

Scouters' News



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Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, Akron, Ohio

Great Trail Council announces our 2009 Silver Beavers



We are proud to recognize these Scouters who have helped make the Scouting movement the successful program that it is today. The Silver Beaver Award will be presented to the following Scouters at the Great Trail Council Annual Recognition Dinner.

Pictured above, left to right are: (Top row) **Duane Green, Allen Hoy, Bob Hubbard, Rich Malecky** and (second row) **Ken Mann, Barry Smith, John Stroock, and Don Quinlan.**

Program Planning Workshops coming to District Roundtables in May

Make sure your unit is represented at your May Roundtable. You'll receive important information on how-to plan a year-round program.

You will receive copies of key program planning materials, your Unit Planning Wall Chart, and copies of Program Helps.

Chippewa May 14—7:30 p.m.	Medina United Methodist Church 260 S. Court St., Medina
Old Portage May 14—7:00 p.m.	Montrose Zion United Methodist Church N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd.
Seneca May 14—7:00 p.m.	Kent United Church of Christ 1400 E. Main St., Kent
Lakes May 14—7:30 p.m.	Prince of Peace Church 1281 Shannon Ave., Barberton
Tri-Fires May 14—7:00 p.m.	Northwest Ave. Church of Christ 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge
Moecomdws May 13—7:15 p.m.	Cuyahoga Falls High School Cafeteria 4th St., Cuyahoga Falls

Council Annual Dinner to be held May 11

The Great Trail Council Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting will be on May 11, at Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market St., Akron. A "punch bowl" social will begin at 6:15 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 6:45. The cost is \$25 per person.

You will want to be present to support those individuals who are being recognized for outstanding

service to the Scouting program. We will recognize our Centennial Quality District Awards, the District Award of Merit, and the presentation of the highest award a local council can bestow, the Silver Beaver Awards.

Fill out the form below and **return by Wednesday, May 6. No walk-ins, please.**

2009 Council Recognition Dinner	
Name: _____	District: _____
Phone #: _____	Scouting Position: _____
Other guests I am bringing with me:	
Name: _____	
Name: _____	
Cost is \$25 per person. Please return with check made payable to:	
Great Trail Council, BSA	
PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068	
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Council Information

Invitation to join Scouting Heritage Society

Every Scouter and friend of Scouting is invited to join the Great Trail Council Heritage Society.

The Heritage Society recognizes those individuals who clearly see the significant benefits of Scouting and who believe deeply enough in the Great Trail Council to invest in its future.

Anyone who chooses to may qualify for membership in the Heritage Society by making an outright gift to the Great Trail Council Endowment Trust Fund, or by a planned or deferred gift to the fund through their will or estate

plan.

If you need additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Scout Executive Mike Jones at 330-773-0415 ext. 238.

If you already qualify as a member of the Heritage Society, simply fill out the coupon below and mail it to the Scout Service Center.

The next meeting of the Great Trail Council Heritage Society is planned for October, 2009. Members of the Heritage Society will receive personal invitations.



Scouting Heritage Society

I would like to become a member of the Scouting Heritage Society by making the following type of gift to the Great Trail Council's Endowment Fund.

_____ I have not made such a provision, but I plan to include the council's endowment fund in my will.

_____ I am interested but would like further information.

_____ a gift of cash or stock

_____ a gift of real estate or property

_____ a bequest in my will

_____ a gift of life insurance or pooled income

_____ other type of gift

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Spring Round-Up

The Spring Round-Up program is broken into:

Tiger Cub Graduation: Every pack should hold a formal Tiger Cub graduation ceremony in May.

Assign every newly graduated Tiger Cub (now Cub Scout) to a Cub Scout den. Invite the Cub Scouts to attend day camp.

The pack committee reviews the Tiger Cub roster to insure that all Tiger Cubs have graduated into the pack.

Webelos Graduation: The pack and troop leadership establish a fifth grade Webelos crossover

ceremony date in February, March or April. The fifth grade Webelos graduate into a troop. New Boy Scouts attend camping events in the spring and attend summer camp.

Boy Scout Recruitment Night: Hold an OPEN HOUSE in April or May for fifth grade boys.

Pass out recruiting flyers to all fifth grade boys in the school(s) your troop draws from (obtain flyers by contacting your district executive at 330-773-0415 or 1-800-844-7268).

Boy Scout Open House Program



The Great Trail Council Boy Scout Spring Round-Up/Open House program is designed to bring new youth into your troop at a time when our outdoor program is moving toward its peak—a weeklong summer camping experience for every Scout.

The Steps To Success:

1. Develop a troop youth recruiter incentive program.
2. Set a date for your troop open house.
3. Select the troop open house

leadership.

4. Do all the planning and let your district executive know the date.
5. After the district executive's school visit, work the "Boy Fact" survey cards.
6. Conduct the troop open house and have fun with the potential new Scouts and their families.
7. Complete the new youth applications and collect the fees THAT NIGHT.
8. Turn in all applications and the pro-rated fees to the council service center.
9. Turn in the unit report form.
10. Enjoy your success!

Strengthen your Boy Scout troop

Is your Boy Scout troop growing? Do you have monthly campouts and youth advancement in rank and merit badges? Do you have registered adults on the committee and several assistant Scoutmasters?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, then it is time to look at what can improve your Boy Scout troop. Strengthening methods that are readily available to all Boy Scout troops include crossing-over Webelos from a Cub Scout pack and hosting a Troop Open House for your current Boy Scouts to bring a friend.

Each Boy Scout troop should have a person in charge of planning and conducting a Webelos-To-Scout plan and Troop Open House program. Contact your district executive to get the resources you need.

The challenge to Boy Scout troops is to host an open house and participate in crossing over Webelos into your unit by the end of April. The goal is to have as many boys participating in your unit by May 30, as you had on December 31.

For more information on strengthening your troop talk to your district executive today.

Council Information

Scouting Magazine program helps online

Registered adult leaders who change position during the charter period will continue to receive *Scouting* magazine program helps for their originally posted position until they reregister. In the meantime, adults can obtain

Program Helps online at www.scouting.org. For Cub Scout Program Helps, select Cub Scouts, Adult Leaders, then Cub Scout Program Helps. For Boy Scout Program Helps, select Boy Scouts, then Resources.

Leave No Trace Trainer Training May 15-17, 2009—Manatoc Training Lodge

Today, use of designated wilderness areas has increased from 4 million people in 1964, to 7 million in 1974, to 15 million in 1984, 21 million in 1994 and over 30 million in 2004. That is a 750% increase in 30 years. As cities grow and populations encroach upon wild lands and recreation areas, we must do more than just pick up the litter and extinguish campfires. We must learn how to maintain the integrity and character of the outdoors for all living things. Leave No Trace is not simply a program for visiting the backcountry; it is an attitude and a way of life.

The purpose of Leave No Trace Trainers is to promote and teach the principles of this program.

As a trainer you will instill values and ethics to all. Most important of all, is that they learn that it is our duty to care for the land and the wildlife that lives there. This respect, coupled with good judgment and awareness, will help protect our wild lands for years to come. The more trainers, we have in our council teaching Leave No Trace to their units and in their districts will make our Scouts better prepared to go camping. If you value our wild lands, parks, forests, wildlife, and other natural resources, come let us help you become a Leave No Trace Trainer.

For more information, you can contact: Larry Lott (330)699-1854 or larryandannalott@aol.com.

BALOO's for you!

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Cub leaders, does your pack get outdoors enough? Is it maximum fun? Does everybody go? Let **BALOO** show you how! **BALOO** is training so adults can run great Cub Scout outdoor events. **Every pack must have at least one BALOO trained person to go camping.** This is the only training course open to registered and non-registered adults in the pack, so find someone to be in charge of FUN and send them to **BALOO**.

BALOO training will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Camp Butler Conference Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 if paid on or before May 2. After May 2 the cost is \$10. Cost includes lunch.

Questions? Call Dena Fish at 330-576-6570 or Dennis Vargo at 330-773-0415 ext. 214.

From the registration desk...

Use of Proper Names on Applications...It is important that names are on the applications correctly. Please remember that proper names are to be used on all applications. Initials and nicknames should not be used. Also, a prefix, which is in the space before the first name is for Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., etc. The suffix, which is after the last name is for PhD., Jr., Sr., I, II, III, IV, etc.

Merit Badge Counselors Renewal Coming Soon...The charter year for merit badge counselors is June 1—May 31. **It is required that ALL merit badge counselors renew their status each year.** If you are registered as a merit badge counselor on or before April 1, you should have received a renewal letter along with an information sheet by now. You must make any corrections necessary, sign and return to me by May 22. If you do not return the information sheet by the designated date you will **not** be renewed as a counselor. You will then have to fill out another application and information sheet. Any applications received between April 2, and May 31, 2009, will be held in the council office until the new charter year begins. However, a list of those applications will be given to each district advancement chairman, so they know you have been approved and you can begin working on merit badges.

If you are applying to be a new merit badge counselor, remember you **MUST** complete an adult application and turn it in along with the merit badge counselor application (info sheet). If you have never been a registered adult you must also include the Disclosure Form that is a part of the adult applica-

tion. If the application (and disclosure form, if needed) is not included we cannot register you as a merit badge counselor.

District Volunteer Renewal Coming Soon...The charter year for volunteers in a district position is June 1—May 31, 2009. **It is required that ALL district volunteers renew their status each year.** By now you should have received a renewal letter that will include the district positions that you are currently registered in, and if you pay in that position or are a multiple. You must sign the renewal letter and return it to me by May 22. If you do not return the renewal letter by the designated return date you will **not** be renewed as a district volunteer.

Online Training...Due to the high volume of online training that is taken, we will no longer be printing training cards. Please keep a copy of the card that you can print once you complete your online training. If you have any questions regarding your online training, you can contact me by email to verify that your record has been updated.

Mailing Labels for Scouters' News...New labels were run for the last issue of *Scouters' News*. They will not be run again for the August issue. If you have leaders that are not currently receiving *Scouters' News*, the two most current issues are available online at www.gtcbasa.org, then click on Scouters' News.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, internet rechartering, training or advancements, please contact Council Registrar Pat Gaugler at 330-773-0415 ext. 210 or pgaugler@bsamail.org.

Roundtable...it's for everyone!

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly training and encouragement sessions we call Roundtable. Specialized instruction and fun designed to assist you in planning and carrying out top quality programming for your Scouts and Venturers is available in your district every month. These sessions will give you tools that, when implemented

in your unit, will make a huge positive impact on your youth. Program specific breakouts are designed for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, committee members, Cubmasters, den leaders, and other unit assistants.

For more information, please contact your district executive at the Scout Service Center, 330-773-0415.

Council Information

“Scouting...The Degree of Difference” Campaign update

As you know, the “Friends of Scouting” campaign is our annual fundraiser in which parents, local businesses, corporations, Scouting alumni, and members of the community are asked to initiate or renew a gift to the Great Trail Council to help support our incredible Scouting programs.

With gifts ranging from \$10 to \$10,000, we are proud to invest over 84% of every dollar directly into our local efforts.

Don't forget, we are changing lives! Everyday we strive to fulfill our mission of “preparing young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by achieving their full potential.” This mission is the centerpiece of our movement as we cultivate the leaders of tomorrow!

212 degrees is the temperature

at which water boils. The difference between 211 degrees and 212 degrees is extremely powerful. When water boils it creates steam and steam can power a locomotive. That one degree makes all of the difference in the world—just like your commitment to the FOS campaign!

If you have contributed to this year's “Friends of Scouting” campaign, thank you! If you have yet to donate, please visit www.give2bsa.org, type in your zip code, and you can invest in the most precious resource we have...our kids! If you would rather mail a donation, please send to: 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign, P.O. Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068, or call Development Director Jody Gildersleeve at 330-773-0415 ext. 218.

District	Goal	\$ to Date	%	Chairman
Tri-Fires	\$ 26,000	\$ 10,933	42	Steve Schloenbach
Moecomdws	\$ 71,000	\$ 43,372	61	Rob MacKay
Lakes	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,242	70.8	Dave Polacek
Chippewa	\$ 95,200	\$ 50,195	52.7	Bill Shaffer
Seneca	\$ 43,000	\$ 19,917	46.3	John Ryan
Old Portage	\$ 41,000	\$ 29,584	72.1	Tom Kelley
Pathfinder	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,297	52.9	John Williams
Special Needs	\$ 7,500	\$ 75	1	John Stefanik
Board	\$ 43,000	\$ 40,575	94.3	Rich Millisor
Business	\$150,000	\$ 51,237	34.1	Nick Browning
Council	\$ 48,300	\$ 23,528	48.7	Mike Jones
Total	\$565,000	\$295,955	52.38	Nick Browning

2009 Trail's End Popcorn dates

May

May 20—Wednesday—District Popcorn Kernel Meeting #1

June

June 18—Thursday—VIP Popcorn Party

August

August 20—Thursday—District Popcorn Kernel Meeting #2

September

***District Popcorn Kick-Offs

Chippewa—Monday, Sept. 7

Lakes—Wednesday, Sept. 9

Tri-Fires—Wednesday, Sept. 9

Old Portage—Thursday, Sept. 10

Moecomdws—Monday, Sept. 14

Seneca—Wednesday, Sept. 16

Show & Sell orders due on Monday, Sept. 21

October

Oct. 3—Saturday—Show & Sell Popcorn distribution

Oct. 10 & 24—Saturday—Popcorn Blitz Days

Oct. 26—Monday—Take Orders/ Prizes/Show & Sell money due

November

Nov. 14—Saturday—Take Order Popcorn Distribution Day

Nov. 30—Friday—Final, final popcorn order

December

Dec. 4—Friday—all popcorn money due to the council office

Here's why “Character Counts”

Scouting doesn't just “happen”. Strong financial support is required to ensure a quality program is delivered to an increasing membership. Dollars contributed

through Friends of Scouting are wisely managed by a volunteer board of business and community leaders. Your investment in Scouting will help steer tomorrow's leaders in a positive direction.

Your Friends of Scouting dollars at work

- Year-round camping
- Cub day camps
- Recruiting programs
- Cub Scout overnights
- Varied activities
- Audio visual materials
- Program roundtables
- Trained career staff
- Service Center support
- Program equipment
- Program planning
- Adult leader training
- Insurance
- Meeting facilities
- Monthly newsletter
- Literature and supplies



Tributes



In Memory of:

From:

Alice Miller

Frank & Melinda LaRose

In Memory of:

From:

Connie Johns, Sr.

IBEW Local Union #306

Allen & Wendy Heinle

In Memory of:

From:

Stephen Demeter

Robert & Kathleen Kocsis

Council Information

Online National Tour Permits are required

Spring is coming, which means it is time for tours. Although **it is required for applications to be submitted online** to the regional office at **least 30 days** in advance of the tour, volunteers could save a lot of frustration by applying at the time they are planning their trip. **The regional office is pleased to accept applications up to 12 months prior to the tour.** This is just a reminder of some of the important information to be aware of when filling out a National Tour Permit application:

1. Make sure all needed information is provided on the National Tour Permit applications: the tour leader's name, type of unit, unit number, round trip mileage (even if you are going by public transportation), dates of the trip, starting point and destination of the trip, the number of youth and adults going, the itinerary, type of transportation planned, the amount of insurance carried if traveling by private vehicles, address and phone number of the tour leader, signature and Guide to Safe Scouting, and 8e or 8f must be marked.
2. There must be at least two adult leaders going on every trip. One of these leaders must be at least 21 years of age. In addition, there must be one leader for every ten youth. If female youth are attending, there must be one adult female for every ten youth female.

3. Insurance requirements are listed on the tour permit application. You must know how many are traveling in each vehicle so that you can review the insurance requirements. This applies only to private or rented vehicles. **Commercial vehicles are not required to list their insurance. 7a and 7b must be marked when traveling by any type of public carrier.**
4. A National Tour Permit is required for all groups traveling to areas 500 miles or more one way (1,000 miles or more total), or crossing national boundaries into the territory of other nations (including Canada).
5. Tour permits are processed in the order in which they are received. Plan ahead and submit your tour permit early!

If **all of the above requirements are not met**, the application will be returned to the tour leader by email for corrections. This could result in delays in obtaining the tour permit approval in time.

Remember, National Tour Permits must be submitted online. They must be completed by a unit leader at MyScouting.org and completely filled out before submittal.

Council Calendar

www.gtcbasa.org/Calendar/Calendar.html

May

- 2 OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader)
- 2 NYLT Staff
- 2 Shooting Sports Training
- 2 New Camper Open House—Camp Manatoc
- 7 Finance Meeting
- 9 First Aid/CPR
- 9 Scout Leader Outdoor Training
- 9 Webelos Camp Parent Pre-Camp Meeting
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Council Dinner
- 14 Endowment Committee
- 15 Cub Adventure Weekend (Session 1 begins)
- 16 Cub Adventure Weekend (Session 2 begins)
- 18 Day Camp Directors' Meeting
- 19 SNTJS Kick-Off
- 19 Membership Committee
- 20 Popcorn Kick-Off 1
- 20 BSA National Meeting
- 21 Cub Scout Camping Committee
- 25 Memorial Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- 26 Camping Committee
- 26 Commissioner Meeting
- 27 High Adventure Committee
- 27 Advancement Committee
- 28 FOS Report #4
- 28 OA LEC
- 29 Marketing Committee
- 30 First Aid/CPR
- 30 Butler Work Day
- 30 Shooting Sports Training

www.gtcbasa.org/Calendar/Calendar.html

June

- 1-3 First Aid Training
- 4 Finance Committee
- 5 OA Fellowship
- 6 NYLT Staff
- 6 Chapel Clean Up
- 6 Kiwanis Work Day
- 6 OA Ordeal #1
- 8 Executive Board/Committee
- 8 Jamboree Committee
- 11-13 Butler—BSA Lifeguard
- 12 Unit Camp Fall Sign Up
- 13 Dining Hall Dedication
- 14 Staff Week
- 14-19 Butler—Learn to Swim
- 17 Camporall Committee
- 18 VIP Popcorn
- 18 NESA Dinner at Camp
- 21 Week 1 Summer Camp begins
- 24 High Adventure Committee
- 25 FOS Victory
- 27 Campmasters' Meeting
- 28 Week 2 Summer Camp begins
- 29-30 Butler—Family Camp

Tri-Fires District

“Fired Up Scouting!”



District Chair Steve Schloenbach 330-376-8522 stevens@akroncommunityfdn.org
District Commissioner Jeff Derrenberger 330-798-0314 Jderrenberger@neo.rr.com
Interim District Executive Mike Panasiti 330-773-0415 ext. 213 mpanasit@bsaemail.org

Tri-Fires District Mission Statement

The mission of the Tri-Fires District is to prepare young people in Mogadore, Tallmadge, North Hill, Firestone Park, East Akron, Goodyear Heights, and Ellet to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

District Annual Meeting is June 4

The District Annual Meeting will be on June 4, at the Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., in Akron, at 7:00 p.m.

All eligible district committee members and charter organization representatives are invited to

attend to vote on the nominating committee's slate of candidates. Anyone wanting to nominate individuals to the district committee must submit their names in writing by May 27 to Chairman Steve Schloenbach. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Tri-Fires welcomes Troop 81

The Tri-Fires District would like to welcome Scout Troop 81, chartered by St. Paul's Catholic Church, located in the Firestone

Park area, to the Scouting family.

Their Scoutmaster is Paul Hirsch. Congratulations to all!

May

- 7 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Turner Club, 547 S. Munroe Falls Rd., Tallmadge
- 7 District Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Turner Club, 547 S. Munroe Falls Rd., Tallmadge
- 14 Cub/Boy Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Northwest Ave. Church of Christ, 737 Northwest Ave., Tallmadge

Registration \$7.65

Boys' Life \$9.00

June

- 4 District Commissioners Meeting—6 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron
- 4 District Annual Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron

Registration \$6.80

Boys' Life \$8.00

American Heroes Day Camp—July 23-25

American Heroes Day Camp will be July 23-25, for registered Cub Scouts in the Great Trail Council, at Camp Butler.

Learn that safety is always first while doing your best at—BB guns, archery, swimming, water slide, rafts, fishing, the rock wall, crafts and more. The cost is \$50 per Scout and \$20 per sibling. Parents and adult guides are free.

Look for your pack's packet in your saddlebag. Call Tri-Fires Camp Director Les Carter at 330-376-2304 or email the3fires@aol.com if you have a question.

You can also acquire all the information online by going to the council's website (www.gtcbasa.org), click on Camping Information, then on Cub Scout Day Camps 2009.

Commissioner/Committee meeting to be held at Akron Turner Club

Just a friendly reminder that our commissioner and district committee meeting will be at the Akron Turner Club, 547 S. Munroe Falls Rd., in Tallmadge, on Thursday, May 7. The commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. and the district committee will meet at 7 p.m.

Scoutmasters are invited to the Akron Turner Club, which is the site of this year's Fall Camporee (October 2-4). So, if you want a sneak peak and a personal tour of the facility by Dennis Campbell, be there at 6:45 p.m. sharp!

Recognition Dinner award winners

On Sunday, April 19, at the Tri-Fires District 21st Annual Recognition Dinner, the Scouters, in the photo above, received the following awards: from left to right, back row, Wendy Greathouse, District Staff Member of the Year from Troop 77, Tracy Lynn Wengerd from Pack 3016 Cub Leader of the Year, Tom Clay, Scoutmaster of the Year from Troop 15. Tom also received the Presidential Scoutmaster Award. Maryellen Schul, Cubmaster of the Year from Pack 3310, Tom Lower, District Award of Merit from Troop 77, Tom Evans from Pack 3081

representing St. Paul's Catholic Church, Charter Partner of the Year, Don Quinlan, Silver Beaver from Troop 77. Front row, Barry Smith, Silver Beaver and Distinguished Commissioner from Troop 18, Doug Merideth, District Award of Merit from Pack 3048, Bill Heid, 75 Year Service Award from Pack 3074, and Jeff Reymann, Scout Leader of the Year from Troop 310. Congratulations to all!

Special thanks to John Michalec, Cathey Raber, Pam Varga, and the rest of the Recognition Dinner Committee for organizing a great event.

Moecomdws District

"It's A Matter Of Pride"



District Chairman Rob MacKay 330-688-9504
District Commissioner Dave Johnson 330-657-2783 drbajohnson@msn.com
Sr. District Executive Shannon Sinex 330-773-0415 ext. 242 ssinex@bsamail.org
District Web Site: www.moescouts.org

Pinewood Derby thank you

A special thanks goes out to Gregg Ritzinger for chairing the Moe District Pinewood Derby Recognition Rally. The boys had a great experience because of you!

An additional Moe "Round of Applause" goes out to Gregg's pit crew. Thank you everyone for making this event a success.

Camp with the "American Heroes"

The theme of the 2009 Moecomdws District Day Camp is American Heroes. We will be holding camp at Camp Butler and there will be two sessions: July 13-15 and July 16-18. The cost of this year's camp is \$60 per Scout or sibling if you register by May 18th. Registration after May 18th will increase to \$70 per Scout and

sibling. No registrations will be accepted after June 15th, so please start planning now! Please register as a pack so that your boys can experience camp with their friends.

If you have any further questions please contact Cindy Duniver, day camp director, at 330-688-6236.

Commit now...

Centennial Quality Unit Award

Please fill out your unit's Centennial Quality Unit Award commitment form and return it to the Council Service Center to qualify for the 2009 award. Each unit should work with their Unit Commissioner to review the form

and set realistic, obtainable goals.

Questions? Contact your unit commissioner or District Commissioner Dave Johnson at 330-657-2783.

And the Silver Beaver Award goes to...

Congratulations to Rich Malecky, the newest Silver Beaver recipient from the Moecomdws

District. Rich will receive the award at the May Council Dinner. Feel free to come and see Rich accept this award. Way to go Rich!

A successful Spring Camporee

Thank you Alan Anderson for putting on such a great Spring Camporee! The fellowships met at Camp Manatoc to go through a series of team building activities.

We had over 130 Scouts and Scouters from Moe District. Alan ordered excellent weather!!! Thank you again to Alan and his team who put on such a great event.

Program planning at Roundtable

District Roundtable, on May 13, at 7:15, at Cuyahoga Falls High School, is Moe District's program planning session. All Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews will receive a program planning packet for the upcoming year. Make arrangements to have at least one leader from your unit attend.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to see how to plan a

quality year-round program. Benefits of planning ahead include:

- Centennial Quality Award for your unit
- Summertime Pack Award
- Trained Leaders
- Service to your community and your Chartered Organization
- Increased youth and adult retention

Plan now for the National Summertime Pack Award

Your pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities during the summer – one in each June, July and August.

The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during time periods when

school is out. The main benefit of participating in this program is to keep the interest of the Scouts over the summer, and to retain their membership for the following year.

Look in the resources and forms section of your Cub Scout Leader book for the National Summertime Pack Award form and start planning for the summer!

May

- 1 Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training
 - 7 District Recognition Dinner—Holy Family Church, Stow
 - 8-9 OWL—Butler Conference Center
 - 9 BALOO—Butler Conference Center ****NOTE DATE CHANGE**
 - 11 Council Annual Dinner
 - 13 Roundtable—7:15 p.m.—Cuyahoga Falls High School cafeteria
 - 25 Memorial Day—Scout Shop/office closed
- Registration \$8.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

June

- 13 Dining Hall Dedication
- Registration \$7.65 Boys' Life \$9.00**

July

- 4 Council Service Center closed
 - 6 Council Service Center closed
 - 12-18 Day Camp—Camp Butler
 - 16 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings
- Registration \$6.80 Boys' Life \$8.00**

Lakes District

“Leads the Way”

District Chairman Dave Polacek 330-714-8816
District Commissioner Tom Marzulli 330-957-8149
Sr. District Executive Dennis Vargo 330-773-0415 ext. 214 dvargo@bsaemail.org
District Web Page: <http://members.hmcltd.net/lakesdistrict/>



It's time to think fish!

The snow is gone and it's time to think FISH! This year's Cub Fishing Day is scheduled for Saturday the 13th of June from 9:00 – Noon. It will be held at the Ohio Department of Wildlife District 3 Headquarters in the Portage Lakes. (Come to Roundtable and watch your saddlebag for detailed fliers.)

A \$3 participation fee will be collected at the event and will cover a patch and lunch for the Cubs. Additional snacks and drinks may be purchased for a small fee.

Prizes will be offered for longest, shortest, and most fish caught as well as drawings for

fishing gear from local shops.

This is a great opportunity to introduce your Cubs to the wonderful world of fishing. Bait will be provided and some fishing gear will be available. The facility is operated by ODNR as a youth fishing area, so fishing is limited to youth 15 years of age and younger (sorry Dads).

If you are willing to help out, or there are any questions, please feel free to contact Fishing@Pack3330.org. And remember, this may be used as a summertime event since it is after school is in recess.

2009-2010 Roundtable changes

Would you like to get home from Roundtable a little earlier? The Roundtable staff has heard your call for change and is pleased to announce that starting with the District Kick-off in August (I know that's a ways away), Roundtable

will be pushed up by half an hour. We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month (barring conflicts with holidays), but will be starting promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Your pack can qualify!

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school is out. The main benefit of participating in this program is to keep the interest of the Scouts over the summer and to retain their membership for the following year.

Look in the resources and forms section of your Cub Scout Leader book for the National Summertime Pack Award form and start planning for the summer!

Mark your calendar for May 14



Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m., at Prince of Peace Church on Shannon Ave. in Barberton, for the Lakes District Roundtable. May is our **annual program planning roundtable**,

this is where all of the units get their packets to plan their program for the following year. It seems way too soon to start thinking about September now, but the object is to have a committee meeting over the summer to plan so that your unit is up and running in September. So, mark your calendar and we'll see you there.

District Day Camp is a real “Carnival”

Join us for the Carnival at Southgate Park in the City of Green. Tiger Day at Camp will be Sunday, July 26th, Cub Day Camp will be Monday, July 27th thru Wednesday, July 29th, and Webelos Day Camp will be Thursday, July 30th thru Saturday, August 1st, with the family over night campout being on Friday, July 31st. Please be aware that this year there will be a final registration date of **Tuesday, June 30th**. No late registrations will be accepted and there will be no walk-ins allowed at Day Camp. Please start planning now!!!!

If someone from your pack has not contacted us about joining our staff, the leadership of your pack will be hearing from us. We need everyone's help to make this Day Camp successful. Most of our activities have been set, we just need adults to help run them. Also,

please remember that you need one adult for every three Scouts attending from your pack. To ensure that we are in compliance with the two deep leadership rule at all times we need at least three adults to walk around with each group of 10 or 11 Scouts. Our next planning meetings are scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at 9 .am., Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m., and Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m.. All meetings are held at the Acme on Manchester Rd. in the Community Room.

Please remember that this year there is only one registration fee (see above) and only one **registration deadline, Monday, June 30th**. Late registrations and walk-ins will not be accepted. For more information please contact Chris Fahey at cfahey@neo.rr.com or Jean Hedrick at daycamp@pack3330.org

District Pinewood Derby results

Thank you to the committee members of Pack 3282 for putting on such a great District Pinewood Derby. Everything ran smoothly and we had 115 Cub Scouts from our district participate.

Congratulations to the following boys who finished in the top three within their rank at our District Pinewood Derby:

Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Webelos
Sam Carter	Alex Tonhauser	JD Walton	Jonas Short
Casey Canfora	Colton Huff	Caleb Diaz	John Carman
Russell Justice	Mason Dobbins	Anthony Disabato	Casey Cascaldo

May

- 1-3 Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training
- 7 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 8-9 OWL Training
- 9 BALOO
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Council Recognition Dinner
- 14 Roundtable—Prince of Peace Church
- 22 Camp Manatoc Early Bird fees due
- 25 Memorial Day—Scout Shop/office closed

Registration \$8.50

Boys' Life \$10.00

June

- 4 District Commissioner/Committee Meetings—Acme, Manchester Rd.
- 13 Cub Fishing Derby
- 14-19 NYLT
- 21 Father's Day
- 30 Lakes District Day Camp registration deadline

Registration \$7.65

Boys' Life \$9.00

Chippewa District

“Scouting, From Tiger Paws to Eagle Claws”



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Chippewa Website: <http://www.chippewa-district.org>

Cub Fishing Derby date changed

The Cub Fishing Derby has been moved to Saturday, October 17, 2009. The date was changed after a council request that we have

a fishing derby for new Cubs to go along with the new School Night to Join Scouting theme of: “Get Hooked on Scouting!”

Support the USO and help our troops

On May 2, 16, and 17, Chippewa Scouters and area food markets are conducting a special BSA Service Project to provide the USO with items for our troops overseas.

We want to do something special to show how much we

appreciate what they do for us.

For more information contact USO Drive Leader Susan Feller at 330-336-2032 or email at sfeller1@neo.rr.com or District Director of Civic Services David Applegate at 330-635-0367 or david.applegate@earthlink.net.

Thank You's

Sean Kirkpatrick and his team of volunteers for the job at the District Pinewood Derby.

Tom Tumlin and the commissioner team for their help with the rechartering process.

Mark Williams and the nominating committee.

Whitey's Army-Navy Store for support of our Roundtable program.

Susan Feller and **Darlene Saxon** for their leadership with the District Dinner.

Good Turn for America website

Please don't forget to log onto the Good Turn for America website at goodturnforamerica.org and record your food totals and man hours.

Only seven units in Chippewa District logged on to report projects last year...sorry, but that is disappointing! For more info contact Kit Marty at 330-721-7444.

Annual Meeting is Thursday, May 7

Our annual meeting and election is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 8 p.m., at the Medina Eagles Club. Current members-at-large and chartered partner

representatives will each have one vote to approve the nominating committee report for members-at-large and district chairman. Thank you.

Shopping for unit activities? Don't forget GFS!

Please consider GFS when shopping for your unit activities, award dinners, campouts, pack and troop family camps, summer camp,

or any Scout function. Just say, “Great Trail Council” at the register. Our account number is 002151963. A card with the account number will be placed in your saddlebag.

Roundtable Schedule

May 14 Medina United Meth. Church 7:30 p.m.	TC/CS/WL: Pack program planning BS/VC: Troop & crew program planning Ice Cream Social
June 11 7:00 p.m.	Rocketry by Mike Morley at the Zweifel Farm, 1861 Center Rd., Hinckley
July 9 Camp Butler 6:00 p.m.	Steak dinner with day camp staff at 6 p.m. 7 p.m. Program—Geocaching by Ken Mann—if you have one bring your GPS unit

Announcing new district membership chair

We are pleased to announce that Bill Schafer, our retiring district chairman, has volunteered to be our district membership chairman. Bill has been “hooked on Scouting” for nearly 30 years, since his sons joined Cub Scouts and he volunteered to be Cubmaster of Pack 3507, Medina First Christian Church.

“Hooked on Scouting” will be our

School Night to Join Scouting theme this fall. Bill needs your commitment to this most important part of our program; hooking youth and adults on Scouting. It is not too early for your pack to start planning and selecting leadership for your SNTJS program. Please mark your calendar for our **Fall Kick-Off Roundtable on Thursday, August 13.**

“Hooked on Scouting” preparation

1. Select your unit/pack rally night chairperson.
2. Rally night chair schedules your rally night and reports to the district membership chair by August 1.
3. Rally night chair and Tiger coordinator attend the District Kick-Off at the August 13 Roundtable.
4. Rally night chair schedules the pack display and activities at the school open house with the school principal. Pack Tiger coordinator helps at the school open house.
5. District executive and district membership chair schedules “boy talks” with the principal at your school. Council provides flyers and survey sheets. Make sure we get your notice by August 13.
6. Council will deliver a special rally packet to the 1st graders about the Tiger Cub program. We must have your info by Aug. 13 for your 1st graders to receive a packet.
7. Conduct your rally (School Night to Join Scouting). Have fun, recruit new leaders and Cub Scouts.

May

- 2 USO Collection—also on May 16 & 17—see your saddlebags
 - 7 District Staff Meeting—7 p.m.—Medina Eagles Club
 - 14 Cub/Boy Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7:30 p.m.—Medina Methodist Church
 - 16 & 17 USO Collection—see your saddlebags!
 - 17 Day Camp Planning Meeting—2 p.m.—Brunswick Nazarene Church
 - 23 Grave decorating—9 a.m.—Western Reserve Cemetery, Rittman
- Registration \$9.35 Boys' Life \$11.00**

June

- 4 District Staff Meeting—7 p.m.
 - 11 Cub/Scout Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Zweifel Farm, 1861 Center Rd., Hinckley
 - 14 Day Camp Planning Meeting
- Registration \$8.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

Seneca District

"Where the Sun Shines First on the Great Trail Council"



District Chairman	John Ryan	330-677-8224
District Commissioner	Mark Messerly	330-678-5060
Sr. District Executive	Elliot Bennett	330-773-0415 ext. 227
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Seneca District Vision Statement

We engage youth and families in fun, meaningful activities which develop character, leadership and decision-making skills. We inspire Portage County youth to become responsible adults who make a positive difference in their communities.

Congratulations to our award winners!

The Seneca District annual volunteer recognition occurred on Thursday, April 16, during the general session of Roundtable at the Kent United Church of Christ. Make sure to offer your congratulations to our award recipients when you see them at various Scouting functions. They give countless gifts of time and talents to make Scouting a success in their communities and across Portage County. Congratulations to the following award recipients: **District Award of Merit—Elaine**

Mikesina, 553 and Joe Payne, 558; Scoutmaster of the Year—Mark Bergman, 259; Cubmaster of the Year—Andy Griffiths, 3551; Den Leader of the Year—Rick Jenkins, 3551; Charter Partner of the Year—1st Christian Church, Ravenna; Clyde Hazel Pack Award—3551; Clyde Hazel Troop Award—259; and Clyde Hazel Crew Award—2002.

Many thanks to **Brian Davis** and his **selection committee** and all others who submitted nominations.

And the Pinewood Derby winners are...

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tigers	Zephie Robinson	David Weygandt	
Wolves	Ethan Ellis	Nick Vilt	Collin Croft
Bears	Matt Adkins	Jacob Sheets	Tyler Jenkins
Webelos I	James Campbell	Alex Vilt	Ryan Baginski
Webelos II	Michael Mikesina	Travis Adkins	Jacob Mikesina

All Cub Scouts—Day Camp is coming!

Hey Cub Scouts, want to have lots of fun this summer?!! Well, you're in luck because the Cub Scout Day Camp which is celebrating American Heroes this year will be at Moose Lake Park in Ravenna, on July 13-15 for Cubs, July 16-18 for Webelos, and July 18th for Tiger Cub Day.

The cost for Cubs and siblings is \$45; Webelos and siblings is \$50; Webelos adults and escorts are \$5 for food per person (Saturday); Tiger Cubs and partner

are \$15; additional family members are \$5 each.

Webelos overnights are on Friday and Family nights will be on Wednesday and Friday evening that week.

Make sure you get signed up to experience the GREAT Seneca District's Day Camp for Cub Scouts. **THE FUN STARTS HERE!**

May Roundtable is unit program planning

All Seneca packs, troops, and crews will receive a program planning packet for the year 2009-2010. All units should make arrangements to be represented at the Roundtable on Thursday, May 14, at Kent United Church of Christ, at 7:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to learn how to plan a quality, fun-filled, year round program!

Some of the benefits from planning ahead are:

- Quality Centennial Unit Award
- Summertime Pack Award

- Trained leaders
- Service to the community and your chartered organization
- Increased leader and youth retention
- Qualifying for the Good Turn For America patch
- Being "Prepared" with a full year's calendar to give to parents
- More of your Scouts experiencing a fun-filled action monthly program

Please take some time and plan on attending; we have refreshments, fellowship, and more!

Spring recruiting for Boy Scout troops

Mr. Scoutmaster, how would you like to have more boys in your troop and more boys to fill out the patrols? Recruiting now gives you enough time for the new Scout to adjust before going to summer camp.

Who knows, that one boy the troop recruits in the spring might be the Eagle Scout you celebrate with in a few short years.

Here's how to start – set a date and time for your Troop Open

House the last three weeks in May. This can be a regular troop meeting time which you gear up to recruit. Call **Elliot Bennett, 330-773-0415, ext 227**, with that information.

In-school boy talks to 5th and 6th graders will be scheduled to support you. Flyers will go home with the boys at that time to invite them to your Open House.

Questions? Just call **Elliot** to get started.

Announcing the Big Apple Tour

Attention all Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Webelos 2's!!! The Seneca District is going on the road again this fall. This year we will be going to New York City to take in the sights and sounds of the "BIG APPLE"! We'll leave by bus on

Thursday, Oct. 15 and return on Sunday evening, Oct. 18. Visits to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, Sandy Hook National Park, Ground Zero, and collecting "glow-under-blacklight" minerals at Franklin Park are just some of the sites. Stay tuned for more details!!

May

- 7 Commissioner Staff Meeting—6:15 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—7:15 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 14 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 14 Cub Day Camp—registration deadline
 - 15-17 Scout-O-Rama—CANCELLED—rescheduled for October, 2009
- Registration \$10.00 Boys' Life \$12.00**

June

- 4 ALL District Staff Cook-Out—6:30 p.m.—Plum Creek Park, Pavilion #2, Kent
 - 11 Cub/Boy Scout/Venturing Leaders' Roundtable—7 p.m.—Kent United Church of Christ, 1400 E. Main St., Kent
 - 13 Dining Hall Dedication—2 p.m.—Camp Manatoc
- Registration \$9.35 Boys' Life \$11.00**

Old Portage District

“THE Quality District”



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Wanted!!!

Adult & Scout volunteers For Cub Scout Day Camp July 29, 30 and 31

We still have packs that have NOT picked up their info for Cub Scout Day Camp. All info is in your saddlebags and on the website at www.oldportage.org.

American Heroes Day Camp patch design

How would you like to have your son's Day Camp paid for by the district?

Yes, that's right—if your son designs the winning patch for Day Camp, he will win his time at Day

Camp free.

So, draw a sample in a 3-inch circle or box and send it to: John Starrett, Great Trail Council, BSA, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309.

“American Heroes” Cub Scout Day Camp



“American Heroes” Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at Camp Butler on July 29, 30 & 31, from 8:00 a.m. until

5:00 p.m. each day.

We are currently looking for persons to staff stations at camp. Day Camp is the one activity that your boys will talk about all year-long. Junior staff is also needed from our troops. These Scouts are important for their leadership and how the Cubs relate and look up to them.

Placemats to promote Cub Scout Day Camp are available by calling John Starrett (330-773-0415 ext. 239). Let him know how many you need for your blue and gold banquet.

Take time to be with your boy at “American Heroes” Day Camp. Put it on your calendar now and look for more info coming out soon!

Packets for all Cub Scout packs are in your saddlebags. You should have enough copies for the pack. Forms are available at oldportage.org (under Upcoming Events).

Have you made your FOS pledge?

The time is now to make your pledge for FOS. If your son is in a unit and you missed the FOS presentation—just send us your unit number and pledge amount, and we can bill you later in the year

or you can send a check to GTC—OP FOS with your unit number.

Thanks to those that have already pledged. Our overall campaign is presently at \$30,299 which is 74% of our goal.

OP District's new Silver Beaver announced

Congratulations to **Allen Hoy**, the newest Silver Beaver from the Old Portage District. Allen will receive his award at the Great Trail

Council Dinner on May 11, 2009. Tickets are available through the Scout Shop for \$25 each.

District Pinewood Derby results

It was a great day for a race. The sun was shining and there

were lots of Scouts in uniform with cars in hand. Results of the races are as follows:

Tigers	1st	Daniel Brewer, Pack 3209
	2nd	Samuel Savage, Pack 3300
	3rd	Zachary Spainhour, Pack 3390
Cub Scouts (Wolf & Bear)	1st	Jared Musci, Pack 3096
	2nd	Roland Savage, Pack 3300
	3rd	Justin Luke, Pack 3384
Webelos I & II	1st	Mitchell Williams, Pack 3385
	2nd	Jerry Nusbaum, Pack 3380
	3rd	Alex Wiley, Pack 3209

Program planning at May 14 Roundtable

Please mark May 14, 7 p.m., on your calendar. We will be distributing program planning materials for the fall. Do you have a Scout Night to Join Scouting Chairman? How about last year's

den leaders to help the new incoming leaders. Remember what T.E.A.M. stand for, Together—Everyone—Achieves—More. Be ready for your fall programs, plan now!

Theme for fall—“Hooked on Scouting”

“Hooked on Scouting” - the best thing to get hooked on is the fun, fun, fun you'll have when you sign up for Cub Scouts.

You **DO NOT** have to wait until fall recruiting to sign-up. Both Cubs and Scouts can join anytime, even this week.

Cub Scout Day Camp is a great time to get involved. Boy Scouts, Summer Camp will keep you so busy you won't have time to miss home. Once you go to camp, you are “hooked”.

Talk to your friends and come join the adventure as we all get “Hooked on Scouting!”

Planning for summer

Don't forget to include the National Summertime Pack Award in your plans for this summer's activities. Plan and conduct three pack activities during the summer—one in each June, July, and August

and qualify for the certificate and streamer.

The purpose of this award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet when school is out.

May

- 1,2,3 Outdoor Leader Training
 - 2 OWL Training
 - 7 District Committee Meeting—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ
 - 9 BALOO
 - 14 Roundtable—Montrose Zion United Methodist Church—Program planning
- Registration \$9.35 Boys' Life \$11.00**

June

- 4 District Committee—7 p.m.—Fairlawn West United Church of Christ
 - 11 Roundtable
- Registration \$8.50 Boys' Life \$10.00**

Council Information

Summer Learn-to-Swim at Camp Butler

When? Monday through Friday, June 15-19, at Camp Butler (Rt. 303, in Peninsula)

Who? Boys and girls ages 6 to 14

Cost? \$65 for the entire 5-lesson program.

Two separate class sessions for each of the 4 skill levels will be available, each 1-1/2 hours in length.

Level 1 & 2 11-12:30 or 3:30-5

Level 3 & 4 9-10:30 or 1:30-3

Skill Level 1 & 2 is designed to help students feel comfortable in the water. Basic aquatic skills are

taught, which students build on as they progress through the 4 skill levels.

Skill Level 3 & 4 provides additional guided practice. Students coordinate the back and front crawl. Elements of the butterfly and fundamentals of treading are introduced. Students learn to enter deep water headfirst.

To register for lessons call the Scout Service Center at 330-773-0415 ext. 221 or fill out and mail the coupon that can be found online at www.manatoc.org (click on Camp Butler 2009 Summer Programs).

Learn to Swim at Camp Butler

June 15-19, 2009

Participant's Name: _____

Age: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Circle one session:

Level 1 & 2 11-12:30 3:30-6 **Fee is \$65 per participant**

Level 3 & 4 9-10:30 1:30-3

Return with check made payable to:

Great Trail Council, BSA

PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068

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Learn to be a Lifeguard...

BSA Lifeguard is now recognized by the State of Ohio as a valid instruction course for anyone looking to work as a certified lifeguard...anywhere!

The Great Trail Council will again offer BSA Lifeguard certification, this year as a **week-long course, June 8-13**, at Camp Butler.

Participants must be at least 16 years old and have completed Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges. Instruction will run daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.—LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, so participants need to bring a bag lunch each day.

Cost of the course is \$100 per participant—however, participants

who complete the course and are subsequently hired to work at the Camp Manatoc pool or lake for the 2009, 2010, or 2011 summer camp season will have this fee refunded at the conclusion of the summer. BSA Lifeguard participants who complete the course and are selected to work in aquatics at Camp Butler (only) for at least 3 days of Cub Scout Day Camp will receive a \$50 Scout Shop credit!

The course is limited to 20 participants—registration is first paid, first served—so register early.

Call Camp Butler Aquatics Director Linda Sullivan at 330-273-1021 or Council Program Director Jim Shimko at 330-773-0415 ext. 217 or email jshimko@bsamail.org.

Summer Open Camp at Camp Butler



June 29—July 1 (Mon-Wed)

July 20-22 (Mon-Wed)

Aug. 1-3 (Sat-Mon)

Cost: \$30 per family or Scouting unit (no matter how many campers)

Bring your family for an inexpensive camping vacation close-to-home.

Bring your pack, troop or crew for a weekend campout with swimming, rafting and archery

available.

Camp Butler's staff will provide time at the pool for open swimming and skills instruction (Webelos Aquanaut Activity Badge, First Class rank requirements, Swimming M.B. only) - time at the lakefront for open rafting—and time at the archery range for open shooting.

Families and Scouting units provide their own food (refrigeration can be provided), their own cooking equipment and their own tents or RV (no water or sewer hookup available) - or stay in our 4-bed adirondacks.

Don't miss this chance to do some weekend camping "on the cheap"! Fill out the form below and return to Great Trail Council.

Camp Butler Summer Open Camp

Family Name or Unit #: _____

Contact's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

_____ Will bring own tents

_____ Will sleep in camp's Adirondacks

_____ Will bring family RV

Return with check for \$30 made payable to:

Great Trail Council, BSA

PO Box 68

Akron OH 44309-0068

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Camp Butler Unit Pool Rentals

Again this summer, individual packs, troops and crews can rent the crystal blue pool at Camp Butler for their own use. Pool parties, merit badge work, recreational swimming or a family summer beach party—these are just some of the ways your unit can take advantage of this chance to use a great facility.

We'll provide the pool and the staff—you provide the swimmers and the fun!

Swim tests will be administered for all your swimmers when you first arrive—or, if your unit has its "buddy tags" from camp this summer, those can be used as well.

Cost is just \$150 for 2-1/2 hours of cool, wet fun!

Questions? Wanna make a reservation? Call the Great Trail Council Service Center at 330-773-0415 ext. 221 and we'll see you "at the beach" in '09!

Council Information

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) June 14-19, 2009

Attention: Mr. Scoutmaster! Here is an exceptional training opportunity for your Scouts who are at least 13 years old by June, 2009, and hold the rank of First Class Scout, and who hold or are about to hold a leadership position with your troop. You should be thinking of your senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, or patrol leader young men. It's also a training course

presented by a talented and very well trained youth staff. So it's youth teaching youth. WOW! It is scheduled for June 14-19, 2009, at Camp Butler, in Peninsula, OH. The information/registration packet was placed in your saddlebag in mid-January. Call **Elliot Bennett, NYLT Staff Advisor** at **330-773-0415 ext. 227**, if you have not received one.

2009 Webelos Resident Camp... The BEST summer camp fun!

This summer, Webelos Resident Camp is 4 days and 3 nights of nothing but fun in the outdoors, at the Manatoc Scout Reservation's Camp Manatoc, located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Resident Camp is a chance for Webelos Scouts to experience the adventure waiting for them in a week of Boy Scout Summer Camp. It's days filled with exciting activities like swimming, boating, rafting, archery, BB-gun marksmanship, hiking, fire-building, trying your hand on a BMX mountain bike course and working on **at least 4 different Activity Badges. This year features two separate**

"Activity Badge Tracks" for 1st year and 2nd year Webelos Scouts! But Resident Camp is so much more than just badges...it's fun your Webelos Scout can't get anywhere else this summer!

Youth can attend individually or with their pack or den—**cost is \$110 per Webelos Scout and \$60 per adult.** Registration forms and fees are due by July 10—fees paid after July 10 are \$130 per Scout and \$80 per adult. **All fees are non-refundable.**

Registration forms were placed in your saddlebags and are also available online at www.gtcmanatoc.org, click on Camping Info.

Join the Scouting community online

If you're a member of Scouting, you can join our online community. Share ideas, ask questions, get feedback, or start discussions on any Scouting topic.

Adult leaders find the site an especially valuable resource for discussing ideas and sharing best practices with other volunteers.

As a large-scale networking site, **Scouting Community** is available 24/7—wherever you have an Internet connection. And because it's a closed community, it's also a safe environment.

To join simply create your

personal account on www.scouting.org (just click on My Scouting). Don't forget to include your member ID in your profile. You'll receive a reply by email that completes the registration process.

Serve as a voice for Scouting's future and start building Scouting friendships today.



Our camp needs a little love... First-ever Camp Manatoc Spring Troop Workdays Saturday, May 9 & Saturday, May 23

Help us tidy up our camp for this coming summer.

Boy Scout troops can tent camp at Manatoc FOR FREE (sites assigned on a first-come, first-assigned basis) on the Friday night of the two workdays and camp will provide a continental breakfast Saturday morning and a hot dog and chips picnic Saturday evening—your troop will just need to provide your own bag lunch. You'll also need to provide all of your own supplies and tools to work on these projects:

1. Dining Hall Clean-up—wash windows, help with minor landscaping, **Bring your repaired and polished troop totem and re-hang in the dining room**
2. Cabin Clean-Up—wash windows, repair and replace window screens, repair window hinges
3. Adirondack Clean-Up—sweep bunks and floors, repair bunk boards
4. Council Ring Clean-Up—repair benches, replenish firewood supply, pull weeds and tidy up trail and ring area.
5. Chapel Clean-Up—pull weeds from gravel, add additional gravel, sweep and clean Chapel concrete decking, help

with landscaping of trail leading to Chapel, repair Chapel gateway fencing

6. Color Trail Clean-Up and Marking—trash pickup along trail, replacement of signs, move downed trees from trail, fix eroded trail paths
7. Campsite Clean-Up—sweep and hose down/scrub campsite latrines, repair seats, water troughs and spigots, repair eroded areas around spigots, replace hoses, remove graffiti from stalls
8. Tent Platform Repair—repair and replace boards from summer camp tent platforms, replace campsite outriggers
9. Pool Showerhouse Cleanup and Repairs—sweep and tidy up locker room areas, repair and replace toilet seats, sinks, faucets, showerheads, drains and concrete cracks, remove graffiti from toilet stalls

Interested? Pick your project, gather your Scouts and leaders, your tools and supplies, and complete the form below—a member of our Wilderness Engineers will contact you by phone to assign your troop its specific project at least one week prior to your workday.

Camp Workday Unit Signup Form

Troop # _____ District _____ # of Scouts ____ Adults ____

Unit Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

We have the skills and tools to work on this project (mark one with an X):

____ Dining Hall ____ Cabin/Adirondack ____ Council Ring ____ Chapel

____ Color Trail ____ Campsite ____ Tent Platform ____ Pool Showerhouse

Mail to: **Camp Workdays—GTC, BSA**
PO Box 68
Akron, OH 44309

District Summer Cub Scout Day Camps '09



Did you know that Cub Scout Day Camp is one of the most important program elements in Cub Scouting?

Did you know that a Harris Interactive nationwide survey for the BSA indicates that the number one reason boys join Cub Scouts is because they want to go camping?

Did you know that your district's Cub Scout Day Camp is one of the best ways to fulfill that wish for every Scout in your pack?

Did you know that a 3-day session of Cub Scout Day Camp provides fun and advancement opportunities like a year's worth of den meetings combined?

Take a look at all of the fun that's just months away, waiting for you and your Cub Scouts this summer!

Tri-Fires District "American Heroes"

When: July 23-July 25
Where: Camp Butler
Cost: \$50 per Scout (\$20 per sibling)
Activities: BB's, archery, swimming, water slide, fishing, rock wall and crafts
Questions? Call Les Carter at 330-376-2304 or email the3fires@aol.com

Moecomdws District "American Heroes"

When: Session 1—July 13-15
Session 2—July 16-18
Where: Camp Butler
Cost: \$60 per Scout through May 18
\$70 after May 18
Questions? Call Day Camp Director Cindy Duniver 330-688-6236
Registration deadline is June 15

Lakes District "Carnival"

When: Tiger Day—July 26—12:15 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cubs—July 27-July 29—8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Webelos—July 30-Aug. 1—8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Southgate Park at Boettler Park in Green
Cost: Tiger Cubs—\$15
Cub Scouts—\$40
Webelos—\$45
Questions? Contact Chris Fahey at 330-899-1088 or email at cfahey@neo.rr.com

Final registration deadline is Tuesday, June 30

Chippewa District "American Heroes"

When: Session 1—June 25-27
Session 2—July 6-8
Session 3—July 9-11
Where: Camp Butler
Cost: \$60 per Scout
Questions? Contact Michelle Hennis at hennismm@roadrunner.com or Chuck Hale at cdhale@roadrunner.com

Seneca District "American Heroes"

When: Cub Scouts—July 13-15
Webelos—July 16-18
Tiger Day—July 18
Where: Moose Lake Park, Ravenna
Cost: Cubs & siblings—\$45
Webelos & siblings—\$50
Tiger Cubs and partners—\$15
Questions? Call Jim Mikesina at 330-296-8853

Old Portage District "Everyday Heroes"

When: July 29-31 (Wednesday-Friday)
Where: Camp Butler
Cost: \$60 per Scout (until 6/12/09)
\$70 from 6/13/09—6/27/09
Activities: Swimming, water slide, funoes, nature activities, BB's, archery, sports & games
Questions? Call Bart Sauer at 330-659-0663 or email at bartsauer@aol.com