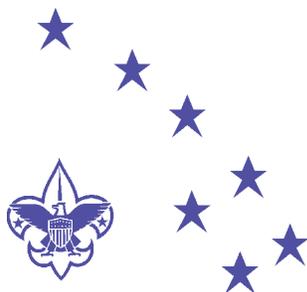


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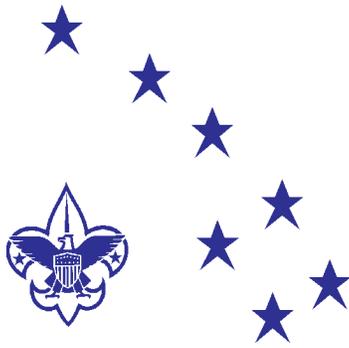
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## **NIP TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 15!**

Neighborhood Investment Program or NIP Tax Credits will run out March 15!

NIP Tax Credits are available for any West Virginia resident or business making a minimum \$500 investment in our ScoutReach program. NIP contributions will qualify for a West Virginia State Income tax credit of 50% of the gift and may qualify for Federal Income Tax deductions as well. A \$1,000 gift could cost as little as \$120 (\$500 WV State Income Tax Credit and \$380 Federal Income Tax deduction), consult your tax advisor for your specific situation.

**Contact the Allohak Council Service Center to buy NIP Credits by calling 304-422-4507.**

### **Reasons to support the Allohak Council Scoutreach program through NIP tax credits**

You are probably aware of the Scoutreach program operated by the Allohak Council because the same program is operated by most (if not all) councils around the country. The purpose of Scoutreach is to provide a mechanism to involve low income youth in scouting. As is probably obvious, low income youth, because of their economic vulnerability, are less likely than their middle income peers to avoid drug abuse and involvement in crime, less likely to develop good school or work attendance behaviors and less likely to become productive members of their communities as adults. The conditions they face are described by the social scientists as “risk factors”. There is strong consistent research which demonstrates that the most effective way to mitigate risk factors faced by youth is to build the character of the individual through what are known as “protective factors”. Strong research again shows that participation in Scouting is a very successful means of building protective factors that can overcome risk factors. If you are familiar with the Scouting program it is probably obvious to you why this would be true. Teaching youth an honor code for their own behavior and their behavior toward others supports their positive involvement with their family, their church and their community. Teaching skills that build leadership, confidence and an opportunity for recognition builds their character. And providing and sustaining a culture of service and respect starts them on the right path to being a contributing member of their community. Research has also shown that there is a direct correlation between the depth and length of their involvement with scouting and the likelihood that they take on these values as their own. It is very understandable why councils all over the country want to support youth through Scoutreach. For families of low income, even minor costs can be a barrier to participation in activities. Scoutreach overcomes these barriers by taking on some of these costs. In most cases the support given is minimal such as paying for registration fees, a handbook or a uniform. But all funds collected go 100% to direct support of these scouts. In the Allohak Council about 100 Scouts a year are supported through this program. In all cases, donations are accepted by councils to support youth through Scoutreach. But Scouting supporters affiliated with the Allohak Council have an option for an additional benefit from their support.

The West Virginia Department of Commerce offers support to nonprofit organizations in the state through the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). To combat poverty in West Virginia, the state offers incentives to nonprofit organizations that can prove through a rigorous application process that they will provide programming that improves the lives of low income people and their communities. There are clear guidelines that establish income limits for the people than can be served. For  
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comparison, the income levels would be the same as those that qualify children for free lunches in their school. Only families at that income level can be served. The incentive offered for supporters of programs such as the Allohak Council Scoutreach program is credit for state taxes. Anyone contributing to the Allohak Council Scoutreach program is eligible, of course, for an income tax deduction on their federal taxes. **But they are also eligible for a state income tax credit for 50% of the value of their contribution.** Unlike a deduction which simply lowers your taxable income, a tax credit is a dollar for dollar deduction on the taxes you pay. Individuals and corporations are permitted to satisfy up to half of their state tax bill (or up to \$100,000) through these tax credits. **The Allohak Council is the only Scouting organization in West Virginia authorized to offer these tax credits.**

Please consider participating in this critical program. In addition to the satisfaction of supporting a worthwhile project of a reputable nonprofit you can lessen your own state tax burden.



Have you ever heard or used the phrase “silly goose”? I have often wondered where how the phrase came to be. Geese are really not silly at all. In fact, we can learn a lot from studying geese.

Geese fly in a “V” formation because as each goose flaps its wings it creates an ‘uplift’ for the birds that follow. By flying in a ‘V’ formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone and quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.



When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

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When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

So how does all of this apply to us and Scouting?

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another. If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

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It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other’s skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents, or resources.

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement is the quality of honking we seek

There are many challenges for the Boy Scouts of America. Once the challenges of the day are overcome, new challenges await us just around the corner. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by the values of the Scout Oath and Law, support one another, invite others to join our Scouting family and help each other succeed.

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave  
Scout Executive



So, Dear Reader, do you have the sense of a goose?



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Howard Dewald  
Council President

As I write this message, my mother-in-law is turning 100 years old. I remember when Scouting turned 100 in 2007, and then 100 in the USA in 2010, and as I sat on a recent Eagle Scout rank Board of Review, one question centered on the Scout's future.

Needless to say, Scouting beyond 100 has had many different meanings. As we celebrated another Scout Week, what did it mean to YOU and Scouting's future? What good deeds were done and will continue to need to be done? How prepared are we? Where is Scouting heading?

If you have read this far, I offer the following. Scouting is all about its members - America's youth - boys and girls, becoming responsible adults - lead by dedicated leaders and professional staff, and volunteers - it is headed in new and unforeseen directions, but it still needs YOU. Please continue your support. Please consider where you want Scouting to go, and make it happen. Please consider who finances Scouting - it is YOU through popcorn, nuts, Friends of Scouting, United Way contributions, James West fellowships, etc. And finally, please consider someone else to ask to join YOU as a volunteer or adult leader.

Beyond 107 will take new youth members, new funding support, new volunteers, and YOU. Thank you for all YOU do for Scouting in the Allohak Council.

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## EVERY BOYS DESERVES AN INVITATION

As we complete the first couple months of 2017, I'm excited to announce the Membership and Marketing Committees have joined forces! We will be working together, formulating and finalizing plans that will make recruiting new Scouts easier for Units. Specifically, we are:

- Researching ways to make Cub Scout Sign-up Night even more successful than last year.
- Renewing our focus on Parent volunteers. In the coming months, we will be reaching out to parents and encouraging their involvement in Scouts.
- Devising clear action plans to assist and ensure success of new units.

The above are just a few areas we are working on. I welcome and encourage any input, questions or concerns. Feel free to contact me at traicifout.1ssip@gmail.com or 740.516.9736.

*Every boy deserves an invitation to join Scouts  
Every day is invitation day!*

Yours in Scouting  
Traci Saffell

# 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 56 Scouts that have achieved that honor.**

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

### Earned in 2016

Adams, Drew Alexander - Troop 30, Little Kanawha  
 Kwon, Taek Young - Troop 357, Hock Hocking  
 Mills, James Andrew - Troop 59, Stonewall Jackson  
 Osterman, Ian Andrew - Troop 357, Hock Hocking  
 Powell, Josseph Clayton - Troop 30, Little Kanawha  
 Short, Andrew Cody - Troop 34, Little Kanawha

### Earned in 2017

Baker, Christopher Jay - Troop 71, Hock Hocking  
 Chapman, David Gregory - Troop 129, Blennerhassett  
 Collins, Dakota Layne - Troop 59, Stonewall Jackson  
 Cutlip, Brandon Earl - 66, Highland  
 Meeks, Travis William - Troop 12, Blennerhassett  
 Roback, Cameron Thomas - Troop 72, Hock Hocking  
 Scott, Daniel Duane, Troop 66, Highland

## 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.

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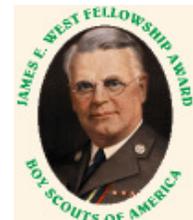
I would like to be counted as “One of the One Hundred” as a James E. West Fellow during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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My commitment is  \$1,000  \$2,500  \$5,000  \$10,000  \$15,000  
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My check is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invoice the balance of my pledge in equal installments beginning \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy & ending \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy  
 Please charge my credit card in equal installments beginning \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy & ending \_\_\_\_\_ mm/yy  
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Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 4.

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West Virginia

**MARCH**

- 6 Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! See you there.
- 10-12 OA Spring Fellowship @ Camp Kootaga
- 20 Stonewall Jackson and Highland District Volunteer Recognition Dinner @ Chapel Hill UMC, 88 South Kanawha Street, Buckhannon
- 31 Nuts for Scouting sale ends; Show-N-Sell returns due, Take Order due

**APRIL**

- 3 Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! See you there.
- 14 Good Friday, Service Center Closed
- 16 Easter
- 20-22 Spring Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Mahonegon
- 28-30 OA Spring Ordeal @ Camp Mahonegon.

**MAY**

- 1 Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! See you there.

**JUNE**

- 5 Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! See you there.
- 19-23 Cub Scout Day Camp @ Camp Mahonegon

The event will be at Camp Mahonegon on January 27-29, 2017.

**EVAN SIEFKE BEGINS AS HIGHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MARCH 13!**

Evan is a 2016 graduate of the University of Mount Union with a Bachelor of Arts Degree Majoring in Criminal Justice with a Law Enforcement concentration and a Minor in History. He is an alumnus of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and served as the Risk Management Chair while at UMU.

An Arrow of Light recipient, Evan was recognized by the Knights of Columbus as Youth of the Year and has spent time volunteering for the Stark County Humane Society, and has spent time tutoring and mentoring; he has experience with juveniles and children up to age 15.

A graduate of Alliance High School he was a member of Show Choir, SADD and a 14 varsity letter winner in Swimming, Track, Tennis and Golf, Evan enjoys golf, music, camping and the out of doors. Evan also received the General Patton History Award and was the first recipient of the Brett Streza Scholarship.

Please join in welcoming Evan to the Allohak Council Scouting Family

**SPRING CAMP-O-REE APRIL 21-23** - Come to Camp Mahonegon for fun, adventure and MERIT BADGES! The spring Camp-O-Ree will be held April 21-23 at Camp Mahonegon for a low low cost of just \$5 per Scout! The program will center around advancement and a sash of merit badges will be offered.

The camp-o-ree is a "self-sufficient" event with troops preparing their own meals in the campsites. A "pot luck" will be planned for Saturday evening in the Dining Hall, each troop will bring a dish to pass.

**SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC and OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS** - Come to Camp Mahonegon and earn your "trained leader" patch!

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. The cost for this outstanding training event will be \$10 to cover the cost of food and other goodies.

Mark your calendar now.

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Washington County in Ohio

MARCH		APRIL	
7	District Committee Meeting, Scout Office	4	District Committee Meeting, Scout Office
13	Round Table, St. Andrews United Methodist Church	11	District Recognition Dinner
17-19	OA Spring Fellowship	14	Scout Office Closed- Good Friday
31	Return Take orders & Show n' Sell for Nut Sales due	22	Take orders Distribution
31	Scout Office Closed for End of Quarter	28 -30	OA Spring Ordeal

**Blennerhassett Earns Silver as a Journey to Excellence Distinction** - Blennerhassett District has earned Silver in the Journey to Excellence program. We ranked higher than all other districts in the council! The JTE program ranks districts at Gold, Silver, Bronze or did not achieve. Although we had enough overall points for Gold, unfortunately we did not make the minimums on one benchmark to qualify.

**District Recognition Dinner** - On behalf of the members of the Blennerhassett District Committee, we would like to invite you to join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship. This year we celebrate being a Silver District. 2016 was a very busy and successful year that we would like to recognize the many leaders that played a major role in helping your unit shape the future of the youth in our community. Each year our District Committee selects deserving nominees for recognition in a variety of honors. From the recognizing the outstanding first year Leader to the District's highest honor, the "District Award of Merit". Please make plans to join us Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at Wayside United Methodist Church. The festivities will begin at 6:00pm and dinner will begin promptly at 6:30pm with the Program following. All Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear your Class A, "Court of Honor" best, Uniform.

Instead of the usual \$5 per person cost to cover food and awards, we offer the option that each unit attending can reserve a table for \$20. Each table holds 8 people and must be reserved prior to the April 4th deadline. For a unit attending with more than 8 people, please reserve more than one table. If you don't have enough leaders to reserve a table or are the only one attending from your unit, the individual preregistration fee is \$4 per person. The cost at the door is \$5 per person. We hope this will encourage your unit to take advantage of early registration.

This year Pack 20 and Troop 20 will sponsor the Dinner. We ask that you please bring a dessert for the dessert table. Please take the time to complete the nomination form so we may recognize those that have been instrumental in our success. Both the nomination and reservation forms need to be returned to the Scout office by April 4th.

Again we hope that your unit will join us in celebration of a great achievement for the previous year and help us kickoff another year as we go for Gold!

**Unit Journey To Excellence** - We had several units who also earned Gold, Silver and Bronze on Journey to Excellence. The JTE is set up not to be a report card of how well you did, but a plan to improve your unit's Scouting program. Go through the 2016 JTE form and plan your program year around the recommendations for Gold.

We had several units who marked down that they had achieved at a Gold level for community service, but going through the system, none of their hours were showing. In order for service hours to count, they have to be submitted to through the system. Any projects or hours not logged into the JTE system do not count towards JTE.

For Cub Scout Packs, the only camping that is counted is at District or Council Day, Resident or Family Camps. Pack overnights do not count for your camping hours.

For you Pack & Troop Advancement, these can only be counted if your unit submits the proper advancement paperwork to the Scout Service Center. This should not be a problem since to purchase the advancements, you must submit an advancement report.

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**of Athens, Ohio**

MARCH		APRIL	
1	OA Elections Begin	1	April Fool's Day
1	Hock Hocking Roundtable @Athens Rec. Center	5	Hock Hocking Roundtable @ the Athens Recreation Center
4	Service Day at Camp Kootaga and Camp Mahonegon	9	Palm Sunday
5	Winterplace Ski Day (last one)	14	Good Friday—Scout Service Center Closed
11	Davis Anderson Memorial Pine-wood Derby—Grand Central Mall	18	Tax Day
12	Day Light Savings Time Begins	27	Easter
17-19	OA Spring Fellowship at Camp Kootaga	22	Take Order Distribution
17	St. Patrick's Day	22	Earth Day
31	March – Nut Sales Take Orders Due & Show 'n Sell Returns Due	28-30	Ordeal Weekend @Camp Mahonegon

**Recruiting!** - Spring is just around the corner; start thinking on when your unit will be holding a school night and let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season! Now is also the time to plan for fall recruiting! Look ahead and determine when you want to have your fall school sign-up night and let the District Executive know these dates. Plan a fun event and you will have a great recruiting season!

**Service Hours** - You can enter your service hours at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/ui/security/lookupPassword.aspx>.

**Hock-Hocking District Recognition Dinner** - Our annual dinner on February 3, was well-attended. The 2016 District Award of Merit was presented to Keith Milam, Program Director at Camp Red Arrow; Activities and Civic Service Committee Chair; and Den Leader Pack 53.

Additional award recipients include:

- \* Friends of Scouting – Southern Ohio Copperhead Baseball
- \* Cub Scout Adult Rookie- (1) Robert Sochia – Pack 50 and (2) Kerry Milam – Pack 53
- \* Boy Scout Adult Rookie- Cory Fletcher – Troop 357
- \* Old Timer's Stepping Stone - (1) John King – Pack 53 and District Advancement Chair and (2) Gus Morris – Troop 72 and Order of the Arrow Adviser
- \* Extra Miler- ((1) Craig Grimes- Pack 53; (2) Clayton Healy – Pack 53
- \* Whispering Oak- Ralph Harvey – Pack 53
- \* Foundation Stone - Tracy Poling – Pack 53
- \* Cubmaster of the Year- Harold Junior Payton II – Pack 50
- \* Scoutmaster of the Year - Ben Bailey – Troop 60

Our 2015 Eagle class was also honored and included:

- Brooks Lane Faires -T72
- Jason Dwight Fletcher -T357
- Mason Robert Moore - T72
- William Stephen Rioch - T71
- Casey Aaron Hall-Jones - T357
- Tae-Kyoung Kwon - T357
- Ian Andrew Ostermann - T357

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**Wirt in West Virginia**

<b>MARCH</b>		31	Scout Office Closed for End of
9	District Committee Meeting, 6:00pm		
	St John’s United Methodist Church,		Quarter
	Spencer		
	National Bank, Ripley	6	District Committee Meeting,
9	Round Table, St. John’s United		Scout Office
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**Unit Journey To Excellence** - We had several units who also earned Gold, Silver and Bronze on Journey to Excellence. The JTE is set up not to be a report card of how well you did, but a plan to improve your unit’s Scouting program. Go through the 2016 JTE form and plan your program year around the recommendations for Gold. We had several units who marked down that they had achieved at a Gold level for community service, but going through the system, none of their hours were showing. In order for service hours to count, they have to be submitted to through the system. Any projects or hours not logged into the JTE system do not count towards JTE.

For Cub Scout Packs, the only camping that is counted is at District or Council Day, Resident or Family Camps. Pack overnights do not count for your camping hours.

For your Pack & Troop Advancement, these can only be counted if your unit submits the proper advancement paperwork to the Scout Service Center. This should not be a problem since to purchase the advancements, you must submit an advancement report.

**Day Camp 2017-Star Wars** - May the force be with you. Summer is coming! The district is planning a great Day Camp on June. The camp will be returning to United Methodist Park in Spencer and have we are working a great program planned. Registration will be online soon, so start getting your Pack excited about another great camp. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tim Rupert

**Boy Scout Recruitment- The Time is NOW!** - The majority of Boy Scouts come up from Webelos, but that is not the only place to recruit for your troop. There are many boys who are currently in 5th grade who never joined Cub Scouts but Boy Scouts may be right up their alley. Your troop needs to recruit these boys who are mostly 11 now and get them involved in the troop and get them to summer camp. We can do visits to the local elementary school to recruit these boys. Contact Ken Jett (304-275-4490) with what day/time you would like to do your recruitment night so we can print flyers and contact the school to set up a “boy talk”.

**Cub Scout Summer Pack Award** - Some Packs seem to shut down when school is out, which leads to boys dropping out of the Pack the next fall. Keep you Pack active in the summer by planning activities for your unit. Now is the time to start planning your summer activities. Something to help guide you is the Summertime Pack Award.

A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August. This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Boys who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.

Spread the news and get your pack committee planning or fine-tuning their plans for an active outdoor summer filled with fun!

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# CAMP KOOTAGA



It's a tradition that every summer, millions of parents send their children off to summer camp. While the association of Boy Scouts and the fun of outdoor adventure is a natural one, it is perhaps more important to understand that camping experiences provide more than just fun. There are so many reasons to consider summer camp for your Scouts, and it's well worth the expense and separation anxiety! Here are some reasons why Scouts should go to summer camp.

## **1. It builds self-esteem.**

When your Scout goes to summer camp, you'll notice a big difference in their self-esteem. They'll be more confident, less clingy, and being away from home gives your Scout the chance to figure out who they are outside of their family's pre-conceived notions.

## **2. It encourages independence.**

Being away from home at summer camp will make your Scout much more independent and self-reliant. A strong sense of character is evident when a person chooses to do what is right, even when no one else is around. A person's character is built from the inside out. It starts and ends within the individual. To build this critical trait, young men need opportunities that challenge them personally to consider their beliefs and to reflect on the things that are important to their growth. You won't be there to coddle them, or to do everything for them, so they'll have to learn to do more for themselves. Don't worry! They won't be on their own, but they won't be over-protected either.

## **3. They'll Make New Friends.**

When your Scouts go away to camp, they'll meet so many new people. Scouts crave strong relationships with people they can trust. Having someone to connect with is critical to positive, healthy development. It is through these relationships with parents, role models, and friends that young Scouts learn to effectively handle the difficulties and challenges of life. At Scout summer camp, boys commonly listen to and compliment other Scouts. Also, they make a new friend or become better friends with someone. Lifelong friendships are a natural outcome of summer camp that can impact lives well beyond the camp experience.

## **4. They'll Try New Things.**

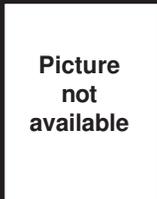
Unless you have a pool for swimming and a river for canoeing, plus a climbing wall, archery range, and a nature center at your home, chances are, your Scouts will be able to try new things at summer camp. They might overcome fears, or even discover talents and interests they never even knew they had! Summer camp is, in effect, an outdoor classroom for learning experiences. The majority of Scouts will try something they have never tried before, test a new skill, see something they have not seen before, or learn about the environment while at camp. Other important learning-related factors found at camp are that Scouts feel challenged and test their mental/thinking abilities. A natural extension of the desire to learn, fostered at camp, is to put it into action through experiential learning. This type of learning is the best kind because it means a Scout learns by doing!

## **5. They'll See Diversity.**

Summer camps and even day camps, will expose your Scouts to people of all different backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races. They might hear new languages, learn new cultural practices, and try new foods and hear different types of music. This is incredibly valuable, because as technology brings the world closer together, they'll be learning how to interact with the people they'll be interacting with later in life.

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**STONEWALL JACKSON**



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**MARCH**

- 6 Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! See you there.
- 10-13 OA Spring Fellowship @ Camp Kootaga
- 14 Roundtable 7 PM @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clarksburg. Bring a friend! See you there.
- 20 Stonewall Jackson and Highland District Volunteer Recognition Dinner @ TBD
- 31 Nuts for Scouting sale ends; Show-N-Sell returns due, Take Order due

- 14 Good Friday, Service Center Closed
- 16 Easter
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**APRIL**

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**EVAN SIEFKE BEGINS AS STONEWALL JACKSON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MARCH 13!**

Evan is a 2016 graduate of the University of Mount Union with a Bachelor of Arts Degree Majoring in Criminal Justice with a Law Enforcement concentration and a Minor in History. He is an alumnus of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and served as the Risk Management Chair while at UMU.

An Arrow of Light recipient, Evan was recognized by the Knights of Columbus as Youth of the Year and has spent time volunteering for the Stark County Humane Society, and has spent time tutoring and mentoring; he has experience with juveniles and children up to age 15. A graduate of Alliance High School he was a member of Show Choir, SADD and a 14 varsity letter winner in Swimming, Track, Tennis and Golf, Evan enjoys golf, music, camping and the out of doors. Evan also received the General Patton History Award and was the first recipient of the Brett Streza Scholarship. Please join in welcoming Evan to the Allohak Council Scouting Family

**SPRING CAMP-O-REE APRIL 21-23 - Come to Camp Mahonegon for fun, adventure and MERIT BADGES!**

The spring Camp-O-Ree will be held April 21-23 at Camp Mahonegon for a low low cost of just \$5 per Scout! The program will center around advancement and a sash of merit badges will be offered.

The camp-o-ree is a "self-sufficient" event with troops preparing their own meals in the campsites. A "pot luck" will be planned for Saturday evening in the Dining Hall, each troop will bring a dish to pass.

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MARCH		APRIL	
1	OA Elections Begin	1	April Fool's Day
6	Washington District Committee Meeting - Norwood Methodist Church	3	Washington District Committee Meeting @Norwood United Methodist Church
5	Winterplace Ski Day (last one)	13	Washington District Roundtable @ Norwood United Methodist Church
9	Washington District Awards Dinner 6pm at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell, OH	9	Palm Sunday
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12	Day Light Savings Time Begins	18	Tax Day
17-19	OA Spring Fellowship at Camp Kootaga	27	Easter
17	St. Patrick's Day	22	Nut Take Order Distribution
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# PROGRAM



## 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.

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... That Allohak Council provides an annual program-planning packet complete with council calendar and a blank program-planning calendar for the unit's use?

Distributed in June, the program-planning packet includes general planning materials and program specific materials to help your pack, troop or crew plan an exciting and fun filled year for your Scouts.

Attend your district program planning kick-off and then use the contents of the kit to plan your ideal program year. Most units will conduct a planning conference during the summer months, publish a unit calendar, and distribute to families in late August or early September.

Planning your entire calendar is the first step to be prepared for a great Scouting year, dream it and do it!

If you have not received your program planning kit by the end of June, contact your district executive.

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## LIVE SCOUTINGS 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, 64 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!

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## 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.

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# COMMISSIONER CORNER



Greg Godwin  
Council  
Commissioner

## Council Commissioner's Minute

I want to express my personal thanks to the leaders who have worked to deliver Scouting to children and youth in the Allohak Council during 2016. Now, I am honored to serve with the commissioner team in strengthening our units by supporting our leaders in their work. Our unit leaders are engaged in the great work of strengthening the rising generation.

A half century ago, I was one of those boys of the rising generation in this council. From my start in Scouting in Parkersburg's Pack 2 to earning my Eagle rank in Buckhannon's Troop 128, I was blessed to have leaders that guided me in the Scouting experience. My son did most of his Scouting in the Lubeck Pack 117 & Troop 117. He completed his Eagle with Princeton's Troop 1.

Last July, I returned to my home council when I started a new pastoral assignment as Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg. Since leaving Lubeck I have been in Princeton/Athens area for the last 15 years. The last ten years I was the Cubmaster for Pack 384 and served on the Buckskin Council Executive Board as VP of Membership. I continue to serve as VP of Membership for Area 4. Since 1999, I have served in several capacities on the Conference and National levels of the United Methodist Church in Scouting Ministries.

I would encourage all leaders that have filled out an adult membership application to take Youth Protection Training. National Council expects each council to have at least 90% of their adult leaders current with YPT. We are a little short on this benchmark. As Cubmaster, I included parents and members of my church while training my leaders. Youth Protection is everyone's responsibility. We can meet this benchmark.

Finally, I would encourage our commissioners to consider attending the Cedar Lakes College of Commissioner Science. There will be a full training schedule on Saturday, April 22. Buckskin Council is the host of the College this year and the info for this training opportunity will be posted on their website: [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org). I am looking forward to attending.

I anticipate a great year for Allohak.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting,

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## IT'S A FACT

It's a fact that the words "scout", "scouting" and "scouter" are proper nouns when used in the context of the Boy Scouts of America and as such should always be capitalized. Take note of your writing style. When writing a Scouter about your Scout activities, do you use proper capitalization? How about press releases to local media about your unit's Scouting activities?

Remember that a scout is helpful. Politely point out to others who are unfamiliar with our organization that Scout, Scouter and Scouting should always be capitalized when writing about the Scouting program.

Are you ready to politely let us know that we missed it (hint, second paragraph, first sentence.)?



# PROGRAM



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**Friends of Scouting** - The Friends of Scouting campaign is off to a great start and we are looking to bring even more support to the council than last year. If you haven't scheduled your presentation yet, now is the time. Contact to set up your presentation. Don't forget that when you agree to have an FOS Presentation, Sell Nuts & Popcorn, your unit gets free Rank Advancement for this year. Contact Tim Rupert to set up your presentation.

**Go Nuts...For Scouting** - The spring product sale is underway and we hope to see grow our sale from last year. A great way for Scouts to earn their way to camp this year is to sell nuts. If you haven't received your order forms yet, contact Tim Rupert and he will be glad to deliver them. Don't forget when you agree to sell nuts, have an FOS presentation & sell popcorn, your unit gets free Rank Advancement for the year.

**What is a Commissioner?** - A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor. Unit Commissioners are there to help your unit succeed. If you are a Scouter who doesn't feel the need to go have that hands on teaching with the boys, has a little time to mentor new leaders to pass on what you know, then you are what is needed to be a commissioner. If you are interested in becoming a commissioner, contact our District Commissioner, Joe Woolweaver.

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**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** - The Highland District Day Camp will be held at Camp Mahonegon the week of June 19 through the 23. Brenda Jackson will be the camp director this year and Bobby Waggy will be program director. Together they are planning for a great event and recruiting a wonderful staff. The camping guide with complete details will be out soon.

**CAMP MANONEGON KLONDIKE DERBY A HUGE SUCCESS** - The annual Camp Mahonegon Klondike Derby that was held on January 27-29, 2017 was a huge success! Using the Patrol Method, Scouts competed against other patrols for the coveted Klondike flag and traveling trophy which were ultimately won by the Eagle Patrol from Troop 644, second place was the Flaming Pedro patrol from Troop 88 and in third place was the Cougar patrol from Troop 59.

The weather brought cold temperatures and a bit of snow Friday night while the heartiest of Boy Scouts camped out and earned a few extra points! The event drew a crowd of 115 Scouts who competed in a total of 19 stations including fly fishing, cross cut saw and low level rescue.

If your Troop missed the Klondike Derby, you missed a great one. Don't miss out next year! Thanks to Dan Wetsch for chairing the event, Donley Shultz and his kitchen crew for cooking and all of the Scout leaders who helped staff the event

## **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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### **6. They'll Learn to Love Nature.**

Most camps focus their summer activities and learning opportunities on nature and the outdoors. What a fantastic way to make your Scout more environmentally aware, and kinder to plants and animals! The great outdoors is a concept that cannot be understood without experiencing it. The feeling of freedom that the great outdoors inspire in us is incomparable to any other experience. Taking Scouts camping allows them to experience, understand and appreciate nature in a way that is simply not possible in their local community. They will get to see flora and fauna that they have never seen before and get to live amongst them. Once your Scout returns home, carry on with what they've learned at camp by going on nature hikes and small expeditions.

### **7. It's Better than a Summer in Front of the TV!**

What else does your Scout have to do all summer long, besides sleeping late, eating too much junk food, and sitting in front of the TV? They may complain, but the XBOX and Wii will be there when they get home from summer camp, right?

### **8. Productive and Creative Use of Time**

Because so many lead full-scheduled lives, young people understand the value of time, and they consider it important to use their time efficiently and productively. While redundancy is important for reinforcing positive values, young people desire activities and opportunities that they perceive as new and relevant to their growth. For this reason, various merit badge options are an important aspect of camp. Time spent achieving goals is a common positive aspect of Scout camp. Almost all Scouts complete a merit badge or work with others on a badge or task while at camp. Also, significant percentages of Scouts work on a camp-improvement project or learn/practice first aid.

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Programs operate Wednesday through Friday. We will start Friday's activities in the afternoon and have an evening of fun and a campfire. The Webelos overnight camping is also on Friday evening. Day camp features themed activities. We will be presenting a "Bugs gone Wild" theme this year. The mission of Cub Scout Day Camp is simple; "Have as much fun as possible. The Day Camp committee needs to ask for your help again this year.

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All registrations for the Derby must be received by 5:00 PM on March 3, 2017. All paper registration forms must be printed and legible. Online registration is available. Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to. No registration 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.

The Adult Pinewood Derby Race will start immediately after the Hock Hocking Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Championship race.

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Programs operate June 12-16 Monday through Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm For more information or to volunteer, please contact Camp Director Robert Sochia at: [rsochia2@gmail.com](mailto:rsochia2@gmail.com). Watch the Allohak Council Web page for additional information.

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Cycling Merit Badge - Roger Stoll (Troop 207) will be leading the Cycling Merit Badge with any interested Boy Scout. Sessions will start around mid- March and should be completed by Mother's Day. For more information, call or text Roger at 740-525-6022.

**March Recognition Dinner** - The Washington District Committee, would like to invite you to join us for a dinner and evening of fellowship. The dinner is a time when Scouters, families and friends get together over food to recognize those individuals who have contributed in a significant way to the Scouting program in Washington District. Each year our District selects deserving nominees and awards them the District's highest honor, the "District Award of Merit".

Please make plans to join us on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Lowell, Ohio. The festivities and dinner will begin promptly at 6:30pm with the program following.

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**Day Camp 2017-Star Wars** - May the force be with you. Summer is coming! The district is planning a great Day Camp on June 8 -10. The camp will be returning to Civitan Park and have we are working a great program planned. Registration will be online soon, so start getting your Pack excited about another great camp. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Camp Director Amber Duffin, irishdreams07@yahoo.com Text 304-494-1276

**Boy Scout Recruitment- The Time is NOW!** - The majority of Boy Scouts come up from Webelos, but that is not the only place to recruit for your troop. There are many boys who are currently in 5th grade who never joined Cub Scouts but Boy Scouts may be right up their alley. Your troop needs to recruit these boys who are mostly 11 now and get them involved in the troop and get them to summer camp. We can do visits to the local elementary school to recruit these boys. Contact Tim Rupert (timothy.rupert@scouting.org) with what day/time you would like to do your recruitment night so we can print flyers and contact the school to set up a "boy talk".

**Cub Scout Summer Pack Award** - Some Packs seem to shut down when school is out, which leads to boys dropping out of the Pack the next fall. Keep you Pack active in the summer by planning activities for your unit. Now is the time to start planning your summer activities. Something to help guide you is the Summertime Pack Award.

A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August. This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Boys who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.

Spread the news and get your pack committee planning or fine-tuning their plans for an active outdoor summer filled with fun!  
Friends of Scouting

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**Go Nuts...For Scouting** - The spring product sale is underway and we hope to see grow our sale from last year. A great way for Scouts to earn their way to camp this year is to sell nuts. If you haven't received your order forms yet, contact Tim Rupert and he will be glad to deliver them. Done forget when you agree to sell nuts, have an FOS presentation & sell popcorn, your unit gets free Rank Advancement for the year.

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**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER** - The Stonewall Jackson Day Camp will be held at Veteran's Park the week of June 12 through the 16. Peggy Sue Miller will be the camp director this year and she and her committee is well on their way to planning a fantastic week of adventure! The camping guide with complete details will be out soon.

**CAMP MANONEGON KLONDIKE DERBY A HUGE SUCCESS** - The annual Camp Mahonegon Klondike Derby that was held on January 27-29, 2017 was a huge success! Using the Patrol Method, Scouts competed against other patrols for the coveted Klondike flag and traveling trophy which were ultimately won by the Eagle Patrol from Troop 644, second place was the Flaming Pedro Patrol from Troop 88 and in third place was the Cougar Patrol from Troop 59. The weather brought cold temperatures and a bit of snow Friday night while the heartiest of Boy Scouts camped out and earned a few extra points! The event drew a crowd of 115 Scouts who competed in a total of 19 stations including fly fishing, cross cut saw and low level rescue.

If your Troop missed the Klondike Derby, you missed a great one. Don't miss out next year!

Thanks to Dan Wetsch for chairing the event, Donley Shultz and his kitchen crew for cooking and all of the Scout leaders who helped staff the event

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