300 new Scouts. Great job to all units that participated and Districts that made this growth happen. Wood District went as far as surpassing their 2016 year end membership. Fantastic job to all Wood Scouters.

Parents are looking for positive programs for their kids to join. Let’s make Scouting the program to join. We need to keep the recruitment going because programs like Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and our co-ed programs of Venturing and Exploring support parents to develop their children. So, don’t stop recruiting. Keep promoting! Parents tell your friends about the benefits from Scouting that your kids have received and let’s have all Scouts ask their non-Scouting friends to come to a Scout meeting no matter the program or age level to check Scouting out!

**“Welcome New Family Fun Day” A Huge Success!**

On Saturday, September 30, Erie Shores Council welcomed 317 new Scouts and their families to attend the first “Welcome New Family Fun Day” event. The Scouts had many opportunities to experience Scouting. They built and launched rockets, shot at the BB gun and archery ranges, went fishing, saw the new Wildlife Center where they participated in experiments and saw many wild animals, explored the fort and camp, and visited the trading post and museum. Also, roaming the camp was Muddy and Spike from the Mudhens and Walleyes. Not sure who had more fun, the new Scouts or Muddy and Spike. It was a fantastic day for new Scouting families and Scouting.
BSA Membership Fee Increase

The BSA membership fee will increase to $33 for all registered youth and adult leaders, effective December 1, 2017. Membership fees support the services that are necessary to provide Scouting to youth from 7 to 21 years of age. From education to high-adventure experiences you can’t get anywhere else, the BSA provides unique growth opportunities at a great value. Membership fees support the services that are necessary to provide Scouting programs to a growing number of youth. Services include ongoing advances in technology, council visits to assist in fundraising, program development and membership campaigns, liability insurance costs, and administrative costs. It is important that we continue to maintain a strong financial position in the future to support and grow Scouting.

Scouting Payday

Many times, we Volunteers are asked the question “Why do you give so much of your time to the Scouts without getting a pay day?” Let me share my story with you!

Last Saturday was my turn to work the Museums. As I was walking back to the “Back Museum”, I heard this call “Hey, Mr. P”. I looked up and saw this young man coming towards me. I didn’t recognize him but he obviously knew me. He gave me this big hug and introduced himself. He was Dennis, a member of my Troop many years ago. I didn’t recognize him with the short hair. I told him I was working the Museum and invited him back if he had the time.

Later that afternoon, he did come back. He had his young Bear Scout son in tow. We talked about the fun times we had together in Scouting. We reminisced about our many camping trips, summers at Pioneer, Troop outings, etc. He was curious as to what happened to David, Billy, Tommy and many others who shared in his Scouting experiences.

His son sat on the floor, quietly waiting for Dad to finish with his visit. When finished, Dennis gave me another hug and said, “Thanks for the fun times”.

Now for payday! Dennis came into the Troop only because his cousin was already a member. He was a handful. Long hair and a rebel! Fun loving but always pushing your button. His parents were never involved with Scouting. You see, his father was in prison and his mother had drug problems. Scouting appeared to be his only outlet for having fun.

Dennis is now married, has a home, with two daughters and his little son, Dennis, was at Cub Day Camp with Dad. He says he now owns his own business.

I believe he was heading to prison before Scouting came along.

I only had Dennis for maybe 3-4 years in the Troop. I like to think that I (along with the Scout Oath and Law) played a small part in redirecting his life. I got paid in full that Saturday afternoon. The hug was worth a million bucks!!

George Pavuk
Member of the Erie Shores Council Advisory Board

Iott Scout Shop News

Holiday Gift Ideas

- Camping gear: tents, sleeping bags, dutch ovens, cast iron skillets, and Camp Maid products
- 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 Togg rain suits and ponchos
- Class “B” uniform t-shirts, Red Wool Jac shirts, hooded sweatshirts, ESC polos
- Hiking staves and car magnets
- Christmas: Scout ornaments, nutcrackers, and mugs. The new Village piece this year is a climbing tower.

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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COMMODORE PERRY
Austin Cramer Troop 62 James Youngs
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Luke Finger Troop 131 Michael Thompson
Timothy Hall Troop 57
Austin Charter Troop 68 Barbara Parkas
Andrew Fennwald Troop 112 Christopher Cafu

EAGLE BAY
Jonathan Perry Troop 360
James Ratlfield Troop 307
Brian Voelke
Peter Magsig Troop 329
Darren Cable
John Young Troop 360
Kim Aueter

NORTHWEST
Alexander Nash Troop 2
Eric Nelson
Nicholas Olhausen Troop 263
Ken Walz
Casey Calderon Troop 87
Thomas Koesters
Peter Wurster Troop 2
Eric Nelson
Alexander Drabek Troop 88
Joshua Bixler
Bryan Fitzpatrick Troop 777
Michael Pietras
Darion Wimmers Troop 27
Richard Becher
Miakonda Memories

On Sunday, August 6th, several of our Tiger Weekend attendees took in an unaccompanied walking tour of the Camp Miakonda Boy Scout Camp. I hadn’t been back there since leaving Troop 13 at age 13 when girls became my main focus. The place has changed some, but then again it was as if time stood still – many of the cabins have been renovated, but others are just as they were back in the day. The huge swimming pool is no longer there, and neither is the snake pit that sat across from the mess hall. Dave Eby, the museum director, was ever so gracious in his walking a couple of us through the Scout Museum. All in all, it was a wonderful day! It kind of brought me back to the father/son camp out with my dad, and the weekend stays where the scouts were assigned the task of hunting “snipes” and bringing back 50 feet of shoreline. Hey, I was a city kid, I thought those things really existed. Many thanks to my scoutmaster – Vern Reynolds – for being a part of who I became.

Ron

The only camp I ever attended was Camp Miakonda in the late 40’s as a Boy Scout. Our leader was ex-military and about the only thing I remember was close order drill and reveille and taps. When I went to boot camp in the Navy, it served me well. Boot camp reminded me of my Boy Scout experience. I have no idea what troop I was in, but we met at DeVeaux School. One other thing I remember about camp was taking an early morning bird hike with a group and the leader of the hike seemed to know every bird we saw and a number that we didn’t see. Always wondered about that. Until I saw those pictures I had almost forgotten that experience. Thanks.

Bob Smith
DeVilbiss High School ’55

I attended the camp in the 1950s, first as a camper with Troop 35 of DeVeaux school and then as a staff member. I was nature director one year and on the campfire staff for several years with John Claerhout, Grey Sterling and Lauren McLanahan. I danced the Hopi Snake Dance and the Ghost Dance with the Rakotchie Indians and Paul Teopis. I was the director of the Outpost Camp and, while there, had interesting encounters with Paul Koester who was director of Northwest Camp.

After the season for several years I traveled with the camp staff to both Yellowstone and Philmont with Jack Loesch, the consummate camper, harvested Lodgepole Pines and chased bears. When we got to Miakonda in the early summer we cleaned out raccoons that had nested in the Trade Post during the winter. We hosted Fox snakes, and Blue Racers, and Badgers. (The health department probably would not allow that now.) And we had a bugler who climbed the flagstaff every morning and evening. What a wonderful experience!

Ron Gregg
DeVilbiss High School ’56
2018 Walleye Scout Experience
Looking for a Scouting experience that includes a fast-paced, hard-hitting hockey game? Look no further than the Toledo Walleye Scout Experience! Here are the upcoming Scout dates:
- **Saturday, January 13, 2018** – VIP Scout Experience
- **Saturday, February 10, 2018** – VIP Scout Experience/Sleepover
- **Saturday, March 24, 2018** – Pinewood Derby Race

VIP Scout Experience
- Pre-Game Goal Zone Experience – Meet mascots and high-five the players
- Intermission Interactive Learning Stations with the Toledo Zoo
- Post-Game Open Skate

Pinewood Derby Race
- Bring your cars and race for the top 3 prizes
- Participants receive a patch and recognition during intermission

Pricing:
- $17 Game Ticket
- $11 Scout Experience/Sleepover
- $6 Pinewood Derby Race Entry (March 24 only)
- $6 Hot Dog Dinner (Hot Dog, Chips and Soda)
- $9 Breakfast Buffet (February 10 only)
- $4 Walleye Scout Drawstring Bag

If you have any questions regarding our Scout events, please contact our Theme Night Consultant, Brian Wilson at scouts@mudhens.com or 419-725-9292. Tickets can be purchased online at www.toledowalleye.com/scouts or by phone at 419-725-9292!

Scouting for Food
The Fall Scouting for Food drive is coming. Wood District and Eagle Bay District are encouraged to contact their District Executive for drive details.

Units that plan to participate in the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 drive are required to complete a commitment form and fax to 419-241-6769, or email to artisha.lawson@scouting.org.

Please visit the Council website for Scouting for Food safety tips, commitment forms, and a link to record service hours at www.erieshorescouncil.org/Scoutfood.

Construction City
This year’s highly anticipated Webelos event will take place on November 18, 2017 at the 180th Air National Guard, located at 2660 Eber Road in Swanton, Ohio 43558 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Once again, we will be offering both house and bridge building sections. The house building sections are open to all Webelos Scouts and offers them a chance to become the general contractor of their own housing project. Scouts will be given the opportunity to explore careers in the construction industry and gain a better understanding of what goes into planning and building a home.

The bridge building section is open to Arrow of Light Scouts only, and offers these Scouts a chance to design and build a bridge for the cities. They will gain a better understanding of the strength of different shapes and structures and have an opportunity to test their bridge for soundness and design.

Cost is $14.00 per Scout. For more information and to register go to www.erieshorescouncil.org/CC2017. For questions, please contact Alan Lepard at alan.lepard@scouting.org.

The Museum Needs Your Help!
The museum is trying to assemble a collection of all past Order of the Arrow Lodge newsletters for their reference library and archive. The local OA newsletters started in 1957. If you have any that are taking up space and you are willing to donate please drop them off to Sara in the Iott Scout Shop and museum volunteers will pick them up. The museum is looking for almost all sixty years of them.

MUSEUM FUN FACT
By Dave Eby, Council Historian
In celebration of Toledo’s 100th birthday in 1937, a blockhouse was built at St. Clair and Madison in downtown in front of the old Federal Building. Once the festivities ended, the blockhouse was moved to Camp Miakonda and made quite an impressive entrance to our camp!

Cub Scout Summer Camp Kick-off Meeting
Please save the date of Thursday, January 25, 2018 for the Cub Scout Summer Camp Kick-off and informational meeting. For more information and to register, please visit www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdckickoff

Camp Miakonda Entrance, Fall of 1937
Calendar of Events (Check ESC Website for Event Details)

NOVEMBER
1-2 Popcorn Returns
2 Final Take-Orders Due
4 University of Scouting – Hull Prairie Intermediate School
9 Final Popcorn Prize Orders and Forms Due
11 Youth Protection Training – Fremont
15-16 Popcorn Take Order Distribution
18 Construction City – 180th Air National Guard
23-26 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – THANKSGIVING
28 #GivingTuesday

DECEMBER
1-31 Council Wide Popcorn Sale
1-3 Northwest Winter Weekend
7 Final Popcorn Payments Due
12 Youth Protection Training – Fremont
16 Youth Protection Training – Jadel Leadership Center
23-25 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Christmas
26 Eagle Bay Scout Skate
26-29 Iott Scout Shop Closed for Inventory
30 Merit Badges at Miakonda
30-Jan 1 - Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – New Year