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The Fall....

This is my favorite time of year. As school starts the excitement builds and a New Adventure builds and a New Adventure begins. A special thank you is in order to Traci Saffell, Robin Olis-Stemple and everyone of our Unit Volunteers who sacrifice so much to ensure that every boy has an opportunity to join Scouting.

Across our great council volunteers will mobilize, fliers will go out, boy talks will occur and new Cub scouts and families will join our ranks. Our goal for August 31st is 420 new youth and families in our ranks.

This reminds me of a story some of you may have see floating around the internet:

A Young boy sits at home waiting for his father to arrive after a long day at the office. All day long he has thought about the games he would play with his father when he saw him that evening. He thought about how they might play with his army men, or perhaps a game maybe—even hide and go seek. They would play it even though mom hated them running through the house. Maybe they would just wrestle on the floor. That was his personal favorite. Nothing like a good wrestling match with dad.

Then he heard his father’s car pull into the driveway. He ran to the front door to greet his father with a great big hug. The front door opened and in walked the man this boy had waited all day to see. He ran up and hugged his father’s leg all the while asking, “can we play a game”? The Father leaned down and ruffled his son’s hair. “Maybe in a little while”, was his reply.

The father obviously tired from a long day at the office made his way to the living room. He was seeking the comfort of his recliner and a few moments of relaxation before dinner. The son not one to be denied followed along behind him. Watching his father pullout today’s paper, he realized he had better try a different approach. “Dad will you play army men with me” came the question? Spreading out the paper the father replied “not right now son I just want to relax for a few minutes” “Why don’t you settle down and watch some TV”

Shot down again the boy thought, as the father began reading his newspaper. Suddenly the boy began to think that in a few minutes we would be eating dinner. After dinner, it will be time for a bath, then a little homework and off to bed. There will be no time for playing with his dad. He quickly disturbed his father again, “dad how about some hide and seek”? The father getting obviously frustrated responded. “Son I am tired I just want to relax and read my newspaper”. Two minutes later his son was back on his lap asking “how about that wrestling match now”? Angered the father asked, “I thought I asked you to put that puzzle together?” … “I did” responded the boy. “How did you do it so quickly”? “That’s easy,” said the young boy. “On the back of that picture of the world was a picture of a boy”. “If you put the boy together right you put the world together right”.

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Allohak Strong(er)

Our summer programs have been plentiful with Cub Day camps, Boy Scout camp, JamboREE, Cub Scout Resident camp, and Order of the Arrow ordeal. Attendance was generally strong. Thanks to the programs directors, staff and many volunteers involved in these events! As we enter Fall I am hopeful for strong recruitment, strong popcorn sales, and strong programming; it all goes together.

The future success of the Allohak Council does not lie solely on the strength of its programming and related services, but requires many elements to work together. One key element is the strength of membership in our Packs, Troops, and Crews, district committees, and council executive board. **Membership at all levels of the council is everyone’s responsibility!** Our August 31 council-wide Scout recruitment night plan is in full swing. Is your Pack or Troop or Crew participating? Our district Nominating Committees need good leadership to chart their future. Our Allohak Council board needs mission and vision driven leaders to guide and deliver on our strategic plan.

We have our strengths, but we have many challenging opportunities, too. Our charter is under review at all levels, especially in terms of governance oversight, youth membership, financing, volunteer strength and training. Also, we must continue to keep up-to-date with our programs and services. Is there a Scouting “presence” in your community?

Over 25-years ago the Allohak Council was formed as merger of the Central West Virginia and Kootaga Area councils. Yet too often we continue to squabble over east-west divide. Our six district boundaries often hinder efficient and effective operations. The last capital campaign was over twenty years ago, and our infrastructure needs attention. Our endowment is slowing growing. The list is long, and the solutions are in reach if we put aside old history and embrace the relevance and of Scouting.

Can we be Allohak Strong(er)? I appeal to you to do more for the youth in our communities through involvement with a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, or Venture Crew. I urge participation at all levels in funding the council. A few are carrying the weight of the many. Every Pack, Troop, and Crew needs involved leaders and needs to participate in popcorn sales. Also, every Pack, Troop, and Crew needs to participate in Friends of Scouting. From Highland to Stonewall Jackson to Little Kanawha to Blennerhassett to Washington to Hocking – all district volunteers need to raise funds to support the operation and program. Every Allohak Council board member needs to make a direct financial commitment.

A strong(er) Allohak means there is a strong(er) member base, a strong(er) volunteer base and a strong(er) financial base. The professional Scouter is not responsible to do it all. Allohak Strong(er) will happen in YOUR community if everyone takes the responsibility for it. I appeal to all of you. Responses are welcome.
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 32 Scouts that have achieved that honor.**

List of Eagle’s since our last publication:

**Cappadona, Alexander Higgins** - Troop 86, Blennerhassett
**Hutchings, Isaiah Corage** - Troop 207, Washington
**Richards, Alec Ross** - Troop 739 Little Kanawha

**Smith, Matthew Felipe**- Troop 117, Blennerhassett
**Whaling, Andrew**- Troop 435 Little Kanawha

The way Scouts earn Eagle Palms has changed in a big way

Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

The BSA has announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms. The modifications took effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven’t yet earned Eagle. Beginning Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

Go to https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/10/changes-to-eagle-palms/ for all the information on the change.
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 Triplet in honor of Adam Triplet
- By John S. and Missie Kaul in honor of Elmer S. Kaul
- 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 Mehli 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 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. 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. Pethel in loving memory of Frank E. Pethel 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 Youn gblood
- 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
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- By Gus Morris in memory of Frank L Grubbs former Troop 72 Scoutmaster

For more information, contact the Scout Service Center or to make a pledge, use the pledge form on page 4.
Recap: Recruitment this year has been a great success, along with our Council School Night. A number of Cub Scout packs have grown exponentially and we are looking forward to continuing the growth.

Coming soon: Cub Adventure Weekend is coming up on September 22-24th there will be lots of activities to participate in and we look forward to see all of you at Camp Mahonegon. The Cub Scouts are bound to have lots of fun and excitement. We encourage the Cub Scout Packs to register and come out and enjoy a fun weekend.

However we are still in the recruitment time of the year, if anyone is in need of materials like flyers, Signs, Etc… Please contact your District Executive. We are happy to help in any way we can.

DE Remarks: As we continue to grow we are still in need of additional help in leadership and volunteers, if there are any adults that are interested in volunteering or helping their local Cub Scout pack or Boy Scout Troop please contact Evan Siefke @ Evan.Siefke@scouting.org or our District Commissioner Dan Wetsch.

Do you have any articles or information about your unit or about something that would interest all of our readers? If so, submit the information to Evan Siefke and we will try and get it publized in the Polar Star.

Helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.
Blennerhassett Youth Protection Training - YPT MUST be taken in order to be a registered adult in the BSA. When recruiting new leaders, be sure they take it before they register. Currently, BSA requires that adult leaders take YPT every two years. The Allohak Council for several years has asked its leaders to renew their training annually. This may soon be the what BSA requires as well. During recharter, unit leaders who do not have current YPT will not be permitted to reregister. If you have questions about YPT, contact the district training chair/district commissioner, Todd Handley.

District Communications - One of the top complaints in any organization is communication. As well as the Key Three, we try to communicate with leaders in as many ways possible. From Joe Blennerhassett, facebook, and the council website.

Are you Receiving emails from “Joe”? The district email account Blennerhassett District@gmail.com is active and sends out information and reminders that you need. We bbc people to try and help guard your email address and prevent having to scroll through several lines of a To: addresses. Please be sure to add this email to your contacts to ensure that you are getting the lastest updates.

BeAScout.org Website Many of the parents of the youth that we are trying to get involved in Scouting use the internet to find all the information they need. The BSA has developed www.beascout.org as a tool for our units to reach those parents. The site links from the BSA’s national site and will link up with almost all web searches about joining Cub or Boy Scouts. When parents go to the site they simply select the age group for their boys and then put in their address, the site then pulls up a Google® map of all of the units in their area. The default “map pin” for your unit will show the street address for your chartering organization and the contact information for the Allohak Council. Your unit can change this to reflect your meeting place, put the contact information for your unit leaders, meeting days & times and even brief summary of the unit’s activities. For the first time editing the map pin, either the COR, Committee Chair or Scoutmaster/Cub Master/Crew Advisor must log in through their MyScouting.org account. More information on how to do this can be found on the Allohak.org website or by emailing Tim Rupert (timothy.rupert@scouting.org)
FOR DISTRICT (and council) EVENT DATES  
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Webelos Outdoor Weekend (WOW) - WOW is designed for first and second year Webelos. This camp is a weekend of fun, activities, and an introduction to Boy Scouting. Troops are strongly encouraged to come camp with their Pack. Cub Scouts will be learning about first aid, cooking, and pioneering. They will be able to show off their skills doing the afternoon competitions. There will also be a Dutch oven cooking contest. If you wish to participate, please bring your needed supplies. This event is planned for September 15-17. If you have any questions, contact Phil Newbanks at 304-588-3993 or newbanks4@cascable.net. Join us for a weekend of fun! For more information, registration forms, or health forms check out the Allohak Website.

Cub Adventure Weekend - at Camp Kootaga is drawing near! The cost of the weekend is $40 per participant, and $15 per adult and non-participating sibling. We will be feeding you again this year. This will NOT be a self-sufficient camp this year. The physical form (A & B) will be required by all who attend. Check the Allohak website for details.

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DE Remarks: We are still looking for help in leadership, if there are any adults that are interested in volunteering for the Boy Scouts please contact Evan Siefke @ Evan.Siefke@scouting.org or our District Chairman Terry Collins.

Helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.
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**Roaming Roundtables** - In order to try and make the commute to roundtables easier for everyone, it has been decided to rotate where roundtables will be held. The August Roundtable was held in Spencer, we will be holding the September Roundtable at St. Johns Episcopal in Ripley. The October Roundtable will be held in Ravenswood. If you would like to host a roundtable in your town, contact the district Commissioner, Joe Woolweaver.

**District Communications** - One of the top complaints in any organization is communication. As well as the Key Three, we try to communicate with leaders in as many ways possible. From the Little Kanawha gmail, facebook, and the council website.

**BeAScout.org Website** Many of the parents of the youth that we are trying to get involved in Scouting use the internet to find all the information they need. The BSA has developed www.beascout.org as a tool for our units to reach those parents. The site links from the BSA’s national site and will link up with almost all web searches about joining Cub or Boy Scouts. When parents go to the site they simply select the age group for their boys and then put in their address, the site then pulls up a Google® map of all of the units in their area. The default “map pin” for your unit will show the street address for your chartering organization and the contact information for the Allohak Council. Your unit can change this to reflect your meeting place, put the contact information for your unit leaders, meeting days & times and even brief summary of the unit’s activities. For the first time editing the map pin, either the COR, Committee Chair or Scoutmaster/Cub Master/Crew Advisor must log in through their MyScouting.org account. More information on how to do this can be found on the Allohak.org website or by emailing Tim Rupert (timothy.rupert@scouting.org)

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Council Commissioner’s Minute

Schools are open and the camping season is over. Allohak Council had a very strong camping season and now we are engaged in recruitment.

Traci Saffell, our VP for Membership, has developed a well written plan for our Council’s Fall Recruitment. A written plan is considered to be a “best practice” in recruiting because councils that have a written plan to follow recruit more than councils that do not develop a written.

However, it is important for units to be prepared to receive new Scouts and parents. The initial contact and the first meetings are critical to retention of new Scouts and parents. Be Prepared – plan and organize your program to be fun while working the advancement process.

Plan to train your new leaders as part of your preparation for the fall recruitment. Assist new leaders in completing their Youth Protection Training during the first 30 days. As a Cubmaster, I always offered training to all my leaders as well as parents. Leaders, parents, and chartering partners all have a part ensuring Scouting is a safe place for children and youth.

Finally, the commissioner service in your districts is resource for units. I hope units will seek out the help of the Commissioners when needed as they plan for a great start this fall.

If you have difficulty connecting to your commissioner service, please contact me directly using my cell number listed below. I will be glad assist you.

Thanks for all you do to deliver Scouting to children and youth.

Greg Godwin
Council Commissioner
gagodwin@citlink.net
304-952-1526
This time the son sat down and was getting frustrated. For the third time in as many attempts he had been rebuffed. Realizing that if he didn’t get to play with his father now it would be this time the next day before he would have the opportunity again. He climbed up into his father’s lap and tried old faithful. “Dad, how about a wrestling match”? The father visibly upset by this latest disturbance removed a full-page ad from his newspaper on the ad was a picture of the world. He tore this ad into small pieces. Then spread them all out on the floor and told his son to “put the puzzle together”. He then continued reading the newspaper.

Two minutes later his son was back on his lap asking “how about that wrestling match now”? Angered the father asked, “I thought I asked you to put that puzzle together?” … “I did” responded the boy. “How did you do it so quickly”? “That’s easy,” said the young boy. “On the back of that picture of the world was a picture of a boy”. “If you put the boy together right you put the world together right”.

That’s totally what it is all about. Our focus is simple and our priorities are clear, in each district this fall we need to grow our membership, run a sound nominating committee, conduct our popcorn sale and most importantly every day in every way make a difference in the life of a boy. Thank you for all you do to this end.

THE FALL

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Fall Cub Adventure Weekend - Round up your buckaroos and head out to Camp Kootaga on October 13-15 for Cub Adventure. This is a family camp with all the fixins’ provided. Sign up the whole family for a boot scootin’ good time! Registration deadline is September 29th. If you have any questions, call or text Phil Newbanks at 304-588-3993.

Popcorn is up and Running! A great way to fund your unit for the year is by selling Scout Popcorn. We are hoping to grow our sale even more to help the boys pay their way in Scouting and fund your unit. If you have any questions about the popcorn sale, please contact Nathan Ware (natstrads@hotmail.com) right away.

University of Scouting The University of Scouting, always held the first Saturday in November, is an opportunity for great adult leader training as well as a youth achievement. The University is broken into three colleges, Merit Badges, Training, Webelos Activities. For adult leader training, we will be offering a degree program for people to earn associates, bachelors, masters and doctorates in Scouting. Courses offered will be all the basic adult leader training as well as supplemental training including but not limited to, Working with Special Needs Scouts, Geocaching and more. If you are interested in teaching or taking a course or have questions about training, contact Dean of Training, Todd Handley, todd.handley@zoetis.com. We will be offering most Eagle Required Merit Badges as well as other hard to get badges including Welding, Robotics and more. If you would like to teach a merit badge or have questions, contact University President & Dean of Merit Badge College, Robin Ollis-Stemple.
This is Sponsored by the United Methodist Men of the West Virginia Conference. Scouting units are not required to be chartered by the United Methodist Church to attend the event.

There will be a
CIRCUIT RIDER
GOLF SCRAMBLE
September 8th,
Registration 8:30am
Tygart Lake Public Golf Course
Please call for reservation:
Paul Hanko, hank9o@comcast.net,
304-292-3840 or
Ken Shanes, kkshanes@aol.com,
304-983-2016

CIRCUIT RIDER 29th Events
(Proposed events include but not limited to:)
Golf Scramble
Radio Controlled Model Airplanes
Tomahawk Throw
Geo-Caching
First Aid
God & Country Booth
Chain Saw Carving
Frozen T-Shirt Contest
Leaders & Scouts Dutch Oven Cooking

Rules of Conduct
1. No Ground Fires Permitted. Bring portable fire pit if you want campfire
2. All Scouts & Leaders must wear Registration wristbands
3. All Scouts need to be in their camping area from 10:00pm until morning flag
4. Remember the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles while camping
5. No pets allowed
6. GOOD CONDUCT IS EXPECTED

Scouts having fun at the Circuit Rider!
Introducing the
New Member Coordinator Position
for all units

The Key to Growing Membership is Forming Welcoming Relationships

**WHY?**
New Member Coordinators in every unit can help the BSA to address the current challenges:

- We lose a high percentage of youth and families soon after joining.
- We are not engaging enough millennial moms, who should be our target market.
- We are not reaching the fastest-growing youth population groups demographically.
- We are overly dependent legacy Scouting Families. We are not connecting with today’s families who do not have a family member who was a Scout (the majority).

**BENEFITS**
The Benefits of having New Member Coordinators can be substantial:

- Continuing engagement of youth and families rather than many leaving after only a few weeks.
- Healthier units with a higher level of volunteerism.
- More youth developing character, learning new skills, having fun and adventure.
- Districts are strengthened by the creativity, collaboration, and connections of the New Member Coordinators.

The **NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR** position:

- Is designed for EVERY type of unit, EVERY age level and EVERY program.
- Uses a TEAM approach, encouraging more than one NMC in each unit, so that it’s fun & engaging for everyone.
- Allows NMC team members to tailor their work to individual interests/expertise and the particular needs of the unit.
- Is recruited and supported by key unit leadership.
- Is mentored by the District Membership Chair and becomes part of the District Membership team.

**New Member Coordinators** To be considered “trained” Take the online “welcome” Course + one or more of the following online courses: 1. Share the Benefits of Scouting; 2. Coordinate Unit Recruitment; 3. Guide Joining and Welcoming [www.Scouting.org/NMC](http://www.Scouting.org/NMC) or contact:

TRACI SAFFELL, VP of MEMBERSHIP  tracifout.1ssip@gmail.com or 740.516.9736
Hello Everyone,

The 10th annual Catholic Camporee will be held September 22-24, 2017. To celebrate, our 10th Camporee the event will be held in Huttonsville, WV at Camp Bosco (Formerly known as Camp Tygart) located on the grounds of the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center.

We hope you all will attend and help celebrate our 10th annual camporee.

The cost to attend is $25 per attendee prior to September 1st and $30/attendee after.

Please note that all Scouts of all faiths are welcome to attend.

Highlights of the Camporee include:

1. Activities at Camp Bosco including shooting sports, climbing and zip line.
2. Traditional Scout activities such as fire building, orienteering, hiking etc.
3. Mass
4. Dinner on Saturday
5. Campfire

Please watch for further details about the planned activities.

Please feel free to forward this information to other units in your area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at catholiccamporee@aol.com or at 304-975-2096 (my cell#).

I and the Catholic Committee on Scouting look forward to seeing each one of you.

Yours in Scouting

Chris Gorski

SEE PAGE 21 FOR THE ORDER FORM
# Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
## 2017 Catholic Camporee Order Form
**Camp Bosco, Huttonsville, WV**

**September 22-24, 2017**

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Make checks payable to: Chris Gorski
Mail To: Chris Gorski, 1034 Ashton Dr, Morgantown WV 26508

*requires bedding and all other items
†bedding included, need to bring all other items
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Enclosed you will find:
- Camporee information sheet
- A Troop Registration form
- Diocese permission form (to be copied and completed for each youth)
- Tentative schedule for the weekend activities (subject to change)
- Directions to Camp Bosco, Huttonsville WV
- Special needs accommodations

If you wish to register more youths and adults than space permits on the form, send the additional names and addresses on a piece of paper attached to the Registration Form.

Please follow BSA rules concerning Two Deep Leadership. We request that every 6-8 youths be accompanied by an adult. If your Troop cannot comply with this ratio, let us know. However, we strongly urge you to find responsible adult chaperones. You not only help us provide a safe, well supervised experience for your youth, but also by sending adults you allow them to meet other adult Scout Leaders and provide the possibility of future networking in Scouting. This can be an experience of learning and growth (in youth ministry) for adults as well as youth.

Total cost for the Camporee is $30 which includes dinner on Saturday, a special T-shirt, a patch and materials. If we receive your registration form and full payment by September 1st, there will be a $5 discount, making the total cost $25 for each person you are registering. Any registrations received after September 1st, will cost $30 per person (youth or adult).

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

The Camporee begins with check-in on Friday evening at Camp Bosco. Onsite registration and check-in will be available from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Your group should plan to arrive no later than 8:00 p.m. so that you can receive your camp site assignment and set up your camp. Saturday arrivals can register upon arrival (Activities will start around 8:30 AM)! Each unit must have registration form, permission forms, and applicable BSA health forms.

We hope that you and the youth of your Troop will join with us as a part of this tremendously enriching experience. We pray that you will be there in Huttonsville on September 22nd through September 24th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Office of Youth Ministry at the address above or by calling: (304) 233-0880 ext. 335. Or you can contact me at home 304-292-1136, by cell 304-975-2096, or catholiccamporee@aol.com.

Chris Gorski
2017 Catholic Camporee Committee
1034 Ashton Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26508
REGISTRATION: 2017 10th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CAMPOREE

TROOP ___________________ PARISH ____________________________

ADDRESS __________________ CITY ________ STATE _____ ZIP________

CONTACT PERSON ___________________ TITLE ___________________ PHONE __________________________

E-MAIL: __________________________________________________________________

Arrival Day - (check one) __ Friday evening __ Saturday Morning

**Those attending:**

**ADULTS:**

NAME ____________________ TROOP POSITION ____________ SEX __________

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**IF YOU ARE REGISTERING MORE SCOUTS OR ADULTS FROM YOUR TROOP, PLEASE CLIP OR STAPLE ADDITIONAL FORMS TO THIS ONE. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FILL OUT THE GROUP INFORMATION MORE THAN ONCE.**

**REGISTRATION and PAYMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:**

Chris Gorski  
2017 Catholic Camporee Committee  
1034 Ashton Drive  
Morgantown, WV 2650

**Make checks payable to:** Chris Gorski
Office of Youth/Young Adult & Campus Ministries
Department of Catholic Education & Parish Life
P. O. Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER
(This consent form must be submitted prior to the youth’s participation in the Youth Ministry event)

Participant’s Name_____________________________________________________________________
Birth Date:________________________ Sex:______________________________________
Parent/Guardian’s Name:________________________________________________________________
Home Address:_______________________________________________________________________
Home Phone:___________________________ Business Phone:____________________________
I,____________________, grant permission for my child,_____________________________________
( Parent or Guardian’s Name)                                                                                       (Child’s Name)
to participate in this Office of Youth Ministry event. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of volunteers from the
Office of Youth Ministry. A brief description of the activity follows:

Type of Event: Catholic Boy Scout Camporee
Destination of Event: Huttonsville WV – Camp Bosco
Individual in Charge: Chris Gorski/ Shawn Madden
Estimated time of departure and return: September 22 – 24, 2017
Mode of transportation to and from event: Self Provided

As parent/and or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor (participant).

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the Youth Ministry
Office, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, chaperons, or representatives associated with the event,
 arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in
connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors, and agents, and the Dioceses of Wheeling-Charleston,
chaperons, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.
Signature:____________________________________ Date:________________________

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility
 for the health of my child. (Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a
hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the
event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Name and Relationship: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Family Doctor: ________________________________________ Phone: ____________

Family Health Plan Carrier: ______________________________________ Policy#: ________________________

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: _________________________________

Other Medical Treatment: In the event it comes to the attention of the Youth Ministry Office, its officers, directors and agents, and the

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, chaperons, or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as

headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called collect (with phone charges reversed to myself).

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: _________________________________

No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life threatening and

emergency treatment is required.

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: _________________________________

I hereby grant permission to non-prescription medications such as (aspirin, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed

appropriate.

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: _________________________________

Specific Medical Information: The Youth Ministry Office will take reasonable care to see that the following information be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): _____________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: ______________________________________

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Any physical limitations? ______________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Is child subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, fainting? 

________________________________________________________________________________________

Has child recently been exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc.? 

If so, date, disease or condition: _____________________________________________________________

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child:

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________
A NOTE TO CHAPERONS
In order to ensure an enjoyable, safe, and meaningful experience for all, your maximum cooperation is needed to conduct the convention in an orderly manner. We ask that you come mentally prepared to assist those in charge with enforcing the code of behavior for the weekend. We want our young participants to enjoy themselves fully, but not at the expense of breaking rules and infringing on the rights of others.

We are not asking you to come to the camporee and be a “bad guy” with the youth. We’re just asking that you be a responsible adult who can have fun with teens while assuming an adult role as on who takes charge when rules need enforced. Rules establish order; we need you to help us keep order.

Your cooperation and help will guarantee a great camporee this year and the promise of continuing the growth of the West Virginia Catholic Camporee in future years.

Thank you.

Camporee CODE OF BEHAVIOR

All those attending the camporee are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, Christian manner. Our goal is for you to have a meaningful and enjoyable experience. The following guidelines will ensure a safe and mannerly experience for all of us at the convention.

1. You are expected to attend all activities and participate fully.

2. You are required to be in your camp sites by curfew and observe silence at lights out so that all will have the opportunity to get their proper rest.

3. Nametags must be worn at all times.

4. The possession of alcohol or illegal drugs is clearly prohibited and is cause for immediate notification of parents and immediate dismissal from the camporee.

5. Mixed company in tents is not permitted at any time.

6. Smoking is prohibited in cottages or buildings. According to state law, no one under age 18 is permitted possession or use of tobacco products.

7. ANY DAMAGE TO THE FACILITY WILL BE BILLED TO THE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP RESPONSIBLE.

8. All Youth are accountable to all adults.

You are expected to conduct yourself as a Catholic Christian young person who exhibits respect for the rules as well as for those in charge and your peers.
Special Needs Accommodations

Please let us know if you have any of the following needs as soon as possible. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

♦ **Accommodations:** If you have any mobility, visual or audio needs, please check below or in an attached note.

   Wheelchair _____  Braille_______  Hearing Impaired_____  Interpreter_______

   Please describe your disability: ______________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

♦ Please check the areas in which you will need assistance:

   Walking  Eating  Dressing
   Personal Care (e.g. bathing)
   Bathroom  Help during the night

♦ I use a:

   Wheelchair  Walker
   Language Board  Cane
   Other________________________________

♦ Special diet, please describe: ______________________________________