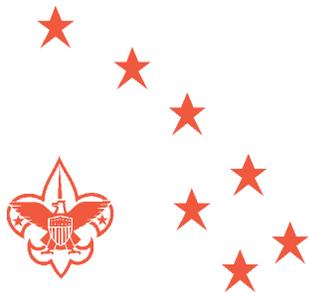


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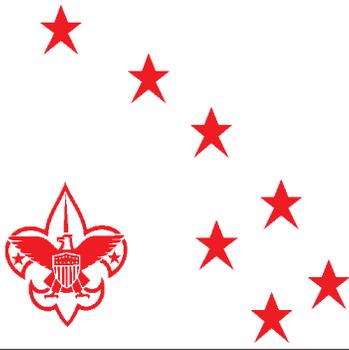
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By the time that you are reading this the “Holiday Season” will be over. Gifts will have been exchanged in keeping with your family tradition and the New Year will have begun.

I hope that as you reflect upon the past year you are left with a general sense of accomplishment. That is not to say that the year was without controversy or struggle here and there. But in the final analysis, more went right than went wrong.

As I considered the progress of the Allohak Council I have a general sense of fulfillment.



Did everything go according to plan? Of course not. Did we experience overwhelming success in all areas? No. But we did accomplish much for our Scouts. **YES, SCOUTING IS ALIVE IN THE ALLOHAK COUNCIL!**

## STAR GAZING

Here are just a few of the accomplishments that we completed together, Dear Friend in Scouting:

- \* Another successful Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby; held in the spring this year.
- \* Successful spring and fall product sales that provided over \$140,000 to local Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops.
- \* More Eagle Scouts advanced in 2016 than 2015.
- \* We are reversing a 3-year trend in declining membership; not at a gain yet, but getting closer
- \* Reversed a three-year trend of spending more than we took in. Early indicators are that the Allohak Council will have a modest increase in income over expenses.
- \* \$20,000 granted to Allohak Council through the Neighborhood Investment Program to help provide Scouting opportunities to those who otherwise would not be able to afford Scouting.
- \* A single night recruiting effort that led to more Cub Scouts being recruited by the end of October than by the end of December, 2015.
- \* A comprehensive marketing and media campaign to bring awareness of Scouting to all corners of our seven-teen county area.
- \* Check out the Allohak Council webpage or Facebook page and watch the Camp Kootaga promo. After watching it I was wishing I was 12 all over again!

As I look to 2017 I look forward to improving our delivery of the Scouting program and increasing the number of families that we serve with membership growth, unit growth, increased attendance at summer camp and day camp, a successful National Scout Jamboree, increased parental involvement all of which lead to a vibrant and exciting Scouting program for youth and families.

Thank you for all that you do for our youth. You and I can change the future for our society in such a beneficial way if we do it one Scout at a time. All that we need to do is all of that by reach out to more families and engage them in a fun and well-planned Scouting program.



With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave  
Scout Executive



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Howard Dewald  
Council President

With the end of 2016 and the start of the New Year, I am thankful to the Scout leaders, parents, staff, and several volunteers for your dedication to your units, communities, and the Allohak Council. The University of Scouting in November smashed all records for attendance. A special shout-out to Robin Ollis-Stempel and Todd Handley for their leadership with this event. Certainly, we had a good Campmaster's Popcorn sales that will have direct benefit to all Scouting participants.

Our Fire-Side chats in November illustrated the need to continually update our Scouting community on the operations and organization of the Allohak Council. It is abundantly obvious that regular and varied communication means are needed. One challenge lies between traditional means of printed-based newsletters and flyers and today's technological and social media options. We plan to re-institute mailing of the Polar Star, but will still maintain electronic copy. Printed flyers and postcards are still important, but placing events and announcements on the council website and Facebook pages is important, too. Are we reaching you?

The chats also highlighted the passion for Scouting, but also challenged us to keep you informed. There are many issues and concerns, and some new direction required. Your voice is important, please continue to share your thoughts with your District Committees and Executives, Council Executive, and Council Board members. 2017 should start off in a better position than last year, but we must keep focused on membership growth and retention, targeted marketing strategies, financial strength, and a strong volunteer base, because Membership Matters, Marketing Matters, Money Matters, and (Man/Womanpower) Matters. Are you packed and ready to take the next steps in our continuing Journey to Excellence in the Allohak Council BSA?

# OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

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

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 “Eagle Information”, then click on the appropriate year.

**During 2015 we had 51 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2016 we have 49 Scouts that have achieved that honor.**



## List of Eagle’s since our last publication:

- Christian, William James - Troop 117, Blennerhassett
- Hall-Jones, Casey Aaron - Troop 357, Hock Hocking
- Ingram, Alex Jackson - Troop 216, Washington
- Kirby, Alexander Russell - Troop 547, Stonewall Jackson
- Toller, Cody Andrew - Troop 419, Little Kanawha
- Vicini, Matthew Bennett - Troop 419, Little Kanawha
- Webb, Chase Patrick - Troop 437, Little Kanawha



## The Significance of Eagle Scout

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance -based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

See Page 4 for the explanation of this 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 3-digit Security # on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

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



## CENTENNIAL JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America established the James E. West Fellowship in 1993 to recognize 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 as we launch into the second century of the Boy Scouts of America. This exciting initiative will add significant dollars to the Allohak Council endowment fund, helping to secure our council's future while honoring the First Century and celebrating the Second Century of the Boy Scouts of America.

James E. West Fellowship is a lasting way to honor an individual or commemorate any occasion. To date, **65 new James E. West Fellowships** have been committed, adding nearly \$70,000 to the Councils permanently restricted 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 Kaull in honor of Elmer S. Kaull
- By John S. and Missie Kaull in memory of Robert Williams.
- By Jerry Stout
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Timothy A. Bailey
- By several donors in memory of James Montoya
- By Nicolas Mehl in honor of Troop 13 85th Anniversary
- By Ron Taylor
- By Ron Smith
- By Ben Propst in honor of Joan Propst, Ed.D
- By Dr. Ernie Miller in honor of Lisa Hutzler
- By Dick and Joyce Ledford in memory of Rick Ledford
- By Jack and Missie Kaull
- 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 memory of former Scoutmaster Frank Armstrong and Herman "Speed" Cummings
- By Alan H. Smith
- By John S. Kaull in honor of Yolanda "Missie" Kaull
- By John S. Kaull in honor of April E. Kaull
- 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
- By David Hill, Peter Hill & Linda Hill-Hickok in honor of Rev. Dr. Doug Hill
- By Tina L. and Brandon F. Pethtel in loving memory of Frank E. Pethtel II
- By an anonymous in honor of Tom Dukas for having served as Troop 3 Scoutmaster for 28+ years on the occasion of its 95th Anniversary
- By several Scouters in the Hock Hocking District in honor of Mike Noel for his 23 years service as District Chairman
- By William Behrens in honor of Will and Inez Behrens
- By Patrick J. Bower in honor of Pete and Delores Clayton
- By Patrick J. Bower in memory of Dwight Davis and in honor of Wilma Davis
- By Jim Lyons in honor and appreciation of former Troop 231 Scoutmaster, Don Nicholson
- By Helen Youngblood in memory of Gene Youngblood
- By David and Jane Argabrite in honor and thankfulness of their two Eagle Scout Sons, Dan and Eric
- By Donald J. Good
- By Joseph Woolweaver
- By Pam and Nate Parr in memory of Zachary Parr
- By Jackie Starkey
- By Jackie and Drema Starkey in honor of Eagle Scout Jeremy Starkey
- By Jackie and Drema Starkey in honor of Eagle Scout Brandon Amos
- By Phil Morris in memory of D. Eugene Morris
- By several Scouters in honor of Wendell Jay Wilson for his service as Nendawen Lodge Advisor
- By David L. Stowe

For more information, contact Dale Musgrave at the Scout Service Center or to make a pledge, use the pledge form on page 3.

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JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
2	Closed in observance of New Years Day	5	Scout Sunday
2	Roundtable 7 PM @ First United Methodist Church, 315 Kerns Ave, Elkins. Bring a friend! See you there.	6	Roundtable 7 PM @ First United Methodist Church, 352 South Florida St., Buckhannon. Bring a friend! See you there.
3-6	Service Center closed for inventory	12	WinterPlace Ski Day
8	WinterPlace Ski Day	15	Award of Merit Nominations Due
16	Martin Luther King Day, Scout Service Center Closed	18	Nuts for Scouting/Waste Zero spring product sale begins.
27-29	Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon	20	Presidents Day, Scout Service Center Closed
31	Show-N-Sell Nuts For Scouting/Waste Zero Orders due.		

**CAMP MANONEGON KLONDIKE DERBY** - It's that time of year again to visit Camp Mahonegon for the annual Klondike Derby. Come on out for the competition, fellowship and fun and it is sure to be a thrill for **EVERYONE!**

The event will be at Camp Mahonegon on January 27-29, 2017. The "Leader's Guide has all the information you need. Click below to view and/or print it <http://www.allohak.org/klondike/2016klondikeeast.pdf> The cost for the event is \$14.00 per Scout; a \$20 deposit and number of Scouts and Attending is needed prior to the event. The deposit will be applied to the registration fee. Schedule for the weekend is as follows: Friday; 7:00 registration opens, 9:00 SPL meeting, 11:00 lights out. Saturday; 8:00 station leader meeting, 9:00 flag raising, 9:15 sled and patrol inspection, 9:30 stations open, 3:30 stations close, 4:30 awards and flag lowering, 6:30 dinner at campsites, 11:00 lights out. Sunday; 8:00 breakfast at campsite, 9:30 worship service at Dining Hall followed by dismissal. **SNOW OR NO SNOW, THE KLONDIKE DERBY WILL BE A GO!**

**ON TIME CHARTER REVIEW – DECEMBER 15!** - It is that time of year again, time for the annual charter review! The annual charter renewal process officially began on November 2 and the four of the following five steps should now be complete.

If not, your unit is lapsed which means that you are not a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew; you are just meeting with a group of kids!

**Step 1** – conduct a membership and leadership inventory. Look at each name on the charter and check name spelling, address and phone numbers for accuracy; mark members to be dropped, note members missing, correct personal information as needed. Follow up with each person, do not make assumptions.

**Step 2** – make corrections electronically. Ensure Boys' Life is marked correctly, update any ranks and ensure all leaders are in the right leadership position.

**Step 3** – review for accuracy

**Step 4** – print and sign charter and get a check to cover registration fees. Submit electronically AND mail hard copy with proper signatures along with a check for all fees. Bring charters to the December Roundtable. If mailing, be sure to keep a copy of all documents and mail on or before December 10.

**Step 5** – schedule a charter presentation with your chartering organization for some time in late January or February.

Congratulations to Packs 66, 88, 128 and Troops 66, 88 and 100 completing step 5.

Gold stars to Packs 66, 88, and Troops 66, 88 and for having their charters in the Scout Service Center!

Units yet to start are Packs 100, 644 and Troops 128 and 644.

Units not rechartered may not participate in Scouting activities including the Klondike Derby.

*(Highland District continued on page 18)*

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**JANUARY**

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- 3 District Committee Meeting, 7pm Scout Office
- 10 Roundtable, 7:00 pm, St. Andrews UMC
- 21 Klondike Derby, Camp Kootaga

**FEBRUARY**

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7pm, Scout Office
- 4 District Pinewood Derby, Wayside United Methodist Church
- 14 Roundtable, 7:00pm, St. Andrews UMC

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We do need your help in order to run this Klondike so the Scouts will have a great program. So call or email, Shaun Harris (Chairman of Klondike) 740-525-4640 harrissm@gmail.com. Or Joe Testerman (Staff Advisor) 740-350-3808 jttesterman1114@gmail.com Please visit [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) for registration forms and a schedule.

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JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
1-2	Scout Office Closed	1	Hock Hocking District Recognition Dinner 7:00 @ Athens Rec Center
3-6	Scout Service Center Closed for inventory	5	Scout Sunday
4	Hock Hocking District Roundtable 7:00 Committee Meeting 8:00 Athens Recreation Center	5	Council Skiing @ Winterplace
7	Camp Kootaga summer camp staff Interviews @9:00	11	Scouting Anniversary week ends
8	Winterplace Ski Day	12	Lincoln's Birthday
8	Camp Kootaga Camping Committee @ 2:00	14	Valentine's Day
14	OA officers training @ Camp Kootaga 9:00-4:00	17	Nuts for Scouting Show-n-sale Distribution
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Scout Service Center Closed	18	Nuts for Scouting Take order and show-n- Sale begins
21	Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga	20	President's Day Scout Service Center Closed
31	Nut Show-n-Sale orders due	<b>MARCH</b>	
		3	HH Pinewood Derby Deadline
		5	Council Skiing @ Winterplace
		11	Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby @ Grand Central Mall
		18	HH Pinewood Derby

**The Hock Hocking District Pinewood Derby** - The 2017 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 18, 2017. Cost per Scout – \$5.00.

The 2017 Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby patch will be designed by a Hock Hocking District Cub Scout. The official entry blank provides the dimensions and deadlines. The Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby is open to all Hock Hocking Registered Scouts. All registrations for the Derby must be received by 5:00 PM on March 3, 2017. 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 Cub Master to inform each Scout and their parents of their Pack's race time. PDF versions of the following are available from the council's Web Site.

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

Send money and registration forms to:  
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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 March 3, 2017.

**(Hock Hocking District Column continued on page 16)**

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# CAMP KOOTAGA



Good day Scouts and Scouters:

The Kootaga administrative staff spend countless hours interviewing and recruiting an exceptional staff each year. Over 50% of the staff return each year — a great number — and many Kootaga staff enjoy their work so much they recruit their friends for the following summer! The majority of the staff are from Troops across the Council with one International Scout.

Camp is situated on approximately 600 acres of forest and nestled next to the Hughes River in Wirt County, WV. The Camp provides a diverse and enriching outdoor learning experience for Scouts from across the Allohak Council as well as other councils.

Each summer's staff is a great mix of new and returning staff who have athletic, creative, and outdoor adventure interests and skills. In order to maintain this careful balance, the directors collect references from troop leaders, coaches, teachers, and employers. The directors then make the final decisions following personal interviews with each prospect.

Becoming a camp counselor at Camp Kootaga requires a very special skill set and may not be for everyone. Prospective staff need to be mature, responsible men and women ages 15 and up who understand and practice the Scout Oath and Law. They also need to enjoy working with Scouts in a residential setting and have strong social skills. Staff members will go through a 1-week orientation program and a 5-week camp experience during the summer.

If you are hired, you will spend the summer living, eating, playing, and sharing with campers. They will spend most of their time with the staff, and your influence on their lives is profound. Be prepared for everything from counseling quiet and homesick campers to teaching merit badges or leading activities. Camp counseling is an incredibly dynamic experience that will have a grand impact on your life.

You will be expected to maintain a clean and professional appearance at all times and to respect the buildings and facilities as if they were your own. Camp spirit means a lot at Camp Kootaga, and you should be prepared to keep things upbeat with your infectious enthusiasm.

Your body language is a powerful form of communication. We expect you to be enthusiastic and to look it. You should smile, not frown. Your speech should be free from profanity or other harmful words. Alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substances are strictly prohibited everywhere on camp. In addition to the campers, you will be responsible to protect and strengthen the entire camp community.

Whatever activity you lead, you will be expected to make your activity fun and engaging while providing plenty of opportunities for Scouts to excel. Be ready to contribute at camp with confidence, understanding, experience, and enthusiasm.

Lead by example! There won't always be someone around to tell you what to do. Figure out what needs to be done then get out there and do it. Camp Kootaga is not a spectator camp, and we expect you to be a role model by participating in all group activities. Camp is fun, but it will also be demanding.

(Camp Kootaga continued on page 15)

**STONEWALL JACKSON**



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JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
2	Closed in observance of New Years Day	5	Scout Sunday
3-5	Service Center closed for inventory a friend! See you there.	12	WinterPlace Ski Day
8	WinterPlace Ski Day	14	Roundtable 7 PM @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clarksburg. Bring a friend! See you there.
10	Roundtable 7 PM @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clarksburg. Bring a friend! See you there.	15	Award of Merit Nominations Due
16	Martin Luther King Day, Scout Service Center Closed	18	Nuts for Scouting/Waste Zero spring product sale begins.
27-29	Klondike Derby at Camp Mahonegon	20	Presidents Day, Scout Service Center Closed
31	Show-N-Sell Nuts For Scouting/Waste Zero Orders due.		N-Sell returns due, Take Order due

**CAMP MANONEGON KLONDIKE DERBY** - It's that time of year again to visit Camp Mahonegon for the annual Klondike Derby. Come on out for the competition, fellowship and fun and it is sure to be a thrill for EVERYONE! The event will be at Camp Mahonegon on January 27-29, 2017. The "Leader's Guide has all the information you need. Click below to view and/or print it <http://www.allohak.org/klondike/2016klondikeeast.pdf>

The cost for the event is \$14.00 per Scout; a \$20 deposit and number of Scouts and Attending is needed prior to the event. The deposit will be applied to the registration fee. Schedule for the weekend is as follows: Friday; 7:00 registration opens, 9:00 SPL meeting, 11:00 lights out. Saturday; 8:00 station leader meeting, 9:00 flag raising, 9:15 sled and patrol inspection, 9:30 stations open, 3:30 stations close, 4:30 awards and flag lowering, 6:30 dinner at campsites, 11:00 lights out. Sunday; 8:00 breakfast at campsite, 9:30 worship service at Dining Hall followed by dismissal. **SNOW OR NO SNOW, THE KLONDIKE DERBY WILL BE A GO!**

**ON TIME CHARTER REVIEW – DECEMBER 15!** - It is that time of year again, time for the annual charter review! The annual charter renewal process officially began on November 2 and the four of the following five steps should now be complete. If not, your unit is lapsed which means that you are not a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew; you are just meeting with a group of kids!

**Step 1** – conduct a membership and leadership inventory. Look at each name on the charter and check name spelling, address and phone numbers for accuracy; mark members to be dropped, note members missing, correct personal information as needed. Follow up with each person, do not make assumptions.

**Step 2** – make corrections electronically. Ensure Boys' Life is marked correctly, update any ranks and ensure all leaders are in the right leadership position.

**Step 3** – review for accuracy

**Step 4** – print and sign charter and get a check to cover registration fees. Submit electronically AND mail hard copy with proper signatures along with a check for all fees. Bring charters to the December Roundtable. If mailing, be sure to keep a copy of all documents and mail on or before December 10.

**Step 5** – schedule a charter presentation with your chartering organization for some time in late January or February.

Congratulations to Packs 39, 59, 549 and Troops 40, 79, and 549 for completing step 5.

Gold stars to Packs 39 and 59.

Honorable mentions to Pack 547 and Troop 547 for having started the rechartering process.

Units needing to get started in a big hurry include Packs 14, 37, 45, 105 and Troops 10, 14, 16, 34, 59, and 1020.

Units not rechartered may not participate in Scouting activities including the Klondike Derby.

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# PROGRAM



## **WVU PRESIDENT E. GORDON GEE TO SPEAK AT 48TH ANNUAL PARKERSBURG LEADERSHIP DINNER**

Dave McClure, Life Scout and CEO of Camden Clarke Medical Center has agreed to lead the 48th Annual Leadership Dinner to support Scouting. The Leadership Dinner of the Mid Ohio Valley is the single largest fundraising event of the Allohak Council and we are grateful for his support.

The guest speaker for this year's event will be Distinguished Eagle Scout and current president of West Virginia University, Dr. E. Gordon Gee.

The event will be held on March 2 at Grand Pointe Conference and Reception Center in Parkersburg. Individual contributions to attend are \$175

Contact Dale Musgrave at the Scout Service Center for sponsorship and attendance information.

## **GET FREE CLOTH RANK ADVANCEMENTS ALL YEAR LONG!**

Would you like to have free cloth rank advancement for you advancing Scouts in 2017?

The Allohak Council will be offering FREE cloth rank badges for advancing Scouts in Packs, Troops and Crews that participate in the spring and fall product sales and have a Family Friends of Scouting presentation.

Advancement reports must be submitted to process any advancements.

Free advancement offer applies only to the cost of cloth rank badges for advancing Scouts and does not include shipping for those ordering advancements through the mail.

## **LION CUBS, THE ADVENTURE BEGINS FOR KINDERGARTNERS!**

Beginning this fall, Kindergarten boys were allowed to join Cub Scouts in the Lion Cub program. Lion Cubs will have their own shirt, a Lion Cub activity book and will join with an adult partner.

Materials are now available in the Scout Service Center!

For additional information, go to the Cub Hub and click on Will Lions Join Tigers and Bears? FAQ at <https://cubscouts.org/will-lions-join-tigers-and-bears-oh-my-a-lions-faq/> and to learn about the uniform, click on A Look at the Lion Uniform at <https://cubscouts.org/a-look-at-the-lion-uniform-and-gear/>

## **LIVE SCOUTING'S ADVENTURE, ATTEND THE 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

The 2017 National Jamboree promises to "Live Scouting's Adventure" in the New River Gorge area of West Virginia. This will be held at The Summit Bechtel Reserve July 19 through July 28, 2017.

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. Again this year, Venturers are invited to attend and the Allohak Council will have a Venturing contingent of 8 youth and 2 adults.

To be eligible to attend, Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by the start of the Jamboree or 11 and have completed the sixth grade, but not have reached their 18th birthday. Venturers must be registered as a youth member.

The cost for the Jamboree is \$1,500 per participant. Save \$150 by paying in full at the time of registration or set up monthly electronic payments to be paid in full by March of 2017; take advantage of this and pay only \$1,350.

For eligibility requirements for youth, adult leader, staff or to submit applications for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, go to [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).

As of this writing, 56 youth and adults have already registered. Space is filling up fast! If you or a Scout that you know are wanting to go, don't delay, register today because tomorrow may be too late!



# COMMISSIONER CORNER



**Steve Parks**  
**Council Commissioner**

## **Commissioner Corner** **Steve Parks – Council Commissioner** **January - February 2017**

2017 finds a new year for Scouting here in the Allohak Council. Our Unit Commissioners are busy making plans for another great year of unit service across the council.

2016 saw new Scouts and new units joining the Scouting program. Our unit commissioners are here to support your unit with training, guidance and as a resource.

We still continue to recruit new Unit Commissioners. A unit commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit “doctor”, teacher and counselor. Unit commissioners should have excellent people skills, have a Scouting background or be a fast-track learned and know and practice Scouting ideals.

If you have the skills, desire and ability to assist in supporting our local units, contact your District Executive and we will discuss your future role with the Allohak Council.

Thank you for your continued support of the Allohak Council.

Steve Parks

Allohak Council Commissioner

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that the Allohak Council owns and maintains two camping facilities, Camps Kootaga and Mahonegon for the use of Summer Camp, Day Camp, Roundtable and year round use by units at a cost of approximately \$45,000 per year? Did you know that all registration fees paid for membership are forwarded to the National Council, BSA and that not a single cent is kept by the local council? Did you know that the Allohak Council provides a sickness and accident insurance policy to benefit all youth at a cost of over \$3,000?

Allohak Council receives all of its funding for these and other services from local sources such as the United Way, the annual spring (nuts/trash bags) and fall (popcorn) fundraisers, Friends of Scouting, camping and activity fees and other sources.

Help continue the fine tradition of Scouting in the Allohak Council. Remember to schedule your Family FOS presentation for January, February or March and promote participation among your families.



# PROGRAM



## **GO CAMPING...GO NUTS FOR SCOUTING! GO CAMPING WITH WASTE ZERO!**

Scouts need money to help fund their adventures, be it a National Jamboree or a trip to Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or the Summit. The Allohak Council Spring Product Sale is the solution and for 2017 will again feature a variety of nuts from Virginia Diner and a new non-food item, WasteZero's ecofriendly trash bags made from 50% recycled content!

The "Nuts for Scouting" and WasteZero programs will offer several items to sell that range in price from \$10 and up. The sale begins on February 18 and orders are due on March 31. The critical dates are:

- \* January 31 – Show-N-Sell Orders are due to the Allohak Council
- \* February 17 – Show-N-Sell distribution
- \* February 18 – Nuts for Scouting/WasteZero sale begins!
- \* March 31 – Nuts for Scouting/WasteZero sale ends!
  - o Show-N-Sell product returns due
  - o Show-N-Sell sales payment due
  - o Take Order sales due
- \* April 22 – Take Order distribution
- \* May 22 – Take Orders sales payment is due

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" and WasteZero 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" and WasteZero 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 and WasteZero to fund the ultimate Scouting adventure!

Remember, participation in the Campmasters Popcorn Sale, Nuts for Scouting/WasteZero and Family Friends of Scouting will get your unit free cloth rank advancement!

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Days at camp are long, with a busy schedule to maintain. Periods of rest and renewal are vital to a good summer. You will need to get plenty of rest through the course of the summer. We want you to take full advantage of your day off so you'll stay refreshed during the summer.

When we speak with parents about Camp Kootaga, they stress enrichment, safety, physical growth, and emotional well-being for their Scout. That's what you're expected to provide. Remember: you're taking care of other people's Scouts. Your own personal actions speak louder than words when working with Scouts. We expect you to uphold the ideals of Camp Kootaga and be a great role model.

When Scouts hug you at the end of the week and tell you what a difference you've made in their lives — often with tears in their eyes — you'll know all your effort was worth it. There is no satisfaction like watching your Scouts leave camp a better person than when they arrived. After pouring yourself into their lives, you'll find that you have grown tremendously as well.

You'll learn to manage time well and always be on time. You won't be able to hide behind your smartphone or your Facebook timeline — your leadership and communication skills will also increase dramatically. This will serve you well in college and job interviews, no matter what your major is or your professional interests are. The lifelong interpersonal and leadership skills you gain at Camp Kootaga will stand out in future interviews. Savvy employers and business leaders reviewing your resume will recognize the ambition, determination, and communication skills required to be a camp counselor. Whatever endeavor you choose to pursue in the future, your experience at Camp Kootaga will equip you for it.

The camp's rigorous recruitment standards ensure that your fellow staff members will demonstrate the same qualifications and dedication as you will. There will be many differences in background amongst the staff, but we will all share a common vision: improving people's lives.

There is no stronger foundation for friendship than the pursuit of a common goal shared by all who come to camp. The relationships you form with campers and staff members will stand the test of time.

If you're looking for a fulfilling camp experience, where the work is challenging and fun and where you share in the enthusiasm of achievement, we invite you to consider Camp Kootaga. We are looking for Counselors who care. Remember summer camp season runs from mid-June 7th until late July. If you share our excitement for this upcoming summer, please take a few minutes to contact us to request more information or submit your application. For an application visit the Council's website at:

<http://www.allohak.org/index.php/program/camp-kootaga>. It's almost time to Re-Ignite the Camp Kootaga fires! Interviews begin Saturday January 7th at 9:00 am at Camp Kootaga for all 2017 staff positions...mark your calendars! Apply to the dream team the directors are assembling for the upcoming summer! Will it include you?

Let's goooooo!!!!!!



# PROGRAM



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**Cub Camp-In** - Please join us on January 7th and 8th at the Athens Community Center in Athens, OH for the 2017 Hock Hocking District Cub Scout Winter Camp-In! We're calling all Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos to join us for an INDOOR overnighter of fun, games, a movie, cooking, songs, skits, crafts, indoor camping, and advancement activities! The cost is only \$20/participant and includes a patch, facility rental fee, an evening snack, breakfast, and supplies. We're aiming for a spectacular turnout! For more information, to register, and/or to volunteer, please drop me an email or give me a call at 740-818-9060.

**Hock-Hocking District on Facebook** - Our Scouts do a lot of great things in the community, we need to continue telling their story. Tracy Poling has volunteered to be Publicity Chair for the District. She is in the process of setting up a Facebook page to facilitate the flow of information. Please let Tracy know what your Unit is doing so we can have it properly publicized. This is also a great place to share ideas and information.

**Earn \$25.00 Certificate for Camp** - Interested in using the fine facilities at Camp Kootaga or Camp Mahonegon and don't want to pay full price? Schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit today. Your unit will be eligible to use the facilities at Camp Kootaga or Camp Mahonegon at a discounted price by holding a Friends of Scouting campaign presentation. It's that simple. So get your name on the list and schedule your presentation with Howard Dewald (dewald@ohio.edu).

**Merit Badge Counselors** - It is that time to re-register the merit badge counselors. All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must complete a BSA Adult Application form with the Position Code of "42" (Merit Badge Counselor). This must be done yearly. Merit Badge Counselors registration will end on the last day of each year and will not be renewed without a new form. Please visit the website (<http://www.allohak.org/mbmeritbadgeform.pdf>) to download the registration form and submit it to the Scout Office.

**Winterplace Ski days** - The Allohak Council Winterplace ski days will be January 8, February 5 and March 5, 2017. 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. This would be a great activity to invite young people and their families that are not currently involved in scouting. Packages include:

- \* Skiing & Meal \$54 (lift ticket, lessons, rentals, & meal ticket),
- \* Tubing & Meal \$46.50
- \* Tubing 2-hour Pass \$15.00 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 2 hour intervals)
- \* Snowboarding \$89 (lift ticket, with board rental and meal)
- \* Snowboarding \$54 (lift ticket and meal, without board rental)
- \* Additional Meal tickets available @ \$7.00

The Check-in table is staffed from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. Prices are good only through BSA ski day. The Snow Sports Merit Badge Classes will be held at 10:00, Noon, & 2:00. No refunds given for cancellations—Transfers only. Exceptions will be made if the resort is closed and event can't be rescheduled.

**Commissioner's Notes:** - We are still looking for some Unit Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District. If anyone is interested, please contact Howard Dewald (dewald@ohio.edu).

**2017 Cedar Lakes Commissioner College** - The 2017 annual Commissioner College training program will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2017 at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. Please plan to attend. Allohak Council needs to provide 3 or 4 course instructors.

**The Davis-Anderson Pinewood Derby** – the Council Championships—is set for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV. Our 45nd Annual event promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

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**District Recognition Awards Dinner:** - Will be held on February 1st at the Roundtable at the Athens Recreation Center located on East State Street in Athens, Oh. The dinner will be pot luck. There is no charge for this dinner. Please plan to come to this great evening of saying thank you to some great Scouts and Scouters who help out throughout the year.

**Popcorn** - Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's successful popcorn sale. We all need to thank Ron Hope for his leadership role as product sales chairman for the district and for providing the leadership for this great event.

**Klondike** - This year the Klondike will be held at Camp Kootaga. Everything starts Saturday morning, check-in will be held at Sparky's Park on Saturday, January 21. Check-in will start at 07:30AM and will be completed at 08:45AM. The cost of the Klondike will be \$5.00. Lunch will be provided. We do need your help in order to run this Klondike. So call or email Shawn Harris at the address provided at the end of this article.

**What is a Klondike Derby?** It's a Boy Scout Winter Skill and Camping event, held in January in the snow (hopefully). Typically, it involves an overnight campout and multiple Camporee type competitions, where Boy Scout Troops and Patrols compete against each other. Boys are divided into Patrols and each Patrol uses a Dog Type sled that uses Scout power to pull it instead of dogs. The Scouts pull the sleds that are loaded with their personal and patrol equipment. The Scouts journey through woods and fields, up and down the hills and stop at different activity stations where they are tested on different Scout skills. When they arrive at these stations they are tested on their Scouting knowledge, team work and problem solving skills.

**Clothing** - One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is to keep warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. Your best protection is your common sense. Dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing.

**Camping** - If your troop camps in TENTS Friday night they will receive an extra 20 points on their score sheet at the end of the activities.

**Lunch** - Will be provided.

**Sled** - Wheels are permitted on the sled when doing activities unless there is snow on the ground-- then no wheels. For the sled race, there will be no wheels allowed on the sled.

**Shaun Harris, Chairman, Scoutmaster of Troop 203, 740-525-4640, harrissm@email.com**

**Camp Lohman** - one of Allohak Council's primitive Boy Scout Camps, is located on Athens Township Road 635 (T-635). The camp is covered with hills and mature woods and is very quiet. There is a lot of wildlife to be seen. Turkey, White Tail Deer, Gray and Fox Squirrels, Box Turtles, Fence Lizards, Salamanders and many others. There are moss covered rocks and rock out-crops.

The Camp is 33.7 acres in size and is located on T-635 between Bean Hollow Road and Peach Ridge Road. The best way to Camp Lohman is to exit onto Ohio State Route 550 from US Route 33 (take West Exit 33 turn right; East exit 33 turn left). Travel approximately 2 miles and watch for a church on the right, which is on the corner of State Route 550 and Bean Hollow Road. Turn right onto Bean Hollow Road and travel approximately one half mile and turn right onto Township Road 635 (gravel). Continue approximately two tenths of a mile and you will see Camp Lohman's red gate and parking area on the right. There is a gravel drive approximately 300 feet long on the other side of the locked gate. If you want to park inside the gated area, check with the Allohak Council's office by phone 304.422.4507.

Camping is permitted anywhere on the camp property. There is an area approximately 1,070 feet from the gate that is good for large groups to camp. The trail to the camping area is mostly flat and easy walking (marked in yellow). There is also a hiking trail marked in green paint that takes about an hour to hike. The trailhead is located about 40 feet from the gate on the right.

First time hikers should turn left on the trailhead. The trail has a long down-hill slope on the north end. Water is not available on the property and an old "Kybo" (no roof or door) is located about 350 feet from the gate off the green trail's left.

A map is available on the Allohak Web site

Make sure you wear proper footwear while hiking at Camp Lohman. An old fence can be seen along parts of the property boundary.

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**Information on the Web** - For information about the council and council events, turn on your computer and type <http://www.allohak.org>/The office staff works hard to update and add current information for you and your Scouting unit. Visit often! Give us your comments so we can do an even better job.

**Boy Scout Night with the Wheeling Nailers.** Saturday January 14th, 2017 @7:05 pm. The Nailers will host Kalamazoo. The Scouts also receive a special Wheeling Nailers Scout Night patch and we are having a postgame party until midnight at our arena where the scouts are more than welcome to skate on the ice or just hang out with the other scouts.

Tickets are \$14 for Scouts and families. Everyone in the group will receive a group hat and McDonalds Value Meal vouchers.

If anyone has any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please call (304)-905-6337

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**SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC and OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS** - Barry Band and a team of experienced leaders will present Scoutmaster Specific Basic Training on the evenings of May1 from 6:00 to 9:30 and Friday May 5 from 6:00 to 10:00. Outdoor Leader Skills will be presented on Saturday and Sunday May 6-7. Mark your calendar now, more specific information will be available in February.

**STONEWALL JACKSON and HIGHLAND DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER** - The Stonewall Jackson and Highland Districts will have the annual awards banquet on Monday, March 20. Highlights of the evening will include unit and leader recognitions and the coveted Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouter who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditions units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all of the award to which it is entitled each year.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on volunteer service. The Highland District may award one District Award of Merit. Any volunteer may make a nomination. It is encouraged to work in collaboration with others WITHOUT informing the nominee. To make a nomination, use the form found at the following webpage and send to the Highland District Awards Committee, 1340 Juliana St., Parkersburg, WV 26101. Nominations are due February 15. <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

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**FREE CLOTH RANK ADVANCEMENT IN 2017!** - Does your unit want to save a few dollars???

We have the answer!! With just 4 EASY STEPS you can get all your cloth rank advancement emblems FREE in 2017!!

The only thing you need to do is:

- 1: Have participated in the 2016 "FALL POPCORN SALE",
- 2: Participate in the 2017 "NUTS FOR SCOUTING FUNDRAISER"
- 3: Hold a Spring 2017 "FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATION".
- 4: Fill out the commitment form and submit it NOW

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**STONEWALL JACKSON and HIGHLAND DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER** - The Stonewall Jackson and Highland Districts will have the annual awards banquet on Monday, March 20. Highlights of the evening will include unit and leader recognitions and the coveted Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouter who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditions units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all of the award to which it is entitled each year. A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on volunteer service. The Highland District may award one District Award of Merit.

Any volunteer may make a nomination. It is encouraged to work in collaboration with others WITHOUT informing the nominee. To make a nomination, use the form found at the following webpage and send to the Highland District Awards Committee, 1340 Juliana St., Parkersburg, WV 26101. Nominations are due February 15.

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

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**Boy Scout Night with the Wheeling Nailers** - Saturday January 14th, 2017 @ 7:05 pm. The Nailers will host Kalamazoo. The Scouts also receive a special Wheeling Nailers Scout Night patch and we are having a postgame party until midnight at our arena where the scouts are more than welcome to skate on the ice or just hang out with the other Scouts. Tickets are \$14 for Scouts and families. Everyone in the group will receive a group hat and McDonalds Value Meal vouchers. If anyone has any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please call (304)-905-6337

**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. Bob.Sheridan@momentive.com

**2017 Cedar Lakes Commissioner College** - The 2017 annual Commissioner College training program will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2017 at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. Please plan to attend. Allohak Council needs to provide 3 or 4 course instructors.

**The Davis-Anderson Pinewood Derby** – the Council Championships—is set for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV. Our 45nd Annual event promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

**District Recognition Awards Dinner:** - Will be held on March 9th @ 6:00 pm, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Lowell, OH. The cost of this event will be \$12.00. Please plan to come to this great evening of saying thank you to some great Scouts and Scouters who help throughout the year.

**Popcorn** - Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's successful popcorn sale. We all need to thank Melissa Treadway for her leadership role as product sales chairman for the district and for providing the leadership for this great event.

**Klondike** - This year the Klondike will be held at Camp Kootaga. Everything starts Saturday morning, check-in will be held at Sparky's Park on Saturday, January 21. Check-in will start at 07:30AM and will be completed at 08:45AM. The cost of the Klondike will be \$5.00. Lunch will be provided. We do need your help in order to run this Klondike. So call or email Shawn Harris at the address provided at the end of this article.

**What is a Klondike Derby?** It's a Boy Scout Winter Skill and Camping event, held in January in the snow (hopefully). Typically, it involves an overnight campout and multiple Camporee type competitions, where Boy Scout Troops and Patrols compete against each other. Boys are divided into Patrols and each Patrol uses a Dog Type sled that uses Scout power to pull it instead of dogs. The Scouts pull the sleds that are loaded with their personal and patrol equipment. The Scouts journey through woods and fields, up and down the hills and stop at different activity stations where they are tested on different Scout skills. When they arrive at these stations they are tested on their Scouting knowledge, team work and problem solving skills.

**Clothing** - One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is to keep warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. Your best protection is your common sense. Dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing.

**Camping** - If your troop camps in TENTS Friday night they will receive an extra 20 points on their score sheet at the end of the activities.

**Lunch** - Will be provided.

**Sled** - Wheels are permitted on the sled when doing activities unless there is snow on the ground-- then no wheels. For the sled race, there will be no wheels allowed on the sled.

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**Camp Lohman** - one of Allohak Council's primitive Boy Scout Camps, is located on Athens Township Road 635 (T-635). The camp is covered with hills and mature woods and is very quiet. There is a lot of wildlife to be seen. Turkey, White Tail Deer, Gray and Fox Squirrels, Box Turtles, Fence Lizards, Salamanders and many others. There are moss covered rocks and rock out-crops.

The Camp is 33.7 acres in size and is located on T-635 between Bean Hollow Road and Peach Ridge Road. The best way to Camp Lohman is to exit onto Ohio State Route 550 from US Route 33 (take West Exit 33 turn right; East exit 33 turn left). Travel approximately 2 miles and watch for a church on the right, which is on the corner of State Route 550 and Bean Hollow Road. Turn right onto Bean Hollow Road and travel approximately one half mile and turn right onto Township Road 635 (gravel). Continue approximately two tenths of a mile and you will see Camp Lohman's red gate and parking area on the right. There is a gravel drive approximately 300 feet long on the other side of the locked gate. If you want to park inside the gated area, check with the Allohak Council's office by phone 304.422.4507.

Camping is permitted anywhere on the camp property. There is an area approximately 1,070 feet from the gate that is good for large groups to camp. The trail to the camping area is mostly flat and easy walking (marked in yellow). There is also a hiking trail marked in green paint that takes about an hour to hike. The trailhead is located about 40 feet from the gate on the right.

First time hikers should turn left on the trailhead. The trail has a long down-hill slope on the north end. Water is not available on the property and an old "Kybo" (no roof or door) is located about 350 feet from the gate off the green trail's left.

### WANT TO BRAG?

Do you have news about your unit that you believe others would be interested in reading about?

Has your unit done anything exciting that you would like to share with others?

Do you have any success stories that you believe others would be interested in?

Do you want to contribute articles to the *Polar Star*?

We would like to have your input and we could print it in the *Polar Star* for others to read. Just email the information to [scout@allohak.org](mailto:scout@allohak.org) or get in touch with your District Executive!