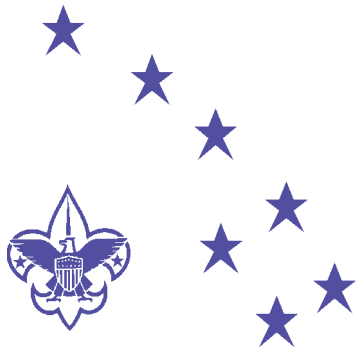


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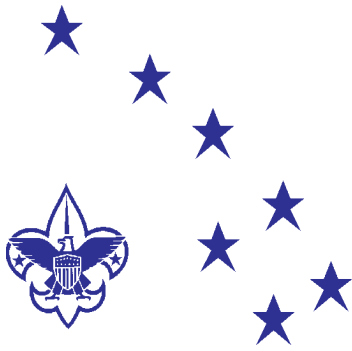


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“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing,” --Edmund Burke

Like many of you, I was disgusted when I heard the news of the child sex abuse incidents at Penn State University and Syracuse University. What I found most disturbing is what I believe to be the “blind eye” that those in the entire chain of information seem to have turned to the earliest allegations. .

Over 20 years ago, the Boy Scouts of America has placed Youth Protection as a top priority. With specific policies established for preventing and reporting suspected abuse, we are on the cutting edge of protecting America's youth. But for this to work, good men and women must be proactive. They must follow the policies and guard against turning a blind eye and “doing nothing”.



The BSA three point approach begins with leader selection. The following paragraphs are taken from the Youth Protection Guidelines of the BSA.

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*The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders. We work closely record with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units.*

*The second point of the approach is training at all levels. Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered  
Training is available for youth as well. A Time To Tell is for Cub Scout aged audiences, It Happened To Me for Boy Scout aged audiences and Personal Safety Awareness for Venturing aged audiences. These video format training are a must for all members and should be shown annually. April is a good time as this is Youth Protection Month.*

*The third point is creating barriers to abuse. Two-deep leadership is required on all outings. Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all Scouting activities. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when the presence of adult leaders is not required and adult leadership may be limited to training and guidance of the patrol leadership. With the proper training, guidance, and approval by the troop leaders, the patrol can conduct day hikes and service projects. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight Scouting activities; coed overnight activities—even those including parent and child—require male and female adult leaders, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, and one of whom must be a registered member of the BSA. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.*



*One-on-one contact is prohibited between adults and Scouts. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.*

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave  
Scout Executive

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# PROGRAM



## 2012 Ski Season Sundays, January 8, February 12 & March 11

The Allohak Council WinterPlace ski days will be January 8, February 12 and March 11 2012. Special discounted rates are available for anyone purchasing their ski tickets from the Allohak Council. The special rate applies to all Scouts and family members and even includes non-Scout groups who purchase tickets from the Allohak Council. Some leaders may also be involved with other youth groups such as churches and youth clubs and are encouraged to share this information with their church youth group or any other interested parties.

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

**Packages include:**

- \* Skiing & Meal \$49 (lift ticket, lessons, rentals, & meal ticket),
- \* Tubing 2 hour Pass \$13.50 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 2 hour intervals)
- \* Snowboarding \$49 (lift ticket and meal, without board rental)
- \* Tubing all day pass and meal \$43
- \* Snowboarding \$88 (lift ticket, with board rental and meal)
- \* Additional Meal tickets available @ \$6.00

**Allohak Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

**Winter Place Ski Days 2012**

Circle one: January 8 February 12 March 11



Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

- Skiing and meal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Tubing and meal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$43.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Tubing 2 Hour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.50 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Boarding w/rental and meal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$88.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Boarding and meal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Extra Meal tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (please circle)    Visa    Master Card    Discover

Card Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_    Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_    Authorization Code (from back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_    Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_    Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or they may be purchased in advance. Advance ticket holders will be able to pick up tickets immediately upon arrival at the Allohak Council ticket table in the Winter Place lodge, no waiting in line! Advance ticket purchases are non-refundable.

Advance ticket purchases may be completed by fax or mail using the attached form, call the order to the Allohak Council Service Center and charge by credit card or submit the order in person.

Avoid Long lines, purchase your tickets in advance by the Thursday Prior to Your Ski Date

You may also pay online by going to [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) and clicking on the Winterplace Skiing Package



# PROGRAM



## 2011 FALL PRODUCT SALE RESULTS

The Allohak Council Fall Product Sale was a huge success, totaling over \$440,000 in gross sales resulting in over \$132,000 in commission for our Packs, Troops and Crews that participated in this turnkey, no risk fall fundraiser. The "show-and-sell" method was offered again this year allowing units to have product on hand on a consignment basis. This proved to be a great option for many packs and troops.

The top selling units by district were:

Blennerhasset	Troop 12	\$14,915	Little Kanawha	Pack 440	\$ 8,020
Blennerhasset	Pack 91	\$14,750	Little Kanawha	Pack 436	\$ 7,200
Blennerhasset	Pack 20	\$14,090	Little Kanawha	Pack 30	\$ 7,150
Washington	Pack 211	\$ 7,105	Stonewall Jackson	Pack 39	\$ 14,055
Washington	Pack 653	\$ 6,415	Stonewall Jackson	Troop 14	\$ 9,910
Washington	Pack 219	\$ 6,035	Stonewall Jackson	Troop 547	\$ 8,840
Hock Hocking	Pack 53	\$13,760	Highland	Troop 88	\$14,290
Hock Hocking	Troop 71	\$12,050	Highland	Pack 88	\$ 6,205
Hock Hocking	Pack 364	\$ 6,780	Highland	Pack 66	\$ 5,225

Congratulations to the top selling Scouts in each district:

**Blennerhasset**, Bryan Bailey from Troop 12, \$2,362; **Washington**, Paul Christopher Richards from Pack 203, \$1,685  
**Hock Hocking**, Christopher Celaya from Troop 71, \$2,162; **Little Kanawha**, Jordan Yoak from Pack 436, \$2,775  
**Stonewall Jackson**, John Stephan Burns from Pack 39, \$1,028; **Highland**, Andy Nelson from Troop 675, \$3,115

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

**Christian Palmer** from Troop 14, \$9,250; **David Rose** from Troop 88, \$8,920; **Christopher Barker** from Troop 71, \$3,692

Begin planning now for a successful fall product sale in 2012!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the cost to deliver a quality Scouting program in the Allohak council exceeds ¼ of a million dollars? The operating budget of the Allohak Council is \$861,042!

Did you know that registration fees paid for membership are all forwarded to the National Council, BSA and that not a single cent is kept by the local council? Did you know that like your Pack, Troop, Crew or Post, the Allohak Council must go through an annual re-chartering process and that the Allohak Council must pay a chartering fee to the National Council of over \$10,000?

Other fees that provide direct service to your unit include \$70,000 for supplies (food for events, recruiting flyers, training materials, etc.) \$10,000 for telephone (including our toll free 800 line), \$66,570 for occupancy (utilities and licensing fees for the Scout Service Center and Camps Mahonegon and Kootaga), \$17,304 for rental and maintenance of equipment (vehicles and equipment for camp, port-a-johns, etc.) and \$34,000 insurance which includes liability insurance for leaders and sickness and accident insurance for both leaders and youth members.

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

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

### COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The annual business meeting of the Allohak Council will be held on January 19, 2012 at Dominion Resources located at 445 Main St. in Clarksburg. The meeting will be held in Flameway hall and will begin at 7:00. Chartered organization representatives are encouraged to attend and vote their approval of the report of the nominating committee.

**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 during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This is year four of an exciting initiative which 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, **48 new James E. West Fellowships** have been committed during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America adding over \$50,000 to the Allohak Council Endowment Fund. Centennial James E. West Fellows 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
- By Alan H. Smith
- By John S. Kaul in honor of Yolanda "Missie" Kaul
- By John S. Kaul in honor of April E. Kaul
- By Cynthia Wray Holliday in honor of Christopher Wray Holliday
- By William O. Leonard, Jr.
- By an anonymous donor in memory of Howie Gibson
- By Michael and Catherine King in honor of David C. King

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



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**Serving the counties of: Barbour, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur in West Virginia**

**JANUARY**

- 6-8 O.A. Officer training Camp Kootaga.
- 8 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace.
- 9 Roundtable 7:00 at the 1st U. M. Church on Kerns Avenue in Elkins. Topics include District Dinner, Klondike Derby, and Scout Sunday.
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 18 Show and Sell Peanut orders due.
- 27-29 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
- 30 Highland and Stonewall Jackson District Dinner, 6:30 PM. At Heiner Hall, Alderson-Broadus College (aka, same place as last year's). A buffet dinner of ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, CORN, dessert and drinks.

The cost will be \$10 per person. The District Award of Merit and other District and Council recognitions will be presented at the dinner. If you are in the mood for a good ole fashioned fun time on a cold winter night, plan now to attend. Remember all 2011 Eagle Scout recipients are invited to attend.

**FEBRAURY**

- 5 Scout Sunday, and Scouting anniversary week begins.
- 6 Roundtable, 7:00 P.M. at the 1st U. M. Church in Buckhannon. Topics include Pinewood Derby, Scout-O-Rama, Council Camporee, and Friends of Scouting.
- 12 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 20 Presidents Day Scout Service Center Closed.

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

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

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

**GO CAMPING...GO NUTS FOR SCOUTING!**

The spring product sale for 2012 will again feature a variety of nuts from Virginia Diner.

The "Nuts for Scouting" program will offer 12 items to sell that range in price from \$10 to \$16 and will again feature a 28% profit, 3% higher than previous spring product sales. The sale begins on February 8 and orders are due on March 14. Show and Sell orders are due on January 18 for delivery on or about February 8 and returns are due at the same time as the Take Order forms, March 14.

Three chocolate covered products will be available this year. They are chocolate covered peanuts, chocolate pretzels, and chocolate covered cashews. All twelve items will be available for both the "show and sell" and the "take order" methods. Units will be able to return unsold items provided that they are returned in full cases, in good condition and by March 14.

Look for specific information at "Nuts for Scouting" kick-off and informational meetings on the council web site and informational flyers in the mail.

Units should help their Scouts earn their way to camp or earn money to pay for that new sleeping bag, flashlight, or other needs for camp. "Nuts for Scouting" is an outstanding opportunity for a turn-key approach to funding summer camp needs. There is no up-front money, no left over product and no risk. Simply go door to door or call friends and family to take their order.

"Nuts for Scouting" not only helps a Scout earn his way to camp but some of the profit from the Nuts for Scouting sale benefits the Allohak Council and its camping programs.

Go to camp this summer...Go Nuts for Scouting!

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

**JANUARY**

- 3 Boy Scout roundtable, Scout Service Center
- 8 Winterplace Ski Day
- 10 Cub Scout Roundtable, Vienna Baptist Church
- 14 Blennerhassett District, 6th Annual Pinewood Derby, Wayside United Methodist Church
- 17 District Annual Meeting, Scout Service Center

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby, Grand Central Mall
- 7 Boy Scout Roundtable, Scout Service Center
- 12 Winterplace Ski Day
- 14 Cub Scout Roundtable, Vienna Baptist Church
- 21 District Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center
- 27-29 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon

**Blennerhassett Pinewood Derby** - The Blennerhassett District Pinewood Derby will be held on January 14 at Wayside United Methodist Church. Registration is open from 8:30 until 9:30 in the morning. Opening ceremonies are at 10:00 am. Entry fee is \$5, but a \$1 discount applies to those registering on line.

There are two classes, Open Class and Scout Class. Scout Class follows the same rules as the Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby. Open Class rules are a little more liberal. Any car in the Scout Class that does not qualify will be moved to the open class. For complete rules, see the council webpage, [www.allohak.org/pwd/blenn/2012rules.pdf](http://www.allohak.org/pwd/blenn/2012rules.pdf).

**Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby** - Get ready racers! The Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby will be held on February 4 at the Grand Central Mall. This is an awesome day of Cub Scouting at its finest! Be sure to check the race rules at the Allohak Council Website, [www.allohak.org/pwd/2012pwdpacket.pdf](http://www.allohak.org/pwd/2012pwdpacket.pdf).

In addition to a great day of racing, this is a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members. All Boy Scout Troops are invited to have a booth or display. Simply let us know and we will provide you space.

**Youth Protection Is Everyone's Responsibility** - Ensuring that every youth is protected and that the polices of the BSA are followed is the responsibility of EVERY adult leader. Appropriate training, supervision and creating barriers to abuse is a must. As a review, two adults over 21, one of whom must be a registered leader is required for all outings, meetings and activities. Consult the Guide to Safe Scouting for a complete list of BSA requirements.

**Advancement – Are Your Scouts Accomplishments Recorded?** - The Advancement program is one of the most important features of the Boy Scouts of America program. It encourages personal growth, development of scouting skills and recognizes Scout accomplishments. The Advancement program depends on proper reporting, as well as recognition, so that Scout progress is recorded with the Council.

Whenever you purchase certain advancements, it is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the awards be placed on an Advancement Form. We often get questions as to why do we require this. There are a number of valid reasons:

1. The Advancement Form requires the signatures of members of the committee, board of review (for Boy Scouts), and the unit leader. This ensures that the Scout has actually earned the award and prevents a parent from just coming in to pick up the award without approval from the unit.
2. The record of this Scout's achievements is recorded into this personal file with his membership ID. This will allow his records to be transferred to Boy Scouts when he graduates or to another pack or troop if he moves.
3. We can make sure the Scout is registered in Scouting. Every youth advancement is checked against registration records to make sure our Scouts are properly registered.

4. Eagle Scouts: When the Scout reaches the rank of Eagle, they have to include a record of all their advancements and the dates they were earned. If there are some missing or not accurately recorded, it can delay the Eagle Scout process and hold up the Scout's recognition. Also, if the Advancement reports are properly recorded, the Scout can retrieve all his advancements to use as part of the program for this Eagle ceremony.

**All rank advancements (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle, and Eagle Palms, along with the Varsity and Venturing awards), merit badges, and Webelos Activity Pins must be recorded on an Advancement Report under that Scout's name who earned the award.** Other recognitions do not have to be included but it is recommended to put everything on the form by Scout. There are a few ways in which to submit your report prior to purchasing advancement items:

5. You may bring a copy of the Advancement Report form in person
6. Use the online advancement feature from the Allohak Council webpage, [www.allohak.org/advancementsonline/advancementpage.html](http://www.allohak.org/advancementsonline/advancementpage.html) or reports from programs like Packmaster/Troopmaster, etc.
7. Send your report using a fax machine 402-428-8594 (if you do this we can have your order ready for pick up or ship it to you and charge your unit account.)
8. Send a copy using email at [scouts@allohak.org](mailto:scouts@allohak.org) (if you do this we can have your order ready for pick up or ship it you and charge your unit account.)

Our goal is to make sure every Scout gets properly recognized for their achievement. Not just at a Pack meeting or Court of Honor, but in our records too. Thank you for your help with this goal.

**Klondike Derby January 27-29 at Camp Mahonegon** - The winter event of the year for every Boy Scout anywhere in America is the annual Klondike derby. The Allohak Council Klondike Derby will be held at Camp Mahonegon January 27-29. As always, there should be plenty of snow so dress warmly, bring your Klondike sled and a great Scouting attitude. And don't forget to "Be Prepared"; brush up on the Scouting skills needed to win! Early registration begins Friday at 7:00 PM with a leaders meeting at 9:00 pm. Flag raising is at 9:00 AM Saturday morning followed by a day of skills demonstration and sled racing. Awards presentation and flag lowering is at 4:30. To register, or for more information, go to the Allohak Council website, [www.allohak.org/index.php/blog](http://www.allohak.org/index.php/blog).

**Go Nuts for Camp, Go Nuts for Scouting** - The annual spring product sale will again feature product from nuts from Virginia Diner. A hugely successful enterprise for those units that participated in 2011, the sale begins on February 8 and orders are due on March 14. Show and Sell orders are due on January 18 for delivery on or about February 8 and returns are due at the same time as the Take Order forms, March 14. See the related article in this issue of the Polar Star for more details.

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**Serving the county of Athens, Ohio**

**JANUARY**

2 Scout Office Closed  
3-5 Scout Service Center Closed for inventory  
4 Hock Hocking District Roundtable  
7:00. Committee Meeting 8:00 Athens Recreation Center  
6-8 OA Officer Training  
8 Winterplace Ski Day  
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Scout Service Center Closed  
28 Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga  
28 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon

7:00. Committee Meeting 8:00 Athens Recreation Center  
4 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby @ Grand Central Mall  
5 Scout Sunday  
8 Scouting Anniversary Day  
12 Lincoln's Brrthday  
12 Winterplace Ski Day  
14 Valentine's Day  
17 Deadline for HH Pinewood Derby Race registraton  
20 President's Day Scout Service Center Closed

**FEBRUARY**

1 Hock Hocking District Roundtable/ Potluck

22 Ash Wednesday/Washington's Birthday  
29 Leap Day

**The Hock Hocking District Pinewood Derby** - The 2012 Hock Hocking District Pinewood Derby will be held at the Market Place on East State Street (formerly the University Mall.) in Athens, Ohio on March 3, 2012. Cost per Scout – \$5.00.

The 2012 Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby patch will be designed by a Cub Scout. The official entry blank provides the dimensions and deadlines.

All registrations for the Derby must be received by 5:00 PM on February 17, 2012. No registration forms will be accepted after this time. All paper registration forms must be printed and legible.

Online registration is available. Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to. No registrations will be taken after the deadline date or on race day. Each Pack will be issued a time to check in for registration. Please adhere to these check-in times. Your Pack will be notified by telephone as to your official race time. It is the responsibility of the CubMaster to inform each Scout and their parents of their Pack's race time.

A PDF versions of the following are available from the council Web Site.

- \* CUB SCOUT Pinewood Derby Rules.      \* Cub Scout registration form .      \* ADULT AND BOY SCOUT Pinewood Derby Rules.
- \* Adult and Boy Scout registration form.

Send money and registration forms to:

Allihak Council, 1340 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101-3902

Phone: 304.422.4507 - Toll Free: 800.654.5272 - Fax: 304.428.8594 - scout@allohak.org

The Adult Pinewood Derby Race will start immediately after the Hock Hocking Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Championship race. Please set a good example for your Scouts and have fun racing. Deadline for registration for the Adult Pinewood Derby race is February 17, 2012.

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## LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICT



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### JANUARY

- 5 District Annual Meeting, St. John's Episcopal Church, Ripley.
- 8 Winterplace Ski Day
- 21 Little Kanawha District, Annual Pinewood Derby, National Guard Armory in Millwood.
- 27-29 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon

### FEBRUARY

- 2 District Committee Meeting, St. John's Episcopal Church, Ripley.
- 4 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby, Grand Central Mall in Vienna
- 12 Winterplace Ski Day

**Little Kanawha Pinewood Derby** - The Little Kanawha District Pinewood Derby will be held on January 21 at the National Guard Armory in Millwood. Registration opens from 10:00. Opening ceremonies are at 11:00 am. Entry fee is \$5 for open class and \$2 for the Cub Scout class.

There are two classes, Cub Scout Class and Open Class. Cub Scout Class and Open Class follow the same rules as the Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby. Open is for anyone not in the Cub Scout Class and will begin immediately following the Cub Scout Class.

**Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby** - Get ready racers! The Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby will be held on February 4 at the Grand Central Mall. This is an awesome day of Cub Scouting at its finest! Be sure to check the race rules at the Allohak Council Website, [www.allohak.org/pwd/2012pwdpacket.pdf](http://www.allohak.org/pwd/2012pwdpacket.pdf).

In addition to a great day of racing, this is a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members. All Boy Scout Troops are invited to have a booth or display. Simply let us know and we will provide you space.

**Youth Protection Is Everyone's Responsibility** - Ensuring that every youth is protected and that polices of the BSA are followed is the responsibility of EVERY adult leader. Appropriate training, supervision and creating barriers to abuse is a must. As a review, two adults over 21, one of whom must be a registered leader is required for all outings, meetings and activities. Consult the Guide to Safe Scouting for a complete list of BSA requirements.

**Advancement – Are Your Scouts Accomplishments Recorded?** - The Advancement program is one of the most important features of the Boy Scouts of America program. It encourages personal growth, development of scouting skills and recognizes Scout accomplishments. The Advancement program depends on proper reporting, as well as recognition, so that Scout progress is recorded with the Council.

Whenever you purchase certain advancements, it is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the awards be placed on an Advancement Form. We often get questions as to why do we require this. There are a number of valid reasons:

1. The Advancement Form requires the signatures of members of the committee, board of review (for Boy Scouts), and the unit leader. This ensures that the Scout has actually earned the award and prevents a parent from just coming in to pick up the award without approval from the unit.
2. The record of this Scout's achievements is recorded into this personal file with his membership ID. This will allow his records to be transferred to Boy Scouts when he graduates or to another pack or troop if he moves.
3. We can make sure the Scout is registered in Scouting. Every youth advancement is checked against registration records to make sure our Scouts are properly registered.
4. Eagle Scouts: When the Scout reaches the rank of Eagle, they have to include a record of all their advancements and the dates they were earned. If there are some missing or not accurately recorded, it can delay the Eagle Scout process and hold up the Scout's recognition. Also, if the Advancement reports are properly recorded, the Scout can retrieve all his advancements to use as part of the program for this Eagle ceremony.

**All rank advancements (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle, and Eagle Palms, along with the Varsity and Venturing awards), merit badges, and Webelos Activity Pins must be recorded on an Advancement Report under that Scout's name who earned the award.** Other recognitions do not have to be included but it is recommended to put everything on the form by Scout.

There are a few ways in which to submit your report prior to purchasing advancement items:

5. You may bring a copy of the Advancement Report form in person
6. Use the online advancement feature from the Allohak Council webpage, [www.allohak.org/advancementsonline/advancementpage.html](http://www.allohak.org/advancementsonline/advancementpage.html) or reports from programs like Packmaster/Troopmaster, etc.
7. Send your report using a fax machine 402-428-8594 (if you do this we can have your order ready for pick up or ship it to you and charge your unit account.)
8. Send a copy using email at [scouts@allohak.org](mailto:scouts@allohak.org) (if you do this we can have your order ready for pick up or ship it you and charge your unit account.)

Our goal is to make sure every Scout gets properly recognized for their achievement. Not just at a Pack meeting or Court of Honor, but in our records too. Thank you for your help with this goal.

**Klondike Derby January 27-29 at Camp Mahonegon** - The winter event of the year for every Boy Scout anywhere in America is the annual Klondike derby. The Allohak Council Klondike Derby will be held at Camp Mahonegon January 27-29. As always, there should be plenty of snow so dress warmly, bring your Klondike sled and a great Scouting attitude. And don't forget to "Be Prepared"; brush up on the Scouting skills needed to win! Early registration begins Friday at 7:00 PM with a leaders meeting at 9:00 pm. Flag raising is at 9:00 AM Saturday morning followed by a day of skills demonstration and sled racing. Awards presentation and flag lowering is at 4:30. To register, or for more information, go to the Allohak Council website, [www.allohak.org/index.php/blog](http://www.allohak.org/index.php/blog)

**Go Nuts for Camp, Go Nuts for Scouting** - The annual spring product sale will again feature product from nuts from Virginia Diner. A hugely successful enterprise for those units that participated in 2011, the sale begins on February 8 and orders are due on March 14. Show and Sell orders are due on January 18 for delivery on or about February 8 and returns are due at the same time as the Take Order forms, March 14.

See the related article in this issue of the Polar Star for more details.

# OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

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

For 2010 we had 75 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle,  
and for 2011 we have 45 that have achieved that honor.

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)), click on "Program", then click on "Advancement", then click on "Eagle Scouts".

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**Cordenier, Michael Andrew** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**Duckworth, Spencer Leon** - Troop 231, Washington District  
**Erb, Tyson Phillip** - Troop 216, Washington District  
**Fankhauser II, Thomas Lynn** - Troop 6, Blennerhassett District  
**Foster, Tyler Michael** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**Hale, Scott Charles** - Troop 200, Washington District

**Hooper, Russell Jacob** - Troop 72, Hock Hocking District  
**Irwin, Alexander Brice** - Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson District  
**Ivey, Zachry Tyler** - Troop 91, Blennerhassett District  
**Long, William Henegar** - Troop 95, Blennerhassett District  
**Taylor, Matthew Chase** - Troop 117, Blennerhassett District  
**Vanhorn, Collin Louis** - Troop 215, Washington District  
**Zavilla, Joseph Alan** - Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson District

## 2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Mike King, chairman for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, is pleased to announce that the 2013 Jamboree planning is well underway. Though the budget has not yet been established, it is expected to be in the \$1,300 range depending largely on transportation costs.

The 2013 National Jamboree promises "go Big and Get Wild" in the New river Gorge area of West Virginia. This will be a historic event as it will be the first held at the new permanent site, The Summit Bechtel Reserve July 15 through July 24, 2013.

The Allohak Council will have two troops of 36 boys and four adult leaders each for a total of 72 youth and 8 adult participants. New this year, Venturers are invited to attend and the Allohak Council will have a Venturing contingent of 8 youth and 2 adults.

For eligibility requirements for youth, adult leader, staff or to submit applications for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, Scouts and adults should go to [bsa.jamboree.org](http://bsa.jamboree.org). When submitting the application, there may be a nonrefundable processing fee payable by credit card. Scouts, Venturers and Scouters will need their member ID number which is shown on their membership card, the unit roster or call the Scout Service Center and the number will be provided.

Informational meeting for eligible members will be held on February 11 at 9:00 AM in Parkersburg and 2:00 PM in Clarksburg. Check the website for location details. Postcards will be mailed to all eligible youth.

Adult leader positions include:

### Scoutmaster

- \* Currently serve as a Scoutmaster or Varsity Coach
- \* Completed basic Scoutmaster training or Boy Scout Fast Start and Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, No. 34879.
- \* Be able to serve as a role model of physical fitness. Have participated in the pre jamboree training experience.
- \* Have filed a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical Record, Class 3, No. 67-34412, before the pre jamboree with the council jamboree committee.
- \* Complete the 60-minute Youth Protection Training.
- \* Be approved by the local council.

### First Assistant Scoutmaster

(Same qualifications as Scoutmaster)

### Second Assistant Scoutmaster

- \* Be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree.
- \* Complete the appropriate leader-specific training.
- \* Currently serve in any troop or team position
- \* Have participated in the pre-jamboree training experience.
- \* Have filed a Personal Health and Medical Record, Class 3, No. 67-34412, before the pre-jamboree training with the council jamboree committee.
- \* Complete the 60-minute Youth Protection Training.
- \* Be approved by the local council.
- \* Be able to serve as a role model of physical fitness.

### Third Assistant Scoutmaster

- \* Be at least 18 years of age (but not yet 21) by the last day of the Jamboree
- \* Have served actively in a troop leadership position.
- \* Complete the appropriate leader specific training.
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- \* Complete the 60-minute Youth Protection training.
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### JANUARY

- 6-8 O.A. Officer Training at Camp Kootaga
- 8 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 10 Roundtable 7:00 P.M. at St. Mark's. Topics include District Dinner, Klondike Derby, Scout Sunday, and Council Camporee.
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Scout Service Center Closed.
- 27-29 Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
- 30 Stonewall Jackson and Highland District Dinner, 6:30 PM. At Heiner Hall, Alderson-Broadus College (aka, same place as last year's). A buffet dinner of ham,

chicken, potatoes, vegetables, CORN, dessert and drinks. The cost will be \$10 per person. The District Award of merit and other District and Council recognitions will be presented at the dinner. If you are in the mood for a good ole fashioned fun time on a cold winter night, plan now to attend. \ Remember all 2011 Eagle Scout recipients are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Scout Sunday, and Scouting anniversary week begins.
- 7 Roundtable, 7:00 P.M. at St Mark's. Topics include Pinewood Derby, Scout-O-Rama, Council Camporee, and Friends of Scouting.
- 12 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace.
- 20 Presidents Day Scout Service Center Closed.

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

### YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING POLICY

In light of all of the recent national media attention related to child abuse issues at Penn State University, see below as to BSA's policy as stated in the Guide To Safe Scouting:

"All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material.

No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

The Scout Executive should also be contacted immediately to remove the individual from our membership ranks and so the Scout Executive can prepare to handle media contacts."

To make a report to the Scout Executive, call Dale Musgrave at:  
Scout Service Center: 304-422-4507 (1-800-654-5272)  
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2	Scout Office Closed	4 Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby @ Grand Central Mall
3-5	Scout Service Center Closed for inventory	6 Washington District Committee Meeting 6:30pm at Marietta Middle School
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16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Scout Service Center Closed	14 Valentine's Day
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**Commissioner's Notes** - We are still looking for additional volunteers at the district level to help on the District Committee Staff. If anyone is interested please contact Robert Sheridan  
 Robert.Sheridan@alpharma.com

**For commissioners who want to attend the College of Commissioner Science** please save the date April 13-15, 2012 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV 25271. Please contact Greg Gentry (scouts231@aol.com) or Robert Sheridan  
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**Klondike** - This year's Klondike will be held at Camp Kootaga. If your troop wants to camp over Friday night they can, it is optional. Every thing starts Saturday morning. Check-in will be held at the Kiwanis Cabin and will run from 7:30AM until 08:45AM. The cost of the Klondike will be \$10.00 and after January 20, 2011 the cost will be \$12.00. Lunch will be provided. We need each person to bring a can of soup for the hobo lunch.

We do need your help in order to provide a great program. Contact the Klondike Chairman: Shaun Harris, Scoutmaster of Troop 203  
 740-525-4640 or harrissm@email.com

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Separate accommodations are required for adults and Scouts. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for males and females, as well as separate facilities for youth. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use and/or youth and adult use should be scheduled and posted for showers. Likewise, youth and adults must shower at different times.

Privacy of youth is respected. Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, intruding only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, and digital devices is prohibited. While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants.

No secret organizations are allowed. The Boy Scouts of America does not allow any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.

No hazing is allowed. Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

No bullying is allowed. Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting.

Youth leadership is monitored by adult leaders. Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.

Discipline must be constructive. Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.

Appropriate attire is required for all activities. Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping or revealing bathing suits are not appropriate as part of Scouting. Members are responsible to act according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law. All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, theft, verbal insults, drugs, and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership.

Units are responsible for enforcing Youth Protection policies. The head of the chartered organization or chartered organization representative and the local council must approve the registration of the unit's adult leader. Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. Parents of members who misbehave should be informed and asked for assistance. Any violations of the BSA's Youth Protection policies must immediately be reported to the Scout Executive.

Thank you, Dear Reader for being vigilant in protecting our members. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Protection Policies of the BSA, please call me directly at the Scout Service Center by dialing 304-422-4507 or by cell phone at 304-991-3481.

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