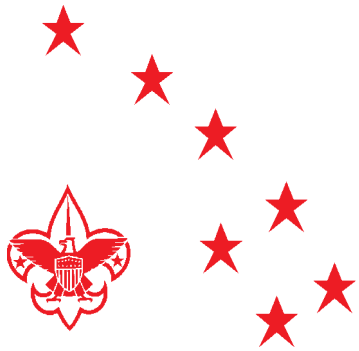


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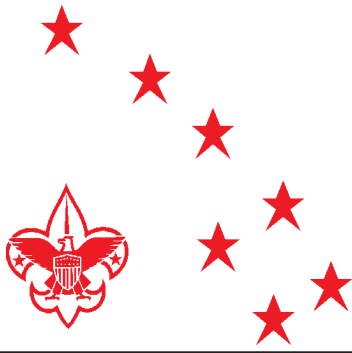


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“Do I really make a difference?”

This is a question that everyone asks of themselves at one time or another. We can't help it. As people of purpose, every volunteer leader wants to know if they make a difference. We know on an intuitive level that we are making a difference. But at some point in our lives we all want proof.

Consider the unknown Scout. Many of us have heard the true tale of a boy who helped W.D. Boyce find his way in London. When offered a tip, the boy responded that he would not accept the tip. Helping people is what Scouts do. Intrigued by this display of helpfulness, Boyce learned more about Scouting and in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America started. Little did Boyce and the Unknown Scout the impact that this simple act of kindness would have on the world.



“Really, do I make a difference?”

In 2009, the Allohak Council served over 4,500 young people with the Scouting program because of an army of over 2,000 registered and non-registered volunteer leaders. Each expects that they will make a difference in the life of a child. Each expects that they will make a difference in the life of their community. For each, the expectation will be fulfilled, in the short term in measureable terms; in immeasurable terms over the long haul.

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When a leader volunteers to lead a den of Cub Scouts, teach a merit badge or govern a council, we see immediate results. We see a boy earn his Arrow of Light, his merit badge or we see the passage of a motion, an improvement at camp or some other tangible outcome. These are the immediate results. The long term results however, are much more impressive.

Over the longer term, the boy who earns his Arrow of Light goes on to become a Boy Scout and build upon core values learned in Cub Scouting. The boy who earns a merit badge may develop a career interest and go on to be a great scientist, naturalist or businessman. The passage of a motion may lead to a new structure at camp that will serve boys for tens of years.

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“I do make a difference!”

Recently I received a kind note and newspaper article from Jeanne Wilson, the wife of Scoutmaster Harold “Kitty” Wilson. In the note she expressed her pride for her husband and the legacy that he has left through his years as a Scoutmaster. In the note she mentioned how important Scouting is and she included a newspaper article written by Helen Morris about Chester Williams, one of Mr. Wilsons Scouts. An excerpt from the article stated that “...I was on the streets, where trouble just happened. A fight could erupt with just a few words. And then there was the Boy Scouts. I love Kitty Wilson. He was like a father to me, didn't put up with foolishness...He taught me the lessons of life.”

As Mrs. Wilson wrote in her letter “My husband, Harold “Kitty” Wilson served as Boy Scout leader for fifty years...it (the article) not only validates, to him, the difference he made in lives, but also confirms that your great organization accomplishes its goal.”



Thank you, dear reader, for your contribution to Scouting. I hope that you know that you really do make a difference in the life of a child; the life of your community; the very life of our great nation. Like Kitty Wilson, you do make a difference! Because of you, Scouting accomplishes its goal and young people will grow to become great Americans.

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave
Scout Executive



PROGRAM



CAMP RESERVATION PROCEDURES CHANGE

President's Corner Vol. 3

Effective this year, the process for reserving facilities at either Camp Kootaga or Camp Mahonegon will change.

Previously, registrations were taken on a first come, first served basis beginning at 8:00 AM on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Camping Chairman Keith Morrow recommended a change to this procedure that was approved at the March meeting of the executive board of the Allohak Council. This new system will eliminate the need for Scouters to try to be the first in line and make the process more equitable for those who cannot be waiting at the Scout Service Center doors to place their reservation.

Under the new system, the effective date of the new camping year will be September 1. Reservations may be submitted through August 1. Requests will be filled by random draw and units will be notified by U.S. mail or e-mail. A unit may make one request per month and requests must be accompanied with a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the fee to reserve camp. Deposits will be refunded if the unit does not receive its requested date.

Units are encouraged to submit a first, second and third choice of dates to use camp facilities. Only one request per reservation form. Reservation forms must be received at the Scout Service Center.

Reservations received after the draw will be handed on a first come first served basis but requests must be accompanied with a non-refundable 50% deposit.

A calendar will be posted on the council website showing reservations and open dates.

Reservations forms will be available in June.

A half century ago, I was privileged to work for one of the biggest Boy Scout Camps on the East Coast of the United States. It had been built around a 30+ acre lake shortly following the end of WW II. At the height of the Scouting movement, it provided camping experiences for 40,000 or so Scouts over an 8 week summer camp season. The 2400 acre camp was divided into three Areas. Each area provided a different type of camping experience. Each area had its own rifle and archery ranges and own waterfront. The Scouts, monitored by life guards on three "H" piers spaced around the Lake, enjoyed rowing, canoeing, swimming and lifesaving. Since the camp was developed in the 40's and 50's all of its buildings were rustic wood with stone chimneys and concrete slab floors.

In 1998 I returned to the Camp for its 50th anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful walk down the memory lane of my days as a Scout camper and later as a staff member, Aquatics Director and finally camp director. As my best friend in life and I pushed our canoe and rowboat from the shore we realized the lake that was once 16+ feet deep had silted into a few inches of the surface. Because of the silting and water quality problems, I knew the camp had built three Olympic sized pools in the 1980's to replace the "H" swim piers we had used to train thousands. As we paddled and rowed our way, I lamented to my friend about the deterioration of the facilities. I complained that I could not row without hitting the mud bottom and stirring up the silt. I complained that the kids who were in boats on the lake with us could not possibly learn the proper strokes and techniques. It was then that he yelled to me from his boat: "Jack. Look at them. They don't know what it was like 30 years ago. They only know they are having the time of their life." My eyes opened and I saw what I had not allowed myself to see. There they were - - - the campers - - - paddling, rowing, splashing, laughing and yelling— yes, and a few even managing a decent stroke.

A few weeks ago our Council Board was in a meeting having a serious discussion concerning the construction of the new Administration Building at Camp Katooga. There were serious, well articulated and reasoned differences of opinion with respect to the look the building should have — should it be rustic log or block. The board was wrestling with a vision of what our camps and other facilities should look like as we move forward. In the midst of the discussion, one of the more sage board members spoke up and reminded us that it didn't matter what the facilities looked like. It was the program that really mattered.

As he spoke, my mind raced back to that moment of truth with my best friend on the lake of my old camp.

While Allohak Council will move forward to construct the new administration/health building at Camp Kootaga and we will continue to look with vision toward the appearance of future facilities needed to provide a safe and compliant venue for our Scouts, with each decision, we will be henceforth reminded of the wisdom espoused by our Vice President of Program: It's all about the kids having fun, experiencing the outdoors and learning to be leaders and good citizens.

Thank you Kevin Kearns, Keith Butt, and all of you, the dedicated volunteers, for staying focused on the real reason we do what we do.

Yours in Scouting,
John S. Kaull



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PROGRAM



TIGER MANIA 2010

FREE TIGER TOTEMS FOR ALL TIGER CUBS REGISTERED WITH ALLOHAK COUNCIL BY JUNE 30!

WHAT? Tiger Mania is an effort to offer every Kindergarten Boy the opportunity to become a Tiger Cub on June 1, 2010 and participate in the adventure of Scouting during the amazing months of June, July and August!

HOW? Hold a Tiger Mania spring roundup between April 1 and May 15, 2010. Applications with pro-rated fees will be turned in to the Allohak Council Service Center by June 30, 2010.

WHO BENEFITS?

THE BOY: An exciting opportunity for incoming First Grade Boys to start off Cub Scouting with a bang – Cub Scout Day Camp, Family Camp, summertime parades, summer pack program, the opportunity for advancement and belt loops.

THE FAMILY: The family has an immediate introduction to Cub Scouting and all of the fun and adventure that it provides. Parents get the opportunity to help right away with Cub Scout Day Camp and the family has the opportunity to participate in your pack's summer events and outings.

THE PACK: The pack has immediate membership growth, an important step in maintaining or building an exciting pack program. This is also a requirement for the National Quality Unit Award. The pack has the additional benefit of "talent scouting" the new parents over the summer months. Give new parents an assignment for a summer activity and see how they do...there may be a future Cubmaster, committee member, and most certainly a new Tiger Den Leader there somewhere. All this can happen under the guidance of the current Tiger Den Leader. What a great way to create a lasting tradition and legacy in the pack!

PACK RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Know and use the resources available to assist with Tiger Mania.
- * Secure commitment from current Tiger Den Leader or other current Tiger Parent to lead the new Tiger Den through the summer.
- * Arrange for a "Boy Talk" in your local school three days prior to your Tiger Mania event.
- * Conduct a Tiger Mania spring roundup in April or early May.
- * Submit applications and pro-rated fees by June 30.
- * Cultivate new Tiger Den Leaders over the summer.
- * Ensure that any new leaders are trained as quickly as possible.
- * Plan an exciting summer of pack activities using the summer camping programs of Allohak Council, various community parades/events, themed pack events and the incorporation of the Cub Scout Sports and Academics programs.
- * Recognize the Tiger Cubs for the activities they participate (beads, belt loops, patches, etc.).
- * Keep track of the packs progress and submit application for Summertime Pack Award.
- * Recognize any dens that meet the requirements for the Summertime Den Award.

CENTENNIAL JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

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.

A James E. West Fellowship is a lasting way to honor and individual or commemorate any occasion. To date, **thirty-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. 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 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. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Timothy A. Bailey
- By several donors in memory of James Montoya
- By Nicolas Mehl in honor of Troop 13 85th Anniversary
- By Ron Taylor
- By Ron Smith
- By Ben Propst in honor of Joan Propst, Ed.D
- Dr. Ernie Miller in honor of Lisa Hutzler
- By 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
- By Roy Goff
- By Michael and Catherine King in honor of former Scoutmasters William Stealey and Carl Aylestock
- By Larry A. Armstrong in honor of Frank Armstrong and Herman "Speed" Cummings

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
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Name as it appears on the card _____
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MAY

- 1 Work Day at Camp Mahonegon bring your gloves and weed eater and come on out for fun and fellowship at Camp. The fun starts around 9 A.M. stay for as long as you like. See you at camp.
- 3 Roundtable at Camp Mahonegon starting at 7 PM. Items of discussion, National Jamboree, Day Camp, Summer Camp and Venturing. Bring a friend with you.
- 14-16 O.A. Conclave at Camp Kootaga we are the host lodge. Information on the Council Web page.
- 21-23 Council Camporee at Hocking College, Nelsonville Ohio. Information and leaders guide on the council web page.
- 27 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 P.M.
- 31 O.A. Elections must be completed.

JUNE

- 5 You are invited to come out to Work Day at Camp Mahonegon. All day, part of a day or a few hours any and all our appreciated.
- 6 Program Planning Kick-Off Picnic, Camp Mahonegon, 4:00 PM: This is a combined covered dish, picnic-style dinner with our neighbors from Stonewall Jackson District. Come out early and watch Chef D'wight eat as many hotdogs as he cooks. Don't be last in line. Pick up your annual program planning supplies and fellowship with us. This is the roundtable event for June hope to see you there.
- 12 Work day Camp Mahonegon. We will try to finish up on work before Day Camp.
- 21-25 Highland District Cub Scout Day under the direction of Lesa Jordan. Registration materials should have arrived to all registered Cub Scouts and leaders. Get the registrations in early, you won't want to miss this event. Registration materials are also available on the web at www.allohak.org (scroll down to the Highland District Cub Scout Day Camp).

Camp Mahonegon Reunion - Attention all former Staff, Jr. Staff, Campers, Leaders, Friends or Relatives of Camp Mahonegon: a reunion is being planned! Come back to Camp Mahonegon to enjoy a day of friendship and reminiscence. The date is set for July 31th at Camp. If you would like to be included in the planning you can contact me or Dwight Davis. Hope to see you there.

Pack & Troop Summer Time Activities - Schools out, schools out...teacher let the Scouts out! One came from the east, one camp from the west but they all came out to summer outdoor activities! Let this be your Cub and Boy Scout jingle to remind you to plan plenty of outdoor events into your summertime pack and troop activities. I hope to see many of you during the summer (and especially at Cub Day Camp, Summer Camp and Venturing activities). Have a happy and safe summer.

Scout Leader Training - Many thanks to Bart Schauman for coordinating this year's Boy Scout Leader Training. Thanks to all the staff who worked so diligently to make this event successful. Thumbs up to participants from Highland and Stonewall Jackson Districts for working together as teams to earn their "Trained" patches.

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that the Boy Scouts of America has an advancement plan that has been thoughtfully developed by volunteer leaders? This plan and its requirements are displayed in the Tiger Cub Scout handbook, the Wolf Cub Scout, the Bear Cub Scout handbook, the Webelos handbook, the Boy Scout handbook, Boy Scout Merit Badge books, and the Venturing handbook. Did you also know that a leader may neither add to nor subtract from those requirements?

Take a careful look at how your pack, troop or crew is using the BSA advancement plan and be sure that your unit is "following the book". Also be sure to fill out and submit the unit advancement report when purchasing advancements and awards. These documents are important records that should be submitted to the Council Service Center. Your Scout Service Center uses advancement records for keeping membership records current and are an important indicator of successful Scouting programs.

There are a number of Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops that have zero advancement in a year. Either these units are not advancing Scouts or they are buying advancements out of council and not submitting an advancement report to the Allohak Council. Even though a unit may buy advancements out of council (Charleston, Fairmont, Columbus, etc), an advancement report should still be filed with the Allohak Council marked "for records only".



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MAY

- 4 Boy Scout Roundtable Camp Kootaga
- 9 Happy Mother's Day
- 10 Cub Scout Roundtable at Wayside UMC:
- 13 District Committee Meeting
- 14-16 O.A Conclave
- 21-23 Council Camporee
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtable Picnic. The Joint Roundtable will be at City Park under one of the shelters. We would like to ask that everyone please bring a covered dish. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7pm.
- 5 Range Officer Training Camp Kootaga
- 10 Day Camp Staff Meeting at Veterans Park.
- 11 Blennerhassett Day Camp
- 12 Blennerhassett Day Camp
- 20 Father's Day

Upcoming Events!

Cub Scout Roundtable: Is meeting on the second Monday of the month. Meetings will start at 7pm and will be held at Wayside United Methodist Church. On June 1st the Cub Scout Roundtable will meet on Tuesday June 1st for the Roundtable Picnic at City Park.

Boy Scout Roundtable: will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. In May we will meet at Camp Kootaga. The June Location will be at City Park for the Roundtable

District Meetings (Commissioner & Committee): Meet on the Second Thursday of the Month at the Scout Service Center. The District Meetings begin at 7pm.

Blennerhassett Day Camp: This year's Theme is "Luau Celebration", the cost of the camp is \$20.00 for all registered Cub Scouts and \$5.00 for any Webelos overnighers. The overnigher will be held on June 11th. Please check the website for more information. The registration information should be arriving in the mail very shortly. Enclosed in the Leader's guide this year is the new Physical Form. This physical form will need to be completed by everyone who is attending the event. Completion of Sections A and C will be sufficient for this camp. (Please make copies of your physical form; this form will be used at Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp as well as Cub Adventure Weekend.)

(There will be a Day Camp meeting following the Cub Scout Roundtable in May, anyone interested in helping, please plan on attending)

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

Cub Adventure Weekend: The cost of the weekend is \$25 per participant. This will be a self-sufficient camp again this year. The new physical form will need to be completed for this camp. This physical form will need to be completed by everyone who is attending the event. Completion of Sections A and C will be sufficient for this camp Please Note: The date of the Cub Adventure Weekend is the second weekend of October, October 8th -10th. If anyone is interested in helping in this year's Cub Adventure weekend please contact Todd Handley.

Past Events:

V.O.L.T (Volunteer Outdoor Leader Training): VOLT was held on April 16th - 18th at Camp Kootaga. The weekend was a great success. The leaders got to experience patrol life again as well as many learning sessions stationed around the camp. I would like to take this time to thank each volunteer who took their time to teach these leaders the basics on outdoor skills, as well as the Cooks for the event; the food was outstanding, great Job Alan and the leaders you brought with you from Troop 216!

Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

OA Conclave: May 14th-16th
 Council Camporee: May 21-23rd
 Range Officer Training: June 5th: Camp Kootaga
 Blennerhassett Day Camp June 11th & 12th.

Range Officer Training: will be held at Camp Kootaga on June 5th during the Withemi weekend. The fundamentals of teaching Cub Scouts the proper methods of BB gun & archery safety will be taught by Andy Shaffer during this weekend to leaders around the Council. We would like to ask that each pack please send at least one volunteer leader to this event to help with their District Day Camps. The certification is good for two years. District Day Camps can only offer shooting sports to their Cub Scouts at District Events and can only be taught by certified Range Safety Officers. The more leaders that are certified in range safety, the more time that these Range Officers can spend with their own kids at these District Events. The Range Officer Training will be held on June 5th 9am at Camp Kootaga, please plan to stay all day, lunch will be provided.

Council Camporee: Will be held on May 21-23rd. This event is going to be too good to miss! Its theme is centered on the 100 year Anniversary of Scouting, with so many things to do and see during the weekend. This event will be held in Nelsonville, Ohio at Hocking College. Please see the council web page for more information: www.allohak.org

Spring Recruiting! Spring 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 Spring Recruiting Season!

It's not too late: to earn a \$25.00 gift certificate to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact me at nimehl@bsaemail.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.



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MAY

- 2 Camp Red Arrow Committee Meeting @2:00pm.
- 5 Hock-Hocking Roundtable at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens @ 6:30.
- 5 Hock-Hocking District Committee meeting at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens following the Roundtable.
- 9 Mother's Day
- 14-16 OA Conclave @Camp Kootaga
- 21-23 Spring Camporee @ Hock College in Nelsonville, OH
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2 Hock-Hocking Roundtable at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens @ 6:30.
- 2 Hock-Hocking District Committee meeting at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens following the Roundtable.
- 5 OA Workday at Camp Kootaga
- 5 Range Training for Cub leaders @9:00 @ Camp Kootaga
- 13 Summer Camp Staff Report to Camp Kootaga
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 1st Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
- 21-24 Camp Red Arrow
- 27 2nd Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga

Upcoming Events!

Commissioner's Note: We are still looking for some Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District.

If anyone is interested, please contact Mike Noel, District Chairman @ mnoel@pnarch.com.

Looking ahead 30-60 Days

Spring Recruiting Is upon us! Call me when your unit will be holding a school night. Let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season!

Conclave Registration 2010 Conclave: will be held May 14-16, 2010 at Camp Kootaga. Registration information can be found on the web at

<http://www.allohak.org/events/2010conclavereg.pdf>. The registration fee is \$36.00 if you register before May 7, 2010.

Please mail the registration form and fees to:

Allohak Council BSA
 1340 Juliana Street
 Parkersburg, WV 26101

Centennial Camporee - The Allohak Council's Centennial Camporee is May 21 - 23, 2010 at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.

This is our Council's premier program to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Join Scouts and Scouters from all six districts and participate in all the fun for folks ages 7 and up in the outdoors. We are anticipating several hundred Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers for this Historic 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America Celebration.

The Camporee Staff is busy putting together a program that will deliver an exciting and fun filled experience to highlight this Scouting milestone. Some of the events include: Tipi Village; Civil War re-enactment;

wall climbing; swimming; Nature Village; Scout Skills; Brownsea Camp; Hocking Valley RR; Robbins Crossing, and many other fun filled events.

The online leaders guide is available at <http://www.allohak.org/events/2010camporeeguide.pdf>.

If you have any questions, pertaining to the camporee, you can contact Ted Cox; kootaga@suddenlink.net or Gus Morris; morris_g@hocking.edu.

Camp Red Arrow - It will soon be time for another season of Camp Red Arrow, Cub Scout Day Camp. The full filled days will feature, Archery, BB Guns, sports, Fishing, Games, Crafts and more. There will be separate programs for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos scouts. We have an exciting program planned. We hope all Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts will join us for the fun filled days.

Camp Red Arrow will be held June 21-24 at Lake Snowden near Albany, OH. Camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday. Thursday camp will begin at 12:00 noon and end with the conclusion of the evening program about 8:00 p.m.

Trained adult leaders with BSA National Camp School certification will instruct and supervise the Boy Scout and adult camp staff. Appropriate medical personnel will be on staff serving as Camp health officer.

Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga - The purpose of good Scouting and Scout camping is to train boys in good character, vital citizenship and personal fitness. The objectives of the Camp Staff and the Camp program are to serve the needs of the Troop and the Scouts. In outdoor Scouting activities, simple skills of camp craft, woodcraft, aquatics, personal fitness and living in a Democratic society are at a premium.

Camp Kootaga, intends to reproduce and strengthen the processes by which a Troop ideally operates when it is in its home community. We do not intend to replace the Scoutmaster, the Troop's Leaders Council or the Leadership Corp, but rather to work with them and through them in determining the needs of individual Troops and of the Scouts in them.

Camp will be more than out-of-doors; it will bring an intense and vital training session for the Troops that come and for the boys they bring. It is a vital part of the Scouting program and will endeavor to build Scouts and Troops by supplying them challenges, opportunities and rewards of Scouting in an intensive and reinforcing way. This assists the Scouts and Troops to determine their own Program and effectively operate through their own Leadership.

President's Corner - A new feature on the Council's webpage is a newsletter written by the council's President, John S. Kaul. The web address is: <http://www.allohak.org/president/pres.html>

Friends of Scouting - It's not too late: to earn a \$25.00 gift card to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact Howard Dewald at dewald@ohio.edu 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.

Candy Bars: Thanks to all the units that sold candy bars.



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

MAY

- 6 District Meeting
- 9 Mother's Day
- 14-16 O.A Conclave
- 21-23 Council Camporee
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 3 The Roundtable will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ripley. We would like to ask that everyone please bring a covered dish. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7pm.
- 5 Range Officer Training Camp Kootaga
- 11 Blennerhassett Day Camp
- 12 Blennerhassett Day Camp
- 20 Father's Day

Upcoming Events!

Blennerhassett Day Camp: This year's Theme is "Luau Celebration", the cost of the camp is \$20.00 for all registered Cub Scouts and \$5.00 for any Webelos overnights. The overnights will be held on June 11th. Please check the website for more information. The registration information should be arriving in the mail very shortly. Enclosed in the Leader's guide this year is the new Physical Form. This physical form will need to be completed by everyone who is attending the event. Completion of Sections A and C will be sufficient for this camp. (Please make copies of your physical form; this form will be used at Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp as well as Cub Adventure Weekend.)

(There will be a Day Camp meeting following the Cub Scout Roundtable in May, anyone interested in helping, please plan on attending)

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 Steve Cogar at scogar0001@suddenlink.net

Cub Adventure Weekend: The cost of the weekend is \$25 per participant. This will be a self-sufficient camp again this year. The new physical form will need to be completed for this camp. This physical form will need to be completed by everyone who is attending the event. Completion of Sections A and C will be sufficient for this camp Please Note: The date of the Cub Adventure Weekend is the second weekend of October, October 8th -10th. If anyone is interested in helping in this year's Cub Adventure weekend please contact Todd Handley.

Past Events

V.O.L.T (Volunteer Outdoor Leader Training): VOLT was held on April 16th - 18th at Camp Kootaga. The week-

end was a great success. The leaders got to experience patrol life again as well as many learning sessions stationed around the camp. I would like to take this time to thank each volunteer who took their time to teach these leaders the basics on outdoor skills, as well as the Cooks for the event; the food was outstanding, great job Alan and the leaders you brought with you from Troop 216!

Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

OA Conclave: May 14th-16th
Council Camporee: May 21-23rd
Range Officer Training: June 5th: Camp Kootaga
Blennerhassett Day Camp June 11th & 12th.

Range Officer Training: Will be held at Camp Kootaga on June 5th during the Withemi weekend. The fundamentals of teaching Cub Scouts the proper methods of BB gun & archery safety will be taught by Andy Shaffer during this weekend to leaders around the Council. We would like to ask that each pack please send at least one volunteer leader to this event to help with their District Day Camps. The certification is good for two years. District Day Camps can only offer shooting sports to their Cub Scouts at District Events and can only be taught by certified Range Safety Officers. The more leaders that are certified in range safety, the more time that these Range Officers can spend with their own kids at these District Events. The Range Officer Training will be held on June 5th 9am at Camp Kootaga, please plan to stay all day, lunch will be provided.

Council Camporee: Will be held on May 21-23rd. This event is going to be too good to miss! Its theme is centered on the 100 year Anniversary of Scouting, with so many things to do and see during the weekend. This event will be held in Nelsonville, Ohio at Hocking College. Please see the council web page for more information: www.allohak.org

Spring Recruiting! Spring 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 Spring Recruiting Season!

It's not too late: to earn a \$25.00 gift certificate to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact me at nimehl@bsamail.org or John Hoffman at hoffmanj@casinternet.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.

OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

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

In 2009 the Allohak Council had a total of 72 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 2009 we had 72 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2010 we have 18 that have achieved that honor.

Cummings, Matthew James - Troop 549, Stonewall Jackson District
DeBruin, Jed Michael - Troop 72, Hock Hocking District
Fletcher, Patrick Alan - Troop 43, Little Kanawha District
Gainer, Joshua Daniel - Troop 4, Blennerhassett District
Hirschi III, Dean Roman - Troop 231, Washington District
Huffman, Robert Aaron - Troop 43, Little Kanawha District
Kellar, Matthew Charles - Troop 88, Highland District
Mallow, Jedidiah D - Troop 88, Highland District
Ogden, Matthew Earl - Troop 128, Highland District
Riley, Charles Brandon - Troop 72, Hock Hocking District
Rosencrance II, Richard Lee - Troop 66, Highland District
Strother, Stephan Paul Bradley - Troop 128, Highland District
Tysko, Joseph A - Troop 357, Hock Hocking District
Zirbs, Steven Anders - Troop 88, Highland District



KEEP AN EYE OUT

CHANGE IS COMING!! Keep your eyes open and your fingers limber!! It won't be long before you will see a new, improved web site for the Allohak Council. There will be a lot of changes on the site and we hope it will benefit you the Scout, Scouter, and Volunteer beyond belief. So, it is coming soon, so **WATCH FOR IT!**

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 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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Serving the counties of: Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison and Lewis in West Virginia

MAY

- 1 Work Day at Camp Mahonegon bring your gloves and weed eater and come on out for fun and fellowship at Camp. The fun starts around 9 A.M. stay for as long as you like. See you at camp.
- 11 Roundtable at St. Mark's starting at 7 Pm. Items of discussion, National Jamboree, Day Camp, Summer Camp and Venturing Camp at Camp Mahonegon.
- 14-16 O.A. Conclave at Camp Kootaga we are the host lodge. Information on the Council Web page.
- 21-23 Council Camporee at Hocking College, Nelsonville Ohio. Information and leaders guide on the council web page.
- 27 Camp Mahonegon Maintenance Committee meeting starting at 7 P.M.
- 31 O.A. Elections must be completed.

JUNE

- 5 You are invited to come out to Work Day at Camp Mahonegon. All day, part of a day or a few hours any and all our appreciated.
- 6 Program Planning Kick-Off Picnic, Camp Mahonegon, 4 PM: This is a combined covered dish, picnic-style dinner with our neighbors from Highland District. Come out early and watch Chef D'wight eat as many hotdogs as he cooks. Don't be last in line. Pick up your annual program planning supplies and fellowship with us. This is the roundtable event for June hope to see you there.
- 12 Work Day at Camp Mahonegon.
- 14-18 Stonewall Jackson's Cub Scout Day Camp under the direction of Denise Christafore. Registration materials should arrive to all registered Cub Scouts and leaders. Get the registrations in early — you won't want to miss this event.

Camp Mahonegon Reunion - Attention all former Staff, Jr. Staff, Campers, Leaders, Friends or Relatives of Camp Mahonegon: a reunion is being planned! Come back to Camp Mahonegon to enjoy a day of friendship and reminiscence. The date is set for July 31th at Camp. If you would like to be included in the planning you can contact me or Dwight Davis. Hope to see you there.

Pack & Troop Summer Time Activities - Schools out, schools out...teacher let the Scouts out! One came from the east, one camp from the west but they all came out to summer outdoor activities! Let this be your Cub and Boy Scout jingle to remind you to plan plenty of outdoor events into your summertime pack and troop activities. I hope to see many of you during the summer (and especially at Cub Day Camp, Summer Camp, and Venturing activities). Have a happy and safe summer.

Scout Leader Training - Many thanks to Bart Schauman for coordinating this year's Boy Scout Leader Training. Thanks to all the staff who worked so diligently to make this event successful. Thumbs up to participants from Highland and Stonewall Jackson Districts for working together as teams to earn their "Trained" patches.

CENTENNIAL BUILDING AT CAMP KOOTAGA

Allohak Council Vice President of Properties Jim Bennon is pleased to announce that ground has been broken and that construction has begun on a new building at Camp Kootaga. Located near the flag field, the structure is ideally situated along the road and near the rifle range, climbing tower and swimming pool.

The dream of Eric Brady started with the vision of a one and one-half story building to house the camp trading post, first aid center, OA Lodge, and serve in the off-season as a multi-purpose building has blossomed into a structure with a full basement. To be built of logs with poured concrete walls, the structure will serve our camp well over the next 100 years. The basement will have walk out doors and trading post with the main floor being a multipurpose room, first aid lodge complete with treatment rooms and a separate "quiet" room and men's and women's bathrooms with showers. The upper level will feature a shed dormer with ample space for a multi-purpose room and storage.

According to Jim Bennon, "This project got started because of the vision of Eric Brady and his efforts designing and fundraising for the initial phase of the project. We then found ourselves in the unique position to add a basement and nearly double our space. In addition, many Scouters, community leaders and corporations have stepped up making Eric's dream of a log structure a reality."

The project is under the direction of longtime builder and volunteer project manager Don Gearhart.



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

MAY

- 3 Washington District Committee Meeting @6:30pm.
@ Washington State Community College Board Room
- 13 Washington District Roundtable meeting at Washington State Community College @6:30.
- 9 Mother's Day
- 14-16 OA Conclave @Camp Kootaga
- 21-23 Spring Camporee @ Hock College in Nelsonville, OH
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 5 OA Workday at Camp Kootaga
- 5 Range Training for Cub leaders @9:00 @ Camp Kootaga
- 13 Summer Camp Staff Report to Camp Kootaga
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 1st Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
- 27 2nd Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
- 30-7/2 Camp Arrow

Upcoming Events!

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 Robert Sheridan, District Commissioner @ Robert.Sheridan@alohak.com.

Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Spring Recruiting Is upon us! Call me when your unit will be holding a school night. Let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season!

Conclave Registration 2010 Conclave: will be held May 14-16, 2010 at Camp Kootaga. Registration information can be found @ <http://www.alohak.org/events/2010conclavereg.pdf>. The registration fee is \$36.00 if you register before May 7, 2010.

Please mail the registration form and fees to:
 Allohak Council BSA
 1340 Juliana Street
 Parkersburg, WV 26101

Centennial Camporee

The Allohak Council's Centennial Camporee is May 21-23, 2010 at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.

This is our Council's premier program to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Join Scouts and Scouters from all six districts and participate in all the fun for folks ages 7 and up in the outdoors. We are anticipating several hundred Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers for this Historic 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America Celebration.

The Camporee Staff is busy putting together a program that will deliver an exciting and fun filled experience to highlight this Scouting milestone. Some of the events include: Tipi Village; Civil War re-enactment; wall climbing; swimming; Nature Village; Scout Skills; Brownsea Camp; Hocking Valley RR; Robbins Crossing, and many other fun filled events.

The online leaders guide is available at <http://www.alohak.org/events/2010camporeeguide.pdf>.

If you have any questions, pertaining to the camporee, you can contact Ted Cox; kootaga@suddenlink.net or Gus Morris; morris_g@hocking.edu.

Washington District Day Camp - The Washington District Day Camp will be June 30th through July 2nd at Broughton's Farms, Marietta, Ohio. Camp will begin at 9am and will end at 4pm. Scouts should start arriving 45 minutes before the start of camp on Wednesday for check in procedures, and should be picked up at 4pm. Arriving early allows the Day Camp program to start promptly at 9:00am.

The fun filled days will feature, Archery, BB Guns, sports, Games, Crafts and more. There will be separate programs for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos scouts. We have an exciting program planned. We hope all Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts will join us for the fun filled days.

Trained adult leaders with BSA National Camp School certification will instruct and supervise the Boy Scout and adult camp staff. Appropriate medical personnel will be on staff serving as Camp health officer.

Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga - The purpose of good Scouting and Scout camping is to train boys in good character, vital citizenship and personal fitness. The objectives of the Camp Staff and the Camp program are to serve the needs of the Troop and the Scouts. In outdoor Scouting activities, simple skills of camp craft, woodcraft, aquatics, personal fitness and living in a Democratic society are at a premium.

Camp Kootaga, intends to reproduce and strengthen the processes by which a Troop ideally operates when it is in its home community. We do not intend to replace the Scoutmaster, the Troop's Leaders Council or the Leadership Corp, but rather to work with them and through them in determining the needs of individual Troops and of the Scouts in them.

Camp will be more than out-of-doors; it will bring an intense and vital training session for the Troops that come and for the boys they bring. It is a vital part of the Scouting program and will endeavor to build Scouts and Troops by supplying them challenges, opportunities and rewards of Scouting in an intensive and reinforcing way. This assists the Scouts and Troops to determine their own Program and effectively operate through their own Leadership.

President's Corner - A new feature on the Council's webpage is a newsletter written by the council's President, John S. Kaul. The web address is: <http://www.alohak.org/president/pres.html>

Friends of Scouting - It's not too late: to earn a \$25.00 gift certificate to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact Joe Testerman at Joseph.Testerman@scouting.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.

Candy Bars: Thanks to all the units that sold candy bars.

WHEN PLANNING YOUR SCOUTING YEAR, PLAN ON ACHIEVING YOUR IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

When planning for your 2010 program year, plan big. Do everything that you want and fund it all with a turn-key, thirty day fundraiser. Plan your Ideal Year of Scouting and fund it with the fall popcorn sale!

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.

This summer:

- * 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 2008 sale.
- * Sign up to sell popcorn by returning your unit commitment slip complete with name, address and phone number of your Popcorn Kernel (popcorn chairman). Commitment slips will be in the program planning packets distributed in June.

This fall:

- * 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 in the 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!

2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE OPENINGS

The 2010 National Jamboree promises to be the most exciting, fun-filled safest jamboree ever and will be held at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia Monday, July 26 through Wednesday, August 4, 2010.

A handful of Scouts have withdrawn from the 2010 contingent which has opened up a few positions for this, the last Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill. The fee for the Jamboree is \$1,300 which includes transportation, meals, program at the Jamboree and uniform insignia. The next Jamboree will be held in West Virginia in 2013.

To submit a youth application for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, Scouts should go to www.MyScouting.org and log in, they will need their membership ID number which is found on the center bottom of the membership card. Members can call the Allohak Council Service Center for this number if they do not have their registration card. After logging in, go to "Event Reservations" then "Jamboree." Then choose the Youth Participant Application link. When submitting the application, there will be a \$10 nonrefundable processing fee payable by credit card. This is not part of the jamboree fee Youth members will need to Print the confirmation, get their Scoutmaster signature of approval, and return the confirmation along with your \$100 deposit to Allohak Council.

To be eligible to attend, Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. All Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must participate in the pre jamboree training experience June 4-6; file a complete Personal Health and Medical Record, No. 67-34412, prior to the pre jamboree training; have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010; and be approved by the unit leader and local council

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