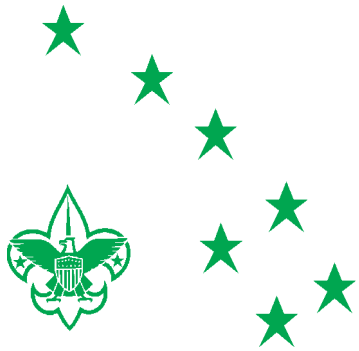


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"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." Tom Brokaw

Wow! What a powerful and true statement.

It is easy to make a buck. We all have something that we can exchange for money. We can all sell our time, our talent or our treasure.

As a boy, I sold my time to a local restaurant to pay for things that I wanted. Instead of engaging in some sort of leisure activity, I sold my time at the minimum wage of \$3.15 per hour to bus tables. It was easy to make a buck. Likewise when the snow fell, I took a shovel and offered to clear walks and drives selling my time in exchange for money...easy to make a buck.

As adults we begin to take a different path. We sell our time to ourselves to develop certain skills or talents that make our time more valuable. We have all needed a good mechanic, plumber or carpenter. We will all need the services of a good dentist, doctor or lawyer. We develop our interests and hone them into skills that we then practice to the point that we have talent. Once we accomplish this, our time becomes more valuable and though the path may have been difficult, we eventually reach that point where it is really easy to make a buck...a lot more than we made when we started!

Another easy way to make a buck, with little effort but great risk is to lend it. We can exchange a part of our treasure for the promise of having more come back to us in return. We do it every day when we put money in a savings account. We give some of our money to the bank which the bank in turn lends to others and in exchange, the bank gives us a percentage. When times are good it is real easy to make a buck.

But to make a difference is hard. Consider what it means to make a difference. To make a difference is to create a significant change or to have a significant effect on an event, person, place or thing. I believe that indeed, Tom Brokaw is right...it is easy to make a buck but tough to make a difference.

Our council is surrounded by evidence of people accepting the challenge to make a difference.

Recently Camp Mahonegon underwent a facelift and was thoroughly cleaned and prepared for Cub Scout Day Camp...volunteers gathered to make a difference

A new building is going up at Camp Kootaga because of great volunteers who are contributing a tremendous amount of their time, talent and treasure, some giving up several months...volunteers gathered to make a difference.

Over 500 Cub Scouts will have a great experience at Cub Scout Day Camps because of an army of Scout volunteers who will give up to a week of their time. Volunteers gathered to make a difference.

This summer hundreds of Scouts and Venturers will have the experience of a lifetime at one of the BSA high adventure bases or at one of the fine area council summer camps. Their experience is possible only because of volunteers who chose to give a week of their time to take kids to camp...volunteers gathered to make a difference.

Throughout the year leaders give their time to plan meetings, train youth leaders and assist in executing the weekly meeting or monthly outing...volunteers gathered to make a difference.

Making a difference is hard. Thank you Dear Reader, for taking the hard road. Whether you meet weekly with a den of boys, take a patrol or crew camping, conduct an Eagle board of review, help govern a council, help raise money, help build a building, or in other ways volunteer your time for Scouting, you are investing in the future. You are creating a significant change or to having a significant effect on an event, person, place or thing. You, Dear Reader, are MAKING a DIFFERENCE!

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave  
Scout Executive



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# PROGRAM



## President's Corner – Vol. 5



Exciting events are going on in our Council as I write to you. Stonewall Jackson District just completed its one week Cub Scout day camp. Highland District just started its week long Cub Scout day camp at Camp Mahonegon with approximately 120 kids. They fed 200 for lunch on Monday. Hock Hocking District just started its four day Cub Scout day camp at Camp Red Arrow and the Washington District Cub Scout day camp will start on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Broughton Farms. Boy Scout Camp Kootaga opened this past Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Construction is continuing on the new health lodge/trading post and offices at Camp Kootaga. Hopefully your unit is ready to march or ride on a float in your community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

As I travel or receive reports of these events, I am struck by the leadership and dedication of the adult volunteers that make for great Scout memories for our youth. Case in point: Last Wednesday, I arrived at the Veterans Park in Clarksburg at 8:15 am to observe Cub day camp. I saw 120 Cubs doing what boys of that age do before they get organized. At 8:30 I saw a teenage Boy Scout go to the microphone. He called the Cubs together and led them in songs and cheers for a few minutes. Following this "roar session", he led them to the makeshift flag pole where a color guard of Scouts conducted a flag raising. Then the Cubs hand saluted and recited the Pledge to the Flag. The parents looked on with pride. Then the Cubs divided into four groups to begin the day of activities.

I knew at that moment something good was happening in our Council. I could see adult lay leaders mentoring teen aged Boy Scouts who were leading Cub Scouts. My fellow Scouters, that sort of activity and development of leadership is going on all over Allohak Council. As I have said before, the Cubs at that flag pole will be the Boy Scouts and the lay Scout leaders of tomorrow.

I left the day camp with uplifted spirit ready to go to my Court Chambers to deal with the day's hearings. Nothing since has dampened my spirit.

My father was a Cubmaster and later an Assistant Scoutmaster of the units I was in during the 1950's through '60's. Over the years, I often wondered what kept him going back to the pack and troop year after year and even after I had left home for the hills of West Virginia. Surely he tired of taking a week of his vacation to go to camp to help with the cooking and washing of dishes. Did he ever regret the countless hours he spent every year building a three level float (Sea Scouts with ships wheel over the cab; a patrol of Boy Scouts Tent Camping and Cooking on the main bed; and a den of Cub Scouts doing crafts on the rear overhang) on his old pick-up truck, I can imagine that there were evenings when he would have sooner stayed home than get dressed in his uniform and go to the Scout Hall for a meeting. I am sure my mother did not always appreciate being left alone to tend to the dog and house while he and I and later just he went for a weekend of camping in some remote place. I am sure my mother had things she wanted to do besides help prepare for Blue and Gold dinners and run Den meetings. I could have asked them, but it seemed as if I was never thinking of those questions when we were together. Now that they have passed, I can't ask. So I am left to speculate. Was it because of me and their desire that I have the Scouting experience? Was it because they enjoyed watching me smile and cry, struggle and overcome as I developed as a Scout? Was it because they were of the depression and WWII generation and understood the values of the Scouting program to the youth of America? Was it because they were part of a team who believed those same values? Was it their way of making the world a little better place?

From what I have been privileged to observe, from East to West and North to South, Allohak Council is blessed with a core of very dedicated volunteers.

So when you get tired and wonder whether it is worth all that you do – step back – look and see the smiles, the laughter, the organization out of chaos, the individual development, the team building, the learning and the development of confidence of the Scouts you are mentoring. Then smile. You've earned it. The smile and the sense of being a part of something bigger than yourself is your reward. It is what will bring you back again and again.

If you are a Scout and read this open letter, reflect on what it says. If you want to thank your lay leaders for what they have given you over the years, volunteer to mentor and help a Cub Scout pack or den. By emulating your leaders, you have given them the highest praise possible. At the very least, extend your hand and thank them.

Finally, recognize that little is accomplished by those who act alone. It is through teamwork that Scouting and its programs move forward. Teamwork and teambuilding exist at every level of Scouting. The premise of the Cub Den and Pack and the Boy Scout Patrol and Troop is that boys will naturally gang together and work to achieve common goals when properly led and motivated. Pack and Troops are led by committees of people who believe in Scouting. Districts are led by committees (membership, program, camping, advancement, training, FOS, publicity and product sales to name but a few) who form together around a leader or leaders for the benefit of the youth, units and Council they serve. Our District Executives are presently working with each District Chairperson to identify and recruit volunteers in each district to chair and serve on these committees. It is the goal to have the committee system manned, trained and functioning in every district by the end of the year. If you are not already a committee chair or on a committee, stand up and be counted. Contact your District Chairperson or District Executive and volunteer.

Yours In Scouting, John S. Kaul



# PROGRAM



## ALLOHAK COUNCIL INTRODUCES CAMPMASTER POPOCRN!

Due to radical changes in the Trails End program, council president Jack Kaull and council vice president for finance Joe Bell appointed board member Dick Ledford as the Allohak Council Popcorn Kernel with the assistance of fellow board member Iris McCrady to review the program offered by Trails End and consider other vendors.

Dick and Iris met with representatives from Trails End and from Campmasters in early April and shared their findings with district popcorn kernels in late April. According to Dick Ledford, 'Both vendors made excellent presentations explaining their products, programs, pricing, and other services. Following these presentations we met with our Popcorn Kernels from around the council and explained to them the pros and cons of retaining trails' End, our current vendor, or change to Campmasters. A long, lively, and productive discussion of all aspect of our popcorn program was held and in the end it was the unanimous decision of the committee to make the change to Campmasters.'

The primary reasons for the change were services provided by Campmasters not provided by Trails end:

- \* Packaging: Campmasters continues to offer premium gift tins, Trails End is switching from gift tins to re-sealable plastic bags.
- \* Delivery: Campmasters will deliver to multiple locations and the council can order exactly what is needed resulting in no left over inventory.
- \* Magazine sales: Campmasters will integrate magazine sales with the popcorn sale and include magazine sales toward the Campmasters prize program
- \* Printing: Campmasters will provide sales brochures and prize brochures which previously were paid by the council.
- \* Products: Campmasters provides greater variety in products and offers the ever popular kettle corn.

In the end, continuing with Trails End would mean a switch to plastic bags on the premium ready to eat products. The committee felt that gift tins were ecologically more responsible since steel is a natural product, RE-USABLE AND RECYCLABLE. Campmasters Tins will feature both Scouting and non-Scouting related artwork that will be sought after by tin collectors or serve as a great way to give gifts to friends and neighbors.

The Allohak Council appreciates the relationship that it has had with Trails End and is excited about the new venture with Campmasters. A meeting will be held on August 21 at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to share ways to help your unit have the best popcorn sale ever and unveil the new product line. This meeting will be a high-energy, fast paced and entertaining event that you will not want to miss, so mark your calendar now!

## WHAT IS AN "ACTIVE BOY SCOUT"?

To advance in rank, a Scout must be active in his unit. The 2010 Boy Scout Requirements guidebook #34756 defines active as "A Scout will be considered "active" in his unit if he is

1. Registered in his unit (registration fees are current).
2. Not dismissed from his unit for disciplinary reasons.
3. Engaged by his unit leadership on a regular basis (informed of unit activities through Scoutmaster conference or personal contact, etc.) .
4. In communication with the unit leader on a quarterly basis."

Units may not create their own definition of active; this is a national standard.

## DWIGHT DAVIS RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

After 17 years as Camp Mahonegon Ranger, Dwight Davis is moving on to full retirement. The Mahonegon Maintenance committee under the leadership of Tom Staud has taken over responsibility of caring for Camp Mahonegon during this time of transition.

Dwight and Wilma have been important members of the Allohak Council family serving Camp Mahonegon and Scouts and Scouters alike for 17 years. Camp Mahonegon is a crown jewel of Scouting in West Virginia in part due to the many hours of hard work, tireless service and tender loving care provided by Dwight and Wilma. Truly, their commitment to Scouting and Camp Mahonegon has been a labor of love. It has been said many times that service is the price we pay for the space that we occupy in this world. Dwight and Wilma have paid their debt many times over.

A celebration of Dwight and Wilma's service to our great council is yet to be scheduled however an open house celebration will be held at Camp Mahonegon. Please check the council website for updates as they become available.

Dwight and Wilma will be relocating to Clarksburg at the end of August.

Please join me in wishing Dwight and Wilma the very best as they begin a new adventure together.

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 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-nine 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 in honor of Troop 13 85<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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### JULY

This is the month that there is no roundtable until August. Your Cub Pack should be working on their Summer Time Award. Your Boy Scout Troop should be at Summer Camp working on Merit Badges and fulfilling rank requirements.

### AUGUST

- 6-8 Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Kootaga
- 16 Roundtable at Camp Mahonegon. The fun starts at 7:00pm. Come on out and get the most up-to-date information. Topics of discussion: Back to School, Cub Adventure, Popcorn, Cub Leader Training, Baloo, Popcorn and many other items of discussion.
- 21 Night Golf Tournament at the Elks Country Club. Justin Tanner will be the chairman of this fun filled event. The fun starts at 5:00pm and the cost will be \$50 per player and we will be having two players per team. Stay tuned for further information.

**Council Camporee** - If you missed the Council Camporee at Hocking College.....shame on you!!! Ted Cox, and a multitude of Scout Leaders worked and displayed many different stations that was great. The boys from throughout the Council were put in patrols and did an outstanding job while attending the many different stations that were at the Camporee. Over 400 Scouts and Leaders came to Camp and had a wonderful weekend. Good job and a wonderful Camporee.

<http://www.allohak.org> - When was the last time you visited the Council Web Page? If you haven't been there in a while you need to bookmark this page and visit it often. For any last minute changes or the up to the latest information, this is the place to be. I would encourage each and every one of you to visit our Council Web Page and take advantage of it.

**Camp Mahonegon Reunion** - Attention all former Staff, Junior 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 31, 2010 at Camp. If you would like to be included in the planning, you can contact me. Hope to see you there.

**Cub Scout Day Camp 2010** - The 2010 edition of Cub Scout Day Camp was a tremendous success!! Over 120 Cub Scouts experienced an adventure that included: Air guns, archery, water rockets and many other special activities. Numerous adult leaders, sessions staff and Boy Scout Junior Staff are the reason our Day Camp is so much fun. With a Camp Director like Lesa Jordan and her band of program directors, how could this summer adventure in Cub Scouting fail? Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make this event happen; it is no single effort that makes our Day Camp successful. This is an annual success story and if your pack hasn't been there - don't miss this event next year!

### DID YOU KNOW...

That the Guide To Safe Scouting is your must have guide to BSA policies and procedures for just about any outing event or situation?

Every unit should have a copy of the Guide to Safe Scouting. In addition to hard copies, it is available online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org). The Guide to Safe Scouting shows topics in two categories, "should" and "shall". Practices that are recommended, the "should", are in plain text. The practices that are restricted, the "shall/shall not" are in bold print.

The Guide to Safe Scouting covers such topics as camping, aquatics (boating and swimming), transportation, tour permits, chainsaw use, archery, shooting sports, motorized events, parade floats, youth protection policies and so much more.

Just about any situation that a leader might face in dealing with BSA policies and procedures and program delivery can be found in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Be sure to have a copy at every outing.



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#### July

4 Independence Day!  
21 District Committee Mtg.  
25-28 Cub Scout Resident Camp.

#### August

9 Joint Roundtable City Park  
18 District Committee Mtg.

**FALL RECRUITING:** The District would like to request that every unit hold an Open House for their unit during the week of September 13th. We are trying to coordinate this effort this year so we can recruit as many youth into Scouting for the 100th Anniversary. What an awesome experience to be involved in an organization that has been going strong for a century! **Leaders please let me know when you're unit's open house will be on or before September 1st. (The flyers will be distributed the week before as well as any Boy Talks during that week)** The district will print flyers with each open house date, time, and location on the back of the flyer and drop them off into the schools. If you would like a Boy Talk please let me know as soon as you've scheduled an open house. nimehl@bsamail.org

#### Upcoming Events!

**Cub Scout Roundtable:** Is meeting on the second Monday of the month beginning in September at Wayside United Methodist Church.

**Boy Scout Roundtable:** Will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Stay tuned for the 2009 Boy Scout Roundtable Schedule.

**District Meetings (Commissioner & Committee):** The Blennerhassett District has set a Date for the monthly Commissioner & Committee meetings; Starting in September the monthly meetings will be held on the **Third Wednesday** of the month. If you are unsure of where the next meeting will be please email Nick at the Scout Service center at nimehl@bsamail.org

**Blennerhassett Day Camp:** This year's theme was "Surfin' Luau" and was held at Veteran's Park. The event was well attended, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers that took their time out of their busy schedules to help teach a session.

**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

**Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp:** This year's theme will be "The Magic of Camp Kootaga" and will take place at Camp Kootaga on July 25th to July 28th. The Cost will be \$40.00 per youth, and \$25.00 per adult. **This camp includes two full days of adventure, three nights of Camping, and eight meals.** The new physical form is required for this event. You should have received a flyer at Day Camp. If you

were unable to attend Day Camp you can check out the information on the Council Website at [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) Please stay tuned to the website for more information.

**It's Not Too Late:** To schedule your 2010 Family Friends of Scouting Presentation to receive a free Gift Certificate to either Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga! Contact me at nimehl@bsamail.org to schedule your Friends of Scouting Presentation. Every unit that has a Friends of Scouting Presentation will be presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate for one of the two council camps.

**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 be required at the event. The date of this event is **October 8th-10th. Please Note the change, this year's event will occur on the second weekend of October.** If anyone is interested in helping in this year's Cub Adventure weekend, please contact Todd Handley at [todd.handley@alpharma.com](mailto:todd.handley@alpharma.com)

#### Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Cub Scout Resident Camp: July 25th – 28th

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: September 25th

Cub Adventure Weekend: October 8-10th.

Popcorn Sales Begin: October 1st.

**Quality Unit :** If you have not filled out your Quality Unit form for 2010, please do so and turn in the form to your unit commissioner, myself or the office.

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

**University of Scouting:** The Blennerhassett District will be taking the lead on planning this event to be held on March 12, 2011. We are also looking for **representatives from every District in the Council to serve on this committee.** This will be a **Council Wide Event.** We are looking for instructors and any ideas of subjects that you would like to see as a course to be taught at this event. Please stay tuned as this event is being planned. If you have an idea or course subject or would like to be an instructor, or would like to serve on the committee please email Margaret Pickering at [buckeyefox@hotmail.com](mailto:buckeyefox@hotmail.com) or Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org

**Youth Protection Training:** if you have not completed Youth Protection Training in the last two years you will need to do so before your unit re-charters. Also, any new leaders will need to complete Youth Protection Training before they can be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Re-Charter Time:** is approaching, it will be here before you know it. Blennerhassett has always been strong in re-chartering on time! Let's plan to re-charter on time and early by December 15th!



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### JULY

- 13 Planning meeting for Swimming Party at Athens Pool  
 25-28 Cub Residence Camp at Camp Kootaga

### AUGUST

- 4 Hock-Hocking Roundtable at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens @ 7:00 pm.  
 4 Hock-Hocking District Committee meeting at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens following Roundtable.  
 6-8 OA Fall Ordeal at Camp Kootaga  
 6-14 Athens County Fair

**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 Howard Dewald, District Commissioner @ dewald@ohio.edu or Mike Noel, District Chairman @ mnoel@pnarch.com.

**Athens County Fair** - Don't miss livestock exhibits, horticulture displays, a demolition derby, youth exhibits, truck and tractor pulls, top name entertainment and the Boy Scouts of America booth. We are asking each unit to man the booth for a few hours during the fair (Evening) We would like to have a nice presents at the fair . Help us out! Volunteer! Children of all ages will enjoy the many rides and games that will be there also. And who can forget about the food? Whether it's a funnel cake or cotton candy that you crave, this fair will have it all! For a complete schedule of events, visit: <http://www.athenscofair.org/>

**Looking ahead 30-60 Days** - Fall Recruiting Is upon us! Call or email Joe Testerman (740-350-3808 or jtesterman1114@gmail.com) with details concerning when your unit will be holding a boy talk/ school night. Please Do this as soon as you can so we can have a great Fall Recruiting Season!

**OA Fellowship** will be held at Camp Mahonegan on September 17th -19th .

**Camporee** - We had an exciting time at this years Council's camporee. We need to discuss what we want to do for next spring's district camporee. Please share any thoughts with your District Commissioner Howard Dewald

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

It will soon be time to start planning for another season of Camp Red Arrow, Cub Scout Day Camp. Join us in planning next years day camp. Contact Ron Hope for detailed times and dates..

**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>

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### July

- 4 Independence Day!
- 21 District Committee Mtg.
- 25-28 Cub Scout Resident Camp.

### August

- 5 Roundtable Kickoff St. John's Episcopal

**FALL RECRUITING:** The District would like to request that every unit hold an Open House for their unit during the week of September 7th. We are trying to coordinate this effort this year so we can recruit as many youth into Scouting for the 100th Anniversary next year. What an awesome experience to be involved in an organization that has been going strong for a century! **Leaders please let me know when you're unit's open house will be on or before August 30th. (The flyers will be distributed the week before as well as any Boy Talks during that week).** The district will print flyers with each open house date, time, and location on the back of the flyer and drop them off into the schools. If you would like a Boy Talk please let me know as soon as you've scheduled an open house. nimehl@bsamail.org

### Upcoming Events!

**District Meetings:** Will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on the **First Thursday of the month.**

**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

**Kootaga Summer Adventure Camp:** This year's theme will be "The Magic of Camp Kootaga" and will take place at Camp Kootaga on July 25th to July 28th. The Cost will be \$40.00 per youth, and \$25.00 per adult. **This camp includes two full days of adventure, three nights of camping, and eight meals.** The new physical form is required for this event. You should have received a flyer at Day Camp. If you were unable to attend Day Camp you can check out the information on the Council Website at [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) Please stay tuned to the website for more information,

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**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 be required at the event. The date of this event is **October 8th-10th, Please Note the change, this year's event will occur on the second weekend of October.** If anyone is interested in helping in this year's Cub Adventure weekend. Please contact Todd Handley at [todd.handley@alpharma.com](mailto:todd.handley@alpharma.com)

### Looking ahead 30-60 Days:

Cub Scout Resident Camp: July 25th – 28th

Cub Scout New Leader Position Specific Training: September 25th

Cub Adventure Weekend: October 8-10th.

Popcorn Sales Begin: October 1st.

**Quality Unit :** If you have not filled out your Quality Unit form for 2010, please do so and turn in the form to your unit commissioner, myself or the office.

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

**University of Scouting:** The Blennerhassett District will be taking the lead on planning this event to be held on March 12, 2011. We are also looking for **Representatives from every District in the Council to serve on this committee.** This will be a **Council Wide Event.** We are looking for instructors and any ideas of subjects that you would like to see as a course to be taught at this event. Please stay tuned as this event is being planned. If you have an idea or course subject or would like to be an instructor, or would like to serve on the committee please email Margaret Pickering at [buckeyefox@hotmail.com](mailto:buckeyefox@hotmail.com) or Nick at nimehl@bsamail.org

**Youth Protection Training:** if you have not completed Youth Protection Training in the last two years you will need to do so before your unit re-charters. Also, any new leaders will need to complete Youth Protection Training before they can be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Re-Charter Time:** is approaching, it will be here before you know it. Let's plan to re-charter on time and early by December 15th!

# 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](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 2009 we had 72 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2010 we have 36 that have achieved that honor.**

**Bloxham, Daniel Harper** - Troop 222, Washington District  
**Botzet, Justin Thomas** - Troop 128, Highland District  
**Boyer, Kevin Jacob** - Troop 222, Washington District  
**Dowdy III, James Lee** - Troop 440, Little Kanawha District  
**Durm, Todd Anthony** - Troop 207, Washington District  
**Evans, Cory M** - Troop 92, Blennerhassett District  
**Ewing, Robert Tyler** - Troop 1016, Stonewall Jackson District  
**Fiorini, Nicholas Benson** - Troop 96, Highland District  
**Gifford, Sean Anthony** - Troop 12, Blennerhassett District  
**Haller, Erich James** - Troop 6, Blennerhassett District  
**Higginbotham, Zachary Chris** - Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson District  
**Hochendoner, James Louis** - Troop 92, Blennerhassett District  
**Holland, Joseph Pedro William** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**Kimerer, Lucas Karl** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**Mayer, David James** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**McDowell, Lukas U** - Troop 231, Washington District  
**Reitmire, Eric Paul Everett** - Troop 20, Blennerhassett District  
**Tucker, Foster Gregory** - Troop 63, Highland District



## 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!



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### JULY

This is the month that there is no roundtable until August. Your Cub Pack should be working on their Summer Time Award. Your Boy Scout Troop should be at Summer Camp working on Merit Badges and fulfilling rank requirements.

### AUGUST

- 6-8 Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Kootaga
- 17 Roundtable at St Marks starting at 7:00pm. Come on out and get the most up-to-date information. Topics of discussion: Back to School, Cub Adventure, Popcorn, Cub Leader Training, Baloo, Popcorn and many other items of discussion.
- 21 Night Golf Tournament at the Elks Country Club. Justin Tanner will be the chairman of this fun filled event. The fun starts at 5:00pm and the cost will be \$50 per player and we will be having two players per team. Stay tuned for further information.

**Council Camporee** - If you missed the Council Camporee at Hocking College.....shame on you!!! Ted Cox, and a multitude of Scout Leaders worked and displayed many different stations that was great. The boys from throughout the Council were put in patrols and did an outstanding job while attending the many different stations that were at the Camporee. Over 400 Scouts and Leaders came to Camp and had a wonderful weekend. Good job and a wonderful Camporee.

<http://www.allohak.org> - When was the last time you visited the Council Web Page? If you haven't been there in a while you need to bookmark this page and visit it often. For any last minute changes or the up to the latest information, this is the place to be. I would encourage each and every one of you to visit our Council Web Page and take advantage of it.

**Camp Mahonegon Reunion** - Attention all former Staff, Junior 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 31, 2010 at Camp. If you would like to be included in the planning, you can contact me. Hope to see you there.

**Cub Scout Day Camp 2010** - The 2010 edition of Cub Scout Day Camp was a tremendous success. There were over 110 Cub Scouts who experienced fun and excitement. Some of the events included: Air guns, archery, water rockets and many other special activities. With a Camp Director like Denise Christafore and Program Directors Connie Epperly and Polly Snyder, how could this adventure in Cub Scouting fail?? Numerous adult leaders, sessions staff and our own Dave Christafore lead our Boy Scout Junior Staff. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make this event happen and special thanks to Denise Christafore for her monumental efforts in planning this year's camp. To top it off, everyone, plus new faces, have agreed to do it again next year.

### POPCORN ORDERING SYSTEM WILL GO ELECTRONIC

The Allohak Council will be offering an online option for units to place their popcorn orders this fall.

Please fill out and return the following information so that the Council can have all information complete and the system ready to go in time for the sale that begins on October 1.

UNIT POPCORN KERNAL NAME  
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE ZIP  
E-MAIL  
PHONE NUMBER

Information can be provided to John Burns by e-mailing joburns@bsmail.org or provide it to you district popcorn kernel or district executive.



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### JULY

25-28 Cub Residence Camp at Camp Kootaga

### AUGUST

2 Washington District Committee meeting at Washington State Community College @ 6:30.

6-8 OA Fall Ordeal at Camp Kootaga

12 Washington District Commissioners at Solvay Park on Rout 7 South of Marietta on Route 7 @6:00

12 Washington District Roundtable at Solvay Park on Rout 7 South of Marietta on Route 7 @6:30

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**Looking ahead 30-60 Days** - Fall Recruiting Is upon us! Call or email Joe Testerman (740-350-3808 or jtesterman1114@gmail.com) with details concerning when your unit will be holding a boy talk/ school night. Please Do this as soon as you can so we can have a great Fall Recruiting Season!

**OA Fellowship** will be held at Camp Mahonegan on September 17th -19th .

**Indoor Training** - We are planning indoor training for unit leaders on September 25, 2010. Details are being worked out now. If you are interested in helping with this training or taking the training, please let Joe Testerman know. Jtesterman1114@gmail.com

**Washington District Day Camp** - The Washington District Day Camp was held on June 30th through July 2nd at Broughton's Farms, Marietta, Ohio. Camp began at 9am and ended at 4pm. The fun filled days featured, Archery, BB Guns, sports, games, crafts and more. The camp ended with a family picnic and campfire hosted by Troop 231

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### ONE TIME JOINING FEE

What would happen to your Pack, Troop or Crew if you were to charge a one-time joining fee of \$30, parents never have to pay again and the members all get Boys' Life! Even though you charge the family \$30 per Scout, you would still pro-rate the membership and Boys' Life fee when forwarding new applications to the Scout Service Center. The remaining dollars could be used for program expenses related to the new membership.

Of course, once you do this you need to come up with a plan for the pack to cover the registration and Boys' Life fees for the annual re-registration process. That fee is easily covered by your fall fund-raiser. Simply figure out how much each boy needs to raise in order to cover the \$27 cost for registration and Boys' Life. If selling popcorn, that goal should be \$90 (\$27 divided by 30%) which would net a profit of \$27.00. You may wish to increase the goal to cover other expenses such as rank advancements, leader materials, trips, events, den and patrol allowances, etc.

Fundraise for your Pack, Troop or Crew once a year and provide program the rest of the year. If participating in the council's fall product sale, then set an expectation for each boy. Give the family some ownership if funding their son's program and include registration and Boys' Life fees. Families will appreciate knowing what the Pack, Troop or Crew expects of them, will appreciate paying their own way and will really appreciate a "one-time" joining fee of \$30.

Refer to the "Ideal Year of Scouting" article in this issue of the Polar Star for more details. Remember, kids join Scouting for the outing – not fundraising – so fundraise big for thirty days and deliver an exciting program the remaining 335.

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### CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD

The Centennial Quality Unit Award is entering year two of implementation. Replacing the National Quality Unit Award, the Centennial Quality Unit Award measures the accomplishment of unit goals rather than nationally determined goals. In addition, the unit does not submit the application for the award after re-chartering but may submit the application any time after October 31 but before December 31, once the objectives have been met.

Each unit should soon receive the necessary paperwork to determine goals. If your unit has not received the appropriate forms or is in need of assistance with completing the objectives of the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award Commitment form, contact your unit commissioner, district commissioner or district executive for assistance.

Qualifying units will receive a distinctive Centennial Quality Unit Award streamer for their unit flag and unit members may wear the Centennial Quality Unit Award patch on their uniform. The Streamers and uniform patches were red for 2007 qualifiers, white for 2008 qualifiers and blue will be for qualifiers in 2009. For those units that qualify each year 2007-2009, the recognitions will be a distinctive red, white and blue in 2010.

Don't miss out on this once in a century opportunity.

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### UNITED WAY ALLOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

The Randolph County United Way, United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley and the United Way of Harrison County, Inc. have announced their support of Scouting program within their jurisdiction. Strong supporters of Scouting, the Allohak Council will see funding levels maintained in these three areas. United Way organizations yet to provide allocation information are the United Way of Gilmer, Lewis and Upshur Counties and the Washington County United Way.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the United Way for Scouting programs" Said Dale Musgrave, Scout executive. This is a tough fundraising year for everyone including the United Way and when many council's are seeing decreased United Way funding, our council is grateful for the outstanding support that we receive. We are truly blessed to enjoy a strong partnership with the United Way in the communities where together we serve children and families."

In a recent letter from Marie Battles, executive director of the United Way of Harrison County, Inc., comments from the review panel "Keep up the good work. The committee applauds your dedication to molding young men." And from Joyce Mather, executive director of the United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, "We thank you for your organizations team and effort in putting together the necessary information for the Agency Review Team and community Investment Committee. Please know that the United Way Alliance board greatly values the programs and services you provide and we're proud to be in partnership with your organization." And from

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