**KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING**

**THANKS** to our generous Scout families and Friends of Scouting who helped make our “Keep the Campfires Burning” Day of Giving a success! To date, we have raised over $50,000 towards our overall goal of $155,000.

We still need your help so let’s #FuelOurCampfire and help our Camps and Scouts be ready for when we can all meet together again soon.

As a thank you for your investment, we are offering a commemorative patch and coin at the following levels:

- $30 – *Support a Day at Camp*: Bronze Council Shoulder Patch
- $75 – *Support a Weekend Campout*: Silver Council Shoulder Patch
- $150 – *Support a Week of Camp Miakonda Day Camp*: Gold Council Shoulder Patch
- $250 – *Support a Week of Camp Frontier Summer Camp*: Platinum Council Shoulder Patch and Coin

To make your gift, or to share with others you know would want to support our Scouts, go to: [www.erieshorescouncil.org/dayofgiving](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/dayofgiving).

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**The 94th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner**

**NEW LOCATION!**

**Monday, August 17, 2020**

Historic Camp Miakonda
5600 W. Sylvania Ave.
Toledo, OH 43623

5:30 p.m. Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Program
8:30 p.m. Dessert Reception

You are cordially invited to join us as we recognize the outstanding service of our fellow Scouters at the **94th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner.** It will take place on Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Historic Camp Miakonda in Toledo. The cost of the dinner is **$18 per person.**

Please make your reservations no later than Sunday, August 9, 2020 by visiting [https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/ SRD2020](https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/ SRD2020). If you have any questions, please contact Jaci Bugaj at jaci.bugaj@scouting.org.
Membership

Throughout the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Scouting has continued in homes. Scouts have adapted through virtual meetings, at-home camp-ins and online merit badge classes.

Scouts and families have participated in the “Scouting at Home 419 Challenge”, “Helpful at All Times” Virtual 5k, and have continued to help serve the community. This is an important message to share with new families.

Scouting continues to be one of the premiere leadership and character development programs for youth today. They will carry with them the values and skills learned in Scouting throughout their lifetime.

Now more than ever it is important to share the message of how Scouting has adapted to these difficult times and let potential new families know how they can share in these experiences.

With all of the unknowns that we are facing this fall, we will be looking at recruitment a little differently. The membership team has been busy putting together resources and plans on how you can safely and effectively recruit new Scouts this fall.

Here are a few ways you can stay up to date on everything that we have coming up.

- **Council Wide Virtual Roundtable** to be held **July 21st at 7:00 p.m.**
- Sign up for membership Monday email updates, contact **Jaci.Bugaj@scouting.org**
- Attend District Roundtable events
- Visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/recruitment](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/recruitment) for digital recruitment resources
- Reach out to your District leadership with questions

New Scout Family Fun Day

The Erie Shores Council Membership Committee will once again host our **New Scout Family Fun Day** on **Saturday, September 26, 2020**. This is a free event open to all new families so they can experience Camp Miakonda and the fun that awaits them in their Scouting Journey. Details will be coming soon on this event as we plan and make the appropriate health and safety modifications to the program to run a fun and safe event.

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is a helpful tool which Scouts, parents, and leaders can use as an app on their phone. It debuted in the past few years, and now has expanded services and new developments. The newest feature is a council-wide Merit Badge Counselor list.

The Merit Badge Counselor list can be used by Scouts and Scoutmasters to connect with counselors and begin a merit badge. An invitation can be sent through the app, and then the normal process continues. Remember that all youth protection guidelines apply for classes, and we encourage small groups of Scouts work together.

The Merit Badge Counselor list will continue to be emailed to each Troop’s Key 3 members a few times each year. And a reminder: If you know someone who would like to become a Merit Badge Counselor, they need to fill out the forms and submit at the Scout Office for approval.

For more information about Scoutbook, visit [www.Scoutbook.com](http://www.Scoutbook.com) or contact **Karen Krieger at Karen.Krieger@Scouting.org**.

Camp Miakonda is open for your Scouting adventures!

Camp Miakonda reopened in June for single day events, and many of our units had great experiences. For the remainder of July and August: Packs can schedule single day events, and Troops and Crews can schedule campouts (less than 72 hours).

New procedures are in place for your health & safety. Note that unit leaders are responsible for screening participants and signing verification that everyone meets the criteria before entering camp. Please see [www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Miakonda) for more details, including group size limits and maximum people on the property.

Reservations for an outdoor adventure are required (including hikes). Please make a reservation request several days in advance of a potential event by email to the Erie Shores Council Program Assistant **Samantha Andreas** at **Samantha.Andreas@scouting.org**. Thank you to those dedicated Scouting leaders who assist with weekly tasks like cleaning, maintenance, mowing, and more! Head Ranger **Brandon Bailey** and Ranger **Brandon Kohlenberg** enjoy working with you all and look forward to having Scouts in camp again.

-- Council Program Director Alan Lepard
2020 Popcorn Sales Start Soon!

The 2020 Popcorn Sale is just around the corner with District Kickoffs in August where all your sales tools will be distributed. Sales begin on Friday, September 18, 2020. This year’s lineup includes many fan favorites including Classic Caramel, Sea Salt Splash, Trail Mix, and Jalapeno Cheese. New in 2020 is the Chocolate Lover’s holiday tin with chocolate-covered popcorn and pretzels!

Why Sell?
- Increase your unit and council income — over 70% stays local
- Pay for your entire Scouting program year
- Scouts learn life lessons by “earning their own way”
- The prize program motivates Scouts with cool new incentives for Scouts who sell
- For additional revenue, sell online to friends and family out of town

Helpful Tips to make your sale “P.O.P.”
- Plan - Set a unit budget and program plan for the year — include a popcorn sales goal for your unit, as well as, per Scout sales goals
- Organize - Make sure to conduct an “EXCITING” Kickoff, conduct a taste-test, utilize online sales tools, and have Scouts role play different scenarios.
- Promote - Use neighborhood blitzes as a way to generate energy, conduct a Super Saturday event and provide prizes to top sellers, and communicate bonus prize opportunities

More details are available at www.erieshorescouncil.org/popcorn, or call Erin LaLonde at 419-843-0111.

Iott Scout Shop News

Welcome New Families!
Are you confused about uniforms? We are happy to assist you! All we need to know is your pack or troop number and school grade. The Iott Scout Shop is a full-service store with uniforms, books, advancements, camping gear and more!

Patch Sewing Service!
Don’t have time to sew? We can help! The Iott Scout Shop is continuing patch sewing services for $3 per patch. We have many pre-sewn shirts with the council patch and world crest ready to go!

Fall Hours
Fall store hours begin Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Check Us Out!
Don’t forget to check us out on Facebook @iottscoutshop or online at www.erieshorescouncil.org/iott

Sales Tax Holiday
Whether you are back to Scouting or school, don’t miss this chance to gear up and SAVE on August 7, 2020! Items exempted from Ohio sales tax include clothing/uniforms priced at $75 or less.

Scout Shop on the Road
The Iott Scout Shop will once again go out on the road to serve those families living in the farthest reaches of the Council. The Iott Scout Shop in the Jadel Leadership Center at Camp Miakonda will also be open on both days.

Save the Dates!
Wood District Scout Shop on the Road
Saturday, September 19, 2020
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Eagle Bay District Scout Shop on the Road
Saturday, October 3, 2020
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Scouting provides a wealth of opportunity for exciting outdoor adventures. Scouts can be seen swimming in lakes at Scout camp, sledding during a Klondike Derby, hiking beautiful desert and mountain trails, and camping under sun and stars during all seasons of the year. To decrease risk during these activities, Scouts and leaders should understand and implement appropriate safety measures that may help to prevent injury or other bodily harm. Yet, an important safety measure that may have the longest lasting impact is often unknown or overlooked: SUN SAFETY.

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and is commonly diagnosed in teens and young adults. Huntsman Cancer Institute wants Scouts to know that skin cancer is largely preventable. Prevention starts at an early age and is an important component in outdoor Scouting activities.

**RISK FACTORS**
- Elevation – Higher elevations.
- Reflection – Reflection of UV radiation from light surfaces.
- Time of day – Sun’s peak intensity is from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**PREVENTION**
- Limit sun exposure – Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Protect skin from sun damage – Seek shade and wear protective clothing.
- Protect eyes from sun damage – Wear 100% UV protective sunglasses.
- Use sunscreen – Cover exposed skin with SPF 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen.
- Enjoy natural skin color – Do not burn or tan skin.

When planning Scouting adventures, think of ways to encourage sun-safe behaviors. For more information about sun safety and other BSA Safety Moments, please go to [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments)
**Order of the Arrow**

Tindeuchen #522 is our local Order of the Arrow (OA) Lodge, with several important upcoming events. Visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/OA](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/OA) for more details & to pay annual dues.

**August 16**
Lodge Meeting, 1:30-3:00
Jadel Leadership Center

**August 28-30**
Ordeal & Service Weekend
Camp Miakonda

**December 11-13**
Ordeal & Service Weekend
Pioneer Scout Reservation

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**2020 BSA National Membership Fee Increase**

The value of Scouting is undeniable for those within the program and the greater public, and we are committed to continuing to offer this unmatched opportunity to young people and families nationwide.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the fee to maintain the program.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, effective **August 1, 2020**, the updated national membership fee is

- $66 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing participants
- $42 for Exploring participants
- $42 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- $75 for a unit charter fee
- $25 one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing.

All fees go directly to the National BSA and does not include any additional fees a Unit may collect. Erie Shores Council does not keep any portion of these fees.

Across the country and in each of our communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow.

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**Save the Dates!**

**District Popcorn Kickoffs**

It is important that someone from your unit attends a Popcorn Kickoff to receive all the important updates and supplies for the **2020 Popcorn Sale**!

If you are unable to attend your District's Kickoff, please feel free to attend one of the others. Be sure to RSVP so we can bring your Kickoff Kit!

- **August 11** – Eagle Bay District, 6-7pm
- **August 11** – Commodore Perry District, 7-8pm
- **August 13** – Northwest District, 7-8pm
- **August 13** – Wood District, 7-8pm
- **August 20** – Swan Creek District, 7-8pm
- **August 25** – Council-Wide Make-Up, 7-8pm

RSVP to the date that best fits your schedule at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/popcornkickoff](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/popcornkickoff).

Please continue to watch the weekly Popcorn Newsletters for more information at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/kerneljournal](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/kerneljournal).

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**2021 National Scout Jamboree**

Experience the best of Scouting in one place! You’ll have stadium shows, merit badges, zip lines, patch trading, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, new friends, and challenging adventures! You’ll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in southern West Virginia in 2021.

Erie Shores Council is forming a male contingent and a female contingent of both youth and adults. These participants will have an amazing experience of high adventure, personal challenge, and lifelong friendships. Youth must be at least age 12 and First Class rank by July 21, 2021.

The experience will be **July 20-30, 2021**, with the per person fee planned for $1,700 to include all transportation, meals, lodging, and patrol and troop equipment. Please see [www.erieshorescouncil.org/nj2021](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/nj2021) for more details.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**University of Scouting**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020**
Penta Career Center

This is our council’s best and largest training day of the year, full of fun & informative sessions for all adults plus youth in Scouts BSA & Venturing. It’s a great combination of basic, supplemental, and advanced training workshops for all leaders & parents. More info at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/uofscouting](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/uofscouting).

**Construction City**

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**
Penta Career Center

Get ready for the 28th Annual Construction City event — all about design, teamwork, engineering, and fun! This is an awesome event for 4th grade Webelos and 5th grade Arrow of Light Scouts who will work with their team to design and construct a creative building or a strong bridge. This event is expected to sell out so watch for registration opening in September. More info at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/C-City](http://www.erieshoresc council.org/C-City).
Calendar of Events

(Check ESC Website for Event Details)

**JULY**

3 Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Independence Day
5-8 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 1
6-10 Camp Miakonda Camp-To-Go! Virtual Day Camp Week 3
8-11 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 2
12-15 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 3
13-17 Camp Miakonda Camp-To-Go! Virtual Day Camp Week 4
15-18 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 4
19-22 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 5
22-25 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 6
26-29 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 7
29-8/1 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 8

**AUGUST**

2-5 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 9
5-8 Camp Frontier Troop Camping Program Session 10
11 Commodore Perry District Popcorn Kickoff
11 Eagle Bay District Popcorn Kickoff
13 Northwest District Popcorn Kickoff
13 Wood District Popcorn Kickoff
16 Order of the Arrow Lodge Meeting, 1:30pm
20 Swan Creek District Popcorn Kickoff
25 Council-Wide Make-Up Popcorn Kickoff
28-30 OA Ordeal & Service Weekend, Camp Miakonda

Dates are subject to change. Please check our website for the most current information. [www.erieshorescouncil.org](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org)

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