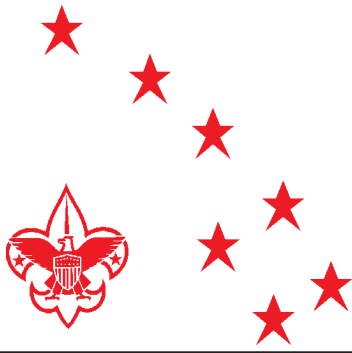


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"It's all about the mission!" Jeffrie Hermann, Central Region Director.

I had the opportunity to meet Jeffrie Herman at a recent meeting. Jeffrie is the new director of the Central Region. As I pondered his comment, I immediately thought of the purpose and mission of the Boy Scouts of America. The Charter of the Boy Scouts of America states that "the purpose of this corporation shall be to promote, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts."  
It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



It's all about the mission!

Everything that we do should support the purpose and mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Everything that we do should help to prepare a young person to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes and instill in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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It's all about the mission!

We want all of our children to grow up to "be prepared" and "to do a good turn daily". We want them to grow up to always be trustworthy, loyal, and helpful; to be ever friendly, courteous and kind; to strive to be obedient, cheerful and thrifty; to be brave, clean and reverent.

It's all about the mission!

Wouldn't this be a great world if on their honor, everyone did their absolute very best to do their duty to their God and their country? Wouldn't it wonderful if everyone obeyed the Scout Law, would help other people at all times and would keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

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It is all about the mission!

When I ponder the words, "it's all about the mission" I have to ask the question, "what if".

What if all young people everywhere grew up with a set of values based on the Scout Oath and Law. Maybe Derrion Albert would still be alive to continue his high school education as an honor student. Maybe he would have earned a scholarship to a prestigious college or university. Maybe he would have gone on to come up with a cure to some horrible and deadly disease. Perhaps he would have saved your life, my life, or the lives of one of our children or grandchildren.

Unfortunately, Derrion grew up in a neighborhood where the majority of the young people do not have a strong moral compass and could not make ethical decisions. A sophomore honor roll student at Christian Fenger Academy High School in Chicago, Derrion was walking to the bus on September 24 when he was viciously attacked and beaten to death by a mob of teenagers. The saddest part of the story is that his beating was captured on more than one cell phone video camera.

What if one of those students with the video phone had promised to "help other people at all times"? What if the video phone had been used to dial 911 instead of capture images of a senseless beating?



It's all about the mission!

Thank **YOU**, dear reader, for all that **YOU** do to further the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Thank you for teaching the values of the Scout Oath and Law and for helping young people to make ethical decisions based on the principles of Scouting. Imagine how much better our world will be because of your dedication to teaching values to young people through the fun and adventure of Scouting.

It's all about the mission!

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave  
Scout Executive



# PROGRAM



## 2010 Ski Season Sundays, January 10, February 21 & March 7

The Allohak Council Winterplace ski days will be January 10, February 21 and March 7, 2010. Special discounted rates are available for anyone purchasing their ski tickets from the Allohak Council. The special rate applies to all Scouts and family members and even includes non-Scout groups who purchase tickets from the Allohak Council. Some leaders may also be involved with other youth groups such as churches and youth clubs and are encouraged to share this information with their church youth group or any other interested parties.

BSA policy now requires the use of helmets for downhill skiing, snowboarding and the operation of snowmobiles. Snowmobile operation requires the use of a full face helmet. Winterplace Ski Resort will provide helmets free of charge.

### Packages include:

- \* Skiing & Meal \$49 (lift ticket, lessons, rentals, & meal ticket),
- \* Tubing 2 hour Pass \$12.50 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 2 hour intervals)
- \* Snowboarding \$49 (lift ticket and meal, without board rental)
- \* Tubing all day pass and meal \$42
- \* Snowboarding \$88 (lift ticket, with board rental and meal)
- \* Additional Meal tickets available @ \$6.00

Allohak Council	Boy Scouts of America
<b>Winter Place Ski Days 2010</b>	
Circle one: <b>January 10</b> <b>February 21</b> <b>March 7</b>	
Unit # _____	Method of Payment _____
Skiing and meal _____ @ \$49.00 = _____	Credit Card (please circle)   Visa   Master Card   Discover
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Tubing 2 Hour _____ @ \$12.50 = _____	Card Number _____
Boarding w/rental and meal _____ @ \$88.00 = _____	Expiration Date _____
Boarding and meal _____ @ \$49.00 = _____	Authorization Code (from back of card) _____
Extra Meal tickets _____ @ \$ 6.00 = _____	Phone Number _____
Total \$ _____	Signature _____
<p>Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or they may be purchased in advance. Advance ticket holders will be able to pick up tickets immediately upon arrival at the Allohak Council ticket table in the Winter Place lodge, no waiting in line! Advance ticket purchases are non-refundable.</p> <p>Advance ticket purchases may be completed by fax or mail using the attached form, call the order to the Allohak Council Service Center and charge by credit card or submit the order in person.</p> <p>Avoid Long Lines, purchase your tickets in advance by the Thursday Prior to Your Ski Date</p>	

### ANNUAL NOMINATING PROCEDURE ANNOUNCED

The annual business meeting of the Allohak Council will be held on January 21, 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, 2010.



# PROGRAM



## 2010 COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUT AND SILVER BEAVER CELEBRATION

Please join us for the Allohak Council Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver celebration dinner Saturday February 20, 2010 at the Cottage Corner Restaurant in Salem, WV. The doors will open at 5:45 pm, dinner at 6:30. The cost of the celebration will be \$30 per person if paid by February 5. \$35 if paid between Feb. 8 and February 15. Reservations may not be accepted after Monday, February 15.

The evening will highlight the work of volunteers throughout the council and will culminate with the recognition of Eagle Scout Class of 2009 and the Silver Beaver class of 2009.

Nominations for the Silver Beaver Award are due in the Scout Service by December 31, 2009. For an application contact the Scout Service Center or go to [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org), click on "Forms (national & local)" and then click on "BSA Forms" scroll down (about middle of the page) to the "Silver Beaver Application".

### 2010 ALLOHAK COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) for the Council Recognition Dinner to be held on February 20.

Enclosed is payment for \_\_\_\_\_ people x \$30.00 per person for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Eagle Scout(s) x \$25.00 per Eagle for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment information: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond no later than February 2, 2010  
Allohak Council Recognition Dinner  
1340 Juliana Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101-3902

## TROOPS RECEIVE ORDER OF THE ARROW CAMPING AWARD

Thirty-two Allohak Council Boy Scout Troops achieved the Order of the Arrow Camp Participation Award for having a minimum of 60% of their boys as determined by June 30 membership records attend a BSA summer camp or National BSA high adventure base..

Studies show that boys who attend camp in their first year as a Boy Scout and continue to camp regularly remain in Scouting twice as long as Scouts who do not attend camp their first year.

Congratulations to the following troops for earning this award:

Blennerhassett District Troops 4, 7, 19, 20, 47, 80, 86, 91, and 116.

Highland District Troops 58, 66, 88, 96, and 104.

Hock Hocking District Troops 53, 70 and 72.

Little Kanawha District Troops 39, 440, and 479.

Stonewall Jackson District Troops 40, 79, and 549.

Washington District Troops 203, 207, 215, 216, 219, 222, and 224.

In the previous issue of *The Polar Star*, Troop 71 was not recognized as earning this award. Troop 71 went out of council for their camp experience and the host council did not forward a camping report to Allohak Council. We apologize for not recognizing Troop 71 and encourage any other Allohak Council troops that went out of council for summer camp to contact Sara O'Dell at the Service Center to ensure that our records are accurate

**ONE OF THE ONE-HUNDRED**

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

A James E. West Fellowship is a lasting way to honor and individual or commemorate any occasion. To date, **thirty-eight new James E. West Fellowships** have been committed by the 100<sup>th</sup> 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. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Paul T. Kuryla, MD
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Matthew L. Kuryla
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Jeff Wiblen
- By Howard Dewald and Elaine Saulinkas commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> 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. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Timothy A. Bailey
- By several donors in memory of James Montoya
- By Nicolas Mehl
- By Ron Taylor
- By Ron Smith
- By Ben Propst in honor of Joan Propst, Ed.D
- Dr. Ernie Miller in honor of Lisa Hutzler
- Dick and Joyce Ledford in memory of Rick Ledford
- By Jack and Missie Kaul
- By Howard Dewald and Elaine Saulinkas in honor of Andrew Dewald on the occasion of earning the Eagle Scout Rank



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 100<sup>th</sup> 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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## JANUARY



- 4 Roundtable 7:00 at the 1st U. M. Church on Kerns Avenue in Elkins. Topics include District Dinner, Klondike Derby, and Scout Sunday.
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 22-24 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
- 25 Highland and Stonewall Jackson District Dinner, 6:30PM. At Heiner Hall, Alderson-Broadus College (aka, same place as last year's). A buffet dinner of ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, CORN, dessert and drinks. The cost will be \$8.75 per person. The District Award of merit and other District and Council recognitions will be presented at the dinner. If you are in the mood for a good ole fashioned fun time on a cold winter night, plan now to attend. Remember all 2009 Eagle Scout recipients are invited to attend.
- 28 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Roundtable, 7:00 P.M. at the 1st U. M. Church in Buckhannon. Topics include Pinewood Derby, Scout-O-Rama, Council Camporee, and Friends of Scouting.
- 7 100th Anniversary of Scouting, Scout Sunday, and Scouting anniversary week begins.
- 15 Presidents Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 20 Council Eagle Recognition and Silver Beaver Presentation at Cottage Corner in Salem, W.V.
- 21 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 26 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**Information Please** - When was the last time you visited the council web page? For up to date information, turn on your computer and type [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) The office staff works hard in updating and adding the most up to date information for you and your Scouting unit. Visit often, sign in and leave us your comments.

**How to earn \$25.00 Certificate for Camp** - Interested in using the fine facilities at Camp Mahonegon and don't want to pay full price? Schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit today. You're unit can be eligible to use the facilities at Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga by simply holding a Friends of Scouting campaign presentation...it's that simple. So get your name on the list and schedule your presentation with Ben TODAY.

**Ben's Comments** - The first month of the year gets its name from the Roman god Janus, whose name means "gate." Janus has two faces. One looks behind, the other ahead. January is a month in which we look back in time and also look ahead. As it is with us let us look back at our Scouting year and reflect what we did with pride and a sense of accomplishment. Now let us look ahead in our Scouting year and see what we can improve upon. Thanks to each and every one of you for sharing your talents and your time.



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Serving the counties of: Ritchie and Wood in West Virginia and Washington County in Ohio



### JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!!! There are only 364 more Days of Scouting left in the New Year.
- \*1 Rose Bowl
- 5 Boy Scout Roundtable (Wear Uniform: Grand Central Mall Food Court)
- 11 Cub Scout Roundtable (Wayside U.M.C)
- 16 Blennerhassett District Pinewood Derby Race (Wayside UMC)
- 21 Martin Luther King Day.

### FEBRUARY

- 2 District Dinner
- 6 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby (Grand Central Mall)
- 7 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING
- 8 Cub Scout Roundtable (Stout United Methodist Church)
- 13 POW WOW (Washington State Community College)
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 20 Silver Beaver & Eagle Dinner (Salem)

\*ROSE BOWL: Make sure you watch the Rose Bowl Parade, The Boy Scouts of America will have a float in the Rose Bowl Parade to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

#### Upcoming Events!

**Cub Scout Roundtable:** Meets on the Second Monday of the Month starting at 7pm at Wayside United Methodist Church in Vienna, WV.

**Boy Scout Roundtable:** still meets on the first Tuesday of the month. January's meeting will be held at the Food Court at the Grand Central Mall. Please wear your uniform.

**District Meetings (Commissioner & Committee):** Will be held on the second Thursday of the month at the Scout Service Center.

**Blennerhassett District Pinewood Derby** - On January 16th, 2010 at Wayside United Methodist Church in Vienna, WV. The entry fee is \$2.00. Please pre-register at the office; we will be accepting walk-ins at the day of the race. Registration begins at 8am and the races will begin at 9am.

**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 Greg Kist at: tkist15@suddenlink.net

**Davis-Anderson Pinewood Derby** - On February 6th, 2010 the Council Pinewood Derby will be held at the Grand Central Mall in Parkersburg. The entry fee is \$4.00 and the format is the Traditional Pack format, where the youth will race other youths within their pack. The Rules & Regulations are located on the Council Website, with the registration form. [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org).

**District Recognition Dinner:** Will be held on February 2nd at the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells, West Virginia. The dinner will be hosted by Troop 86 of Mineral Wells, WV. The cost of the dinner is \$17.00 before the January 22nd deadline. Eagles are \$12.00. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 after January 11th.

**It's not too late:** to earn a \$25.00 gift card to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact me at nimehl@bsamail.org or Randy Mitchell at pastorrandy@suddenlink.net 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.

#### Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Camp Candy Bar will begin on March 5th.  
 Stay tuned for a Candy Bar Kickoff!

**Spring Recruiting!** Will be just around the corner; start thinking on when your unit will be holding a school night and let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season!

**What is a POW WOW?** A POW WOW is training designed for Cub Scout Leaders to go beyond the scope of traditional New Leader Specific and Outdoor Leader Training. It dives deep into different arrays of topics that help you create ideas and help teach different subjects to the Cub Scouts, as well as develop the experience of the leaders. Topics that range from Ceremonies, Cub Cooking, to the Fundamentals of Financing the Pack, Neckerchief Slides, Program Planning, and the Webelos to Scout Transition. On Feb 13th, 2010, at Washington State Community College the Allohak Council will have for the first time in ten Years a POW WOW. If you register by Feb 1st the cost of the training is \$20 if you register after Feb 2nd the cost is \$25. The training fee includes lunch and all the handouts from the sessions that you attend as well as all the sessions that you don't attend, as well as a 2010 POW WOW themed patch. Please see the Allohak Council website for more details.

**Allohak Council #618 Theatre Explorer Post presents:** "Les Miserables School Edition" The Mid Ohio Valley high school students are invited to audition in April, 2010 for the Theatre de Jeunesse Theatre Explorer's Post's production of Les Miserables School Edition, from stage crew, to technical crew, to costuming and the many features that go along with a production. A description of Les Miserables is located on the website. Performances will be scheduled in July, 2010 at the Theater on campus of Marietta College. Licensed by Musical Theatre International, Broadway's legendary musical has been specially adapted to meet the vocal needs of high school performers, while carefully maintaining the integrity of one of the greatest musicals ever written. The entire cast must be 19 years of age or under. A signed Parental Consent form is required to audition. A completed Audition Information form or Technical Registration form should also be brought to auditions. These forms and more information about the program, staff, auditions, production, and the Allohak Council # 618 of Ohio and West Virginia can be found on the website at [www.theatredejeunesse.org](http://www.theatredejeunesse.org)

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#### JANUARY

- 06 Hock Hocking District Roundtable  
 7:00pm, Committee Meeting  
 8:00pm, Athens Community Center
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scout Service Center Closed
- 23 Iditarod at Camp Kootaga

#### FEBRUARY

- 06 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby Grand Central Mall
- 07 100th Anniversary of Scouting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day Scout Service Center Closed
- 20 Silver Beaver & Eagle Recognition Dinner, Salem, WV
- 27 Cub Scout Indoor Training @ Washington State Community College

**Silver Beaver and Eagle Recognition Dinner** - The Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, February 20, 2010 at the Cottage Inn in Salem, WV. The purpose of the Annual Silver Beaver and Eagle Recognition Dinner is to celebrate and recognize the volunteers and Scouts who dedicate their time and passion to making Scouting the best program.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest achievement a Scouting volunteer can obtain and the number of recipients is based solely on the council size. Recipients are selected by their peers. The Eagle award is the highest award that can be earned by a Scout. Nationally, only 2-4% of the Scouts earn the rank of Eagle. For more information, please contact the Allohak Council Office at 1-304-422-4507.

#### **Pow Wow** - What is Pow Wow?

Pow Wow is a one-day supplemental Cub Scout leader training extravaganza! It goes beyond "This is Scouting" Training for Cub Scouting adults, providing ideas and how-to's in a wide variety of topics.

Pow Wow is the event of the year to renew knowledge, learn current policies, and share experiences in Scouting. All Cub Scouting adults are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be something for everyone at this, the biggest Cub Scout training event of the year!

**How do I sign up for Pow Wow?** - Visit the council's web site ([www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org)) or call the office for assistance (304-422-4507).

**When and where is Pow Wow?** - Pow Wow will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010 in the Arts and Sciences Building of Washington State Community College in Marietta, OH.

**How much does it cost to attend Pow Wow?** - If you register by Feb 1st the cost of the training is \$20. If you register after Feb 2nd the cost is \$25. The training fee includes lunch and all the handouts from the sessions that you attend as well as a 2010 POW WOW themed patch. Please see the Allohak Council website for more details ([WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG](http://WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG)).

**Merit Badge Counselors** - It is that time of year to reregister the merit badge counselors.

All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must complete a BSA Adult Application form with the Position Code of "42" (Merit Badge Counselor). This must be done yearly. Merit Badge Counselors registration will end on the last day of each year and will not be renewed without a new form.

Please visit the website (<http://www.allohak.org/mb/meritbadgeform.pdf>) to download the registration form and submit it to the Scout Office.

**Email Addresses** - As your new District Executive, I would like to request your email addresses. Several of you have already given them to me. If you would like to receive announcements and information concerning the district, please send me an email with your request to join my list. My email is [jtesterman1114@gmail.com](mailto:jtesterman1114@gmail.com) or [jtesterm@bsamail.org](mailto:jtesterm@bsamail.org). I have already found this tool to be useful in getting information to a large number of you. Please join the rest of the district's volunteers and stay informed.

anging the world is not an easy assignment - but Scouts and Scouters have done it many times and they'll do it again and again.

They have tackled many issues and have embraced the digital age of communication and entertainment. They worked alone and worked together to influence both their neighbors and their political leaders. Their list of achievements over the past 100 years is undeniably remarkable.

Scouts never just migrated through life nor are they content to sit on their laurels. They are always transforming themselves as they go. Scooters don't grow old just more mature.

Today, Scouts continue to redefine what it means to be a citizen of this great country and are on the verge of changing the world again through active volunteerism. Thankfully, Scouts have a good heart, and as a group is already stepping up, is recognizing that they can make the world a better place for their children and grandchildren. Scouts are a strong and healthy group with a passion for helping others.

So, volunteering has become the pathway of choice for Scouts and Scouters. It will provide a way for them to maintain a social network with people who express their values in similar ways. Some volunteer experiences will also offer an element of adventure - something many Scouts desire - without being unsafe or disorganized.



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#### JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!!! There are only 364 more Days of Scouting left in the New Year.
- 7 LK District Meeting (St. John's Episcopal Church)
- 9 Little Kanawha District Pinewood Derby (Ravenswood Facilities Building)
- 10 Winterplace Ski Day
- 19 Martin Luther King Day.

#### FEBRUARY

- 4 LK District Meetings & Roundtable (St. John's Ripley, WV)
- 6 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby (Grand Central Mall)
- 7 Scout Sunday 100th Year Anniversary
- 13 POWWOW
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 19 Little Kanawha District Award of Merit Deadline.
- 21 Winter Place Ski Day.

#### Upcoming Events!

**Little Kanawha 7th Annual Pinewood Derby:** - On January 9th, 2010, Little Kanawha will be hosting its 7th Annual Pinewood Derby at the Ravenswood Facilities building located near the Ravenswood High School in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Weigh in will start at 10am and the first race will begin at 11am. There is an open division as well as a Traditional Division as well. Check the Council Website for the rules and guidelines concerning this race. [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) The entry fee will be \$3.00, an individual may pay at the Council Service Center ahead of time, or may pay the day of the race as walk-ins will be welcomed.

**Davis- Anderson Pinewood Derby** - On February 6th, 2010 the Council Pinewood Derby will be held at the Grand Central Mall in Parkersburg. The entry fee is \$4.00 and the format is the Traditional Pack format, where the youth will race other youths within their pack. The Rules & Regulations are located on the Council Website, with the registration form. [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org).

#### Reminders!

It's not too late: to earn a \$25.00 gift card to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact me at [nimehl@bsamail.org](mailto: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.

#### Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

**Camp Candy Bar** will begin on March 5th.  
**March 4th:** District Recognition Dinner 6:30pm This year's District Dinner will be held at Shoney's in Ripley. The Cost of the dinner will be left up to you, whether you want to enjoy the dinner buffet or would just like a cup of coffee. So mark your calendars and plan for this year's recognition dinner.

**March:** The District will be hosting its annual Fundraising Dinner at

Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley, WV. The Entertainment will be Governor Manchin, regarding the New Scouting Facility in West Virginia. The Cost of the dinner is \$75.00. If you would like to attend or know of someone who would like to make a contribution to the Boy Scouts of America please contact me at [nimehl@bsamail.org](mailto:nimehl@bsamail.org)

**April 16th – 18th :** V.O.L.T and BALOO will be held at Camp Kootaga. VOLT: Volunteer Outdoor Leader Training, which is designed for Boy Scout Leaders, and the BALOO: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. There will be more information available soon.

**May 14th & 15th:** Camp Kootaga will be hosting the Order of the Arrow's Conclave.

**May 21st- 23rd:** COUNCIL CAMPOREE! This year's camporee will be hosted by Hock-Hocking District on the Hocking College Campus. Please stay tuned to the website for more information.

**Spring Recruiting!** Will be just around the corner; start thinking on when your unit will be holding a school night and let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season!

**What is a POW WOW?** A POW WOW is training designed for Cub Scout Leaders to go beyond the scope of traditional New Leader Specific and Outdoor Leader Training. It dives deep into different arrays of topics that help you create ideas and help teach different subjects to the Cub Scouts, as well as develop the experience of the leaders. Topics that range from Ceremonies, Cub Cooking, to the Fundamentals of Financing the Pack, Neckerchief Slides, Program Planning, and the Webelos to Scout Transition. On Feb 13th, 2010, at Washington State Community College the Allohak Council will have for the first time in ten Years a POW WOW. If you register by Feb 1st the cost of the training is \$20 if you register after Feb 2nd the cost is \$25. The training fee includes lunch and all the handouts from the sessions that you attend as well as all the sessions that you don't attend, as well as a 2010 POW WOW themed patch. Please see the Allohak Council website for more details.

**Allohak Council #618 Theatre Explorer Post presents:** "Les Miserables School Edition" The Mid Ohio Valley high school students are invited to audition in April, 2010 for the Theatre de Jeunesse Theatre Explorer's Post's production of Les Miserables School Edition, from stage crew, to technical crew, to costuming and the many features that go along with a production. A description of Les Miserables is located on the website. Performances will be scheduled in July, 2010 at the Theater on campus of Marietta College. Licensed by Musical Theatre International, Broadway's legendary musical has been specially adapted to meet the vocal needs of high school performers, while carefully maintaining the integrity of one of the greatest musicals ever written. The entire cast must be 19 years of age or under. A signed Parental Consent form is required to audition. A completed Audition Information form or Technical Registration form should also be brought to auditions. These forms and more information about the program, staff, auditions, production, and the Allohak Council # 618 of Ohio and West Virginia can be found on the website at [www.theatredejeunesse.org](http://www.theatredejeunesse.org)

# 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](http://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](http://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 64 that have achieved that honor.**



- Davies, Kyle Morgan - Troop 225, Washington District
- Dewald, Andrew Saulinkas - Troop 71, Hock Hocking District
- Dukas, Michael Woodson - Troop 3, Blennerhassett District
- Edinger, Ian Nathaniel - Troop 84, Highland District
- Garrett III, Joseph Daniel - Troop 4, Blennerhassett District
- Harvey, Garrett Daniel - Troop 16, Stonewall Jackson District
- Hutchison, Cody Thomas - Troop 225, Washington District
- Kwon, Hak-Sun - Troop 357, Hock Hocking District
- Schaer, Gregory Daniel - Troop 40, Highland District
- Stalnaker, Matthew Jack - Troop 88, Highland District

## Eagle Scout Pledge

I, [ Eagle Scout's name ], believe in the Boy Scouts of America as a movement that has as its aim and purpose, character building and citizenship training. I believe it to be a movement that helps a Scout become master of his own powers, helps him get along with others and helps him find a worthy use for his talents. I believe it is my duty to do my best to obey the Scout Oath and Law. I hereby renew my commitment to Scouting and promise to do what I can in service to other Scouts who are still on the Eagle trail.

### WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG



Do you keep your eyes on the Council Website??

We post information there as it comes available to us. We also post last minute notices should they happen. We do our best to keep it current and up-to-date.

Remember, the site was developed and intended to keep you, the volunteer and Scout, posted with the most current information. There are copies of flyers, the Council Planning Calendar, District Information, and last minute information that could not be sent out in time for effective usage and much, much more.

Visit [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) today to see if there is something there that you need or didn't know. If you see something that needs to be corrected, be sure to let us know (there is usually an email link on each page), or if you have information that you think the rest of the Council should be aware of, be sure to let us know. The website can be updated as frequently as needed. Remember, the site is designed with **YOU** in mind, **YOU** the volunteer, **YOU** the Scout, and **YOU** the Scouter.



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### JANUARY

- 12 Roundtable 7:00 P.M. at St. Mark's. Topics include District Dinner, Klondike Derby, and Scout Sunday.
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 22-24 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
- 26 Stonewall Jackson and Highland District Dinner, 6:30 PM. At Heiner Hall, Alderson-Broadus College (aka, same place as last year's). A buffet dinner of ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, CORN, dessert and drinks. The cost will be \$8.75 per person. The District Award of merit and other District and Council recognitions will be presented at the dinner. If you are in the mood for a good ole fashioned fun time on a cold winter night, plan now to attend. Remember all 2009 Eagle Scout recipients are invited to attend.
- 28 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

### FEBRUARY

- 7 100th Anniversary of Scouting, Scout Sunday, and Scouting anniversary week begins.
- 9 Roundtable, 7:00 P.M. at St Mark's. Topics include Pinewood Derby, Scout-O-Rama, Council Camporee, and Friends of Scouting.
- 15 Presidents Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 20 Council Eagle Recognition and Silver Beaver Presentation at Cottage Corner in Salem W.V.
- 21 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 25 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**Information Please** - When was the last time you visited the council web page? For up to date information, turn on your computer and type [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) The office staff works hard in updating and adding the most up to date information for you and your Scouting unit. Visit often, sign in and leave us your comments.

**How to earn \$25.00 Certificate for Camp** - Interested in using the fine facilities at Camp Mahonegon and don't want to pay full price? Schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit today. You're unit can be eligible to use the facilities at Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga by simply holding a Friends of Scouting campaign presentation...it's that simple. So get your name on the list and schedule your presentation with Ben TODAY.

**Ben's Comments** - The first month of the year gets its name from the Roman god Janus, whose name means "gate." Janus has two faces. One looks behind, the other ahead. January is a month in which we look back in time and also look ahead. As it is with us let us look back at our Scouting year and reflect what we did with pride and a sense of accomplishment. Now let us look ahead in our Scouting year and see what we can improve upon. Thanks to each and every one of you for sharing your talents and your time.

### SETTING THE EXAMPLE

Did you ever consider that Scouting volunteers lead by setting the example? As leaders we set the example for youth and our community to follow in many different ways. We set the example by the way we dress; do you wear a proper uniform at all meetings and events? We set the example by what we say; are the words you chose designed to praise and build or criticize and destroy? We set the example by our attitude; attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching? We set the example by how we treat other people in and out of Scouting; are you Friendly, Courteous and Kind?

Remember that volunteer leaders have tremendous influence in the character development of young people. Set a positive example for others to follow in and out of Scouting!

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**JANUARY**

- 4 Washington District Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 14 Washington District Commissioner meeting 6:30pm -- Roundtable 6:30pm

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr Day Scout Service Center Closed
- 23 Iditarod at Camp Kootaga

**FEBRUARY**

- 01 Washington District Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 06 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby Grand Central Mall
- 11 Washington District Commissioner meeting 6:30pm -- Roundtable 6:30pm
- 07 100th Anniversary of Scouting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day Scout Service Center Closed
- 20 Silver Beaver & Eagle Recognition Dinner, Salem, WV
- 27 Cub Scout Indoor Training @Washington State Community College

**Silver Beaver and Eagle Recognition Dinner** - The Annual Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, February 20, 2010 at the Cottage Inn in Salem, WV. The purpose of the Annual Silver Beaver and Eagle Recognition Dinner is to celebrate and recognize the volunteers and Scouts who dedicate their time and passion to making Scouting the best program.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest achievement a Scouting volunteer can obtain and the number of recipients is based solely on the council size. Recipients are selected by their peers. The Eagle award is the highest award that can be earned by a Scout. Nationally, only 2-4% of the Scouts earn the rank of Eagle. For more information, please contact the Allohak Council Office at 1-304-422-4507 OR 1-800-654-5272.

**Pow Wow** - What is Pow Wow?  
 Pow Wow is a one-day supplemental Cub Scout leader training extravaganza! It goes beyond "This is Scouting" Training for Cub Scouting adults, providing ideas and how-to's in a wide variety of topics.

Pow Wow is the event of the year to renew knowledge, learn current policies, and share experiences in Scouting. All Cub Scouting adults are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be something for everyone at this, the biggest Cub Scout training event of the year!

**How do I sign up for Pow Wow?** - Visit the council's web site ([www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org)) or call the office for assistance (304-422-4507).

**When and where is Pow Wow?** - Pow Wow will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010 in the Arts and Sciences Building of Washington State Community College in Marietta, OH.

**How much does it cost to attend Pow Wow?** - If you register by Feb 1st the cost of the training is \$20. If you register after Feb 2nd the cost is \$25. The training fee includes lunch and all the handouts from the sessions that you attend as well as a 2010 POW WOW themed patch. Please see the Allohak Council website for more details ([WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG](http://WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG)).

**Merit Badge Counselors** - It is that time of year to reregister the merit badge counselors.

All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must complete a BSA Adult Application form with the Position Code of "42" (Merit Badge Counselor). This must be done yearly. Merit Badge Counselors registration will end on the last day of each year and will not be renewed without a new form.

Please visit the website (<http://www.allohak.org/mb/meritbadgeform.pdf>) to download the registration form and submit it to the Scout Office.

**Email Addresses** - As your new District Executive, I would like to request your email addresses. Several of you have already given them to me. If you would like to receive announcements and information concerning the district, please send me an email with your request to join my list. My email is [jtesterman1114@gmail.com](mailto:jtesterman1114@gmail.com) or [Joseph.Testerman@scouting.org](mailto:Joseph.Testerman@scouting.org). I have already found this tool to be useful in getting information to a large number of you. Please join the rest of the district's volunteers and stay informed.

**Changing the world is not an easy assignment** - but Scouts and Scouters have done it many times and they'll do it again and again. They have tackled many issues and have embraced the digital age of communication and entertainment. They worked alone and worked together to influence both their neighbors and their political leaders. Their list of achievements over the past 100 years is undeniably remarkable.

Scouts never just migrated through life nor are they content to sit on their laurels. They are always transforming themselves as they go. Scouters don't grow old just more mature.

Today, Scouts continue to redefine what it means to be a citizen of this great country and are on the verge of changing the world again through active volunteerism. Thankfully, Scouts have a good heart, and as a group is already stepping up, is recognizing that they can make the world a better place for their children and grandchildren. Scouts are a strong and healthy group with a passion for helping others.

So, volunteering has become the pathway of choice for Scouts and Scouters. It will provide a way for them to maintain a social network with people who express their values in similar ways. Some volunteer experiences will also offer an element of adventure - something many Scouts desire - without being unsafe or disorganized.

### HOCK HOCKING & WASHINGTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

Scout Executive Dale D. Musgrave is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph K. Testerman as a District Executive for the Washington and Hock Hocking Districts. He started his assignment on December 4th.

After 34 years of service, Joe recently retired from Washington State Community College as the Dean of Information and Technology. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in post secondary education from West Virginia University. He also holds two Masters of Science degrees from WVU, one in higher education administration and one in library and information science.

No stranger to the Allohak Council, Joe is a long tenured volunteer having served in numerous capacities on the pack, troop and district level. Joe is the recipient of the Award of Merit, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and was awarded the Silver Beaver award in 2008. In addition to these honors, Joe was the director of summer camp at Camp Kootaga in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The camp saw many positive changes under his leadership as camp director including upgrades of the dining hall, repairs to the climbing tower and work was begun on the new shooting sports complex. During his time as camp director, the Allohak Council received its highest ratings from the National BSA Camp Visitation Team, a tradition which was continued in 2009.

Please welcome Joe as he begins a new chapter in his Scouting career.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the cost to deliver a quality Scouting program in the Allohak Council exceeds 3/4 of a million dollars? The operating budget of the Allohak Council is \$783,898! This does not include the cost of every four year National Scout Jamboree which has its own budget of over \$100,000. With the National Jamboree budget added, the Allohak Council operating budget will exceed \$884,000!

Did you know that registration fees paid for membership are all forwarded to the National Council, BSA and that not a single cent is kept by the local council? Did you know that like your Pack, Troop, Crew or Post, the Allohak Council must go through an annual recharter process and that the Allohak Council must pay a rechartering fee to the National Council of \$9,362?

Other fees that provide direct service to your unit include \$72,000 for supplies (food for events, recruiting flyers, training materials, etc.); \$10,000 for telephone (including our 800 line); \$54,000 for occupancy (utilities and licensing fees for the Scout Service Center and Camps Mahonegon and Kootaga); \$16,000 for rental and maintenance of equipment (vehicles and equipment for camp, port-a-johns, etc.); and \$35,000 for liability insurance for leaders and sickness and accident insurance for both leaders and youth members.

Allohak Council receives all of its funding through local sources such as the annual popcorn and candy sales, Friends of Scouting and activity fees and other sources. It is interesting to note that the fees charged for camping and activities does not cover the actual cost! The excess cost is covered by Friends of Scouting, popcorn and candy bar dollars.

Help the Allohak Council continue to deliver an outstanding program and support to leaders and youth. Schedule your Family FOS presentation for January, February or March and promote participation among your families.

### 2009 FALL PRODUCT SALES RESULTS

The Allohak Council Fall Product Sale was a huge success, totaling nearly \$368,000 in gross sales resulting in over \$100,000 in commission for our Packs, Troops and Crews that participated in this turnkey, no risk fall fundraiser. Again in 2009 was the addition of magazine vouchers which proved to be a great option for many consumers, particularly those who wished to support Scouting but could not eat popcorn or those who wished to increase their support of popcorn by purchasing magazine vouchers.

#### The top selling units by district were:

Blennerhassett	Pack 12	\$18,900
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Blennerhassett	Troop 12	\$7,110
Washington	Pack 81	\$6,745
Washington	Troop 222	\$5,065
Washington	Pack 219	\$4,470
Hock Hocking	Pack 71	\$17,885
Hock hocking	Pack 50	\$6,445
Hock Hocking	Troop 357	\$4,115
Little Kanawha	Pack 30	\$6,650
Little Kanawha	Pack 436	\$4,500
Little Kanawha	Pack 419	\$3,640
Stonewall Jackson	Pack 39	\$8,355
Stonewall Jackson	Troop 40	\$5,085
Stonewall Jackson	Troop 74	\$3,210
Highland	Troop 88	\$9,595
Highland	Pack 88	\$7,430
Highland	Pack 66	\$5,035

#### Congratulations to the top selling Scouts in each district:

Blennerhassett, Ben Barbarito from Pack 20, \$2,500  
 Washington, Christopher Richards from Pack 203, \$1,275  
 Hock Hocking, Carter McCutchan from Pack 71, \$2,615  
 Little Kanawha, Houston Bennett from Pack 436, \$865  
 Stonewall Jackson, Brandon Magill from Troop 40, \$1,600  
 Highland, Nic Haynes from Pack 88, \$2,615

#### Congratulations to our outstanding top three salesmen from the Allohak Council:

Elijah McCutchan from Pack 71, \$3,125  
 Dave Rose from Troop 88, \$3,305  
 Andy Nelson from Troop 96, \$3,620

Begin planning now for a successful fall product sale in 2010!

### COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Allohak Council will be held on January 21, 2010 in Flameway Hall at Dominion Resources located at 445 West Main Street in Clarksburg. Any Scouter is invited to attend the Annual Business Meeting of the Allohak Council, however, voting is limited to Chartered Organization Representatives, council officers and duly elected members of the council executive board.

William C. Kuryla, 2010 Nominating Committee Chairman, will present a slate for consideration by the voting members of the corporation. Included will be the advisory council, executive board and council officers. There will also be a report on resolutions. The Annual Business Meeting will be preceded with dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm. There is a \$10 fee for the meal. The Annual Business Meeting will begin at 7:00pm and the regular board meeting will begin immediately following the Annual Business Meeting. There is no fee to attend the meeting.

To make a reservation for the fellowship and meal, contact Dale Musgrave or Lori Wilson at the Allohak Council Service Center or email loward@bsmail.org