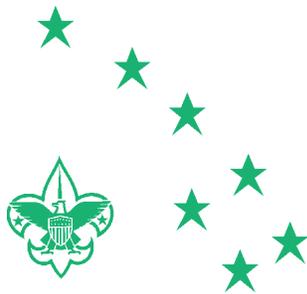


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Greetings Fellow Scouters,

Did you know that the month of April was designated as Youth Protection awareness month? Each year, during the month of April, special attention is paid to increasing awareness about the importance of Youth Protection. In following with this tradition, a review of every adult leader's training records was conducted and the results are concerning. There were many folks who have allowed their Youth Protection training to lapse, and some who have never actually completed the training.

There are several easy ways to complete the training and document that you have done it. One way is to log onto my.scouting.org and click the "Youth Protection Training" icon in the upper right hand corner. The site will guide you through it, whether it is your first time or you are re-taking it. If you log-in properly, your electronic training record will automatically be updated and no further action is required. If you don't have a computer or internet access at home, many libraries offer access to computers connected to the internet for free. Another way is to attend Youth Protection training offered during an adult leader opportunity or at a camp, where adult leader training topics are often offered. The person facilitating the training will often submit a roster to the council office for those who attended training. A third way is for a pack, troop or crew to show the Youth Protection video for their adult volunteers and submit a list of those who viewed the training to the council office. Each pack, troop and crew should have received a CD in the mail previously. If you don't have it, one can be requested from the council office.

Youth protection isn't only about two-deep leadership. It also covers many other topics in depth, such as recognizing and preventing hazing, cyber-bullying, child abuse and many more. It is very important to know and follow the principles outlined by the BSA's Youth Protection policy. Properly applying the principles of Youth Protection will ensure that every youth has a safe and positive experience in the Boy Scouts of America.

REMEMBER

Yours in Scouting,

Jason Dingeldein
VP of Youth Protection
Allohak Council





Critical Mass - the minimum size or amount of something required to start or maintain a venture.

Everything has critical mass; a family, church, community, state, nation. Even a Boy Scout Council, district or unit has critical mass.



During a recently completed strategic plan the board and officers of the Allihak Council determined that the critical mass for a unit is 30. Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew, the minimum number needed to maintain itself is 30.

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Why 30? Simple. It is based on the den and patrol concept. The den or patrol has 6-8 members. For our purpose, we will use the number 6; six members of a den or patrol. If a Cub Scout Pack serves each grade 1st-5th, there are a minimum of 5 dens. Five dens at 6 boys each equals 30 Cub Scouts. If a pack serves two schools, it should have at least 60 members, assuming there is only one class at each grade.

The standard troop should have at least four patrols and the leadership patrol; Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Quartermaster, and other positions such as Chaplains Aide, Bugler, or Webmaster. Four patrols at 6 boys plus the leadership patrol equals 30 boys; five functioning patrols. With critical mass the troop offers opportunities for personal growth and leadership. In the words of one Scouter, "How does a boy in a six-boy troop achieve real leadership experience as a Senior Patrol Leader? He really does not have the opportunity to train and direct others."

Achieving critical mass of 30 Scouts in a Pack, Troop or Crew has many benefits:

- * Broadens the experience of the members
- * Provides the opportunity for leadership development
- * Provides a sustainable membership platform. Lose a den or patrol and there is still sufficient membership to sustain the unit until it reestablishes critical mass. The unit with a 6 to 12 member pack, troop or crew is "on the ropes", the loss of one member is significant and the death of the unit may be near.



How does one achieve critical mass? Simple. **RETAIN AND RECRUIT!** Provide an exciting and relevant program through trained leaders and our members will stay. In other words, engage in community service, go camping, award rank advancements, engage parents, recruit and train leaders and you will not only retain youth but will attract new members! We all want to be part of something relevant and exciting. Scouting is relevant and exciting but only if we make it so.

So, Dear Leader, does the concept of Critical Mass appeal to you and your vision of adventure for you Scouts? Does your unit have Critical Mass? If so, good for you. If not, evaluate your unit program and make the tweaks necessary to retain youth members then recruit through your weekly open house; encourage your Scouts to bring a new friend to each weekly den, troop or crew meeting.

With warmest personal regards,

Dale D. Musgrave
Scout Executive



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



TRAINING



Howard Dewald
Council President

Why does Scouting have so much training? I hear this often, I have said it myself. Quite simply, it is necessary for the benefit of all Scouts and adult leaders. We have training all our lives from use of a toilet, to tying our shoes, to riding a bike, to operating the lawn mower, to running a washing machine, to shooting a gun, to driving a car, to using a chain saw, to on-the-job training, etc. and to effectively work in Scouting programs. Training takes all modes

from a paper test to face-to-face, to online computer programs, to demonstration skills and can occur one-on-one or in large groups. We use the EDGE method with our Scouts. We offer orientation, position-specific training, Outdoor skills, Baloo, Wood Badge, NYLT, Safe Swim, Weather Hazards, etc. One VERY important training is Youth Protection Training (YPT). If you received a notice recently about having never taken or expired training, please make it a priority to complete this crucial training. Together through our training, all Scouting events will be conducted in a proper and safe environment.

15 SPOTS LEFT FOR 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.

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; 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.

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

During 2016 we had 56 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2017 we have 12 Scouts that have achieved that honor.

List of Eagle’s since our last publication:

- Crowder, Stetson Joseph** - Troop 419, Little Kanawha
- Haynes, Nicholas Crawford** - Troop 88, Highland
- Palmer, Christian Francis** - Troop 14, Stonewall Jackson
- Shepard, Joseph S** - Troop 20, Blennerhassett
- Stone, Caleb Andrew** - Troop 12, Blennerhassett

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 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Name _____
 Address 1 _____ Address 2 _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____



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

My check is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____
 Invoice the balance of my pledge in equal installments beginning _____ mm/yy & ending _____ mm/yy
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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 Saulinskas commemorating the 40th anniversary of Troop 71.
- By Robert Ashley
- By Rod Godwin in honor of Graham Godwin
- By Alan Treadway in memory of Zachary Zimmerman
- By Larry Rector in honor of Raymond Isaac Rector
- By Ted Cox in honor of Jimmie Cox
- By Ted Cox in honor of Richard Cox
- By Ted Cox in honor of Anthony Chambers
- By Ted Cox
- By J. Scott Freshwater
- By J. Scott Freshwater in honor of Derek A. Freshwater
- By David A. Freshwater
- By Larry Rector in honor of Fisher A. Rector
- By Jann and James Foley in honor of Kevan J.L. O'Rear on the occasion of the presentation of the Eagle Scout Rank
- By Jann and James Foley in honor of Robert A. Chapelle
- By Jann and James Foley in memory of Robert A.A.J.L. Chapelle
- By John Triplett in honor of Adam Triplett
- By John S. and Missie Kaul in honor of Elmer S. Kaul
- By John S. and Missie Kaul in memory of Robert Williams.
- By Jerry Stout
- By William C. Kuryla, Ph.D. and Arlene Kuryla in honor of Timothy A. Bailey
- By several donors in memory of James Montoya
- By Nicolas Mehl in honor of Troop 13 85th Anniversary
- By Ron Taylor
- By Ron Smith
- By Ben Propst in honor of Joan Propst, Ed.D
- By Dr. Ernie Miller in honor of Lisa Hutzler
- By Dick and Joyce Ledford in memory of Rick Ledford
- By Jack and Missie Kaul
- By Howard DeWald and Elaine Saulinskas 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. Kaul in honor of Yolanda "Missie" Kaul
- By John S. Kaul in honor of April E. Kaul
- By Cynthia Wray Holliday in honor of Christopher Wray Holliday
- By William O. Leonard, Jr.
- By an anonymous donor in memory of Howie Gibson
- By Michael and Catherine King in honor of David C. King
- 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 several Scouters in honor of Clifton "Bruce" Enlow
- By David L. Stowe
- By James Bennon in honor of Chris Bennon
- By James Bennon

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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MAY		JUNE	
2	Roundtable 7 PM @ Camp Mahonegon. Bring a friend! The more, the merrier. Hope to see you there.	4	Program Picnic @ Camp Mahonegon at 4:00
10	Mahonegon Maintenance Committee Meeting @ 7pm	19-23	Cub Scout Day Camp @ Camp Mahonegon

Spring Camporee Recap - Our camporee was a great success and we had a great turnout this year. As it was the first for some, it was a great experience with many memories. Whether it was the skits at campfires or building shelters and starting fires as the boys earned their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. A great thanks to all the volunteers that helped put on such a great camp.

Fall Popcorn Sale - Now that peanuts are over popcorn is just around the corner. So, start looking at reserving show and sell locations as they will be go quickly.

Cub Scout Day Camp - Camp is coming up soon and we are looking for a great turnout. Our theme this year will be "Star Wars". If you have any questions about registration or if you would like to volunteer, please

contact your District Executive Evan Siefke @ Evan.Siefke@scouting.org. Also, if any adults would like to participate please make your Youth Protection Training is up to date.

May the Scout Be with You!

HOST A FAMILY FOS PRESENTATION AT GET \$25 CREDIT FOR CAMP - Friends of Scouting is one of the ways in which the Allohak Council funds the many programs and services for the Scouting community. Proceeds from Friends of Scouting (FOS) help provide the many free services offered by the Allohak Council and helps keep the fees for camps and activities affordable for all.

Your unit can get a \$25 certificate toward use of Camp Mahonegon or Camp Kootaga by simply hosting a Family Friends of Scouting presentation at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor in January, February or March.

To get your certificate, simply pick a date and contact me, your District Executive, Evan Siefke, with the date, time and location of your presentation. Presentations only takes about 10 minutes.

IF I HAVEN'T met you yet, come on out to Roundtable or a District Event and introduce yourself to me, you'll never know what you may discover!!

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MAY		JUNE	
2	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 Scout Office	6	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 Scout Office
9	Roundtable, 6:30 St. Andrews United Methodist Church	8-10	Cub Scout Day Camp, Civitan Park
12	Day Camp Registration Due	13	Roundtable, 6:30 St. Andrews United Methodist Church
20	Camp Kootaga Fun Day		
31	Spring recruitment Challenge Ends		

Blennerhassett District Recognition Dinner – A Silver Celebration - April 11, 2017 was the District Recognition Dinner at Wayside United Methodist Church. Blennerhassett District was the only district in our Council to reach Silver in the Journey to Excellence program.

Awards:

- District Award of Merit – Robin Ollis Stemple & Jerry Hampton
- Cub Scout Rookie of the year – Megan Dolly
- Cubmaster of the Year – Megan Modesitt
- Boy Scout Rookie of the Year – Matt Sheppard
- Boy Scout Spirt Award – Robin Hutchinson
- Scoutmaster of the Year – Rachel Hupp
- Old Timers Award – Tony Rejonis
- Whispering Oak Award – Phil Mowery
- Charlie Akers Scouting Pride Award – Aiden Haroldsen
- Tex Adams Scouting Skills Award – Heather Debord

- Shorty Matheny Granite Award – Nathaniel Moyers
- Davis Anderson Award – Scott Windom
- 30 Years of Service – Mandy Douglas

If you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Scouting program make sure you submit their names at next year’s dinner. We know everyone works hard and deserves a pat on the back for that they do.

Camp Kootaga Fun Day May 20th - READY TO HAVE SOME CUB SCOUT FUN????

May 20th will be THE day you are looking for! There will be a lot of activities to participate in, some examples are: Shooting Sports ---- Leatherworking ---- Campfire Cooking ---- Scoutcraft ---- Obstacle Course, Just to name a few!! It will run from 9:00am to 4:30pm, Cost is only \$5.00...Bring your own lunch

If you would like to purchase lunch, you can pre-purchase lunch for an additional \$3 (Hot Dog, Chips, Drink & Desert). If you wish to pre-order lunch it must be done with the online registration, if you do not pre-purchase there may not be any excess to purchase at the camp

Allohak Council Spring Recruitment Challenge

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- * Hold a Spring Recruiting Event
- * Recruit as many NEW SCOUTS as possible with a focus on TIGERS

(Blennerhassett District continued on page 21)

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MAY		JUNE (continued)	
3	Hock-Hocking District Roundtable meeting Athens Rec Center @7:00.	3	Range Officer Training for Cub Day Camp Leaders @9:00 @ Camp Kootaga
3	Hock-Hocking District Committee meeting at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street in Athens following the Roundtable.	3-4	OA Vigil @ Camp Kootaga
6	Service Day @ Camp Kootaga and Camp Mahonegon	7	Hock-Hocking Picnic at the Athens Rec. Center Shelter on East State St.
14	Mother's Day	7	Hock-Hocking District Committee meeting at the Athens Rec. Center on East State Street.
14	Camp Kootaga Camping Committee	11	Summer Camp Staff Report to Camp Kootaga
20	Cub Fun Day @Camp Kootaga	12-16	Camp Red Arrow
29	Memorial Day – Scout office closed	18	Father's Day
31	OA Elections end.	18	1st Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
JUNE		25	2nd Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
2-4	OA Conclave @Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation		
3	Service Day @ Camp Kootaga and Camp Mahonegon		

District leadership needs! - Commissioner's Note: We are still looking for some Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District. If anyone is interested, please contact Howard Dewald, District Commissioner @ dewald@ohio.edu.

Recruiting Night – Once again this year the Council will hold a one night Recruiting night. This year it will be held on August 31st. We would like a representative from each unit to attend information meetings this summer. If possible we ask that this representative NOT be the Cub Master or Scout Master of the unit. This is an ideal opportunity to involve parents who may be too busy to work with the unit on a continuous basis, but would have time to work on a specific one day event. Please not that this one day event should not be done in place of your normal recruiting events, but should augment your recruiting schedule. PLEASE SEND THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR UNIT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO Traci Saffell at tracifout.1ssip@gmail.com.

OA C4B Conclave Registration – The annual Order of the Arrow Section C-4B Conclave will take place Friday evening, June 2-4 at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation in Ohio. The cost will be \$30. This is a gathering of Arrow men from across Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia, and will be a fun time for all Arrowmen. The weekend will consist of ceremonies and dance competitions, vendor displays, and summer-camp style activities such as climbing, swimming and shooting. We will have training opportunities available such as how to get involved with OA High Adventure, and OA activities like regalia-making and drumming. There will also be great food and parties, with a crazy auction Saturday evening. Conclave will be a great time and will also give you a chance to meet other arrow men from our area. For additional information and registration, please visit the official site at <https://oa-c4b.org/conclave-2017/>.

PLEASE NOTE: A current copy of your BSA medical form is required to attend this event. You can download a fillable PDF copy of this form on the OA Conclave registration site (<https://scoutingevent.com/441-121030>)

Camp Kootaga Fun Day – Cub Scouts come and spend a fun-filled day at Camp Kootaga on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 – 4:30. There will be shooting sports, leather working, campfire cooking and more. If you bring your own lunch, cost is \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a hotdog lunch it will be an additional \$3.00 and you need to register online at 2017 Kootaga Cub Fun Day.

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MAY

- 4 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 City National Bank, Ripley
- 11 District Recognition Dinner, 7:00, St. John's UMC, Spencer
- 20 Camp Kootaga Fun Day
- 31 Spring recruitment Challenge Ends

JUNE

- 1 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 City National Bank, Ripley
- 8 Roundtable, 7, St. John's UMC, Spencer

District Recognition Dinner - The District Recognition Dinner will be held at St. John's UMC in Spencer on May 11th. You will receive information soon. Please plan to attend and bring a side dish.

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* Recruit as many NEW SCOUTS as possible with a focus on TIGERS

WHY TIGERS: Spring is the perfect time to focus on creating a New TIGER DEN. Kindergartners are becoming 1st Graders. They will be able to immediately take advantage of Cub Fun Day at Camp Kootaga, District Day Camps and Resident Camp plus Pack Summertime Activities. You can recruit new Scouts, even if your Pack does not hold regularly scheduled Summer Pack Meetings. Numerous District and Council events are available to all new Scouts and will keep your new Scouts and families busy during the summer.

YOUR INCENTIVE: Tickets to enter drawing for \$100 Scout Bucks

TIME PERIOD: APRIL 1 – MAY 31 **DRAWING DATE:** June 6, 2017

RULES: Tickets to be entered into a drawing are earned based on number of completed registrations (CUBMASTER AND PARENT SIGNATURES plus FEES) turned in during the Challenge time period. Must be NEW SCOUTS. \$100 Scout Bucks to be used at Council Scout Shop, Council Camps, or District Camps OR a combination of all any or all three locations. One WINNING CUB SCOUT PACK in each Council District!

Day Camp 2017-Scouting is Out of This World --- 3-2-1 Blast off.

The space themed Day Camp will return to Civitan Park in Belpre. We have an exciting time planned for Cub Scouts. Go to Allohak.org to download the leader's guide and get the appropriate forms. Register before May 20th and save \$15. Camp costs go up for late registrations. Any youth who enrolls in Cub Scouts after May 1st will be able to charge the Early Bird fee.

A few reminders. All youth and adults that are at camp MUST have a Part A&B medical forms. This is a simple health history and does not require a doctor's signature, but it is needed before you can enter camp.

We can't have a great camp without your help; there are still several areas of camp that are open for you to volunteer for. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Camp Director Amber Duffin, irishdreams07@yahoo.com, or call/text 304-494-1276.

(Little Kanawha District Column continued on page 13)



CAMP KOOTAGA



Frontiersman Skills at Summer Camp

The over-riding reason for presenting Frontiersman is that boys like it. Most of today's Scouts love the kind of woody activities that provide outdoor fun that's involving and challenging. This kind of fun is timeless! To build a good Frontiersman project requires rope, wood, good sense, and skill, and when completed, there's a happy feeling of accomplishment and success.

In today's world, society places an emphasis on keeping up with the times—there's a belief that we need to make the Scouting program relevant to the youth of today. Of course, this makes sense. With the wide range of fun available in Scouting, there's always an attraction to and fascination with what's called "old school." Frontiersman is all about using basic and advanced Scout skills to get things done, to make life in the outdoors easier, and for having just plain old fashioned fun.

Scouts are impressed by well-built, frontier projects. Rope beds, and other clever camp gadgets are found to be especially exciting when experienced outdoors during a Scout gathering. The attraction is even more pronounced in those Scouts who would love to have the chance to get involved firsthand in the challenge and fun, but frequently don't possess the various skills or can build more involved frontier projects. It's a worthwhile opportunity to promote camping, and contribute to the overall value of Camp Kootaga.

Camp Kootaga is currently making plans to present a new frontiersman area. The demonstration area, led by Josh Bragg (Scout Master of Troop 435), will be set up next to the Handicraft shelter in front of the Archery range. Be sure to stop by and see these timeless, outdoor Scouting skills, and become acquainted with advanced campcraft abilities that are functional and fun.

Bruce Enlow
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MAY		JUNE	
9	Roundtable 7 PM @ St Mark's Lutheran Church, Clarksburg. The more people we have, the better it is, so bring a friend with you!!	4	Planning Picnic at Camp Mahonegon, 4:00PM
		12-16	Cub Scout Day Camp at the Veteran's Park in Clarksburg.

Spring Camporee Recap - Our spring camporee was a great success, a big thanks to all the volunteers that helped and the merit badge counselors. We had great participation this year and even though it wasn't the best of weather conditions it was a great experience and filled with memories for both the volunteers and the kids. The boys had a great time and learned a lot, from cooking the dinner for the camp to auto mechanics. Thanks again for all those who helped.

Popcorn - As we are now past the peanut sale, popcorn sales are just around the corner. So please, start looking for show and sell spots to start your selling, they will fill up quickly.

Cub Scout Day Camp - Camp is coming up sooner than we know and we are looking for a great turnout. Our theme this year will be "Star Wars" and we have some great activities planned. If you have any questions about registration or if you would like to volunteer, please

contact your District Executive, Evan Siefke @ Evan.Siefke@scouting.org. or our Cub Day Camp Director, Peggy Sue Miller, who will be the Camp Director this year. She and her committee is well on their way to planning a fantastic week of adventure! For more information, registration forms, health forms, check our website at www.allohak.org and check in the left hand column (the red box) under "day camps". Also, if any adults would like to participate please make your Youth Protection Training is up to date. May the Scout Be with you.

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 May 1 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, so mark your calendar now.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT



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Serving the counties of
 Pleasants and Wood in
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 Washington County in
 Ohio

MAY

- 1 Washington District Committee Meeting @ 6:30 @ Norwood Methodist Church
- 6 Service Day @ Camp Kootaga and Camp Mahonegon
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- 14 Mother's Day
- 14 Camp Kootaga Camping Committee
- 20 Cub Fun Day @ Camp Kootaga
- 29 Memorial Day – Scout office closed
- 31 OA Elections end

JUNE

- 2-4 OA Conclave @ Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation
- 3 Service Day @ Camp Kootaga and Camp Mahonegon
- 3 Range Officer Training for Cub Day Camp Leaders @ 9:00 @ Camp Kootaga
- 3-4 OA Vigil @ Camp Kootaga
- 11 Summer Camp Staff Report to Camp Kootaga
- 7-9 Camp Arrow (Cub Day Camp)
- 18 Father's Day
- 18 1st Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga
- 25 2nd Week of Summer Scout Camp @ Camp Kootaga

Recruiting Night – Once again this year the Council will hold a one night Recruiting night. This year it will be held on August 31st. We would like a representative from each unit to attend information meetings this summer. If possible we ask that this representative NOT be the Cub Master or Scout Master of the unit. This is an ideal opportunity to involve parents who may be too busy to work with the unit on a continuous basis, but would have time to work on a specific one day event. Please note that this one day event should not be done in place of your normal recruiting events, but should augment your recruiting schedule. PLEASE SEND THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR UNIT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO Traci Saffell at tracifout.1ssip@gmail.com.

OA C4B Conclave Registration - The annual Order of the Arrow Section C-4B Conclave will take place Friday evening, June 2-4 at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation in Ohio. The cost will be \$30. This is a gathering of Arrow men from across Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia, and will be a fun time for all Arrowmen. The weekend will consist of ceremonies and dance competitions, vendor displays, and summer-camp style activities such as climbing, swimming and shooting. We will have training opportunities available such as how to get involved with OA High Adventure, and OA activities like regalia-making and drumming. There will also be great food and parties, with a crazy auction Saturday evening. Conclave will be a great time and will also give you a chance to meet other arrow men from our area. For additional information and registration, please visit the official site at <https://oa-c4b.org/conclave-2017/>.

PLEASE NOTE: A current copy of your BSA medical form is required to attend this event. You can download a fillable PDF copy of this form on the OA Conclave registration site (<https://scoutingevent.com/441-121030>)

Washington District Day Camp – Day Camp - Come enjoy “Bugs gone Wild” this summer at Camp Arrow—Washington District’s Cub Scout Day Camp. Washington District will offer three days of Cub Scout Day Camp at the Broughton Nature and Wildlife Education Area on State Route 676, Ohio, on June 7th-9th. It is staffed by experienced adult leaders and senior Scouts.

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. Trained adult leaders with BSA National Camp School certification will instruct and supervise the Boy Scout and adult camp staff. Appropriate medical personnel will be on staff serving as Camp health officer. Questions? Call Anita Cunningham at (740) 629-2240.

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PROGRAM



(Little Kanawha District Column continued from page 9)

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Is your email address up to date? - There are several people who change email addresses due to a change in their workplace, their ISP or they simply want a different one. Does Allohak Council have your correct email? Do we have emails for the youth in your unit? Not only do the district and council email important information, but every spring and fall, the Voice of the Scout is sent out. This is a way for you to express your satisfaction, or dissatisfaction with what is going on in Scouting across the country. If you are not sure if your email is correct, log into www.my.scouting.org and check the email listed and ensure that your membership ID number is associated with your account. If still not sure, contact Tim Rupert or the Scout Office right away.

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What is your program plan? - This is the time of year that you want to start planning for the 2017-18 school year. Where do you want to go? What do you want to do? Who is going to take over the vital roles in the Pack when some of your parents follow their sons into the Troop? It is always better to start asking these questions sooner rather than later. It also helps your recruiting when you can show the parents of the incoming youth that you have the basic plan of the year laid out.

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COMMISSIONER MINUTE



Greg Godwin
Council
Commissioner

The following Scouters have been approved by the Executive Board of the Allohak Council to serve as District Commissioners for 2017.

2017 DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

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| Blennerhassett: | Todd Handley |
| Little Kanawha: | Joseph Woolweaver |
| Hock Hocking: | Howard Dewald |
| Washington: | Robert Sheridan |
| Stonewall Jackson: | Dave Christafore |
| Highland: | Dan Wetsch |

During the next few months we need to work to build a strong commissioner staff in each district along with strong district committees. Strong districts will deliver quality Scouting to the communities within our council.

A strong commissioner service is linked to the success of units and the unit’s ability to provide a viable Scouting experience that touches lives of the youth and children.

Critical in developing a strong district team is to have an active nominating team in each district that includes allies of Scouting from our communities, helping us identify and recruit people willing to serve in the delivery of Scouting to youth and children through our units.

The above six Scouters will be key in our work of serving units and the work of strengthening our districts.

Congratulations on your election and willingness to serve youth and children in your district. Thanks for all you do for Scouting.

Greg Godwin, Council Commissioner
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304-952-1526

DID YOU KNOW

...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 May/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.

A well-planned program delivered by a trained leader is key to membership retention. Planning your entire calendar is the first step to be prepared for a great Scouting year!

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



PROGRAM



(Little Kanawha District Column continued from page 9)

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. 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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GIVE LOCAL MOV – TUESDAY MAY 2. \$2,700 IN MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SCOUTING.!

The Allohak Council can benefit greatly from Give Local MOV 2017 on Tuesday, May 2nd starting at midnight and running for 24 hours. Every dollar donated to us through the Foundation (min. \$10 donation) helps us qualify for up to \$1,700 in matching funds provided by event sponsors for the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF). Further, PACF will match 10 gifts by 10 unique (different) donors of \$100 or more with a gift of \$100 per gift. This means that the Allohak Council is eligible to receive \$2,700 in matching gifts. We can also receive a share of \$1,500 in prize incentives! Just a few of the prizes: \$500 to the first to receive a donation, \$500 for the most unique donations between 6-8 am, \$500 for the most dollars raised between 8-10 am, \$1,000 for the organization with the most dollars raised online, and more. Visit www.givelocalmov.org on May 2nd and make your donation!

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Consult your tax advisor for specifics.

Again, this is a focused, 24 hour program of on-line giving beginning midnight on May 2. To donate go to www.givelocalmov.org and share this with friends and family members who might also like to be a part of this program and multiply their giving through the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation. This program is open to any donor regardless of address, though some state tax benefits may only be extended to WV residents.

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Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga - The highlight of your Scouting year for Boy Scouts is a week at Camp Kootaga in Wirt County near Parkersburg. Kootaga offers some of the best summer camp programs in the BSA. Supported by excellent facilities, equipment and a great staff. Our Summer Camp is known for the quality and value of its programs. To a Scout, the magic of Summer Camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. To a Scout leader, Summer Camp is the greatest opportunity to help Scouts grow, and thus to achieve Scouting's aims. As Scout Leaders, we have the responsibility to help a Scout to find that magic. Over 500 Scouts and leaders made our summer camp their destination in 2016--don't miss out for 2017!

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

Peanuts - Thanks to all the units that sold peanuts.

Rain Gutter Regatta - All Washington District Cub Scouts are invited to a District Rain Gutter Regatta on May 21 from 2:00-4:00 at the VFW Park on Pike Street in Marietta. Boat building supplies will be provided. Bring a friend and show them some Cub Scout fun. It's FREE! To ensure that we have sufficient supplies, please contact Bob Sheridan at 740-374-3957 or BS2531@gmail.com. We need adult volunteers to make this a success. Please contact Bob if you can help.

2017 Journey to Excellence - All 2017 Pack, Troop, Crew, District, and Council requirements and scorecards are available at the Journey to Excellence (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>) website. Is your unit going for the GOLD?

Camp Kootaga Fun Day – Cub Scouts come and spend a fun-filled day at Camp Kootaga on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 – 4:30. There will be shooting sports, leather working, campfire cooking and more. If you bring your own lunch, cost is \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a hotdog lunch it will be an additional \$3.00 and you need to register online at 2017 Kootaga Cub Fun Day.

There's More Good than Bad Outside - Camp Kootaga provides a summer outside program for Scouts. The Camp staff has very little concern about what has become known as our indoor culture. By the time most U.S. children enter kindergarten, they have spent enough time in front of a television, to have earned a college degree.

Research indicates that 8- to 18-year-olds consume an average of 53 hours a week of entertainment media, and only 30% have had any rules for media use. The experts recommend Scout age individuals get a minimum of 60 minutes a day of physical activity to improve physical and mental health. Playing outside helps develop social skills at the same time physical fitness is being maintained. One of the consequences of childhood moving indoors is the culture of childhood, passed down for hundreds of years is lost.

The games Scouts make up on their own — often outside — are full of the kinds of skills important later in life. They learn to negotiate the rules, resolve disputes without outside intervention, and come up with creative ways to entertain themselves. Getting outside at camp isn't a major event, and it won't be boring. To get in the spirit, and reconnect with nature, remember most adults were raised from June through August with the mandate to go outside!

Hope to see you outside at Camp Kootaga--having fun!



PROGRAM



(Hock Hocking District Column continued from page 8)

Camp Red Arrow - The Hock Hocking District Day Camp will be June 12th through 16th at Lake Snowden near Albany, Ohio. This year's theme is "Calling All Super Scouts!". All Cub Scouts will get the chance to become their very own super heroes!!! The cost of registration is only \$50 for all 5 days! Registration opens on Saturday, April 1st and continues until Wednesday, May 31st. After May 31st, a \$15 late fee will be assessed. Join us for an exciting week of Cub Scout day camp which will be even bigger and better than last year!!! For more information, please visit: <http://www.allohak.org/index.php/events/camp-red-arrow-june-23-26-2014>

Camp will begin at 8am and will end at 5pm Monday thru Friday. Scouts should start arriving 45 minutes before the start of camp for check in procedures, and should be picked up at 4pm. Arriving early allows the Day Camp program to start promptly at 9:00 am.

The fun filled days will feature, Archery, BB Guns, sports, Games, Crafts and more. There will be programs for all Cub Scouts. We have an exciting program planned. We hope all Cub Scouts will join us for the fun filled days. Trained adult leaders with BSA National Camp School certification will instruct and supervise the Boy Scout and adult camp staff. Appropriate medical personnel will be on staff serving as Camp health officer. Questions? Call Keith Milam, program director at <mailto:milamkeith@gmail.com> or (740) 818-9060

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Peanuts - Thanks to all the units that sold peanuts.

District's June Picnic - Plans are in the works for the District's June Picnic. The event will be held on June 7th at the shelter near the Athens Recreation Center on East State Street.

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PROGRAM



DAVID McCLURE LEADS THE 48TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DINNER OF THE MID-OHIO VALLEY TO OVER \$100,000 FOR SCOUTING

WVU Medicine/Camden Clark Medical Center CEO David McClure served as Chairman of the 48th Annual leadership Dinner of the Mid-Ohio Valley which was held on March 3 at Grand Pointe Conference and Reception Center in Vienna. A Life Scout and U.S. Navy veteran, Dave gave effective leadership and inspiration to a team of dedicated volunteers who put on a fantastic fundraising dinner to support Scouting that Featured Distinguished Eagle Scouts and WVU President Dr. E. Gordon Gee. The event drew a crowd of over 260 business, community and Scout leaders to the Grand Pointe Conference and Reception Center and raised over \$100,000 to support the Scouting program in the Allohak Council.

Assisting Dave with the event was past Leadership Dinner Chairman Ryan Taylor who headed up the silent auction for the second year. Ryan is Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 12, Allohak Council Board Member and President of Pickering Associates. Others who assisted were Lindsey Anderson, Past President of Allohak Council Bob Ashley, John Coffman, Harry Deitzler, Ray Fanta, Eric Fitzer, Fred Fitzer, Past Event Chairman Jon Leavitt, Jason Lewis, Past Event Chairman Dr. Barry Loudon, Jonelle Merritt, Past Event Chairman Chad Mildren, Christina Myer, Jerry Parkins, Past Event Chairman and Allohak Council Board Member Chip Pickering, Shawn Sandy, Jack Simpkin, and Lori Wilson.

The evening began with a private reception with Dr. Gee followed by a general reception. The talented Roger Sheppard of WTAP served as our Master of Ceremonies and kept the event on a tight schedule. Troop 12 Life Scout Ethan Grose led the Pledge of Allegiance and Eagle Scout Reverend Mike Seeley gave the invocation.

The Allohak Council is grateful for Daves's commitment of time and his considerable leadership skill and the hard work put forth by all members of the fundraising committee and our Scouts who helped with the event!

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 or get in touch with your District Executive!

Allohak Council's
SPRING RECRUITING
CHALLENGE
APRIL 1-MAY 31

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PROGRAM



UNIFORM STANDARDS

Did you know that there are uniform standards for the proper placement of uniform insignia?

#1 The color of “shoulder loops” should match the badge of office; blue for Cub Scout Leaders, green for Boy Scout Leaders, green for Venturing and silver for district or council leaders.

#2 One temporary patch should be worn at a time. Males should wear temporary patches on the right pocket, women can wear temporary patches on or above the right pocket. No permanent patches may be worn above the right pocket except National Scout Jamboree or World Jamboree. No other patches should be worn above the right pocket

#3 The right pocket flap is for OA lodge flaps only. No other insignia should be worn on the right pocket flap. Totin’ Chip and Firem’n Chit are temporary patches and should be worn ON the right pocket.

#4 Wear the council strip of the council of registration. Only one council strip should be worn at a time. Council strips of non-existent councils should not be worn.

#5 Mentor, Eagle Mom or Eagle Dad pins are not for uniform wear but rather for civilian wear.

#6 To be in proper uniform, one should wear the official belt, socks, and pants with their uniform shirt. If wearing headwear, it should be official BSA headwear.

The BSA has a handy reference, the Uniform Insignia Guide which can be found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/InsigniaGuide.aspx>

“One slovenly Scout, on the other hand, inaccurately dressed may let down the whole Movement in the eyes of the public. Show me such a fellow and I can show you one who has not grasped the true Scouting spirit and who takes no pride in his membership of our great Brotherhood.”

- Robert Baden-Powell

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WHY TIGERS: Spring is the perfect time to focus on creating a New TIGER DEN. Kindergartners are becoming 1st Graders. They will be able to immediately take advantage of Cub Fun Day at Camp Kootaga, District Day Camps and Resident Camp plus Pack Summertime Activities. You can recruit new Scouts, even if your Pack does not hold regularly scheduled Summer Pack Meetings. Numerous District and Council events are available to all new Scouts and will keep your new scouts and families busy during the summer.

YOUR INCENTIVE: Tickets to enter drawing for \$100 Scout Bucks

TIME PERIOD: APRIL 1 – MAY 31 DRAWING DATE: June 6, 2017

RULES: Tickets to be entered into a drawing are earned based on number of completed registrations (CUBMASTER AND PARENT SIGNATURES plus FEES) turned in during the Challenge time period. Must be NEW SCOUTS. \$100 Scout Bucks to be used at Council Scout Shop, Council Camps, or District Camps OR a combination of all any or all three locations. One WINNING CUB SCOUT PACK in each Council District!

Day Camp 2017-Scouting is Out of This World - 3-2-1 Blast off!!

The space themed Day Camp will return to Civitan Park in Belpre. We have an exciting time planned for Cub Scouts. Go to Allohak.org to download the leader's guide and get the appropriate forms. Register before May 20th and save \$15. Camp costs go up for late registrations. Any youth who enrolls in Cub Scouts after May 1st will be able to charge the Early Bird fee. A few reminders. All youth and adults that are at camp MUST have a Part A&B medical forms. This is a simple health history and does not require a doctor's signature, but it is needed before you can enter camp. We can't have a great camp without your help; there are still several areas of camp that are open for you to volunteer for. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Camp Director Amber Duffin, irishdreams07@yahoo.com, or call/text 304-494-1276.

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WWW.ALLOHAK.ORG



Do you “surf”? Have you been to the Allohak website lately? It appears to be working well and volunteers are praising us for parts of it. We do get a complaint here and there, but we also get a lot of compliments as well. If you see something that needs corrected, modified or added, let us know and we will see what we can do about it. Be sure to go to the site and “nose” around it, get familiar with it, and see what is currently available.

Also, please keep in mind, that to get the full capability of the website, you **must** be running the web browser Internet Explorer version **6.0 or better**. It also runs with the current versions of Firefox, Google Chrome, and Opera. Internet Explorer is available as a free download from Microsoft website. Other browsers are also available as a free download, if you so desire.

Again, go out to the site (www.allohak.org), look around, play with it and let us know what you think.

HAPPY SURFING!!!

