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A Scout is **helpful**. A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

-Boy Scout Handbook, eleventh edition.

As I traveled about this summer, and there was quite a bit of travel with the National BSA Meeting in May, and meeting in Iowa in June and vacation in July that took me back and forth to the great state of Nebraska, I was witness to many fine examples of the third point of the Scout Law. I also had time to reflect upon the example that adults were showing to a generation of young people and the example being shown by a generation of young people.

Scouts from all over our great council participated in beautification projects for their school, church and community. I am always amazed at the planning and execution of Eagle Scout projects and the work that is done at our camps to prepare for Day Camps and summer camp.

In July I was touched to see 41 Scouts and leaders assist with a massive project to provide free dental care for people in need at the Mission of Mercy that was held at WVUP on July 31 and August 1. Thirty-six Scouts and leaders showed up on the WVUP campus as early as 8:00 on July 30 and worked throughout the day unloading trucks filled with portable dental chairs, lights, and work stations. Over 80 dental stations, a triage center and x-ray area were set up by Scouts and a handful of dental students. As I watched the gym being transformed into a massive dental office, I was amazed at the quick and efficient work of our Scouts. The helpfulness continued on Saturday when 8 Scouts showed up to help with the tear down of this event. In all, 183 man hours of service were provided by our Scouts. I doubt that the event would have been a success without the help of the Boy Scouts of America Scouts, leaders and parents from Troops 16, 17, 47, 71, 86, 91, 116, 117, 129, 200, 217, 222, 224, 426 and the Kootaga Indian Dancers. Heroes one and all!

Later in August I was present for the Order of the Arrow Ordeal. I was impressed by the work that was done by nearly 200 Scouts and leaders who provided a day of service in shutting down Camp Kootaga Summer Camp and making the camp ready for the off season. Cabins were cleaned, canvas was taken down and stored, tent platforms were stacked, cabins were cleaned and brush was cleared. The value of the work done at Camp Kootaga is immeasurable.

These are just a few examples of how boys grow into young men who place a high value on service to others. Shining examples of how a Scout is helpful, these boys will go on to be contributors to the betterment of their community. I am confident that our communities will continue to grow, prosper and improve due to the value of service that our Scouts are learning. Thank you Dear Reader, for teaching boys, young men and young women to be helpful!

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave
Scout Executive



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PROGRAM



WHITE GOLD AND PAPER MONEY– THE FALL PRODUCT SALE

The annual fall product sale will soon be here! With it comes the opportunity for your pack, troop or crew to have a focused fundraising effort for 30 days and focus on program the rest of the year.

The fall product sale will begin on Friday, October 2 with orders for popcorn and prizes due on Tuesday, November 3. This year's calendar allows for 5 weekends of selling. Remember that a Scout should average \$100 per hour in sales. This means that if each Scout sold popcorn for just one hour each weekend, they should sell at least \$500. What kind of program could your pack, troop or crew provide if each Scout averaged \$500 in sales?

For the second year, the Allohak Council will work with Time Incorporated to offer a magazine sale to supplement the popcorn sale. With over 50 magazines to choose from, customers can purchase a \$10 or \$20 voucher that can be redeemed for any Time publication including Time Magazine, Sports Illustrated, People Magazine and so many others. Vouchers can be used for new magazine subscriptions or to renew existing subscriptions. Magazine vouchers will make a perfect addition because:

- * Magazines are perfect for snacking!
- * Easy to redeem – Scout sells a voucher, customer redeems voucher!
- * Over 50 magazines to choose from!
- * 85% of Americans read magazines!
- * Magazines are a perfect gift and is easy to deliver!
- * Magazines are an appealing non-food alternative!
- * Packs and Troops sold \$10,000 in vouchers in 2008, earning \$3,000 for unit treasuries

Magazine sales will carry the same commission as popcorn, 30% and magazine sales count toward the Allohak Council Prize Program. Magazine sales do not count toward the national prize program offered by Trails End for \$1,500 sales or the scholarship plan for \$2,500. These two national prizes are based on popcorn sales only and provided by Trails End.

POPCORN INCENTIVES – HELP YOU MOTIVATE YOU SCOUTS!

Again this year, the Allohak council is offering nine prizes to the top product (popcorn and magazines) salesmen and a cash incentive in lieu of prizes!

The top three salesmen council wide will receive a Cabela's gift card valued at \$125, \$100 or \$75 respectively. In addition, the top seller in each district will receive a \$50 gift card. The top three council salesmen ARE NOT eligible for the top district prize. Nine different Scouts will qualify.

The 2008 top selling Scouts in each district were:

Blennerhassett, P.J. Hostottle from Pack 19, over \$1,530
 Washington, Dylan McNabb from Troop 219, \$1,865
 Hock Hocking, Drew McCutchen from Pack 55, \$2,720
 Little Kanawha, Houston Bennett from Pack 436, \$1,510
 Stonewall Jackson, Cameron Siebert from Troop 8, \$1,300
 Highland, Andy Nelson from Troop 96, \$2,170

Our 2008 top three salesmen from the Allohak Council:

Christopher Celeya from Pack 71, \$4,050
 Brandon Magill from Troop 40, \$3,950
 Nicholas Haynes from Pack 88, \$3,255



While prizes continue to be the number one motivator of Scouts to sell popcorn, older Scouts and Venturers might be more interested in cash instead of prizes. Any unit that would like to take cash instead of prizes may opt for 3% of their gross product sale. The cash option will be in the form of a rebate payable to the unit after full payment is made to Allohak Council. This cash option is open to any pack, troop or crew, but must apply to the entire unit. We cannot mix and match cash and prizes within the same pack, troop or crew.



PROGRAM



ONLINE CHARTER RENEWAL AND INTERNET ADVANCEMENT IS HERE!

The Allohak Council will provide a new service that enables units to expedite the paperwork portion of the charter renewal process over the Internet. This new option launched from the council Web site provides a more accurate and efficient renewal for many units and for the local council.

In December of this year, every Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew will renew their charters electronically using the BSA Internet charter renewal System. Units will have the option of either using unit management software such as Packmaster and Troopmaster or can log directly onto ScoutNet, the Boy Scouts of America's database.

The unit will identify a volunteer from the unit to serve as the renewal processor. This person will use a username and password provided by the Allohak Council to log onto the internet charter renewal system. At the initial log on, the administrator will create their own unique username and password which will be used for all subsequent log on sessions. The renewal processor save their work at any time and come back later and pick up right where they left off. The system is user friendly and accurate.

All other aspects of unit charter renewal remain unchanged.

- * The district executive will still visit the heads of all chartering organizations 90 days prior to unit renewal (September).
- * The unit will pick a renewal administrator 60 days prior to unit renewal (October).
- * 60 days prior (October) to renewal the unit will conduct a membership and leadership inventory to determine which boys and leaders are to be retained, contact any inactive members and encourage their involvement, update any biographical information, update training records, leader positions and Boys' Life subscriptions. Once completed, this information is given to the renewal administrator for processing. Once completed, the renewal administrator submits the final product and prints it off of their printer.
- * 45 days prior (November) to renewal, the commissioner and unit committee chairman still conduct the unit charter renewal meeting. Also in attendance should be the chartered organization representative, executive officer of the chartered organization, unit leader, and other unit volunteers. Additional changes may be made to the application. The renewal application with appropriate signatures, applications for new youth and adults, appropriate fees, are all completed at this meeting. If not already done, the unit leadership can review and submit the Centennial Quality Unit application.
- * All forms and fees are then delivered to the council office or the district's charter renewal turn-in meeting (December).

The internet charter renewal system is "real time". This means that if a unit submits an application on Monday, the applicant will show up in the system on Tuesday. Early submission of new adult and youth application will help with the accuracy of internet charter renewal.

It is important to note that with internet charter renewal, the renewal application must be printed and signed by the head of the chartering organization, the unit leader and council representative.

In addition to internet charter renewal, the Allohak Council will offer internet advancement. Through this system, unit leaders can logon and submit advancement reports online! To learn more about Internet charter renewal or internet advancement, go to the council website, www.allohak.org and click on the link to internet charter renewal and check out the tutorial.

CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD

Earlier in the year, each unit should have received the necessary paperwork and determined goals for the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award. If your unit has not filled out the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award Commitment form, contact your unit commissioner, district commissioner or district executive for assistance.

Qualifying units will receive a distinctive Centennial Quality Unit Award streamer for their unit flag and unit members may wear the Centennial Quality Unit Award patch on their uniform. The Streamers and uniform patches will be white for 2009 qualifiers,

Remember, Centennial Quality Unit applications can be submitted any time between October 31st and December 31st.

TWENTY-NINE OF ONE -HUNDRED AND COUNTING

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America established the James E. West Fellowship in 1993 to recognize of contributions of \$1,000 or more to a local council's endowment. The Allohak Council is continuing its campaign to add 100 new James E. West Fellows by the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This is an exciting new initiative because it will add significant dollars to the Allohak Council endowment fund, helping to secure our council's future while honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

For those who already maintain a James E. West Fellowship, you can "upgrade" your endowment to a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum level by increasing your current gift of \$1,000 to \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000. These recognition levels are offered only in the Central Region. Upgrading a current James E. West Fellowship will count toward being "One of the One-Hundred"

A James E. West Fellowship is a lasting way to honor and individual or commemorate any occasion. To date, **twenty-nine new James E. West Fellowships** have been committed by the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, they are:

- By Dale D. Musgrave in honor of Jerelyn Musgrave
- By Dale D. Musgrave in honor of Nicholas Musgrave
- By Dale D. Musgrave in honor of Erik Musgrave
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. in honor of Paul T. Kuryla, MD
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. in honor of Matthew L. Kuryla
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. in honor of Jeff Wiblen
- By Howard Dewald and Elaine Saulinskas commemorating the 40th anniversary of Troop 71.
- By Robert Ashley
- By Rod Godwin in honor of Graham Godwin
- By Alan Treadway in memory of Zachary Zimmerman
- By Larry Rector in honor of Raymond Isaac Rector
- By Ted Cox in honor of Jimmie Cox
- By Ted Cox in honor of Richard Cox
- By Ted Cox in honor of Anthony Chambers
- By Ted Cox
- By J. Scott Freshwater
- By J. Scott Freshwater in honor of Derek A. Freshwater

- By David A. Freshwater
- By Larry Rector in honor of Fisher A. Rector
- By Jann and James Foley in honor of Kevan J.L. O'Rear on the occasion of the presentation of the Eagle Scout Rank
- By Jann and James Foley in honor of Robert A. Chapelle
- By Jann and James Foley in memory of Robert A.A.J.L. Chapelle
- By John Triplett in honor of Adam Triplett
- By John S. and Missie Kaul in honor of Elmer S. Kaul
- By John S. and Missie Kaul in memory of Robert Williams.
- By Jerry Stout
- By William C. Kuryal, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Timothy A. Bailey
- By several donors in memory of James Montoya
- By Nicholas Mehl
- By Ron Taylor
- By Ron Smith

For more information, contact Dale Musgrave at the Scout Service Center or to make a pledge, use the attached pledge form.



I would like to be counted as "One of the One Hundred" as a James E. West Fellow during the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Name _____
 Address 1 _____ Address 2 _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____



My commitment is \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000 \$15,000
 (Please check one box)

My check is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____
 Invoice the balance of my pledge in equal installments beginning _____mm/yy & ending _____mm/yy
 Please charge my credit card in equal installments beginning _____mm/yy & ending _____mm/yy
 Card type _____ Number _____ Expiration Date _____
Mastercard/Visa/Discover

Name as it appears on the card _____
 This James E. West is in honor of _____
 Name as it should appear on the certificate _____



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SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day.
- 11-13 United Methodist Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill, Weston W.V.
- 14 Roundtable 7 PM Camp Mahonegon. Topics include Cub Adventure Weekend, Unit Health Report, Popcorn Kickoff and

much, much more. You'll hear it first at roundtable, plan to attend.

- 18-20 Scouting Outing at Burr Oak. For more information check out their web page at www.scoutingouting.org
- 18-20 O.A. Fall Fellowship at Camp Mahonegon cost is \$15.
- 24 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 PM, Camp Mahonegon
- 26-27 Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Mahonegon. Cub Scouts and their families will receive additional information in the mail, cost is \$20.00 per person. Registration is limited to the first 300 participants so get your registration in early
- 30 Scout Service Center closed for quarterly staff meeting.

OCTOBER

- 2 Popcorn Sale Begins.
- 5 Roundtable 7 PM Camp Mahonegon Topics include Back-To-School updates, Popcorn, and more Scouting Stuff. See you there.
- 16-18 Jamboree on the air and fun weekend at Camp Mahonegon. Bring your tent and food and come on out to camp for a fun and relaxing weekend. Cost is \$5.00.
- 22 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 PM, Camp Mahonegon.
- 25 Cub Scout Leader Training 1 PM till 6 PM at Camp Mahonegon. Registration is necessary by October 23rd, the cost is FREE. If you are new to Cub Scouting or you haven't been to training in a while, this is the year to come. See you at camp.

NOVEMBER

- 2 Roundtable 7 PM Camp Mahonegon.
- 3 Popcorn Orders Due to the Scout Service Center.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2009 - Once again the 2009 edition of Cub Scout Day Camp was a tremendous success! Over 130 Cub Scouts experienced an adventure that included air guns, archery, water rockets, and many other special activities. Numerous adult leaders, sessions staff and our Boy Scout Junior Staff are the reason our Day Camp is so much fun. With a camp director like Lesa Jordan and her band of program directors, how could this summer adventure in Cub Scouting fail? Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make this event happen; it is no single effort that makes our day camp so successful. This is an annual success story and if your pack hasn't been there – don't miss this event next year.

Follow Fall Recruiting's Four Key Steps - While recruiting is a year-round activity, it is traditionally emphasized in the fall. With the arrival of a new school year come boy talks, roundups, and School Night for Scouting.

There are four key elements to making these events successful:

- * Identify and recruit outstanding volunteers
- * Plan thoroughly
- * Promote the event
- * Follow up and follow through

District Committee Election: Purpose and Procedures

A district committee consists of chartered organization representatives and council members at large within the district territory plus duly elected district members at large and is responsible for increasing the effectiveness of Scouting throughout a district through the achievement of district goals. For this reason, the task of selecting a slate of competent officers and members at large for the next year is a very important one. The appointment and report of this committee are provided for in article VIII, section 4 of the Local Council Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Each district committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman; the district chairman is then eligible for election to the executive board of the council. Ninety days prior to the district annual meeting, the district chairman submits suggestions for members of the nominating committee to the council president for approval. Once approved, the nominating committee meets with the district executive (serving in an advisory capacity) to form the slate of nominees for district chairman, one or more vice-chairman, and district members at large, plus a nominee to be submitted by the district chairman for council executive board approval to serve as district commissioner. The nominating committee will be identified to the district Scouters between 60 and 30 days prior to the annual district committee meeting so that suggestions may be given to them for consideration. Suggestions for nominations may be made in writing to the nominating committee two weeks prior to the annual meeting. At the district annual meeting the chairman of the nominating committee reports the slate of officers and conducts the elections. Vote of the majority of the members present at the district meeting is required for election.

Top Ten Reasons Why a Boy Scout Troop Should Consider Joining a Venturing Crew.

1. Venturing can keep older boys, ages 14-18, engaged in the troop longer.
2. Venturing's new advancement program offers Scouts new challenges.
3. Venturing offers older Scouts challenging activities with boys and girls their own age.
4. Venturing offers additional leadership experience and training that can benefit the troop.
5. Venturing advancement requires Ventures to teach what they have earned to other groups.
6. Scouts ages 14 to 18 and adult leaders can be members of both a Boy Scout troop and a Venturing crew.
7. Older Scouts in the troop, especially troop leaders, are expected to participate in both units.
8. Ventures that are First Class and above can continue to work on Eagle Scout rank requirements.
9. A Venturing crew associated with the troop gives Scouts something to anticipate as they get older.

Venturing can help solve many of the Scoutmaster's challenges: challenging older Scouts while continuing to attract and retain younger Scouts. Competing with older Scout's growing interests: cars, girls, and High School. Giving leadership/role model opportunities to all older Scouts



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SEPTEMBER

- 1 Boy Scout Roundtable hosted by TBA (Please Check the Website).
- 7 Labor Day
- 11-12 Methodist Camporee
- 16 Blennerhassett District Mtg.
- 14 Cub Scout Roundtable. (Wayside)

UMC)

- 19 Cub Scout New Leader Training
- 30 Scout Service Center Closed

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Cub Adventure Weekend (Camp kootaga)
- 2 POPCORN SALES BEGIN
- 6 Boy Scout Roundtable Location TBD
- 12 Cub Scout Roundtable (Wayside UMC)
- 17-19 LK District Fall Camporee

Fall Recruiting is here! Fall Recruiting is here! Fall Recruiting is here! Please let me know when your Unit will be having a School/Open House night as soon as you can so we can have a great Fall Recruiting Season! We have a great opportunity upon us, next year will be the 100th Anniversary of one of the greatest Organizations in our Country's History! What a great opportunity for the units to recruit as many new Scouts into an organization that is over a Hundred Years old!

Popcorn: Popcorn Sales will begin on October 2nd with a District wide kickoff on September 14th. Come Join for Cub Scout Roundtable as well as the District Popcorn Packet Pickup.

Commissioner's Note: We are still looking for some Unit Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District. If anyone is interested please contact Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org.

Plan Early: Schedule your 2009 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation to receive a free Gift Certificate of \$25.00 to be used towards either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Larry Hostottle is the districts Friends of Scouting Chairman, each unit can schedule their Friends of Scouting Presentation by contacting me at nimehl@bsamail.org to schedule your Friends of Scouting Presentation. Every unit that has a Friends of Scouting Presentation will be presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate for one of the two council camps, and will be presented with a ribbon designed to be displayed with the unit's flag.

Cub Adventure Weekend: Can you Survive a Kootaga Survivor Weekend? Cub Adventure Weekend Is drawing nearer by the day! This year's theme will be based upon a theme of "Survivor". The cost of the weekend is \$25 per participant. This will be a self-sufficient camp again this year. The new physical form (A & C) will be required by all who attend. Everyone should be receiving an information postcard directing you to the website for information in the mail very shortly. The date of this event is October 2nd to the 4th. If anyone is interested in helping and we still need a few more volunteers to help in this year's Cub Adventure weekend, Please contact Todd Handley at

Cubadventure@suddenlink.net or
todd.handley@alpharma.com .

Past Events: Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp: This year's Summer Adventure Camp was a great success. With approximately 100 Cub Scouts and their parents enjoying the event with the theme of Cub Olympics, thank you to everyone who helped in making this year's Summer Adventure Camp a great success!

Opportunities on the Horizon:

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: The ALL STAR Training team has returned to host Training for all new Cub Scout Leaders on September 19th from 9am to 3:30pm. The word on the streets is that this Training is going to be too good to miss. Whether you're a veteran leader that would like to have a refresher course or a new leader in Cub Scouts, we invite you to attend this Training. The training will be held at First United Methodist Church at Ravenswood, WV. For more information or questions concerning this training please contact Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org Everyone who will be taking this course is asked to purchase a New Leader book in the Scout Service Center. Please SUBMIT the Session you will be attending Stay tuned for further details as well as Check us out on the web: www.allohak.org

Fall Camper-All - The Little Kanawha District is planning on hosting a Fall Camporee on October 16th-18th at Camp Kootaga with a theme based strongly upon Scout Skills. The Little Kanawha District would like to invite the Blennerhassett District and any other District within the Council to participate in this event as well. It will have Competitions that are focused on Scouting. Patrols will compete against other patrols in a fun, exciting, and team building weekend. The Camper-All is in its planning stages and the Camper-All Chairman is Jim Hammond, and he would invite anyone who would like to help on this year's event.

Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: September 19th.
Cub Adventure Weekend: October 2nd to 4th.
Popcorn Sales Begin: October 2nd.
Fall Camper-All: October 16th to 18th. (LK District Fall Camporee to be held at Camp Kootaga).
Popcorn Orders are Due Nov. 3rd
Popcorn Distribution is Nov. 14th
Thanksgiving

Quality Unit Forms: As a reminder to all leaders please fill these forms out and turn them back into myself or the office, as soon as you can. These forms are important for your unit to achieve the Quality Unit Recognition, as well as the District to achieve its level of recognition as well. Please return forms by December 10th.

For the Good of the Order: If you would like to be involved in the any activities of the District, please contact us and let us know which Activities of the District interests you the most. Or if you have ideas of new aspects that the youth of the District would benefit from, please let us know.

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Serving the county of Athens, Ohio



SEPTEMBER

- 2 District Roundtable 7:00pm
Committee Meeting 8:00pm
Athens Community Center
- 18-20 Scouting Outing at Burr Oak
- 30 Scout Service Center Closed for
staff meeting.

OCTOBER

- 2 Popcorn Sale Begins
- 2-5 Cub Adventure Weekend, Camp Kootaga
- 7 District Roundtable 7:00pm Committee Meeting
8:00pm Athens Community Center
- 10-11 Air Show Event, Ohio University Airport, Athens
County
- 24 Cub Scout Leader Training, Ohio Forestry Dept.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Popcorn Orders due, 5:00pm Scout Service Center
- 4 District Roundtable 7:00pm Committee Meeting
8:00pm Athens Community Center
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 Popcorn Distribution
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving

Leaders Roundtable: Your Key to Successful Program Planning- This monthly leaders meeting held at Athens Community Center on the first Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Leaders Roundtable is for all leaders and has separate sessions for Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. Regardless of your position, Leaders Roundtable is the place for you. In addition to valuable program training, you will have to opportunity for new information and fellowship with the other leader. There is something for everyone at Leaders Roundtable and is well worth your time.

Mark Your Calendars: The big event is the Southeast Ohio Air Show and Aviation Career Fair, Oct. 10-11. This Weekend Ohio University will be showcasing their great aviation program while at the same time helping to raise funds for the BSA Allohak Council. We plan to have six acts in the air, several merit badges classes, music, activities for the kids, many static display of aircraft plus overnight camping at Lake Snowden. Please plan to attend this low cost event; the tickets are only \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Also we are still looking to fill some functions at the show. If you would like to help out please call myself at 740-448-2803 or Larry Jageman 740-592-2123. Call 740-698-6373 for a camp site at Lake Snowden. We have gotten a great response from many groups and have many new volunteers helping out with this Council event. Lastly, we are Starting Pre-Sale of Tickets this month

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To add even more profit potential to your fundraising efforts this fall, the Allohak Council has continued the contract with Time Incorporated a second year, to offer a magazine sale to supplement the popcorn sale. You can choose from over 50 magazines, and customers can purchase a \$10 OR \$20 voucher that can be redeemed for any Time publication. Vouchers can be used for new magazine subscriptions or to renew existing subscriptions.

District Nominating Procedure Announced - The annual business meeting of the District will be held early next year.

Any Scouter wishing to recommend prospective volunteers for committee membership should make their nominations in writing and mail them to:

Hock-Hocking District Nomination Committee
 1340 Juliana St.
 Parkersburg, WV 26101

National Scout Jamboree 2010 - The List is almost done since the price reduction, but please remember you can still be put on the waiting list, so keep the word out!

Internet Charter Renewal - In December, all units will re-charter using the Internet Charter Renewal System for the second year. Hopefully all the problems are out by now, and it should be easier this year. For more information got to the council website, www.allohak.org and click on the Charter renewal link, and then go to the tutorial. This is an extremely user friendly system and will make this process a breeze. Remember more information will be at the fall Roundtables.





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Serving the counties of: Calhoun, Jackson, Roane and Wirt in West Virginia



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Roundtable/ District Meeting, (St. John's Episcopal).
- 7 Labor Day Scout Service Closed.
- 11-12 United Methodist Camporee
- 19 New Leader Position Specific Training & Boy Scout Training. First United Methodist Church Ravenswood, WV
- 30 Scout Service Center is Closed.

CELEBRATION BEGINS FOR THE 100th ANNIVERSARY!!!

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September 10th is the County Wide Join Scouting Night for Jackson County.

Commissioner's Note: We are still looking for some Unit Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District. If anyone is interested please contact Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org.

Schedule your 2009 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation to receive a free Gift Certificate of \$25.00 to be used towards either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Please give your District Executive a call. Each unit can schedule their Friends of Scouting Presentation by contacting me at my email address: nimehl@bsamail.org to schedule your Friends of Scouting Presentation. Every unit that has a Friends of Scouting Presentation will be presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate for one of the two council camps, and will be presented with a ribbon designed to be displayed with the unit's flag.

Cub Adventure Weekend: Can you Survive a Kootaga Survivor Weekend? Cub Adventure Weekend Is drawing nearer by the day! This year's theme will be based upon a theme of "Survivor". The cost of the weekend is \$25 per participant. This will be a self-sufficient camp again this year. The new physical form (A & C) will be required by all who attend. Everyone should be receiving an information postcard directing you to the website for information in the mail very shortly. The date of this event is October 2nd to the 4th. If anyone is interested in helping and we still need a few more volunteers to help in this year's Cub Adventure weekend, Please contact Todd Handley at

Cubadventure@suddenlink.net or todd.handley@alpharma.com .
Past Events:

Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp: This year's Summer Adventure Camp was a great success. With approximately 100 Cub Scouts and their parents enjoying the event with the theme of Cub Olympics, thank you to everyone who helped in making this year's Summer Adventure Camp a great success!

Opportunities on the Horizon

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: The ALL STAR Training team has returned to host Training for all new Cub Scout Leaders on September 19 th , from 9am to 3:30pm. The word on the streets is that this Training is going to be too good to miss. Whether you're a veteran leader that would like to have a refresher course or a new leader in Cub Scouts, we invite you to attend this Training. The training will be held at First United Methodist Church in Ravenswood, WV For more information or questions concerning this training please contact Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org Everyone who will be taking this course is asked to purchase a New Leader book in the Scout Service Center. Also when registering please submit what Session who will be attending, (Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Den Leader, Etc) Stay tuned for further details as well as Check us out on the web: www.allohak.org

Fall Camper-All - The Little Kanawha District is planning on hosting a Fall Camporee on October 16th-18th at Camp kootaga with a theme based strongly upon Scout Skills. The Little Kanawha District would like to invite the Blennerhassett District and any other District within the Council to participate in this event as well. It will have Competitions that are focused on Scouting. Patrols will compete against other patrols in a fun, exciting, and team building weekend. The Camper-All is in its planning stages and the Camper-All Chairman is Jim Hammond, and he would invite anyone who would like to help on this year's event.

Quality Unit Forms - As a reminder to all leaders please fill these forms out and turn them back into myself or the office, as soon as you can. These forms are Important for your unit to achieve the Quality Unit Award, as well as the District to achieve its level of recognition as well. Please return forms by December 10th.

Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: September 19th.
Cub Adventure Weekend: October 2-4th.
Popcorn Sales Begin: October 2nd.
Fall Camper-All: October 16th- 18th. (LK District Fall Camporee to be held at Camp kootaga).
Popcorn Orders are Due Nov. 3rd
Popcorn Distribution is Nov. 14th
Thanksgiving

For the Good of the Order:

If you would like to be involved in the any activities of the District, please contact us and let us know which Activities of the District interests you the most. Or if you have ideas of new aspects that the youth of the District would benefit from, please let us know. "An Idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an Idea"

OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Congratulations to a "Job Well Done!" to each and every one of you.

In 2008 the Allohak Council had a total of 85 Eagle Scouts

Did you know that you can go to www.allohak.org and see a listing of ALL our Eagle Scouts for the past few years? There is a link that will show the past several years. Just go to our website (www.allohak.org), scroll down to the box that says "Other Useful Information", then click on "Eagle List and info".

For 2008 we had 85 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2009 we have 42 that have achieved that honor.



- Archer, Joshua Steven - Troop 200, Washington District
- Bogdan, Nicholas John - Troop 3, Blennerhassett
- Crabtree, Zachary James - Troop 299, Hock Hocking District
- Croxford, Gregory Scott - Troop 299, Hock Hocking District
- Holbert, Matthew Christopher - Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson District
- Johnson, Philip D - Troop 440, Little Kanawha District
- Jordan, Kyle Makenze - Troop 106, Highland District



FIRST CITY TRIATHLON

Marietta Rowing and Cycling Club

WHEN: September 27, 2009

REGISTRATION: 7:00AM

ENTRY FEE: \$20/Person

RACE STARTS: 7:00am

Location: Race headquarters in the park next to the Marietta College Boathouse on Gilman Street across from the Muskingum River from downtown Marietta. Runners and Bikers will start from this location but paddlers will start from the beach below Devol's Dam Lock north of the city. Racers are responsible for positioning their canoes or kayaks at the beach and are responsible for transporting their bikes back to the start/finish point at the Boathouse.

Registration only on race day at the park. All bicycle riders must wear helmets and all paddlers must wear (secured) USCG-approved PFD type III+ while competing.

Additional Information: Contact Dan Jones at dannyjones@suddenlink.net or call 740-350-6418

CLASS 5

IRONPERSON

Male = Canoe or Kayak

Female = Canoe or Kayak

TEAMS (Minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 racers)

All Male (Must use a 2 person canoe)

All Female (Must use a 2 person canoe)

Mixed Male & Female (Must use a 2 person canoe)



RUN

First leg of the race is a 4.2 mile run in the city. From the College boathouse, runners will cross the bridge then run north up Front Street to the boat ramp then south on the bike path back to the bridge and the Boathouse.



BICYCLE

Second leg of the event is a ride on hard surface roads from the College Boathouse north to Lowell and then back to Devol's Dam via State Route 60. Distance 19.5 miles and includes on long hill.



KAYAK OR CANOE

Third and final leg is a 5 mile paddle down the Muskingum River from the shore below the Lock at Devol's Dam. Individuals can use a kayak or a canoe. Teams must use double canoes. Race will end at the buoy near the College boat dock.



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SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day.
- 8 Roundtable 7 PM at St. Mark's Luthern Church. Topics include Cub Adventure Weekend, Unit Health Report, Pop-corn Kickoff and much, much more. You'll hear it first at roundtable, plan to attend.
- 11-13 United Methodist Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill, Weston W.V.
- 18-20 O.A. Fall Fellowship Camp Mahonegon cost is \$15.
- 18-20 Scouting Outing at Burr Oak. For more information check out their web page at www.scoutingouting.org
- 24 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 PM, Camp Mahonegon
- 26-27 Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Mahonegon. Cub Scouts and their families will receive additional information in the mail, cost is \$20.00 per person. Registration is limited to the first 300 participants so get your registration in early
- 30 Scout Service Center closed for quarterly staff meeting.

OCTOBER

- 2 Popcorn Sale Begins.
- 13 Roundtable 7 PM at St. Mark's Luthern Church. Topics include Back-To-School updates, Popcorn, and more Scouting Stuff. See you there.
- 16-18 Jamboree on the air and fun weekend at Camp Mahonegon. Bring your tent and food and come on out to camp for a fun and relaxing weekend. Cost is \$5.00.
- 22 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 PM, Camp Mahonegon.
- 25 Cub Scout Leader Training 1 till 6 PM at Camp Mahonegon. Registration is necessary by October 23th, the cost is FREE. If you are new to Cub Scouting or you haven't been to training in a while, this is the year to come. See you at camp.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Popcorn Orders Due to the Scout Service Center.
- 10 Roundtable 7 PM at St. Mark's Luthern Church.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2009 - The 2009 edition of Cub Scout Day Camp was a tremendous success. There was a record number of over 130 Cub Scouts who experienced included air guns, archery, water rockets and many other special activities. With a Camp Director like Denise Christafore and Program Directors Connie Epperly and Polly Snyder how could this adventure in Cub Scouting fail? Numerous adult leaders, sessions staff and our own Dave Christafore lead our Boy Scout Junior Staff. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make this event happen and special thanks to Denise Christafore for their monumental efforts in planning this year's camp. To top it off everyone plus new faces have agreed to do it again next year.

Follow Fall Recruiting's Four Key Steps - While recruiting is a year-round activity, it is traditionally emphasized in the fall. With the arrival of a new school year come boy talks, roundups, and School Night for Scouting.

There are four key elements to making these events successful:

- * Identify and recruit outstanding volunteers
- * Plan thoroughly
- * Promote the event
- * Follow up and follow through

District Committee Election: Purpose and Procedures

A district committee consists of chartered organization representatives and council members at large within the district territory plus duly elected district members at large and is responsible for increasing the effectiveness of Scouting throughout a district through the achievement of district goals. For this reason, the task of selecting a slate of competent officers and members at large for the next year is a very important one. The appointment and report of this committee are provided for in article VIII, section 4 of the Local Council Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Each district committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman; the district chairman is then eligible for election to the executive board of the council. Ninety days prior to the district annual meeting, the district chairman submits suggestions for members of the nominating committee to the council president for approval. Once approved, the nominating committee meets with the district executive (serving in an advisory capacity) to form the slate of nominees for district chairman, one or more vice-chairman, and district members at large, plus a nominee to be submitted by the district chairman for council executive board approval to serve as district commissioner. The nominating committee will be identified to the district Scouters between 60 and 30 days prior to the annual district committee meeting so that suggestions may be given to them for consideration. Suggestions for nominations may be made in writing to the nominating committee two weeks prior to the annual meeting. At the district annual meeting the chairman of the nominating committee reports the slate of officers and conducts the elections. Vote of the majority of the members present at the district meeting is required for election.

Top Ten Reasons Why a Boy Scout Troop Should Consider Joining a Venturing Crew.

1. Venturing can keep older boys, ages 14-18, engaged in the troop longer.
2. Venturing's new advancement program offers Scouts new challenges.
3. Venturing offers older Scouts challenging activities with boys and girls their own age.
4. Venturing offers additional leadership experience and training that can benefit the troop.
5. Venturing advancement requires Ventures to teach what they have learned to other groups.
6. Scouts ages 14 to 18 and adult leaders can be members of both a boy Scout troop and a Venturing crew.
7. Older Scouts in the troop, especially troop leaders, are expected to participate in both units.
8. Ventures that are First Class and above can continue to work on Eagle Scout rank requirements.
9. A Venturing crew associated with the troop gives Scouts something to anticipate as they get older.

Venturing can help solve many of the Scoutmaster's challenges: challenging older Scouts while continuing to attract and retain younger Scouts. Competing with older Scout's growing interests: cars, girls, and High School. Giving leadership/role model opportunities to all older Scouts.

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SEPTEMBER

- 10 District Commissioner meeting at Washington State Community College at 6:00pm, roundtable to follow
- 14 District Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at Washington State Community College
- 18-20 Scouting Outing at Burr Oak
- 30 Scout Service Center Closed for staff meeting and facilities maintenance

OCTOBER

- 2 Popcorn Sales Begin
- 5 District Committee Meeting 6:30 pm, Washington State Community College
- 2-4 Cub Adventure Weekend, Camp Kootaga
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm at Washington State Community College, roundtable to follow
- 10-11 Airshow Event, Ohio University Airport, Athens County
- 24 Cub Scout Leader training, Ohio Forestry Dept.

NOVEMBER

- 2 District Committee Meeting 6:30pm at Washington State Community College
- 3 Popcorn Orders Due, 5:00pm Scout Service Center
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm at Washington State Community College, roundtable to follow
- 14 Popcorn Distributions
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving

Leaders Roundtable: Your Key to Successful Program Planning- This monthly leaders meeting held at Washington State Community College on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm. Leaders Roundtable is for all leaders and has separate sessions for Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. Regardless of your position, Leaders Roundtable is the place for you. In addition to valuable program training, you will have to opportunity for new information and fellowship with the other leader. There is something for everyone at Leaders Roundtable and is well worth your time.

Mark Your Calendars: The big event is the Southeast Ohio Air Show and Aviation Career Fair, Oct. 10-11. This Weekend Ohio University will be showcasing their great aviation program while at the same time helping to raise funds for the BSA Allohak Council. We plan to have six acts in the air, several merit badges classes, music, activities for the kids, many static display of aircraft plus overnight camping at Lake Snowden. Please plan to attend this low cost event; the tickets are only \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Also we are still looking to fill some functions at the show. If you would like to help out please call myself at 740-448-2803 or Larry Jageman 740-592-2123. Call 740-698-6373 for a camp site at Lake Snowden. We have gotten a great response from many groups and have many new volunteers helping out with this Council event. Lastly, we are Starting Pre-Sale of Tickets this month.

Fall Recruiting is Here!! - Please let me know when your unit will be having a School/Open House night as soon as you can so we can have a great fall season. If you need any help or flyers please don't hesitate to call me at my cell 614-940-5186.

2009 Product Sales - The fall product sale will begin on Friday October 2 with orders for popcorn and prizes due on Tuesday November 3. This year's calendar allows for 5 weekends of selling. Remember that a scout should average \$100 per hour in sales. This means that if each scout sold popcorn for just one hour each weekend, they should sell at least \$500. What kind of program could your pack, troop or crew provide if each Scout averaged \$500 in sales?

To add even more profit potential to your fundraising efforts this fall, the Allohak Council has continued the contract with Time Incorporated a second year, to offer a magazine sale to supplement the popcorn sale. You can choose from over 50 magazines, and customers can purchase a \$10 OR \$20 voucher that can be redeemed for any Time publication. Vouchers can be used for new magazine subscriptions or to renew existing subscriptions.

District Nominating Procedure Announced - The annual business meeting of the District will be held early next year.

Any Scouter wishing to recommend prospective volunteers for committee membership should make their nominations in writing and mail them to:

Washington District Nomination Committee
1340 Juliana St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

National Scout Jamboree 2010 - The List is almost done since the price reduction, but please remember you can still be put on the waiting list, so keep the word out!

Internet Charter Renewal - In December, all units will recharter using the Internet Charter Renewal System for the second year. Hopefully all the problems are out by now, and it should be easier this year. For more information go to the council website, www.allohak.org and click on the Charter renewal link, and then go to the tutorial. This is an extremely user friendly system and will make this process a breeze. Remember more information will be at the fall Roundtables.



UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2009

The annual United Way fundraising campaign has begun throughout the territories served by the Allohak Council.

United Way dollars represent nearly 10% of our council's revenue. In addition to the support received by the Allohak Council is the support for many worthwhile human services provided by other agencies supported by the United Way.

In one way or another, each one of us is touched by a United Way Agency. I hope that you will consider supporting the United Way this year.

Allohak Council is a proud United Way partner with the United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, the Greater Marietta United Way, the Harrison County United Way, the United Way of Lewis County, and the United Way of Randolph, Barbour and Upshur Counties.

ACHIEVING YOUR IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

Follow these three easy steps to achieving a no cost, ideal year of Scouting. Believe it or not, the first two steps are the hardest...determining what to do and how much it will cost. The third step is a cinch. Participate in Allohak Council's fall product (popcorn and magazine) Sale. Here is a brief sketch of accomplishing the third step in achieving your ideal year of Scouting

- * Divide the cost your ideal year of Scouting by .30 (30%). The result is your popcorn sales goal. For example, if your ideal year of Scouting will cost \$3,000, then your popcorn/magazine sales goal should be \$10,000 (\$3,000/.30).
- * Determine your "per Scout" sales goal by dividing your sales goal by the number of Scouts in your unit. For example, if your goal is \$10,000 and you have 50 Scouts, each Scout will need to sell \$200 worth of popcorn. An average of only two hours effort (\$100 per hour) based on the 2007 sale.
- * Share this process with the parents of your Scouts. Make sure that they understand that if they support their child's goal, there will be little out of pocket costs. This will greatly motivate the parents!
- * Attend a product sale kick-off this fall and get all of the key information, dates and sales material.
- * Distribute the sales and prize material to your Scouts.
- * SELL, SELL, SELL.
- * Order and distribute the popcorn and magazine vouchers.
- * Celebrate all the way to the bank!

ANNUAL NOMINATING PROCEDURE ANNOUNCED

The annual business meeting of the Allohak Council will be held in January of 2010.

Any Scouter wishing to recommend prospective volunteers for board membership should make their nominations in writing and mail them to:

Allohak Council Nominating Committee
1340 Juliana St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Nominations are due by December 1, 2009.

BOYS' LIFE, AT ONLY \$1 PER MONTH, A GREAT VALUE AND A GREAT PROGRAM TOOL!

Boys who read Boys' Life magazine are three times more likely to advance and twice as likely to re-register after their first year. Publicized in three demographic groups, Boys' Life addresses the reader at their ability level from Tiger Cubs through Boy Scouts and is an important program tool for any Scout!

Be a 100% Boys' Life Unit by including the it with your units re-registration fee or better yet, include registration fees and Boys' Life in planning your Ideal Year of Scouting and pay it from the unit popcorn proceeds!

Regardless of how you do it, encourage each boy in your unit to subscribe to Boys' Life!

National Council Announces Registration Fee Increase

Effective January 1, 2010, the registration fee for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers will increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per year. This will affect all units in the Allohak Council that re-charter in December because the effective date of the new charter is January 1, 2010. Units with a December renewal date will pay the new fee of \$15.00

The National Council is committed to providing added benefits to local councils and volunteers to support the delivery of high-quality Scouting programs in every community. A key investment continues to be in providing more user-friendly Web-based resources. For example, via MyScouting, volunteer will be able to complete even more training requirements on their own schedule, 24 hours a day, via online resources. This will complement their current ability to re-charter and manage advancement records online, complete and submit tour permits, and participate in the Scouting Community social network, which continues to grow. Also, in the future, new-member registration will be available online.

As good steward, we strive to keep costs to a minimum. And, we are proud that, even with this increase, youth can receive the full benefits of Scouting membership for only \$1.25 per month.

The National Executive Board reviewed revenue and expense projections along with the planned initiatives over the next several years, recognizing that the annual registration fee would not meet expenses. The board decided that the fee could be increased each year of every other year to keep pace with the expected expenditure, or that it could be raised to the level chosen and held in place over the next several years.

The last registration increase occurred in 2003 when the fee was increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00. The new registration fee will be implemented a full seven years since the last increase. The National Executive Board noted that it will endeavor to hold this fee level for at least three years.

HIGH OCTANE RECRUITING-EARN FREE PINEWOOD DERBY CARS!

The 2009 "Race to Join Cub Scouting" will be held from Tuesday, September 1 through Thursday, September 17. Again this year, Allohak Council will support Cub Scout packs with free informational flyers, posters and new this year will be bright yellow stickers to give to children who attend any "boy talks" in area schools.

The Allohak Council will be offering FREE pinewood derby cars to packs that recruit new members and submit applications and fees in September. This offer is good while supplies last. In addition to free cars for new recruits, packs will be able to purchase pinewood derby cars for existing members for \$3.50! What a deal!

Contact the Allohak Council Service Center or your district executive for flyers and to get help with your "boy talk".

CENTENNIAL RECRUITER

Any Boy Scout who personally recruits a friend can receive the "Centennial Recruiter" patch. This distinctive patch features the Centennial BSA logo. It is easy for a boy to earn the patch, in fact he can send a friend an e-card a by going to www.thescoutzone.com, click "tell a friend" and follow the instructions. Scouts can create a customized electronic invitation to send to a friend. A great way to add Scouts to your troop and a great way for a Scout to earn the prestigious "Centennial Recruiter" patch.

Patches are provided at the time that a newly recruited Boy Scout's application is submitted to the office.

Encourage your Boy Scouts to recruit a friend into Scouting this fall.