

Trail Talk

Trail Talk is the official newsletter for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and Scouters throughout Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Marion, Morrow, Richland, and Wyandot Counties.

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CAMP CARDS

Camp cards are a great way to raise money for Scouts to participate in really cool programs! Each pack, troop, or crew will make \$2.50 for each camp card they sell and can determine how they want to use the money in their unit. Those sales can be used to support unit events, sending Scouts to day camp, resident camp, or summer camp. Maybe even sending them to a high adventure base, or the Jamboree, NYLT or even NOAC!

We will continue this year with the same great camp card we had last year. Nearly every unit who sold camp cards saw a major increase in sales over what they did the previous year, and as a whole with all of that support the Heart of Ohio Council beat expectations by over 2,000 card sales!

The program will be continuing as it was rolled out last year with these great features:

50 / 50 Split – We had a great response last year telling us that people really liked not having to worry about things like camp certificates, figuring out commissions, or missing out on the chance to sell because they don't go to Firelands Scout Reservation.

Council-Wide Deals – We will continue to have one card that can be used all over the council, and are working with the vendor to make sure we have many strong offers, just like last year.

District Kick-Offs – We will also continue to have a district kick-off just like we do for the popcorn sale. This will allow you to get all of the most up-to-date information, as well as tips on how to make sure you have a great sale.

Camp Cards will go on sale in March, and you may do show and sells, door to door, or see if you can get mom or dad to sell at work. Make sure you're recruiting your unit camp card chair now, and start promoting your camp card sale!

Keep your eyes on the council website and your ears open at roundtable for more details on the kick-off location and time in your area.



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2014 Heart of Ohio Council Popcorn Sale!



Top 10 Selling Units and High Achiever Salesmen!!!

Great Job Everyone!



The top 10 selling units are as follows:

1. Pack 303, Great Frontier - \$37,870
2. Pack 556, Johnny Appleseed Trail - \$24,145
3. Pack 334, Great Frontier - \$22,460
4. Pack 324, Great Frontier - \$20,845
5. Pack 428, Great Frontier - \$17,040
6. Troop 333, Great Frontier - \$15,730
7. Pack 7, The Firelands - \$15,085
8. Pack 435, Great Frontier - \$14,295
9. Troop 334, Great Frontier - \$14,195
10. Pack 110, Great Frontier - \$13,795

The top 10 high achievers are as follows:

1. Nicholas Ortiz, Pack 303 - \$9,150
2. Hunter Rickett, Troop 586 - \$5,250
3. Jeff Vince, Troop 428 - \$3,755
4. Jacob Hoffman, Troop 586 - \$3,165
5. RJ Prusha, Troop 334 - \$3,078
6. Ethan Price, Pack 303 - \$2,883
7. Wyatt Rietschlin, Pack 170 - \$2,436
8. Kaden Olm, Pack 303 - \$2,300
9. Brandon Bartlebaugh, Troop 450 - \$2,145
10. Dylan Howell, Troop 334 - \$2,010

Scout Executive's Comments



It has been a great and very busy fall in the Heart of Ohio Council! We had a lot of great outdoor events. Spook-o-ree was a highlight for over 500 Scouts and Scouters this fall. This was the first time we have offered this event, and it was very successful and fun. We had Scouts and their families from throughout the council enjoy this event. This year's Distinguished Citizens Dinner in Lorain County honored Don Sheldon and Jerry Skully for all their service to the community. It was our pleasure to present Don and Jerry with the North Star Award. This is a National Award on the level of the Silver Beaver, which is presented by a council to someone who is not a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America who has provided significant service to Scouting. We also hosted a

tremendous Good Scout Award Dinner in Marion honoring Daryl Gates for his support of Scouting and work in the community in general.

The Harding Pilgrimage in Marion was a great event again this year. It is not every council that has the home and resting place of a president and first lady in their territory. It is always heartwarming to see so many Scouts and their families turn out to honor President Harding and his first lady. It was a beautiful day at the memorial and a great event. Unfortunately, I had to miss it this year due to illness, but I plan to attend this annual event again next year. It would be wonderful to see Packs, Troops, and Crews from all over our council participate in the parade and fill the plaza at the monument at next year's pilgrimage.

In the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, it is important to pause a moment and reflect on those things that make us thankful. For me, one of those things is all the great volunteers of the Heart of Ohio Council that make Scouting possible for our youth. Without the unit, district, and council volunteers that make up the Heart of Ohio Council, we would not be able to deliver on our mission. So for all that you do as members of our council team, thank you for everything you do!

I wish a very Happy Holidays and many blessings to you and your family for the New Year!

Yours in Scouting
Brad W. Bodoh
Scout Executive/CEO

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Commissioner's Corner & Membership

The All New Commissioner Tools

Commissioner Tools is not just a place to record a visit like we did in UVTS. Commissioner Tools is user-friendly. All the data is there for a commissioner to assess a unit and its health. But it is not the data alone that makes it powerful. The tools have a place for the commissioner to keep a record, or journal, of contacts with units and, most important, identify priority unit needs for further support by the district or council.

When coupled with the new Unit Service Plan—the cycle of assessing a unit, creating a Unit Service Plan, working with unit leaders and district volunteers to provide guidance and resources, and supporting on-time charter renewal—the Commissioner Tools provides information and a place to record progress in the commissioner's hands. Better yet, the Unit Service Plan is completely integrated in the Commissioner Tools—by filling out the tools, you effectively help the unit create a Unit Service Plan.

Our role as commissioners is to work with units to make sure they are offering the best BSA program to our youth. Over the years, our unit commissioners have not always had access to the data they need about the units they serve, such as rosters, contacts, training records, advancement records, or the charter renewal progress. Well, now we have most of this information at our disposal with the launch of Commissioner Tools. I say most, because advancement and charter renewal information will be future additions.

The launch of Commissioner Tools means that we are able to deliver to the commissioner corps the information needed to more effectively identify the needs of the unit and link resources to the unit so we can boost unit retention. Our launch date is February 1, 2015. Visit the Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools Web page (<http://www.scouting.org/Home/Commissioners/tools.aspx>) or contact Rob France, Assistant Council Commissioner at scoutnuts@aol.com for more information.

Rob France, Assistant Council Commissioner
HOOC Commissioner Tools Champion



Commissioners -- Mark your calendars March 21, 2015 for commissioner training in the morning for unit commissioners, roundtable commissioners, and staff. After lunch, we will have a commissioners conference for **ALL** commissioners. We have a guest speaker coming from Great Trail Council to give us a presentation on special needs in Scouting. Further details will be made available later concerning location, directions, and cost.



International Wood Badge C4-450-15 Heart of Ohio Council Firelands Scout Resevaion



Course Dates:
July 24-26, 2015
August 14-16, 2015

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What makes Heart of Ohio Council 2015 Wood Badge different than any other course we have held thus far? International Scouters from Canada will assist in serving on staff. For a once in a lifetime scouting experience share time with International Scouters and discover everything that makes us different, makes us all the same in scouting fellowship.

Course Overview:

Wood Badge for the 21st Century may be delivered to all Scout leaders. It has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. Its focus is on leadership, not out-of-door skills. The following information is designed to provide you with key information.

Course Delivery:

The first part of the new Wood Badge course reflects unit meetings, while the second part of the course uses a unit camping activity as its delivery model. During Wood Badge, the model Boy Scout troop will serve as a laboratory for training purposes. This is done for several reasons:

- The Boy Scout troop simulation provides a good framework in which to practice the leadership skills introduced in the course.
- Boy Scouting provides a natural bridge between the various programs in Scouting, and leaders should understand the importance of transition.
- It would be difficult and most likely confusing to simultaneously model Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing in one course.

Wood Badge is a training course for Scouters which finally results in their receiving a certificate, a small neckerchief, a leather slide, and two small wooden beads on a leather thong. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, directed the first course in 1919 and gave each of the participants one of the beads, which he had captured from the African chieftain Dinizulu. Thus did the course name develop, for its symbol was literally a badge of wood.

Wood Badge is, further, Scouting's premier training course. Baden-Powell designed it so Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols, and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors for a week, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills.

The uniqueness of Scouting is the patrol method. The use of the natural gang of six or eight boys who elect their own leader and plan and carry out many of their own activities is a democracy in microcosm. Here young men learn the give and take of working with people as they must surely do all their lives. Here, too, they are given leadership and

learning opportunities which prepare them for their future roles as citizens. It is for this reason that it is so crucial that all adults understand thoroughly the patrol method.

Thus it was that Baden-Powell developed a practical course built around the operation of a troop and its patrols. Yet this is only the most well-known of three parts in the entire Wood Badge experience. The practical course—the week in the out-of-doors—was originally scheduled to follow a "theoretical" part 1, which consisted of answering a series of questions about the aims and methods of the Scouting program. Part 3 then followed the practical course and required a 6-month application period, while the Scouter practiced in his home Scouting situation what he had learned in parts 1 and 2. In actual practice, once Wood Badge became available in the United States, the theoretical questions and the application were carried out simultaneously after the practical course was taken.

But Wood Badge is more than just mechanical course work. Wood Badge is the embodiment of Scouting spirit. Like many intense training experiences, it has always relied on a busy schedule forcing the participants to work together, to organize and to develop an enthusiasm and team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges placed before them. Carried out in context of Scouting ideals and service to young people, the course brings out a deep dedication and spirit of brotherhood and fellowship in most participants. Certainly were it not for the common goal of the movement and its program for young people, it would be hard to get grown men and women to endure the 16-hour days required by a program that runs from early morning to late at night.

The course is designed to be a highlight -- "a mountaintop experience" -- for the course participants. Careful planning and strict attention to detail provides a physical/logistic support and program second to none. Add to this a thoroughly prepared and enthusiastic staff, and it is little wonder that most Scouters return from Wood Badge inspired and prepared to do an even better job of providing Scouting to boys. In addition to a fine course, all the traditions and heritage of Scouting are stressed and used to inspire those attending. Wood Badge in one form or another is used throughout the Scouting world. Tens of thousands of Scouters proudly wear the Gilwell neckerchief, woggle, and beads of Wood Badge-trained leaders. Because it was begun by Baden-Powell in England in 1919, it is clearly backed by the finest thought and tradition of the founder and thus carries with it great prestige. Wood Badge is then, a great force for world brotherhood, for though it uses the local traditions in each country, it emphasizes the international aspects of the movement and the heritage of Baden-Powell and Gilwell Park.

Program

Due to rising costs of operation, maintenance, and utilities at camp, we want to inform all Scouts and Scouters that we will be raising each rental fee by \$5, effective **January 1, 2015**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS!!!!

Just a reminder that the Firelands Trading Post & Scout Store will be Closed the Following Days:

From December 22, 2014 through January 5, 2015.

We wish everyone a Happy, Safe, & Wonderful Holiday Season.

Hiking Trail Program for FSR to be unveiled, Spring 2015

In Spring 2014, the Council Program Committee launched a trails subcommittee to revitalize and promote the use of the trail system at Firelands Scout Reservation. As a first step, working closely with Portage Lodge, the trails committee identified and completed several trail improvement and maintenance projects throughout 2014. The trails are now in great condition and ready for hikers.

As a second step, the trails committee has developed a program for each of our five trails at Firelands. Pamphlets that list the requirements for earning patches associated with each of these hikes are in the final stages of editing, and will debut in Spring 2015.



Although most requirements are intended for Scouts, these awards may be earned by both youth and adult hikers. The requirements for these hikes are progressive, and the program for each trail will be appropriate for a different level of the Scouting program – from the "Frog Jog" for Cub Scouts to the "OA Trail" to prepare Scouts for high adventure. A Scout who follows our new trail program will gradually be introduced to more and more advanced features of the Scouting program.

Before any hike or other outing, Scouts should follow their motto. The program and requirements for each hike introduces, illustrates, or reinforces a different way to "Be Prepared." Some hikes teach preparedness by knowledge of Leave No Trace principles (the first point of which is Plan Ahead and Prepare), another hike summarizes "Trek Safely" concepts, and other hikes have equipment, related preparedness requirements.

Watch for more details in the next issue of Trail Talk. Mark your unit calendars for Spring 2015, and prepare to take advantage of this great new program at Firelands Scout Reservation!

The Central Region Area 4 Venturing Officers Association

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April 24-26, 2015

Seven Ranges Scout Reservation, Kensington, OH



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<https://sites.google.com/a/crventuring.org/c4voa/worldfest>

Venturers talk to your friends and Advisors about this

Questions: WorldFest@CRVenturing.org



PROGRAM PURVUE

Summer is over, and it is time for the leaves to be raked into piles as winter is near at hand. Our summer camp numbers for Cub Scout and Boy Scout resident camps and Cub Scout Day Camp numbers were pretty much the same as last year. I am a little disappointed, but none the less it is better than a loss in attendance. Our Camping Committee has already started to look for improvements to attract more Scouts for a summer of fun in 2015.

With the completion of summer camp comes what I would call the close of another year, and it is time to plan for the upcoming events. This means it is time to honor those who have given of themselves to make our council a vibrant and active program base for youth of all ages. Please consider nominating those adult volunteers who have worked hard over the past year in district and council positions for the prestigious Silver Beaver award. For information visit the council's website and review the article in this Trail Talk.

The Spook-O-Ree event happened at Camp Wyandot on October 25, 2014, and there was a fabulous turnout for it. Youth had an opportunity to visit several stations, giving them entertainment and learning experiences alike. Hay rides were conducted and a light dinner provided before those who dared walked through the haunted forest to witness some scary sights. All youth, adults and staff had a great time.

We have been restructuring the High Adventure Committee to expand the number of volunteers to allow for a sub-committee to better administer the "paperwork" that is associated with the National and World Jamborees. To this end, registrations for National Jamboree 2017 should be opened by National during the first quarter of 2015. Scouts should regularly check the National BSA website for registration details. More importantly, Scouts who are interested in going to the National Jamboree should start a savings program now to ensure success. Adult leaders interested in attending the National Jamboree as contingent leaders need to fill out and submit their application (available on council website) in the very near future. This also applies if any leader wishes to be considered for contingent positions for any high adventure (Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Bechtel Summit, or World Jamboree).

NYLT (youth) and Wood Badge (adults) training sessions will be conducted this coming summer, and registrations are open or will be open shortly. Anyone wishing to attend these sessions needs to register as soon as possible. Additional information for Wood Badge can be obtained from course director JJ Harbaugh, and for NYLT contact course director Dann Barczyk.

There is something new for everyone as Atlas Cinema (at Midway Mall) is setting aside December 6, 2014 for the Boy Scouts. A choice of two movies will be offered for a discounted price. Those Scouts, adults and immediate family members wishing to attend need to visit the council website for information on what the movies are, the show time, price (very cheap) and registration details.

Since this is the last article for the year, I want to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and to all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Stephen Warnock
VP of Program

Program

FIRELANDS SCOUT RESERVATION

2015 Summer Program Notes

Plans are well underway for the 2015 Summer Camp Programs at Firelands Scout Reservation. Staff interviews have been held. Leadership teams for both Cub Resident and Boy Scout Resident camps are working hard to develop an exceptional program for all Scouts and Scouters.

New for 2015 is the addition of a food service vendor to provide meals to both camps.

Mark **Saturday March 28, 2015** for the pre-camp leader's meeting to be held at the Camp Avery Hand dining hall. Boy Scout leaders will meet at 9 AM for Breakfast. Cub Scout Leaders are invited for lunch at Noon for their program meeting.

CAMP AVERY HAND

The theme for Cub Resident Camp is "World of Fun." 2015 marks the year for the World Jamboree to be held in Japan for Boy Scouts all over the world. The Cub Scouts at Camp Avery Hand will be exploring the Cub Scout program in other lands. Cub Scouts will still be able to shoot BB guns, do archery, experience everything in aquatics, make crafts, play games and much more. There will be a special leader's dinner on Tuesday nights. Come to the leader's meeting on March 28 to learn more.

Cub Resident Camp – Tigers, Wolf, Bear, & Webelos – 4 days/3 nights			
CAMP DATES	Early Bird Fees – paid by 4/24/15	Standard Fee 4/25/15-5/29/15	Late fee paid after 5/30/15
June 21-24, 2015	Scout \$180	Scout \$190	Scout \$215
June 28 –July 1, 2015	Brother \$170**	Brother \$180**	Brother \$180**
July 12-15, 2015	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*
* Adult must register as a pack to qualify for adult discount (See chart on website) ** For families with more than one boy going to camp. First boy pays full fee. Each additional Cub Scout age brother receives a \$10 discount.			

Webelos Only Resident Camp – Webelos I & II – 5 days/4 nights			
CAMP DATES	Early Bird Fees – paid by 4/24/15	Standard Fee 4/25/15-5/29/15	Late fee paid after 5/30/15
July 19-23, 2015	Scout \$ 220	Scout \$230	Scout \$245
	Brother \$210**	Brother \$220**	Brother \$235**
	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*
* Adult must register as a pack to qualify for adult discount (See chart on website) ** For families with more than one boy going to camp. First boy pays full fee. Each additional Cub Scout age brother receives a \$10 discount.			

CAMP WYANDOT

What better place than Firelands Scout Reservation to provide Scouts a unique opportunity to explore the out of doors and all that Scouting has to offer! The summer of 2015 promises to be fun. More than 30 merit badges will be offered. Your unit leader will receive information on how to sign up for merit badges on line at the March 28 leader's meeting.

Units may check out their summer camp reservations on the Heart of Ohio Council website at www.heartofohiocouncil.org/summercamp/reservations. There are still openings to attend camp if your unit has not yet signed up. Camp will start the week of June 21 (Father's Day) and run through July 26.

Boy Scout Resident Camp – 7 days/6 nights			
CAMP DATES	Early Bird Fees – paid by 4/24/15	Standard Fee	Late fee paid after 5/30/15
June 21-27, 2015	Scout \$245	Scout \$260	Scout \$300
June 28-July 4, 2015	O/C Scout \$255	O/C Scout \$270	O/C \$310
July 5 – 11, 2015	Summit-TBD	Summit – TBD	Summit-TBD
July 12-19, 2015	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*	Adult \$100*
July 20-26, 2015			

* Adult may attend at no charge based on youth attendance. (See chart on website)

** If two or more brothers attend camp, \$10 discount issued for each brother after the first one pays in full.

New Boy Scouts/Webelos pay early bird fee no matter when they joined the troop.

If troop opts to bring their own food to camp, \$35 discount issued per youth attending camp.

If you have any questions regarding summer resident camp (Cub Scout or Boy Scout), please contact Laura Lyster – Reservation Director at llyster@heartofohiocouncil.org.

The religious emblems programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs themselves.

The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.



Finance & Awards

Josh Scott, God & Family, Marion Salem UMC, Caledonia	Seth Gast, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Nate Whitmer, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Andrew Prezioso, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland
Samuel Boyer, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Blake Johnson, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Ivan Wasielewski, God & Church, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Zachary Rimko, God & Church, Avon United Methodist Church, Avon
Eric Fortney, God & Life, Christ United Methodist, Ashland	Michael Daugherty, God & Life, Christ United Methodist, Ashland		

Memorial Contributions



Memorial contributions are given in remembrance of a person who recently passed away. Often, Scouting was a very important part of his / her life. To commemorate this Scouter's life, donations are given in his / her name, usually in lieu of flowers. Many times, the memorial is designated for a specific project the family has selected.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Heart of Ohio Council, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 368, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

Memorials

Corrine McAfee
Rick and Sheree Krassow
Junior Service Guild

Memorials

Patricia A King
Fred and Judy Barabani &
Family
Pat and Ed Cole & Family

James King
Jeff & Robin Belb
Ann Bishop
Tom & Nancy Dorsey
Jerry & Kay Evans

Rick & Karen Geiger
Paul & Tonya Hampton
Bob & Willie Hunn
Jolene Melching
Norma & Dick Metz

Ruth Novak
Kim, Ken, Mike, Randy, Nita,
Ron
Corey & Carrie Oyster
Sharon & David Timmer

Family Friends of Scouting

Submitted by Al Goerlich, Council Family Friends of Scouting Chair

As we move into the New Year, it's time to kickoff our annual Family Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. But before we start talking about this coming year, let us take a look back to the 2014 campaign. In 2014, our Scouting families generously gave over \$75,000 to support Scouting in the Heart of Ohio Council. On top of this, the volunteer led campaigns in the Johnny Appleseed Trail and Harding Area districts exceeded their district goals. With your support, the Heart of Ohio Council was able to provide a great Summer Camp experience to hundreds of Scouts at the Firelands Scout Reservation and our day camps, including camperships to aide those in need. Friends of Scouting also provided training to our adult leaders, for free or little cost to guide them in leading our Scouts. These generous donations also aided in the creation of new packs, troops, crews and post across the council, and many of our units also qualified for the Free Rank Badge. Thank you for your support of Scouting in 2014.

Moving forward, in December each district in the council will be holding a Family Friends of Scouting presenter training, so in January these great volunteers will be able to begin presentations at your Court of Honor or Blue and Gold banquets. Please remember that to qualify for the Free Rank Badge program, your unit must submit their presentation date by no later than **December 31, 2014** and hold their presentation before **April 1, 2015**. In addition to our packs and troop being able to qualify for Free Rank Badges, we have also included the new Venturing awards to the program for our crews. 2015 will also see the release of our next segment of our Friends of Scouting jacket patch, for donors who support the single Scout level of \$160. This beautiful patch features the Lorain Lighthouse and is the second of a five piece set. Donors who support the two Scout level of \$320 will receive both the patch and a Special Limited Edition, Heart of Ohio Council ball cap as a thank you for their support.

If you are interested in sharing the story of Scouting and helping us provide funding for our great program or to schedule your unit's presentation, please contact your district Scouting professional.



Congratulations to Our Leaders



Trained leaders are an important part of the Scouting program. Congratulations to the following leaders who went above and beyond their basic leader training to ensure their youth are receiving the best possible Scouting experience.

Scoutmaster's Key Award
Joshua Nagel, Troop 46 HAD

Cub Scouter Award
Christian Pascarella, Pack 501 JATD

William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award
Ken Short, District GFD
Jeffrey Hamilton, District GFD
Steven Wysong, District GFD
Kathy Hout, Crew 337, JATD
Randy Echelberger, Crew 126, JATD

Den Leader Training Award
Roderick Swopes, Pack 44 TFD
Mario D'Amico, Pack 44 TFD
Amy Doehr, Pack 110 GFD
Jessica McDonald, Pack 110 GFD

Scouters Training Award for Boy Scouting
Matthew Wendling, Troop 333 GFD

Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting
Matt Didion, Pack 7 TFD
Roderick Swopes, Pack 44 TFD
Steven Wysong, Pack 303 GFD
Sharon Wysong, Pack 129 GFD
Amy Doehr, Pack 110 GFD
Jessica McDonald, Pack 110 GFD

Commissioner's Arrowhead Award
Dale DeGirolamo, District GFD

Cubmaster's Key
Steven Wysong, Pack 129 GFD

Unit Leader Award of Merit—Cubmaster
Martin Flores, Pack 303 GFD

Boy Scout Leader's Training Award
James Lieb, Troop 107 GFD
Kyle Baughn, Troop 304 JATD
Michael Mines, Troop 26 HAD
Jeremy Snyder, Troop 175 GFD

Cubmaster Award
Ginger Swopes, Pack 8 TFD

District Committee Key
Brian Lenox, District GFD

District Committee Scouter's Training Award
Brian Lenox, District GFD

Unit Leader Award of Merit - Scoutmaster
Christopher Baldasare, Troop 121 JATD
Dann Barczyk, Troop 140 GFD
Mark Weber, Troop 110 GFD

Eagle Scouts

2014 Eagle Scouts

Jared Adams Troop 118 GFD, Lagrange	William Baldinger Troop 6020 HAD, Mt. Gilead	Alex Barker Troop 4304 JATD, Mansfield	Jacob Barnes Troop 427 GFD, Amherst	Noah Beck Troop 107 GFD, Columbia Station
Brett Berkley Troop 176 GFD, Columbia Station	Cole Berry Troop 218 TFD, Norwalk	Anthony Bodde Troop 447 GFD, Vermillion	Cory Bowes Troop 104 GFD, Columbia Station	Zachary Breuler Troop 111 GFD, Grafton
Macray Brown Troop 6050 HAD, Marion	Elijah Burress Troop 160 GFD, Elyria	Benjamin Bursley Troop 236 TFD, Wakeman	Joshua Cleland Troop 107 GFD, Elyria	Zachary Collins Troop 334 GFD, Avon Lake
Sean Conrady Troop 307 GFD, Avon Lake	Matthew Daugherty Troop 4586 JATD, Ashland	Jacob Deem Troop 6011 HAD, Marion	Timothy DeFranco Troop 427 GFD, Amherst	Kyle Dennison Troop 335 GFD, Avon
Joshua Dyson Troop 107 GFD, Elyria	Solomon Echelberger Troop 4126 JATD, Bellville	Andrew Evans Troop 6056 HAD, Edison	Lucas Fernald Troop 334 GFD, Avon Lake	Charles Fox Troop 414 GFD, Wellington
Michael French Troop 4304 JATD, Galion	Hunter Friebel Troop 4406 JATD, Shelby	Benjamin Friend Troop 414 GFD, Wellington	Bryan Gargasz Troop 397 GFD, Lorain	Jason Glasser Troop 225 TFD, Greenwich
Matthew Gross Troop 427 GFD, Lorain	Andrew Hamilton Troop 462 GFD, Avon	Zachary Hark Troop 6777 HAD, Carey	Taylor Haven Troop 140 GFD, Elyria	Bryan Hickey Troop 203 TFD, Bellevue
Matthew Hogrefe Troop 333 GFD, Avon	Cory Huddleston Troop 203 TFD, Bellevue	Jared Hutchison Troop 277 TFD, Willard	Seth Isley Troop 6003 HAD, Marion	Daniel Jackson Troop 111 GFD, Columbia Station
Simon Kamagantsev Troop 428 GFD, Elyria	David Kamyar Troop 6056 HAD, Cardington	Matthew Kochheiser Troop 4126 JATD, Bellville	Justin Konyn Troop 4152 JATD, Mansfield	Benjamin Langan Troop 31 TFD, Huron
Nolan Larsick Troop 175 GFD, N. Ridgeville	Spencer Machesky Troop 427 GFD, Amherst	Brian Makaryk Troop 104 GFD, Hinkley	Jonathan Marcaly Troop 427 GFD, Amherst	Jonathon Matthews Troop 6035 HAD, Caledonia
Anthony Miller Troop 338 GFD, Avon Lake	Benjamin Miller Troop 333 GFD, Avon	Timothy Minnich Crew 2120 GFD, Elyria	Keegan Murray Troop 7 TFD, Sandusky	Nathan O'Connor Troop 427 GFD, Lorain
Alec Ogg Troop 6125 HAD, Carey	Brian Ortoski Troop 175 GFD, N. Ridgeville	Anthony Phillips Troop 428 GFD, Amherst	Kane Phillips Troop 4406 JATD, Shelby	Grant Picker Troop 6086 HAD, Mt. Gilead
Jakob Pressler Troop 414 GFD, Wellington	Samuel Ramey Troop 217 TFD, Loudonville	Carl Riems Troop 214 TFD, Sandusky	Joshua Rigsby Troop 6777 HAD, Upper Sandusky	Luke Riley Troop 217 TFD, Wakeman
Kyle Rinehart Troop 4126 JATD, Bellville	Ryan Robinson Troop 175 GFD, N. Ridgeville	Dalton Schenk Troop 8 TFD, Sandusky	Tyler Schlecht Troop 6026 HAD, Marion	Anthony Schlitt Troop 4502 JATD, Ashland
Eric Seguin Troop 122 GFD, Westlake	Joshua Shadle Troop 140 GFD, Elyria	Austin Smith Troop 6003 HAD, Marion	Addison Snyder Troop 203 TFD, Bellevue	Jaret Southard Troop 4537 JATD, Lucas
Jordan Stewart Troop 120 GFD, Elyria	Bradley Thimke, Jr. Troop 122 GFD, Elyria	Stephen Thomas Troop 428 GFD, Amherst	Cory Thompson Troop 83 TFD, Sandusky	Scott Thompson Troop 120 GFD, N. Ridgeville
Charles Thornton Troop 4406 JATD, Shelby	Christopher Tyler Troop 7 TFD, Sandusky	Roarke Vaile-James Troop 6011 HAD, Columbus	Gabriel Vega Troop 175 GFD, N. Ridgeville	Timothy Villari Troop 334 GFD, Avon Lake
Micah Watts Troop 4513 JATD, Nova	Seth Wehner Troop 83 TFD, Sandusky	Joseph Williams Troop 4406 JATD, Plymouth	Donald Williams, Jr. Troop 414 GFD, Wellington	Kyle Wills Troop 4170 JATD, Ontario
Maximillian Wolff Troop 214 TFD, Collins	Lucas Wonder Troop 4170 JATD, Crestline	Adam Zaryk Troop 335 GFD, Sheffield Village	Nathan Zielinski Troop 335 GFD, Grafton	



*Eagles as of November 13, 2014



Great Frontier District

District Award Nominations

Nominations for awards presented at our district dinner on March 27 are due on **February 11 (roundtable)**. This deadline allows our selection committee to select recipients, notify them, and get awards made in a timely manner. Please go to www.heartofohiocouncil.org/greatfrontier and then click on Great Frontier Annual Awards Nomination Form to nominate one of our leaders deserving of recognition. Send all nominations to Kevin Fox at kevinj.fox@scouting.org.

District Annual Banquet

Mark your calendar for Friday March 27, for the 2015 Great Frontier District Annual Banquet. Jody Barilla, district program chair and dinner chair, has promised a great event with awesome food, fun, fellowship, and evening filled with awards and surprises. Continue to watch the district page on the council website (www.heartofohiocouncil.org/greatfrontier) for more details as we get closer to the fantastic event

Don't Miss Great Frontier Roundtable

Cub Scout roundtable is fun AND informational. What's missing? You! The Cub Scout pack's leadership! Miss Lis and her staff have plenty of things for everyone – Cubmaster, committee members, den leaders, and even just interested parents. Bring another parent / leader with you to attend and share the fun!

Boy Scout roundtables are still going strong. We will be having guest speakers to share knowledge and program ideas for your Boy Scout troop. Join Jeff and his staff for our monthly program information exchange. Don't forget that the December Roundtable will be Jeff's last as commissioner. Stop by to see who will be taking his place. We heard that **Gil Sanow** will be stepping in for the month of January as the interim roundtable commissioner.

Both Cub Scout and Boy Scout roundtables are held at our **new location**: Lighthouse United Methodist Church located at 3015 Meister Road, Lorain. There is a joint starting time at 7:00 p.m. and then Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders split for program specific information and activities.

Venturing roundtable is being held on a quarterly basis at the Camp Avery Hand Dining Hall at Firelands Scout Reservation. The next meeting is **December 7** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is open to all crew officers, post officers, advisors, and skippers. Come share in fellowship with fellow crew and post members.

Boy Scout Klondike

The 2015 Boy Scout Klondike is fast approaching and looks to be like a great event. We have asked for warmer temperatures and less snowy conditions from our 2014 event. Please mark your calendar for January 31. More information will be available at the December and January roundtables, as well as the district webpage, www.heartofohiocouncil.org/greatfrontier. More information can be obtained by contacting Klondike Chair, Chris Pressler at cpressler57@aol.com.



Merit Badge Midway

Please note that the 2015 Merit Badge Midway will be moving away from its normal weekend in May to March 14, 2015. The change in dates was made to provide an even better experience to the Scouts that attend. We will once again be utilizing the Lorain County JVS for classes. One of the changes that has been made was to remove the camping portion and make the event a day event only. Don't fret, we will still have a Boy Scout camping experience in May on the weekend of 1, 2, & 3. For more information, please contact district activities chair Jay Cleland at jclel@windstream.net information will be posted on our district webpage.

Webelos Readyman

ATTENTION WEBELOS... We are once again pleased to announce that we will be offering our highly successful Readyman Lab on Saturday January 10 at the American Red Cross Building on West River Road in Elyria. Information will be distributed at the December roundtable. Remember that there is a limited amount of space to attend, so sign up quickly to ensure that you can attend. Looking for more information? Contact Greg Olgin at greg_olgin@yahoo.com or see him at the December roundtable.

Annual Business Meeting & Election NOTICE!

The Great Frontier District annual meeting and election of members and officers will be held; Wednesday, February 04, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the Lorain County Educational Services Center; located at 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035. All charter representatives, district members-at-large and executive board members residing in the Great Frontier District (Lorain County) are invited. RSVP to district director, Kevin J. Fox (kevinj.fox@scouting.org) by Friday, January 30, 2015.

Differently Abled Camp - Camp Avery Hand June 5-6, 2015

The Heart of Ohio Council will hold a Differently Abled Camp at Camp Avery Hand June 6-7, 2015. This camp serves Scouts with Disabilities throughout the council and beyond. Stay tuned for the Leaders Guide on the council website in January 2015.

In order to support the camp, we are in need of youth staff of Boy Scout and Venturing age. It is a rewarding opportunity to work with Scouts with disabilities. In addition, you will have the opportunity to earn your Disability Awareness Merit Badge.

Applications will available in January 2015 and must be returned to Dave Jackson by the end of February 2015. Staff interviews will be held the week of March 23, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Warnock at mike.warnock@scouting.org or Dave Jackson at djacks07@yahoo.com or call (440) 365-4254. We look forward to having you on our staff.



Happy Holidays

From your district professional staff, Kevin Fox and Jim Vanderpool, we would like to wish everyone in the district a wonderful & joyous holiday season and prosperous new year.

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Calendar

December

- 2 - District Commissioner Meeting
- 3 - District Committee Meeting
- 4 - First Aid Committee Meeting
- 6 - Unit Charter Renewal Turn-in Deadline
- 6 - WBA Winterfeast
- 7 - Venturing Roundtable
- 9 - Family FOS Presenters' Training
- 9 - Final Popcorn Payment Due
- 10 - District Roundtable
- 17 - Amangi Bischuwi OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 - 25 - Office, National Store Closed
- 24 - 1/1 - Firelands Store and Camp Closed
- 29 - Camp Staff Interviews

January

- 1 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed
- 6 - District Commissioner Meeting
- 7 - District Committee Meeting
- 10 - Webelos Readyman Badge Lab
- 14 - District Roundtable
- 17 - Den Chief Training (for Boy Scouts)
- 19 - MLK, Jr. Day - Office & Stores Closed
- 21 - Amangi Bischuwi OA Chapter Meeting
- 31 - District Boy Scout Klondike Derby

February

- 3 - District Commissioner Meeting
- 4 - District Committee Meeting
- 4 - District Annual Meeting
- 5 - First Aid Committee Meeting
- 11 - District Roundtable
- 16 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed for Presidents Day
- 18 - Amangi Bischuwi OA Chapter Meeting
- 21 - WBA Annual Meeting & Breakfast
- 26 - Council Annual Meeting

Harding Area District

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Calendar

December

- 4 - District Commissioner's Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Timothy Lutheran Church, 3004 Marion Mount Gilead Road, Marion
- 4 - Roundtable & Unit Charter Renewal Turn-in, 7:00 p.m., Timothy Lutheran Church, 3004 Marion Mount Gilead Road, Marion
- 6 - Unit Charter Renewal Turn-in Deadline
- 7 - Order of the Arrow, Chief Tarhe Chapter Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Timothy Lutheran Church, 3004 Marion Mount Gilead Road, Marion
- 9 - Final Popcorn Payments due to Council Service Centers
- 11 - District Program Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Marion Service Center, 1310 Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion
- 13 - Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Specifics Training, & Troop Committee Challenge, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wyandot County Fairgrounds, 10171 Ohio 53, Upper Sandusky
- 21 - January 5, 2015 - Marion Service Center Closed for year end inventory
- 24/25 - Office, National Store Closed
- 24 - 1/1 - Firelands Store and Camp Closed
- 29 - Camp Staff Interviews

January

- 1 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed
- 4 - Chief Tarhe OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 - District Roundtable
- 8 - District Commissioner Meeting
- 19 - MLK, Jr. Day - Office & Stores Closed
- 23/24 - District Klondike Derby

February

- 1 - Chief Tarhe OA Chapter Meeting
- 5 - District Roundtable
- 5 - District Commissioner Meeting
- 12 - District Annual Meeting
- 12 - District Program Committee Meeting
- 16 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed for Presidents Day
- 26 - Council Annual Meeting



Good Scout Dinner

The 2014 Good Scout Dinner honoring Mr. Daryl Gates was held on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Daryl Gates is a long-time Marion County resident. He was a 1974 graduate of The Ohio State University, and is President/CEO of Morral Companies LLC in Morral, Ohio which manufactures and sells plant nutrients, plant protection products, ice melters, and environmental products. Mayor Scott Schertzler filled the role of Master of Ceremonies, and the evening opened with a color guard comprised of Scouts and Venturers from Troop 46 and Crew 740, and Cub Scout Michael Brown of Pack 50 gave the night's invocation. After the meal, Eagle Scout Macray Brown of Troop 50 spoke about what Scouting means to him. Marion Area Chamber of Commerce Director Pam Hall, Steve Keller and 2013 Good Scout recipient Lowell Thurston recognized Daryl's longtime service to the Marion community.

Daryl's longtime service to the Marion community includes serving as treasurer and past chairman of the Marion Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Marion Rotary Club, Marion Area Red Cross, Marion General Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, and is trustee and current chairman of The Ohio State University Marion Campus. He is a member of the United Way Pillars Club and is a team member of Morral Companies Relay for Life. Daryl is a member of The Fertilizer Institute Board of Directors, The Ohio Department of AG Water Quality Committee, and the Governor's Advisory Committee with Ohio Department of AG. He is also a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau, the Fertilizer Institute, and the Fluid Fertilizer Foundation. He is a former member of Marion YMCA Board of Directors, River Valley Board of Education, and Marion General Hospital, as well as, a former board member and past chairman of the Ohio Agri-Business Association and former board member of Agricultural Retailers Association. He is also a member of the Ohio Commodores.

2015 Friends of Scouting

Submitted by Dave Engle

We are preparing to kickoff the 2015 Friends of Scouting Family campaign. Last year was a record-setting year, so thank you to all the units and families that participated. This year, our goal is to complete the family presentation phase of our 2015 FOS campaign by the end of March. We would like to present at your Cub Scout Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet, or at your Boy Scout Troop's Court of Honor. We know these events are usually jam-packed with activity, so we promise we will take only 8 to 10 minutes of your valuable time. We really need to do the presentations at these events because they are the most well attended events by family members. Our presenters are volunteers, and usually unit leaders themselves, so we know we need to get out of your way! The more people we reach with the presentations, the fewer we need to reach via phone and mailings, making any donations stretch that much further.

Please schedule your unit's presentation as soon as possible by emailing me (Dave Engle, FOS Family Chair) at dvenge@gmail.com. Presentations dates must be in January February, or March. You must be scheduled by December 31 to meet one of the requirements for this year's Free Rank Badge Program, so don't delay! We need the following information to schedule your presentation: Date, time, location (with address), type of meeting, and the unit contact with phone number and email address.

Thanks in advance!

Dave Engle, Family Friends of Scouting Chair

83rd Annual Harding Pilgrimage

Submitted by Chad Schnitzler

The 83rd Annual Harding Pilgrimage was held on October 12, 2014. Boy Scout, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts from across the state participated in this annual march to commemorate the birth of our 29th President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

Harding Area District Annual Business Meeting

Submitted by Chad Schnitzler

The Annual Business Meeting of the District will take place on Thursday, February 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Marion Service Center, 1310 Mount Vernon Road, Marion. All charter representatives and district members-at-large are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to elect district officers and district members-at-large. Please send your nominations for district members to Chad Schnitzler at the Marion Service Center, 1310 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Marion, OH 43302, or e-mail him at chad.schnitzler@scouting.org no later than Thursday, January 15, 2015.

District Recognition Dinner

Submitted by Josh Nagel

The Harding Area District's recognition dinner to celebrate 2014 is quickly approaching. At the banquet we will be awarding the District Award of Merit, the highest award a district can award to a volunteer. Make sure to turn in your award applications for Cub Scout Leader of the Year, Boy Scout Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, the Harding Award, and the District Award of Merit to the Marion Service Center before February 13, 2015. Award applications may be picked up at the Marion Service Center or printed from the council web page.

Marion Service Center Holiday Closure

Submitted by Sheree Krassow

The Marion Service Center will be closed starting December 21, 2014, for the holidays and year-end inventory and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2015 for normal business hours. District Executive Chad Schnitzler will be in the office during the closure, if you need to reach him.

Marion Boy Scout Troop 50 Studies the Rosary in a Brand New Way!

Marion St. Mary Catholic Church's Boy Scout Troop 50 spent November 7 and 8, 2014 studying and learning how to pray the Rosary. The brand new 24-hour program, named after Saint Dominic, included learning why Catholics pray the Rosary, and how teens can increase their spirituality by paying homage to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in these prayers.



The Saint Dominic Program was developed in the past year by the troop and their leaders for several reasons. Michael Galyk II said, "We felt there was a need to help Catholic teens dig deeper into praying the Rosary and gain a fuller understanding of something faithful Catholics have done for hundreds of years."

Galyk, along with Michael Watson, Dr. Leonard Janchar, Lori Stevenson, Alec Beickelman and Paul Beickelman developed the program with the hopes of bringing it to any Catholic youth in the Diocese of Columbus, and beyond.

Watson explained, "Troop 50 has had a long history of creation, implementation and participation in many Catholic Scouting events, and this will be another option for Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Life Teen and other Catholic Youth Groups."

The Firelands District



Updated Rechartering Information

By Jeff Vanderpool, The Firelands District Executive
It's rechartering time again! Remember, the unit liability insurance fee is \$40. Along with that, there has been an increase in fees for the individual adult and youth, now \$24 per member. All this information is reflected in the packets for rechartering you should have received at roundtable. Don't forget to complete your Journey to Excellence forms along with your charter. The Firelands District will have a turn in day, on December 11 at the district roundtable at Milan Presbyterian and December 22 at McDonalds in Norwalk. If you have questions contact Jeff or Paul.



District Award Nominations

Nominations for awards presented at our district roundtable in March are due on January 15. This deadline allows our selection committee to select recipients, notify them, and get awards made in a timely manner. Send all nominations to Jeff Vanderpool at jeff.vanderpool@scouting.org.

Don't forget about Roundtable

If you want to know what is going on in the district and the council, come to roundtable. We have a great team of Roundtable Commissioners who provide fun and educational programs. This is also a great time for you to get ideas and collaborate with other leaders on upcoming programs. All roundtables are held at Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church Street on the second Thursday.

District Volunteerism

In the past year, we have really started a great trend of expanding and utilizing our district committee. We have had a good year and programs have been great with the help of many of those and other great volunteers. But, we still need to get more people involved. The more people helping, the less each of those volunteers have to do, and the better job and more resources we have. We have School Nights, popcorn, and camporees coming up that we need help with. If you are interested and able to help in any way, contact Jeff at jeff.vanderpool@scouting.org.

Happy Holidays from The Firelands District

The Firelands District Committee wishes all of our Scouting volunteers and parents a happy holiday season! Thanks for all that you do to provide the Scouting program to our youth!

Happy New Year!



Contact The Heart of Ohio Council for advertising opportunities and our new prices. Contact the council at 419-207-8300.

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Calendar

December

- 6 - Unit Charter Renewal Turn-in Deadline
- 11 - District Roundtable; 7:00 p.m., Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 11 - Mawat OA Chapter Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 11 - District Committee Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 11 - District Commissioner Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 13 - Family FOS Presenters' Training
- 22 - Charter Turn in
- 24 - 25 - Office, National Store Closed
- 24 - 1/1 - Firelands Store and Camp Closed
- 29 - Camp Staff Interviews

January

- 1 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed
- 8 - District Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 8 - Mawat OA Chapter Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 8 - District Committee Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 8 - District Commissioner Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 19 - MLK, Jr. Day - Office & Stores Closed

February

- 4 - District Annual Meeting
- 12 - District Roundtable 7:00 p.m.; Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 12 - Mawat OA Chapter Meeting; Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 12 - District Committee Meeting; Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 12 - District Commissioner Meeting, Milan Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Church St., Milan
- 16 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed for Presidents Day
- 26 - Council Annual Meeting
- 27 - 28 - District Klondike Derby

Johnny Appleseed Trail District

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Calendar

December

- 4 - Unit Charter Renewal Turn-in Night; 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 4 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 4 - District Roundtable , 7:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 6 - Unit charter Renewal Turn-in Deadline (must be turned in to your district commissioner or district executive)
- 6 - Lou-Ott OA Chapter Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Block House, South Park, Mansfield
- 7 - Venturing Officers Association Meeting
- 11 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., REI, Mansfield
- 11 - Family FOS Presenters' Training
- 24 - 25 - Office, National Store Closed
- 24- 1/1 - Firelands Store and Camp Closed
- 29 - Camp Staff Interviews
- 31 - Unit Charters Due to National Office
- 31 - Presentation Sign-up due for Family Friends of Scouting to qualify for "Free Rank Badges"

January

- 1 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed
- 3 - Lou-Ott OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 - District Roundtable
- 8 - District Commissioner Meeting; 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 10 - Volunteer Training Day
- 15 - District Committee Meeting
- 16 - 18 - District Klondike Derby
- 19 - MLK, Jr. Day - Office & Stores Closed

February

- 5 - District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Road., Mansfield
- 5 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 7 - Lou-Ott OA Chapter Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Block House, South Park, Mansfield
- 12 - District Commissioner Meeting; 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, 970 Lucas Rd., Mansfield
- 12 - District Annual Meeting
- 16 - Office, Stores, Camp Closed for Presidents Day
- 26 - Council Annual Meeting



Glenn Carter doesn't do anything halfway. The octogenarian worked as a civil engineer at the Ohio Department of Transportation for nearly 40 years. He has been married to wife Sue for 42 years.

He's been devoted to the Boy Scouts of America for even longer.

Carter, who has earned about every award known to Scouting, recently was presented with the 70-year Veteran Award for service.

"I guess it's my hobby," he said. "I like camping and the activities."

Carter joined Boy Scout Troop 214 in Berea in 1942. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1946 and subsequently received the bronze, gold and silver palms. Carter also earned the top rank of ranger in the Boy Scout Explorers program in 1949.

Carter has served in various positions in the Boy Scouts, including Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Explorer adviser, Cub leader, unit commissioner and committee chairman at the troop, pack and district levels.

He currently serves as a unit commissioner for Cub Scout Pack 506 and Boy Scout Troop 586 in Ashland, which are part of the Johnny Appleseed Trail District that includes Richland and Ashland counties and the cities of Galion and Crestline.

Asked how much longer he would continue in Scouting, Carter had a quick reply.

"How much longer am I going to live?" he asked. Carter said he feels a need to help, noting the difficulty in finding younger adults to get involved.

He joined the Boy Scouts at the age of 12. "It was just the thing to do. There wasn't much else," he said. "Sports weren't as prominent as they are today."

Carter says he thinks Scouting has more to offer than athletics.

"I strongly believe in the Scout oath and the Scout law," he said. "That's what it's all about. It's character building and leadership."

Carter notes Scouting is not as popular as it was when he was a boy, in part because of sports.

The Ashland resident remembers the strong character of his early troop. Two went on to join the Navy, and another became an astronaut.

Carter said he also learned self-confidence through Scouting.

"If you're going to live outside in all kinds of weather, you're going to learn confidence," he said.

Carter said at some point through the years, he was not registered as a Scout because of military duty. He was a member of the U.S. Army, where he was a surveyor in the field artillery of the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. It was during the Korean War era.

"The minute we graduated, it was pack your bags," Carter said.

Carter graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and the Carnegie Technical Institute with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

He came to Ashland in 1955 and retired from ODOT in 1992. Two sons, Brad and Tom, also became Eagle Scouts under their dad's tutelage.

Carter enjoys being outdoors and said his biggest passion is canoeing. He estimates he has canoed 1,000 miles, often going to Canada with his wife.

"Our lives are completely surrounded by Scouting or something related like canoeing," Sue said.

Carter pondered why he has stayed involved for so long.

"I don't bowl and I don't golf," he said.

His wife finished the thought.

"It's your life," Sue said. "You're happiest when you're doing this."

Article supplied by Mansfield News Journal

Congratulations and thank you to all Johnny Appleseed Trail volunteers, units, families and supporters for achieving our 2014 Friends of Scouting goal. Brian Besecker and Mahala Riley gave outstanding leadership to this year's campaign, which was the first district

campaign in several years in the Heart of Ohio Council to achieve its goal! One of the many reasons for the success was an early start.... your unit earns one of the criteria to qualify for free rank badges by signing up for your presentation by December 31 and by conducting a Family Presentation by March 31, 2015. Sign up for your Units Family Presentation by completing and sending in the Unit Presentation Sign-up Form (www.heartofohiocouncil.org/finance). If you have any questions or concerns, please call or contact our 2015 Family Friends of Scouting Chair Mahala Riley at 419-289-2189 mahala@zoominternet.net. You may also contact: breck.dokken@scouting.org. Thank you for helping our volunteer and staff team provide recourses and serve you and our youth!



2015 JAT District Klondike Derby is Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18

At the Richland Rural Life Center. Camp the whole weekend or just come for Saturday's events. Our Klondike Derby committee has been hard at working planning new and exciting events and stations. Please register your troop as early as possible so we can plan for enough program, food and supplies. Klondike Derby packets and registration information will be distributed to each troop, and information is available at: www.heartofohiocouncil.org. For more information contact our Klondike Derby Chair Alan Allwine at (419) 571-5006 or email: aallwine@gmail.com.

JAT Training Day January 10, 2015, will be a big day for the future of your Scout unit and the youth and families you serve. Cub Scout Leader Specifics, Boy Scout Leader Specifics, Venture Crew Advisor/Committee Training and Commissioners training will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Reservations are due by January 5, 2015 to Heart of Ohio Council, BSA c/o breck.dokken@scouting.org. Details distributed at the December 4 Roundtable.

Johnny Appleseed Trail District Recognition Banquet, Thursday, March 12, 2015

The annual district recognition banquet will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Ontario United Methodist Church. Join us as we recognize The District Awards of Merit, 2014 Class of Eagle Scouts, Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders of the Year, 2014 Popcorn Achievers, William D. Boyce Award recipients and, charter partners. A great meal, wonderful Scouting, fun and fellowship for all. Cost is \$18.00 per person by March 6 or \$23.00 after March 6. Cost includes program, awards, recognitions, meal and more. RSVP by March 6 to Heart of Ohio Council, BSA c/o JATD Banquet so we can have enough food prepared.

Annual Business Meeting & Election NOTICE!

The Johnny Appleseed Trail District Annual Meeting and election of members and officers will be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the Heart of Ohio Council Service Center in Ashland, Ohio. All charter representatives, district members-at-large and executive board members residing in the JAT District are invited. RSVP to breck.dokken@scouting.org by Tuesday, February 10, 2015.



It is with mixed emotions that I have resigned as Assistant Scout Executive of the Heart of Ohio Council, BSA to accept the position of Assistant Scout Executive with the LaSalle Council, BSA, effective December 16.

My last working day in the Heart of Ohio Council, BSA was on November 15.

Although I am pleased about my new career opportunity, I will sincerely miss the Scouting relationships that have developed over the past five years in the Heart of Ohio Council, BSA.

I would like to thank all of you very much for all the outstanding support that you have provided to me both personally and professionally.

Eric E. Clark Yours in Scouting,

Eric E. Clark
Assistant Scout Executive
LaSalle Council, BSA

Thank You, Volunteers

By Lisa Whisler, Office Manager

A special thanks goes out to Mahala Riley, Carol Engel, Virginia Warnock, Carol Fike, Vivian Clark, and Debbie Schieve for volunteering at the Heart of Ohio Council Service Center in Ashland. We truly appreciate the time these valuable volunteers give to help out. Your help processing mailings, answering phones, filing, organizing popcorn orders, and so much more is invaluable.

If you are an adult interested in volunteering or are a student in need of community service hours for your school / organization, please contact Lisa at 419-207-8300 or lisa.whisler@scouting.org.



SHOOTING TOURNAMENT



Calling all marksmen... A shooting for accuracy tournament similar to the TV show "TOP SHOT" is being

planned for the fall of 2015. The committee is currently developing the divisions and events and more information will be forthcoming. This will be a day event at FSR and if units wish to camp, they will need to make arrangements as if it were a unit campout. So all of you eagle eyed Cub/Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scouters need to start training and honing up on your skills to be at the top of your game next fall.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

By Dann Barczyk

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide 13- to 20-year old youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The Heart of Ohio Council's NYLT program will be held at Firelands Scout Reservation at Camp Wyandot from July 26-July 31, 2015. NYLT is open to all registered Scouts that are 13 years old and at least First Class Rank. The candidate must have a recommendation from the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor and parent permission. Female Scouts are welcomed in NYLT. The cost for this course is \$200.



Silver Beaver Nominations

The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can bestow on a volunteer.

I know that each of us knows someone who gives countless hours to Scouting and our communities. This person deserves to be recognized. I encourage you to take time to collect the information, and submit a nomination form for that deserving leader that you know.

The deadline for submitting Silver Beaver nomination forms is January 30, 2015. I am sure all of us know someone who is deserving of the Silver Beaver Award. Now is the time to start gathering the information to complete the form and have it submitted by January 30.

It is important to give as much specific information as possible. Tenure, training, specific positions held and awards received all count. Equally important are contributions to the community as a whole, to schools, churches, etc., especially when it comes to working on behalf of youth. The information sought on the nomination form is a good outline.

The selection committee is comprised of past Silver Beaver recipients from throughout the council. The committee makes their decisions on both quality and quantity. However, there is no specific tenure requirement for this award. It is uncommon for any selection committee member to know more than a few of the nominees personally, so they must depend on what is written in the nomination. Well written and thorough nominations from multiple supporters do make for tougher decisions.

Forms are available at the Ashland service center, Marion service center, Firelands trading post, at Roundtables, or online at the council website, www.heartofohiocouncil.org. Don't forget, the nomination deadline is January 30, 2015.

Awards will be presented at the Council Recognition Dinner on April 11.

Scout Shop Locations

in the Heart of Ohio

Council

Heart of Ohio National Scout Shop

471 US Rt. 250 E, Bldg. D

Ashland, OH 44805

419-207-1900

Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Marion Scout Store

1310 Mt. Vernon Rd.

Marion, OH 43302

740-389-4615

Marion.ScoutShop@scouting.org

Hours:

Monday: 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Firelands Trading Post & Scout Store

13782A Gore Orphanage Rd.

Wakeman, OH 44889

440-965-7054

FirelandsTrading.Post@scouting.org

Hours:

Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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