Camp Frontier at Pioneer Scout Reservation

Pioneer Scout Reservation (PSR) was created with the land purchase in 1964 but not formally named until 1967 and later dedicated on June 28, 1970. The original plan called for the creation of five separate Boy Scout camps all located at Pioneer Scout Reservation. Each would have had their own facilities and programs. To date, the only camp developed has been Camp Frontier.

Camp Frontier was opened in 1969. The first winter camping began in early 1969, and the first weekly Boy Scout Summer Camp sessions were conducted that summer with Gary Lehman serving as the first Camp Frontier Director.

This year Camp Frontier is celebrating its 50th Camping Season! We have several activities planned for this year to celebrate so stay tuned for more information!

Camp Frontier Handicrafts ~ Early 1970s

Camp Frontier Rifle Range ~ Early 1970s

2018 Erie Shores Council Camporall is Coming!

If you liked PSR in the summer, you will love it in the FALL! Please mark your calendars for October 5-7, 2018. Over 100 events throughout the weekend including a great campfire show, our famous Root Beer Cantina, and a fireworks show to end the night. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity! Open to all Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts. Visit www.psrweb.org/camporall2018 for more information as it becomes available!

SAVE THE DATE

JAN 24 Annual Meeting & Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Ford Center 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Meeting

FEB 15 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kickoff Luncheon Thursday, February 15, 2018 Holiday Inn French Quarter Perrysburg, OH – 12 Noon

Miakonda Museum Hours:

Saturdays
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Front Museum in JLC
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Back (original) Museum
The Boy Scouts of America recently completed a rigorous assessment of every Scout camp in the country. Using industry-standard best practices as the measurement criteria, camps were evaluated with the goal of ensuring that every BSA camp is safe and delivers a quality program. A camp which fails to meet these standards will be subject to sanctions; a significant finding can result in an order to close the camp.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Erie Shores Council has received a five-year “Authorization to Operate” for both Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier. The authorization begins January 1, 2018, and extends through December 31, 2022. This is the highest possible level of certification.

On behalf of the Executive Board of Erie Shores Council, I extend a hearty Thank You! to each and every person who supports our camps. The Board most certainly wishes to thank current and former staff members at each of our camps for your leadership and for serving as role models for the Scouts, leaders, and members of the public. The Board thanks those whose financial support makes operating our camps possible. And, we thank the Adult Unit Leaders and Youth Unit Leaders who elect to attend our camps; we know you have choices as to where you camp and we very much appreciate your choosing Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier for your outdoor adventures.

Yours in Service,
H. Edwin Frey
Council President
Erie Shores Council, BSA

Scouting Youth Honors Banquet

Our annual Scouting Youth Honors Banquet recognizes youth who have earned the Eagle Scout, Venturing Summit, Sea Scout Quartermaster Awards, plus youth recognized with Hornaday Award, Heroism Awards, and more.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 17, at Grace United Methodist Church, Perrysburg from 3:33 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To pre-register and for more details, please see www.erieshorescouncil.org/SYHB.

Camp Miakonda Tree Maintenance

As you continue to hold outdoor adventures at Camp Miakonda in the coming weeks and months, you may notice a lot of tree maintenance in progress. We have a mature forest and to avoid further damage to our buildings, several trees will be trimmed or removed.

If you know a professional tree service that would able to provide community service, please contact Ranger Jim Moore at rangerjim07@yahoo.com. Additionally, we will need your service in burning brush and splitting firewood during your weekend campouts. As a reminder: only adults pre-approved by Ranger Jim will be allowed to operate a chainsaw at camp.

2018 Cub Scout Camp Kick-off

It’s time to be prepared and get excited for all the adventure of Cub Scout Camping opportunities to be offered by the Erie Shores Council in 2018! Our annual Cub Scout Camp Kickoff will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at the Camp Miakonda Ford Center.

- Camp Miakonda hosts Mom & Me, Dad & Lad, Day Camps, Tiger Overnighter (new!), and Webelos Overnighter
- Eagle Bay District hosts Day Camp & Webelos Overnighter at White Star Park
- Camp Frontier hosts Webelos Resident Camp

All Cub Scout Packs are invited to attend and are asked to send several leaders and parents to learn about the great adventures planned for our Scouts, and meet the Camp Directors too! Please RSVP online at www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdckickoff.

Light refreshments will be served. Contact Council Program Director Alan Lepard at alan.lepard@scouting.org with questions and ideas.

Camp Promotion!

Camping at the Cub Scout level is important as it introduces Scouts to the outdoors and helps them develop outdoor skills at an age-appropriate level that will be applied more thoroughly as a Boy Scout. As Cub Scouts progress, the opportunities for outdoor adventures become more challenging. To help your Cub Scout Pack promote the Cub Scout Camping opportunities that are available in 2018, Packs are encouraged to register for a Cub Scout Camping promotion at your upcoming Blue and Gold Banquet or other big Pack event. Please register your Pack at www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdcpromo and we will send a representative to you!
Happy New Year! I would like to thank all the units for their work this past year, in particular this fall, for recruiting new youth into scouting. Now that we have them, let’s make sure we have a strong program to keep these new scout families involved and interested in Scouting. Below is the current Council Real Time Membership, to see how the Council measures up to last year at this time.

### Arrow of Light (2nd year Webelos) to Scout Transition
Pack leadership should make sure Arrow of Light Scouts (2nd year Webelos) and their parents visit area Troops to see which Troop is the best fit for the Scout and family to join. Troops should contact Packs to invite the Arrow of Light Scouts to visit your Troop. Arrow of Light Scouts should be crossed over to Troops and their parents have time to prepare for summer camp, the highlight of the Scouting year. Let’s make this the best year ever on Arrow of Light Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts!

Troop leaders, make sure the Scout application is turned in, in a timely manner, by March, so Scouts and their parents have time to prepare for summer camp, the highlight of the Scouting year. Let’s make this the best year ever on Arrow of Light Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts!

### Irott Scout Shop News

**January is Derby Time!**
We have cars, weights, tools, colored wheels, graphite, and decals for Superman, Scooby Doo, and Batman available as well as decorations for race day. Participation ribbons, medals and patches are still available.

**February is Blue & Gold and Scout Sunday**
We have patches available for both of these important Scouting events.

**New Items**
2018 Requirements Book coming in February

**Just a Reminder…**
Journey to Excellence (JTE) patches can be ordered through the Irott Scout Shop. Look for a form in your Charter packet and call or e-mail the order to Sara Crosby at 419-843-0113 or sara.crosby@scouting.org. Units should receive your order 7-10 days after it comes in to the store.

### NRA Shotgun Instructor Training
The Erie Shores Council Shooting Sports Committee is pleased to present NRA-certified trainings to BSA volunteer leaders at discounted costs. Training participants agree to help conduct shooting events in exchange for the discounts. Basic Instructor Training (BIT) will be Sunday, February 11 and is the pre-requisite to the Shotgun Instructor course. Shotgun Instructor (SI) Training will be Saturday, February 17, with the shooting portion on Sunday, February 18. Cost is $90 per student. For more details and pre-registration, please see www.erieshorescouncil.org/NRA-SI.
**District News**

**Shooting Sports Spring Camporee**
Northwest District is hosting Spring Camporee April 27-29 at Adams Conservation Club for Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts. Please see [www.erieshorescouncil.org/nwspringcamporee](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/nwspringcamporee) or contact Jeff Miller at j.m.732@hotmail.com for more information.

**SCOUTREACH DISTRICT**

Scoutreach District is excited about the team of Specialists that are delivering the character building activities in a fun and interactive way at partner locations throughout Lucas County. The 2017-2018 Specialty team members: Lavada Griswold-Smith, Donald Lynn, and Ashley Robinson; new team members: Ana Vern, Deante Rivers, Harold Gaines, Aaron Dickrede, Matthew Wyma, Ryah Harrison, and Deja Luckett.

The District is on track to reach over 950 scouts by year end, and are excited to welcome new packs at Frederick Douglass Community Association, Martin Luther King Academy in partnership with Center of Hope, Glenwood Elementary in partnership with YMCA 21st Century, Toledo Police Athletic League, REACH Academy, and Monroe United Methodist Church’s Neighborhood Center.

If you’re interested in volunteering to recruit more scouts, serve more families and discuss partnerships, consider joining the District Committee by emailing Scoutreach460@gmail.com.

**WOOD DISTRICT**

**Wood District First Aid Meeting**

When: Friday, January 13, 2018
Registration begins at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Where: St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Ave, Bowling Green - Gym
Cost: $10 per unit - a unit may contain multiple dens / patrols / teams.
Who: Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Webelos Scouts, and Girl Scouts (Juniors and above)

There will be two divisions this year:
1. First division is Webelos Scouts, Preliminary Scouts, Juniors, and Cadettes
2. Second division is Old Boy Scouts, Venturers Explorers, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Why: Review and practice life-saving first aid skills
How: All skills and scenarios will be in line with the information available in the current Boy Scout Handbook and First Aid Merit Badge book.

What to bring: Scouts in uniform, personal and troop first aid kits (Boyscout Handbook First Aid chapter).

For more information and to RSVP by January 4, 2018 please go to [www.erieshorescouncil.org/WD_FirstAid2018](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/WD_FirstAid2018) or contact Eric Crimmins at ejc@crimmins@yahoo.com.

**Wood District Winter Weekend**

February 2-4, 2018 at Camp Miakonda

Winter Weekend is a chance to join in one of the oldest traditions in Boy Scout history, coming together as a district for scouting competition. This provides the opportunity to match skills against others within our district. There will be fun, friendship and fellowship.

All events for Winter Weekend will be based on basic scouting skills and concepts taught and used in the Scout to First Class rank advancement section of the handbook, or will be fun type challenge events that will need no prior instruction. Can’t wait to see who takes home the traveling trophies!

**Personnel Changes**

**Erie Shores Council announces that effective January 1, 2018, Alissa Hunt will be promoted as District Director for Swan Creek District.** Alissa joined Erie Shores Council in 2015 as the District Executive for Wood District. She has completed all required training and has developed and displayed strong leadership skills in building membership and FOS participation.

In addition, **Brandon Holt** will become **District Executive for Wood District**. Brandon joined Erie Shores Council in 2014 as District Executive for Swan Creek District. Brandon will be leading Wood District by building strong programs for the families served in this area.

Please join us in congratulating Brandon and Alissa in their new assignments!
Ritter Planetarium at The University of Toledo

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE SCOUTING COMMUNITY

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program at 6:30 pm
This two-hour program will give participants all the information and experience needed to earn their merit badge (Scouts will have to make a few observations in the days after the program). Observing at the Brooks Observatory follows, weather permitting. Reservations are required. This program will be held on the following days:
- Thursday, January 18
- Saturday, March 24
- Thursday, May 17
Cost is $12/person, including adults.

Cub Scout & Brownies Astronomy/Space Science Program at 2:00 pm
This two-hour program (with an intermission) features a full dome planetarium program utilizing our state-of-the-art projection system along with an interactive tour of the night sky and a live program meeting all the guidelines for Cub Scouts and Brownies. Solar observing, weather permitting, is also included. Reservations are required.
- Saturday, January 20
- Saturday, March 24
- Saturday, May 19
Cost is $10/person, including adults.

For reservations or more information about the above programs, please call 419-530-2650, or email rpbo@astro.utoledo.edu

Training: University of Scouting

Congratulations to the 100+ Scouts & Scouters who learned basic leadership and advanced outdoor skills at our annual University of Scouting last November. Led by “University President” Todd Welborn and a full faculty & staff, this important training event was held at the brand-new Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. Save the Date for our next University of Scouting on November 3, 2018; please contact Todd at phb21@hotmail.com to help plan or teach.

Scouting for Food
The Spring Scouting for Food dates are March 17-24, 2018. The Council is calling all Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts, and Ships to consider collecting non-perishable food items and donate to local food pantries. Interested unit leaders should complete a commitment form at www.eriehorescouncil.org/Scoutfood (scroll to bottom) and submit by January Roundtables to ensure timely February delivery of Scouting for Food tags. Questions: Contact Artisha Lawson at artisha.lawson@scouting.org

Units that enter their service hours by April Roundtable should receive their Scouting for Food patches as a token of appreciation before the summer break.

The Council’s 2017-2018 Scouting for Food sponsors are: Frisch’s Big Boy of NW Ohio and Keystone Press.

Council Camp Alaska

Pioneer Scout Reservation
January 13-14, 2018

Camp Alaska is conducted from December 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018. Whether you are at Pioneer Scout Reservation, Camp Miakonda, or your other favorite place to camp; being prepared for this outdoor experience includes understanding the guidelines set by the Erie Shores Council. Is your troop ready for the challenge?

The Council Camp Alaska at Pioneer Scout Reservation will be January 13-14, 2018. It includes a hot, all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday morning from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

The Trading Post is open with outside service available. Camp Alaska patches can be purchased at the Iott Scout Shop or the Trading Post at PSR.

Cost: $8.00 (Camping, breakfast and a patch)
Patch only: $3.00

Don’t forget, PSR also offers Cross Country Skiing/Rental if there is enough snow!!

For more information on Camp Alaska guidelines and to register, please go to www.eriehorescouncil.org/CampAlaska.
Contact: Jennifer Medley at jennifer.medley@scouting.org

MUSEUM FUN FACT

Miakonda Adirondacks Campsites
100th Anniversary in 2018

The next building project at Camp Miakonda, after the museum was built in 1917, was the Adirondacks in 1918. The famed open ended cabin campsites will be 100 years old in 2018. Three original cabins were built and additional ones were built later in 1934, 1957 and within the last few years by the camp engineers. Bring your unit out to camp at the Miakonda Adirondacks sometime in 2018 and celebrate another anniversary at our "Legendary Boy Scout Camp".
Calendar of Events

(January)

**JANUARY**

1. **ESC Office & Store Closed for New Year’s Holiday**
2. **Cub Leader Specific Training – Jadel**
3. **Youth Protection Training – Fremont**
4. **Wood District First Aid Meet**
5. **Eagle Bay Klondike Weekend 1**
6. **Council Camp Alaska – PSR**
7. **Scoutmaster Specific Training – Jadel**
8. **Youth Protection Training – Jadel**
9. **Wood District Cub Lock-In – BGSU Field House**
10. **Walleye VIP Scout Experience**
11. **ESC Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed for MLK Holiday**
12. **2018 ANNUAL MEETING & EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG**
13. **2018 Cub Scout Camp Kick-Off**
14. **Commodore Perry Klondike Derby**
15. **Wood District Winter Weekend**
16. **Scout Sabbath**
17. **Happy 108th Birthday Boy Scouts of America**
18. **Swan Creek District Winter Weekend**
19. **Youth Protection Training - Jadel**
20. **Basic Instructor Training (BIT) Course**
21. **Northwest District Klondike Weekend**
22. **Shotgun Instructor (SI) Training Course**
23. **ESC Office & Store Closed for Presidents’ Day**

(February)

2-4. **Wood District Winter Weekend**
4. **Scout Sunday**
8. **Happy 108th Birthday Boy Scouts of America**
9-11. **Swan Creek District Winter Weekend**
10. **Walleye VIP Scout Experience & Sleepover**
11. **Youth Protection Training**
12. **Basic Instructor Training (BIT) Course**
15. **Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kickoff Luncheon**
16-19. **Northwest District Klondike Weekend**
17-18. **Shotgun Instructor (SI) Training Course**
19. **ESC Office & Store Closed for Presidents’ Day**

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