



Smoke Signals



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“Smoke Signals” is the Muskingum Valley Council’s way to get information out to scouts, volunteers, and parents. This will replace the “Scouter News”, which was the previous Newsletter for the Muskingum Valley Council. We hope you find this new publication informative and useful. If you have any articles/pictures you would like to submit, please sent them to jeff.wickerham@scouting.org.



Rev. Tim Celebrates 35 years at MVSR!

This year, the Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Summer Camp celebrated 35 years with Rev. Tim. What a great accomplishment. What is even more amazing, is all of the scouts, parents, and volunteers that he has impacted throughout the years.

On behalf of all of those scouts, volunteers, and parents, we say thank you for all of the hard work and dedication you have given to the Boy Scouts of America. Without you, tens of thousands of youth and adults

would not be who they are today!

Communication is Key

The Muskingum Valley Council is making some changes in the way we communicate, and we hope you will find it more effective.

This is an ongoing process and we are adjusting with you. If you have any suggestions as to how we can communicate better, please send them to jeff.wickerham@scouting.org.

Old Way

- Newsletter sent to registered volunteers 11 times/year
- Website updated slowly and very time consuming, leading to outdated information
- Sporadic E-mails to those who asked.

New Way

- Newsletter sent to every registered member (including youth) 4 times/year
- Website updated on a weekly basis, leading to up-to-date information
- Mass E-mails sent as needed to provide timely information to all Scouting families



Membership

Top Units in Membership

Top 5 Pack Retention

1. Pack 550	100%
2. Pack 377	90%
3. Pack 564	82%
4. Pack 303	78%
5. Pack 332	77%

Cub Scout Packs Average 54.9%

Top 5 Troop Retention

1. Troop 122	129%
2. Troop 257	116%
3. Troop 104	113%
4. Team 104	113%
5. Troop 402	107%

Boy Scout Troops Average 78%

Top 5 Crew Retention

1. Crew 104	130%
2. Crew 447	123%
3. Crew 333	100%
4. Crew 435	93%
5. Crew 303	80%

Venture Crews Average 81%

Retention Explained

The retention statistics to the left may look a little funny to you. If a Troop has 10 youth, and they retain all 10, that would give them 100% retention rate.

So how do they get a retention rate above 100%? Great question! It is directly tied to Webelos Crossing Over. In the example above, if a Troop retained all 10 Boy Scouts, and 2 Webelos crossed over into the troop, their retention rate calculates to 120%!

The key to getting those Scouts crossing over is offering a good program, communicating that program to the Cub Scouts (especially the Webelos Den) and working in conjunction with a Cub Scout Pack(s) to make sure they know you want those Cub Scouts to one day become Boy Scouts.

Recruitment Season

Do you remember the first Scout meeting you went to or took your son to? Was it everything that you expected it would be? We hope so, but in some cases, it probably wasn't.

We need to put our best foot forward and give first time Scouting parents a good idea about what Scouting is all about. Make sure you are organized for your recruitment night: Have a calendar of events, list of unit leader contact information, activities for the Scouts to participate in, and a smile on your face!

Welcome each parent as they walk in the room...make them feel comfortable and like they belong. Open your meeting with a meaningful ceremony: something that the parents and new Scouts will remember.

We are opening the door to over 700 new families this fall...lets "Do Our Best" and make them proud to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America!

BOYS' LIFE

Advancement

Life to Eagle Seminar

WHO: Every Star and/or Life Scout who wants to prepare for advancement to Eagle Scout AND his Parents

WHERE: Council Service Center

WHEN: Tuesday, September 27, 7 pm

WHY: The Advancement Committee will be conducting a Life-To-Eagle seminar for all Star and Life Scouts in Muskingum Valley Council to help prepare them for their advancement to Eagle Scout.

We strongly recommend that at least one parent attend this seminar with the Star or Life Scout because parents need to be acquainted with the requirements for advancement to Eagle Scout.

Units with no Advancements on record in 2011

The following units do not have any advancements recorded in 2011 as of June 30. If your unit is on this list, please call your district professional (Jeff, Lynn, or Jay) to get this corrected.

Cub Scout Packs: 114, 132, 151, 174, 197, 240, 260, 343, 400, 402, 406, 500, 511, 532, 536, 574, 584, and 620

Boy Scout Troops:

121, 126, 132, 137, 156, 194, 197, 260, 303, 330, 382, 419, 500, and 526.



On Line Advancement

Did you know that you can enter your advancement records on-line? Through www.myscouting.org, you are able to enter your unit's advancement, print it out, sign it, and then send it to the Council Service Center.

This process will automatically upload your advancements into the Council records, but we still need a signed advancement sheet (printed out after entering the advancement on line) for our records.

Program

The Muskingum Valley Council, with its new five year strategic plan, has embarked on a Journey to Excellence. The first steps have already been taken; the strategic planning process is complete and the new, national Journey to Excellence standards have been set. We now have a compass to guide us and a clear view of our destination. The purpose of the journey is simple. "To radically improve service to units creating a dynamic and exciting program which attracts and retains increasing numbers of youth."

Please, go to our website www.muskingumvalleycouncil.org and read the strategic plan. See where you fit and let us know what you can do to help. We have a great scouting tradition in the council and this plan will take us to the next level. In our search for 'Gold level achievement in the Journey to Excellence. This strategic plan serves as our map and compass.

"If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else."

—Yogi Berra

I have always enjoyed Yogi Berra's quips of wisdom. He had a great knack for simplifying the obvious. As we begin a new year of Scouting, we should be setting goals to ensure success.

Our first goal should be to ensure that every youth has an opportunity to participate in a quality program. Has your unit set a recruiting goal for the fall? By setting a recruiting goal, you set a course for the year. The Council's recruiting goal for this fall is 750 new youth. Last year we recruited 573 youth.

If you are a Cub Scout Pack, are you prepared for your Fall Round-up? Just think of all those eager first graders who are finally old enough to join Scouting. Is your plan in place to make sure each of those new boys will be invited to a well-organized, fun school night? Do you have a follow-up plan for those who can't make it to your school night? Do you have Den Leaders in place for each Den? Is there a Den Leader Coach to assist new Den Leaders?

How about a Popcorn Sales Goal? This is the most effective fundraiser available to units. The funds earned can purchase advancements, camping supplies, and help Scouts pay their own way to campouts and summer camp. Units that set goals consistently outsell units that do not. Why not set a unit goal then break it down and give each Scout a goal as well. The Council Popcorn Sales Goal is \$454,000. Last year we sold \$413,125.

Do you have an advancement goal? Service Hours Goal? Trained Leader Goal? If you do, you know where you are going and can get there! —Ed Mulholland, Scout Executive

Properties Committee

The Properties Committee has been very busy since last camping season. At the Rifle Range, we installed a new side walk and Shelter to conduct Safety Class for Rifle and Archery. We also have a new Archery storage building.

We have completed the North Camp Showers with a total of 1,168 hours that were donated. We appreciate everyone's help in this project. We now have twelve individual showers with changing areas.

We have modified four KYBO's (Zane, Locust, and Walnut) with dividers and doors. Troop 356 did Eagle KYBO.

Bryan Lewis and his company, Lewis Builders, have installed a walk-in freezer at the Dining Hall.

The camp is interested to know if anyone has a four wheel truck to donate.

Campmaster Corps in Place!

There is a new program running by the Muskingum Valley Council called the Campmaster Corps! This program provides your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, or Venturing Crew an opportunity to come up to camp and have a trained, experienced, and registered volunteer on camp the entire weekend the unit is there.

The role of the Campmaster is to:

1. Support the program of our short-term campers.
2. Ensure that health and safety policies are upheld.
3. Assist with the security of Camp facilities.

This program will hopefully encourage your unit to get out and do what they are supposed to be doing...and camp!

Webelos Woods 2011

A Cub Scout Camping Event for Webelos Scouts!

September 23-25 at M.V.S.R.

\$9/Scout; \$5/adult if paid by September 17th

After September 17th, Scout fee is \$10

This year's Webelos Woods will help your Den reach its goals! With your cooperation in "partials" to be completed at your Den's level, the following Activity Pins are going to be offered:

Session A - Webelos I

Outdoorsman
Naturalist
Forester
Citizenship

Session B - Webelos II (may select 4 of the following)

Engineer
Readyman
Scientist
Handyman
Geologist

Other items that may be earned at Webelos Woods 2011:

- World Conservation Award
- Map & Compass Belt Loop
- Astronomy Belt Loop
- Traveler Activity Pin - may be earned on the way to & from MVSR

Lunch is provided in the fee. All camping is on a first come basis and will be in North Camp.

For more information, call Event Chairman
Bob Sprague at 740-607-9209
or Lynn Coulter at the Council Service Center.

Finance

2011 POPCORN SALE

Popcorn Time Line

June-July Recruit your Popcorn Kernal

August

- 17 Popcorn Kickoff: Coshocton
- 18 Popcorn Kickoff: Zanesville
- 25 Popcorn Kickoff: Cambridge

September Hold Unit Popcorn Kickoff

- 23 Show and Sell Orders Due
- 30 Order forms will be mailed to every registered Scout

October

- 8 Show and Deliver Distribution
 - 15 Popcorn Sale Starts
- *Sales materials will be mailed to every youth that is registered before Sept. 30th. Scouts should expect to receive their sales materials in early October. Start prospecting last year's customers.

November

- 5 Blitz Day
- 19 "Take Order" Popcorn and Prize Orders Due to the Council

December

- 3 Popcorn Pickup
- 16 Popcorn Money Due

January

- 26 Popcorn Evaluation Meeting

*One check from the Pack or Troop should be presented for payment. NO CASH! Scouts should have customers make checks payable to your unit.

**Popcorn Kickoff:
Which one will you be attending?**

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 — 8:00 pm
Muskingum Valley
Scout Reservation
Coshocton

Thursday, August 18

7:00 — 8:30 pm
Zane State University
Zanesville

Thursday, August 25

6:00 — 7:30 pm
First Baptist Church
Cambridge

Who is able to attend...if you are willing to come and learn about popcorn...you are invited!!!

To make a reservation, please contact the Council Service Center at 740-453-0571 or jeff.wickerham@scouting.org.

Top Sales in 2010

Top 5 Per Boy Sales

1. Troop 348, Mt. Vernon \$746/Scout
2. Troop 122, Adamsville \$666/Scout
3. Troop 340, Danville \$554/Scout
4. Troop 342, Fredericktown \$519/Scout
5. Pack 377, Mt. Vernon \$521/Scout

Top 5 Increase in Sales

1. Crew 447, Coshocton 238%
2. Pack 427, Warsaw 215%
3. Troop 406, Coshocton 206%
4. Pack 256, New Lexington 174%
5. Troop 288, McConnelville 164%

Top 5 Scouts

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Logan Kaufman, Pack 339 | \$4,079 |
| Chance Garvin, Troop 158 | \$3,693 |
| Lance Hilburn, Troop 342 | \$3,648 |
| Josiah Six, Pack 377 | \$3,436 |
| Chase Delong, Pack 122 | \$3,125 |

FOS: Friends of Scouting

Top 5 FOS Raised per Scout

Troop 419	\$126
Pack 104	\$121
Pack 550	\$94
Pack 114	\$89
Pack 403	\$89

Top 5 Total FOS Raised

Pack 332	\$2,550
Pack 174	\$1,885
Pack 403	\$1,875
Pack 350	\$1,825
Troop 158	\$1,775

"Thank you" to all of the units and families who participated in the 2011 Friends of Scouting campaign. Without your financial support, the Muskingum Valley Council could not keep the cost of camp one of the lowest in the area, could not offer camperships, and could not continue offering the support it gives your leadership.

Thank you!!!

Training

CUB SCOUT BASIC TRAINING

Cub Scout Basic Training is suggested for all leadership in the Pack from the Cubmaster to the Committee Member. This training course includes a basic introduction to Cub Scouts, Leader Specific training (Den Leader, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee), and handouts to make the job easier.

October 1, 2011 - Mt. Vernon area

8:30 am to 3 pm

Location to be announced.

Cost: \$13.00 Fee includes Cub Scout Leaders Manual or \$6.00 if you bring your own CS Leaders Manual

October 1, 2011 - Coshocton area

8:30 am to 3 pm

Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Cost: \$13.00 Fee includes Cub Scout Leaders Manual or \$6.00 if you bring your own CS Leaders Manual

October 8, 2011 - Zanesville area

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Council Service Center

Cost: \$13.00 Fee includes Cub Scout Leaders Manual or \$6.00 if you bring your own CS Leaders Manual

October 16, 2010 - Cambridge area

9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center

Cost: \$13.00 Fee includes Cub Scout Leaders Manual or \$6.00 if you bring your own CS Leaders Manual

(Lunch is NOT provided at the Cub Scout Basic Training sessions)

B.A.L.O.O. and Outdoor Webelos Leader Training

These sessions are outdoor sessions and will involve both classroom style settings and hands-on experience. **If you attend both trainings the fee is only \$22 (\$16 if you bring your own leaders manual!)**

B.A.L.O.O. (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

Suggested for all Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters, and Den Leaders

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

October 22, 2011 @ Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Registration 8:30 a.m.; Course runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Packs must have someone BALOO trained if your unit wants to go camping!!

Remember: Please complete "Fast Start" & "This Is Scouting" training on-line before attending training.

Also, please call the Council Service Center at (740) 453-0571 to register at least one week before the course begins so that we have enough materials available.

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training

Suggested for all Webelos Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders

Cost: \$14.00 Fee includes the Webelos Leaders Manual or \$6.00 if you bring your own leaders manual. Dinner and breakfast are included in this fee.

October 22-23, 2011 @ Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Registration Friday @ 5:00 pm; Course begins Saturday 5:30 pm -Sunday at 10:00 am

To complete Outdoor Webelos Training you must also attend BALOO Training. However, if you have completed BALOO Training within the past 2 years, you may come at 5:00 p.m.

TRAINER'S EDGE

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: Registration starts at 8:30 am, class ends by 4:00 pm

Location: Dresden United Methodist Church

Cost: \$5.00

A unique opportunity is being presented for volunteer Scouter's called the Trainer's Edge. This training is an advanced training to help training staff and/or anyone who is interested in speaking or giving a presentation in Scouting or everyday life. Those who plan on being on the Wood Badge Staff are required to take this course.

Advanced registration is required.

Coffee, donuts and juice will be furnished. Please bring your own lunch.

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training

Suggested for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

Cost: \$32 includes the Boy Scout Leaders Manual, both trainings and lunch during the Outdoor Session. The fee will be \$25 if you bring your own manual.

Session 1

September 24, 2011 @ Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation Welcome Center

Registration - 8:30 a.m.; Course runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch; meal not included in this training.

Session 2

October 21-23, 2011 @ Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Registration - Friday @ 5:30 p.m.; Course begins 6:30 p.m. and runs until approximately 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Friday evening cracker barrel and lunch on Saturday is included with this session.

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training is a two part training. You must complete both sessions to be considered TRAINED.

Make Training a Priority

August-September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ZT Dist Mtg Coshocton Day Camp	2	3 AH District & Commissioner Mtg	4 ZT Program Kicko FT Program Kickoff	5	6 Kodiak: Venturing Leader Trng →
7 Kodiak (con't)	8 ZT Commissioner Mtg	9	10	11 AH Roundtable FT Cub Scout Roundup Kickoff	12 Venturing Wilderness Survival Weekend OA Fall Ordeal →	13
14 Wilderness Survival Weekend (con't) OA Fall Ordeal (con't)	15 Commissioner Mtg	16	17 AH Popcorn Kickoff	18 ZT Popcorn Kickoff	19	20
21	22 VEOA	23	24	25 FT Popcorn Kickoff Council Executive Board Mtg.	26	27 Council Commissioner Conference
28	29 ZT District Mtg	30	31 AH District & Commissioner Mtg	1 FT Roundtable ZT Roundtable	2 Family Camping Weekend →	3 MVSR Workday →
4 Family Camping Weekend (con't)	5 Council Service Center Closed <i>Labor Day</i>	6 NEW STORE HOURS M, W, F: 9—5 T, TH: 9—6 SAT: 9—1	7	8 AH Roundtable FT District Mtg	9	10 Trainers' Edge
11	12 ZT Commissioners Mtg	13	14	15 Council Executive Committee Mtg	16	17 OA LLC OA Vigil Weekend
18 OA Vigil Weekend (con't) Properties Committee Mtg	19 Council Key Commissioners Mtg	20	21	22	23 Show & Deliver Popcorn Order Due Webelos Woods →	24 BS Indoor Leader Trng →
25 Webelos Woods (con't)	26 VEOA	27 Life to Eagle Seminar	28	29	30 ZT Cub Scout Campout	

October-November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> MVSR Workday CS Leader Trng—Mt. Vernon Area 4 Program Conference ZT Cub Scout Campout
<i>2</i> ZT Cub Scout Campout	<i>3</i> ZT District Mtg	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> AH District & Commissioner Mtg	<i>6</i> FT Roundtable ZT Roundtable	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> CS Leader Trng—Coshocton & Zanesville Show & Deliver Popcorn Pickup
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Council Service Center Closed ZT Commissioner Mtg <i>Columbus Day</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> AH Roundtable FT District Mtg	<i>14</i> AH CS Fall Campout AH BS Fall Camporee	<i>15</i> Popcorn Sale Starts
<i>16</i> AH CS Fall Campout (con't) AH BS Fall Camporee (con't)	<i>17</i> Council Key Commissioner Mtg	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Council Executive Board Mtg	<i>21</i> BS Outdoor Leader Trng	<i>22</i> BALOO Trng Webelos Leader Trng
<i>23</i> Webelos Leader Trng (con't)	<i>24</i> VEOA Program Committee Mtg	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> FT BS Fall Camporee ZT BS Fall Camporee	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> ZT BS Fall Camporee (con't)	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> AH District & Commissioner Mtg	<i>3</i> FT Roundtable ZT Roundtable	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> MVSR Workday Pheasant Hunt Popcorn Blitz Day
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> ZT District Mtg	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> AH Roundtable FT District Mtg	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> CS Leader Trng—Cambridge
<i>13</i> Sporting Clays for Scouts	<i>14</i> All Commissioners Mtg	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Council Executive Committee Mtg	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Popcorn and Prize Order Due
<i>20</i> OA LEC	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> MVSR & Council Service Center Closed	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> MVSR Closed	<i>28</i> VEOA	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> AH District & Commissioner Mtg			

Arrowhead District News

Serving Coshocton, Knox, and Southern Tuscarawas



Arrowhead Welcomes new Senior District Executive

The Arrowhead District is proud to welcome Jay Lockard as the new professional “go-to” guy. Jay is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from Wellston, OH. He graduated from the University of Rio Grande and was previously a District Executive with the Heart of Ohio Council since 2008.

Jay is married to his wonderful wife, Kristine, and will be residing in Coshocton County. He has been in Scouting since a Wolf in Second Grade.

In addition to being an Eagle Scout, Jay has attended 3 National Jamborees, 3 Philmont Treks, and one trip to NOAC.

When you see Jay this fall, make sure to give him a big Arrowhead District welcome!

Coshocton County Fair

September 30—October 6, 2011

The Coshocton County Fair is right around the corner...

Fair Board will charge all Jr. Fair Board members \$7.00 per ticket. The chairperson of each unit must turn in a list of all members (adult and youth) to the secretary at the Fair Board Office along with the money for the tickets. **This may only be done after Monday, September 19, 2011.**

We need two members of each unit to help set up booths on Tuesday, Sept.13, at 5:30 at the Jr. Fair Building. I need to know the Chairperson for each unit. Give the Name, Address, and Phone Number.

Booths need to be set up by 7:00 PM. Thursday, September 29. You can use any theme you want. **This year we will have some larger booths, 4 x 8 x 12 and some will be 4 x 8 x 8. Tear down will be Thursday, Oct. 6 after 7:00 PM. Each Unit will be required to have two representatives to work the district booth.** It will be about two-hour shifts.

Only scouts registered by September and have something on display will be eligible for a fair pass. If these things are not done, the unit will not receive there premium. Any question, please call Jim Gill at 740-622-1997.

FALL EVENTS

Cub Scouts

Pack 350 in Fredericktown is again hosting the Cub Scout Fall Campout on October 14-16 at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation. Registration is Friday from 5-8 pm, events run all day Saturday, with tear down and departure from 9:30-11 a.m. on Sunday.

For Saturday’s activities, the packs will be separated into 4 ranks: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. This year’s events are sure to be a blast and are geared towards rank and advancement. Your pack can use this campout as an opportunity to get those new cubs excited, motivated and ready to charge into the new year!



Find out more information at the upcoming Roundtables! Registration forms are in the unit fall packets and are also available on the council website.

Fees for this year’s campout are \$7.00 per youth and \$2.50 per adult. Registrations, with payments are due October 7. Fees are raised to \$12 per youth after October 8 but the \$2.50 adult fee will remain the same. If you have questions please e-mail Rob or Kim Hilburn at rkhilburn@gmail.com.

Boy Scouts/Venturers

This event is also the weekend of October 14-16 and will be at MVSR along with the Cub Scout Fall Campout. This weekend is hosted by Venture Crew 447 and is sure going to be a good time...as long as you can “orient” yourself for the weekend!

For more information on both of these events, attend the Roundtable and look for more information on the

Roundtable Corner

Next Roundtable:

Thursday, August 11 @ 7:00 pm
Warsaw Community Park—Park Dr.
*If inclement weather, go to the
Warsaw United Methodist Church
130 Church St, Warsaw*

Start the 2011-2012 Scouting year off right with some new Roundtable Bucks. Yes, they are back!

This is a great way for people to meet other scouting volunteers and share in some good fellowship. Bring a covered dish or dessert and drink...we will provide your table service. You will get your Fall Scouting Packet, 2011-2012 Calendars, and meet the Arrowhead District Leadership. Make sure to bring someone new with you to Roundtable too!

Roundtable is a monthly meeting where ideas are shared, trainings are offered, and fellowship and fun are had by all! Any adult leader/parent is welcome to come and share in the fellowship. If your unit is not represented at Roundtable, get someone there!



Arrowhead District Key 3

District Chairman:

Chip Udischas 740-502-3830

District Commissioner:

Lee Thomas 740-694-0823

Senior District Executive:

Jay Lockard 1-800-934-2128
740-502-8710 (cell)

Forest Trails District News

Serving Guernsey and Noble Counties and East Muskingum School District

The End of Summer!

The end of summer is finally here. Boy Scout Summer Camp is done, Webelos Resident Camp is behind us, and many Cub Scouts are fresh from an exciting time at Day Camp or Adventure Camp. Leaders, never forget that one of the biggest parts of a youth's Scouting experience, regardless of age, is their time at camp. The chance to meet new friends from around the country, or even people from different countries, time spent at the rifle or bb range, shooting arrows, fishing at the lake, or swimming in a pool, can become some of the fondest memories of a youth's time as a Scout. A big "Thank you!!" goes out to all the leaders and youth who attended camp this year; we are glad you chose to attend the events at MVSR, and we hope you had fun. But don't think of the end of summer as the end of the fun camping time. The rest of the year is a chance to practice your winter camping skills, learn how to build a fire when there's snow over everything (or rain), to have a wilderness survival weekend as a Venture Scout, or to simply enjoy some hopefully cool fall weather and time around a campfire.

A HUGE **thank you** goes out to all the volunteers who helped out at our Forest Trails Day camp! Each and every one of you are truly appreciated, by all the adults in our district, your District Executive, and especially by all the boys who had so much fun at camp! A special thanks goes out to our Camp Director, Sharon Ward, and to her "Man on the Spot," Dale Ward, who spent much time and effort making it a success!

Forest Trails Key 3 District Chairman:

Jeff Minosky
740-732-2727

District Commissioner:

Jim Williams
740-838-2144

Senior District Executive:

Lynn Coulter
800-934-2128 or 740-221-2155

Fall Program Kickoff and Cookout

The Forest Trails Fall Program Kickoff is going to be Thursday August 4th at the Stop 9 Senior Center in Byesville. We will have dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish; this will be a chance for unit leaders and parents to showcase your cooking skills, if you'd like. If the food is not enough to get your attention, we will be doing our program kickoff and fall recruitment training as well, so be sure and have your recruitment night plans set so we can schedule your school talk! EVERY pack and troop are REQUIRED to send at least one representative to this event.

Important: School Night Training Meeting

When: Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Cambridge First Baptist Church (corner of East 8th Street and Steubenville Avenue)

What to Bring: Notebook and a sense of excitement

Who Should Attend: Cubmasters and School Night Chairperson are required. All other interested adult and leaders are welcome.

Fall is just around the corner, and we all know what that means: new Cub Scouts! Each new boy that signs up for your pack is looking for a fun, meaningful experience that will stay with him for the rest of his life. He is taking his first step on the Trail to Eagle, a path that only 4% of all boys who join the Scouting movement ever follow to the end. As the first leader they will be introduced to, the responsibility falls to you to ensure the initial Scouting experience is as exciting and memorable as we can make it.

Some of you may be brand-new leaders who only have experience with the school night you brought your child to last year; others may be leaders with 20+ years of experience. Regardless, we can all learn just a little bit more each time we do a school night.

Many times, with even just 5 new boys, it may seem overwhelming, much less with 10, 20, even 30 excited new Cub Scouts who simply want to have fun. We will be giving you the tools you need to provide a fun and exciting first pack meeting, as well as some tips to keep the excitement high throughout the year.

Zane Trace & Forest Trails Survivor Weekend

Cub Scout Family Adventure 2011

September 30 - October 2, 2011

Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Bring the whole family! Enjoy getting to know your fellow scouts. There will be lots of great challenges and games. Test your agility and endurance while having great fun.

Watch the mail or attend the August Fall Kick-off Meeting for more detail on this great opportunity to deliver the promise to our Scouts.

Correction to Roundtable Date

Roundtables are the first Thursday of every month starting September 1, 2011. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. The location of the meeting is the Stop 9 Church of Christ of Christ Annex Building in Byesville.

District Meeting Time Change

The August meeting of the Forest Trails District Committee will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 12th. After the District Meeting, we will proceed into the Cub Scout Round-up meeting to allow our leaders to get a chance to meet the district committee.

Zane Trace District News

Serving Muskingum, Morgan, and Perry Counties



Cub Scout Family Adventure 2011

September 30-October 2
Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

Registration Deadline September 17
\$12 Scout/Sibling
\$6 Adult

Registrations after September 17
\$17 Scout/Sibling
\$10 Adult

Every Scout registered by September 17 will receive Patch, African Mask, and “do-rag”. No guarantee on these items if registrations received after September 17.

Things you should know...

- Registration is Friday Sept, 30, 2011 5:00 -7:00pm
- Leaders meeting at 8:00pm Friday
- Camping will be in North camp. Sites will be assigned upon arrival
- Campers must have their own equipment. **NO TENTS PROVIDED!**
- Only 1 vehicle in campsite to unload & load.
- **Lunch will be provided on Saturday!!!**
- Pack will provide & prepare all other meals!
- Chapel will be at 9:00 Sunday morning.
- Leave your campsite cleaner than when you arrived.
- Fishing poles are provided, but may bring own.
- This is a rain or shine event!!!

Questions? Call Brent or Karen Jones at 588-0150 or 819-5423 for more information on this great event!

Commissioner Service

Do you know someone that might be interested in commissioner service? Qualified individuals have a love of Scouting, a knowledge of Scouting, and willingness to work with other volunteers, to help better the Scouting Program.

All Commissioners must be at least 21 years old and have a valid Youth Protection Training Certificate within the past two years.

For salary range and hours required, contact Matt Murphy.

Popcorn

Has your unit Popcorn Kernal met personally with Jeff Wickerham to review your goals for your unit and each Scout? If not, make sure to schedule a time so that he can help make your sale a successful one.

We need each and every unit/Scout on board this year for the popcorn sale. The more popcorn you sell, the more fun programs your unit can have for a great cost...free!

Each registered Scout will be receiving their popcorn forms in the mail after September 30 and the sale starts October 15...sell, sell, sell!

Cub Scout Fall Round Up Training

If you are wondering when the Cub Scout Fall Roundup Training is going to happen...you missed it!

Please contact Jeff Wickerham so he can meet with your pack about the Fall Round Up Training. It is extremely important that your Pack know how to run a successful Round Up.



Roundtable

Thursday, August 4 @ 7:00 pm

Start the 2010-2011 Scouting year off right. Bring a covered dish or dessert and drink...we will provide your table service. You will get your Fall Scouting Packet, 2011-2012 Calendars, and meet the Zane Trace District Leadership. Make sure to bring someone new with you to Roundtable!



Zane Trace District Key 3

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Jeff Wickerham 800-934-2128
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Netawatwees Lodge #424

Order of the Arrow News

Fall Fellowship and Ordeal Weekend

The Fall Fellowship and Ordeal Weekend is scheduled for August 12 - 14, 2011 at MVSR. Registration will be held on Friday evening from 6 - 8 p.m. Candidates should come to camp in Class "A" uniforms.

The cost for the weekend is \$10.00 for members. If you are attending as a Brotherhood candidate (must have completed 10 months as an Ordeal member), the cost is \$30.00. If you would like to serve as an elangomat and have completed the elangomat training at the LLD, you may attend for free, unless you will be completing your Brotherhood ceremony, under which circumstance, a \$20 fee will apply.

The Ordeal candidates cost for the weekend is \$35.00 and includes all meals, 2011 dues, sash, handbook and pocket flap. Each candidate needs to bring the following items: drop cloth, sleeping bag, one set of work clothes including gloves, pocket knife for carving, personal toiletries, and a tent for Saturday night. The Ordeal will finish at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and candidates must be in attendance the entire weekend to obtain their membership. Ordeal candidates who were tapped out at the spring camporees this year (this is your last opportunity to complete your Ordeal without being re-elected) or at summer camp this year are eligible to attend, as well as any other Lodge member.

The Fall Ordeal is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and to provide service to camp, and service hours will count towards the Leadership in Service award and Service Corps.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank all the O.A. members who served on MVSR staff this summer and helped with call-outs and brotherhood ceremonies. Your unselfish service to the Lodge is greatly appreciated.

Mid Summer Fellowship

The Mid-Summer Fellowship held at MVSR on July 8th. A great meal and good time was had by all. Thanks to the Wapagoklos Chapter who hosted the event.

Vigil Weekend

All current Vigil Honor members and those selected for the Vigil Honor in 2011 are invited to attend this event. The activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2011. The cost for the evening meal is \$10.00.

Vigil Honor members are encouraged to come out and support the new candidates.

Area Leadership Training Course

This training will be held on November 4 - 6, 2011 at Camp Lazarus, near Delaware, OH. This is a great opportunity to receive training, have fun and meet new people. Final cost is not known at this time, but is estimated to be in the range of \$25 to \$30.

Watch for more details of this great training session at Lodge events.

Winter Banquet

It's not too early to mark your calendar for this great event. The banquet will be held on January 8, 2012. It will be hosted by the Zane Trace Chapter. All Arrowmen and their guest are invited to attend. The location has yet to be determined. The cost of the event is unknown at this time, but we are trying to keep it in the \$18 - \$20 per person range. The meal and fellowship makes this a great value at any cost. Watch for more information at Lodge events and in future issues of "Smoke Signals".

2011 OFFICERS

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Wapagoklos Chapter (300 Units)

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Chapter Advisor:
Ed Stage

Yandata Chapter (400 & 600 Units)

Chapter Chief:
Kent Kirker

Chapter Advisor:
Sam Pulley

O.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

12-14 Fall Ordeal & Fellowship

September

17 Lodge Leadership Committee
Mtg.


17-18 Vigil Weekend

October

16 Lodge Leadership Committee
Mtg.

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JAMBOREE 2013—The Summit

Attention: Leaders, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it ain't your father's jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

SCOUT REQUIREMENTS: Scouts must be 12 years of age before leaving for the Jamboree and can not have reached the age of 18 before the end of the Jamboree. Scouts must have attained the rank of First Class prior to leaving for the Jamboree and have been active in a Troop or Team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2013.

ADULTS: Are you interested in putting your nomination in to be on the Jamboree Staff? If so, please check out the requirements on the council website. You must meet all of these National BSA requirements in order to be considered for an adult position.

