As the sun broke through the fog and clouds on Saturday, October 6, 2018, the Camp Frontier 50th Anniversary Council-Wide Camporee began; kicking off an incredible weekend of Scouting fun!

Over 1,500 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Scouters and visitors participated in various events throughout the camp, viewed many Scouting displays, quenched their thirst at the Root Beer Cantina and watched a fireworks show at the end of the day.

Our many thanks go out to Camporee Chairman, Dan Anderson, the Camping Committee and the Staff at Camp Frontier for all their hard work that went into this event. Finally, a BIG thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters that came out and shared their love of our camp and Scouting with all of us!
**Recharter Time!**

Important news for all unit leaders—it’s recharter time! To ensure your unit is prepared for the fun, life changing experiences that will happen in 2019, 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, 2018**. 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, 2019**. Units whose charter is not completed by January 31, 2019 will be dropped.

Recharter fees can be paid online with a credit card. A small 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 the unit will not be allowed to process its 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 2018 scorecards are due in to Karen Krieger’s office by **December 15, 2018**. The 2019 score cards 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. If you use Scoutbook please check the my.scouting web site to make sure that they have been logged. We have heard that there have been issues logging services hours through Scoutbook. At least one service project must benefit your charter organization.

**You are not alone!**

Help is readily available via phone, email or in person. Your Unit Commissioner is eager to lend a hand. Your District Professional is ready to help. Council Registrar, Karen Krieger, can be reached at **Karen.Krieger@scouting.org**. 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, please contact me at **bsatmyers@gmail.com**. Our next training opportunity will be at the University of Scouting on November 3, 2018.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Myers
Council Commissioner

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**Stay Connected**

For information about district events and activities, please call your district executive, attend your district Roundtable, visit the district website, and/or link from the council website [www.ErieShoresCouncil.org](http://www.ErieShoresCouncil.org).

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**News from Camp Miakonda**

- **Wildlife Center Program** — Our team is ready to schedule your Cub Scout Dens for evening and weekend education programs. Request your time at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda).
- **Weekend Camping** — Now is the time to schedule your weekend camping reservations for Winter & Spring! Reserve your favorite campsites and cabins online at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda).
- **Green Team** — Ranger Jim Moore & the Properties Committee are introducing a new camp service opportunity for youth and adults. The Green Team helps complete tasks such as mowing, trimming trees, burning brush, and more. More info at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda).
- **American Flag Retirement** — A collection box for American flags that need to be retired is located in the A-frame at the Jadel Leadership Center. All flags will be retired properly.
- **Backflow Prevention System** — The backflow prevention system is complete! This major plumbing project protects our water supply. Thanks to the Council Properties Committee, Jim Moore, and Alan Lepard for their work!
- **New Scout Family Fun Day** — In late September, more than 500 people enjoyed a day of outdoor adventures, including fishing, shooting archery & BB guns, and exploring our awesome woods. Thanks to the Council Membership Committee for hosting the event.
Building Membership Through Camping Memories

The leaves are changing colors, the mornings are cooler, and the Fall Camping Season is upon us. This time of year, triggers a great deal of memories of fall campouts as a Scout.

There was a camporee at Oak Openings. We pitched our tents and embarked on a brisk 5-mile hike before returning to our campsite. I recall meeting up with friends from other troops and creating lasting friendships and memories.

There were multiple weekends at Camp Miakonda, which geographically was a mile from where I grew up. But to an 11-year-old boy, it was an enchanting place, unlike anything else in Sylvania. There were adventures all around. And, if a snow fell, the parade field turned into a giant sledding field.

One year we traveled up to Waterloo in the Irish Hills. Such beautiful surroundings provided us with opportunities to hike and canoe. Late at night, we heard a loud warning siren and were convinced that someone had escaped from Jackson State Prison.

Life is about experiences. Without Scouting, there’s no telling what I would have otherwise done on those crisp, Fall weekends. I owe a certain amount of gratitude to Scouting for allowing me to experience them. Memories like these are important to keep us motivated in recruiting Scouts and parents.

So, pay it forward. Share your story. Someone out there is waiting to hear it.

Mike Bruno
Membership Chair, Northwest District

Iott Scout Shop News

Did you know?
Check out the Iott Scout Shop Facebook page and follow us for weekly updates on store specials and information about Scouting awards.

Holiday Gift Ideas
• Camping gear: tents, chairs, bug nets, sleeping bags, Dutch ovens, cast iron skillets, Osprey backpacks 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 Toggs rain suits and ponchos, red wool Jac shirts, hooded sweatshirts, Class B uniform t-shirts, Erie Shores Council polos and t-shirts
• Just for Christmas: Scout ornaments, nutcrackers

It’s Pinewood Derby Time!
We have cars, tools, decals, weights, decorations, patches, paints, and medals. Trophies for your big event can be ordered and ready for pick up within two weeks.

Iott Scout Shop Holiday Schedule
THANKSGIVING
• The Iott Scout Shop and Council offices will be closed November 22-24, 2018
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY
• The Iott Scout Shop and Council Offices will be closed December 24-25, 2018
• The Iott Scout Shop is closed for Inventory December 28-31, 2018
• The Iott Scout Shop and Council Offices are closed January 1, 2019
University of Toledo Scholarship for Boy Scouts

Barry and Mary Jo Bellner-Swartzberg, in honor of their fathers, recently established The Ted Swartzberg and Paul Bellner Scholarship Fund at the University of Toledo, where they are both alumni. Ted was an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster in Troop 37 and Paul’s sons were involved in Scouting. The new scholarship will benefit Erie Shores Council Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts who have financial needs and plan to attend UT.

The Swartzberg Family has offered to match up to $25,000 in gifts made to the fund in the 2019 calendar year. Gifts may be made online at utfoundation.org/give/giveonline.aspx or mailed to the UT Foundation, 2801 W. Bancroft St., MS#519, Toledo, OH 43606. Please note the scholarship name on your check.

Additional safety moments on a range of topics can be found here: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments

BSA Safety Moment: Energy Drinks

You’ve seen the advertisements for these products and have probably seen youth drinking them, but just what are they, and are they safe? And do they have a place in Scouting or not?

The consumption of energy drinks can disturb the heart’s natural rhythm and raise blood pressure, increasing the risk of sudden death. Energy drinks have also been linked to seizures, behavioral disorders, and obesity in young people. High doses of caffeine, combined with the other additives contained in energy drinks, are especially a concern for children with underlying health issues or those taking certain medications.

Energy drinks and sports drinks are different products. Sports drinks, a combination of carbohydrates, minerals, and electrolytes, can be safely used in limited amounts by youth for hydration following vigorous sporting activities. Energy drinks, which are unregulated by the USDA, contain stimulants such as caffeine and other additives—including taurine and guarana, an alternative form of caffeine—that may increase caffeine’s potency. Because the energy drinks are unregulated, the specific amounts of these additives are unknown, but a 24-ounce energy drink may contain as much as 500 milligrams of caffeine (equivalent to four or five cups of coffee), according to the National Institutes of Health.

Because of these potential health risks, energy drinks are to be discouraged at all Scouting events.

ESC dAC Makes National News

It’s not every day that efforts of one of our council committees get national attention. The “ABILITIES DIGEST” is the newsletter of the BSAs National Disabilities Awareness Committee. The Fall 2018 edition included an article under the Enhancing Awareness section titled “Counting the Scouts with Disabilities in your Council”.

In the article, the Erie Shores Council was cited as one of the only two councils in the country conducting a disAbilities Membership Survey. Our survey objectives, response rate and 2018 results were included. As you may be aware, our survey has been conducted along with rechartering since 2015. Many thanks to all units that have participated. Our next survey is scheduled for the 2020 recharter season. The survey form that we use here has been recommended (with minor additions) for all councils to use. Congratulations to the Erie Shores Council’s disabilities Awareness Committee for being national pacesetters!

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

NORTHWEST WINTER WEEKEND I

Hey Northwest District, are you ready to experience the magical world of Harry Potter? Once sorted into their houses, Scouts will be able to participate in many challenges with a Harry Potter twist. A special Quidditch tournament is being planned for Saturday afternoon!

Join us November 30 - December 2, 2018, for Winter Weekend One for all troops, crews, and posts in Northwest District. The registration fee will be $8 per person with a registration deadline of November 16. Cub Scout Packs can attend on Saturday morning and participate in Cub friendly activities. The fee for Cub Scouts participants is $4 per person.

For more information, please visit www.erie/shorescouncil.org/WWWIII or contact Samantha Malloy at 567-686-7111 or malloy268@gmail.com

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT

The Scoutreach District kicked off the Academic year program season last month. The District is working hard to welcome at least six new Packs and one new Troop before Christmas.

The District is glad to welcome back for another year, returning Specialists: Donald Lynn, (the longest-serving Specialist); Ashley Robinson, (the second longest-serving Specialist); Aaron Dickerede, (an Eagle Scout and Engineer major); Harold Gains, (a medical student); Ana Vern, (sophomore education major from Lourdes); Anne Stefian, (engineer major); and Maranda Cathings (former intern and social work major).

The District is excited to welcome the newest Specialists: David Hull, (an Eagle Scout and APO member); and Victoria Guyette (BGSU graduate).
2019 Walleye Scout Experience

Come join the Toledo Walleye Annual Scout Experience nights at the Huntington Center! It’s a great way to meet new Scouts, enjoy a hockey game and have a ton of fun!

- **Friday, January 25, 2019** – Scout Experience & Sleepover
- **Saturday, February 9, 2019** – Scout Experience

Scout Experience
- Goal Zone Experience: Meet mascots & high-five the players
- Postgame Open Skate: Bring skates or use rental skates

Scout Sleepover
- “Camp out” high above the ice on the Club Level.

Scout ‘Fanboni’ Opportunity
- Purchase 15 or more tickets to enter your Scout group into a drawing to ride the popular Fanboni!

Pricing:
- $17 Game Ticket
- $8 Scout Experience/Sleepover
- $6 Walley Scout Flashlight
- $6 Hot Dog Dinner
- $9 Breakfast Buffet (January 25 only)

For more information go to [https://tinyurl.com/WalleyeScouts](https://tinyurl.com/WalleyeScouts). Reserve your spot today by calling Brian on the Walleye Scout line direct at 419-725-9292 or email scouts@toledowalleye.com. Don’t forget space is limited!

Scouting for Food

Units that have finished their Scouting for Food collection are urged to enter their service hours, so patches can be delivered as a token of appreciation from the Council.

The spring Scouting for Food drive begins **March 30, 2019**. Commitment forms can be turned in by using the link provided below or visiting the Jadel Leadership Center.

Please visit the Council’s website for Scouting for Food tips, commitment forms, FAQ about how to calculate service hours, and a link to record service hours at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Scoutfood](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Scoutfood).

Merit Badges at Miakonda

The Merit Badges at Miakonda event will be held at Camp Miakonda on Saturday, **December 29, 2018**. The BSA’s merit badge program provides Scouts the opportunity to learn skills, introduction to lifetime hobbies, or the inspiration to pursue a career. Most classes at Merit Badges at Miakonda will focus on trades-related or specialized merit badges that may be difficult to complete within your own troop.

For more information and to register: [www.erieshorescouncil.org/MB-CM](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/MB-CM).

Kroger Rewards

Support Scoutreach by shopping at Kroger! Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, funds are allocated to Scoutreach based on the purchases you make using your registered Kroger Plus Card. Signing up is easy and only takes a few minutes!

Whether you are already enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards or you need to enroll, go to [www.Krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.Krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up today! New enrollees will need an email address to sign up. Search for “Scoutreach” and select Scoutreach #JK883.

Cub Scout Summer Camp Kick-off Meeting

Please save the date of Thursday, **January 24, 2019** for the Cub Scout Camp Kick-off and Informational Meeting. For more information and to register, please visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdckickoff](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/cdckickoff).
Calendar of Events

**NOVEMBER**
1-2 Popcorn Returns
2 Final Take-Orders Due
3 University of Scouting – Hull Prairie Intermediate School
8 Final Popcorn Prize Orders and Forms Due
11-18 Eagle Bay Scouts for Food
14-15 Popcorn Take Order Distribution
17-18 Wilderness First Aid
22-24 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Thanksgiving
27 #GivingTuesday
29-Dec2 Northwest Winter Weekend 1

**DECEMBER**
6 Final Popcorn Payments Due
24-25 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Christmas
28-31 Iott Scout Shop Closed for Inventory
29 Merit Badges at Miakonda
29 Scoutmaster Specific Training
30 Eagle Bay Scout Skate
Jan 1 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – New Year

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