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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING and
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOURS!!**



**FROM THE STAFF OF THE
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Nominating Committee Announcement

Scouts and Scouters, A brief note on behalf of your Council Nominating Committee. Let this message serve as a formal announcement of the nominating committee process for the Allohak Council. Your Executive Board has selected Past President Greg Gentry to serve as chair of your upcoming nominating committee. Greg will be assisted by President Elect Steve Cogar in this process. Presently, they are collectively securing additional members to serve on this committee. In process, already are nominating committees in each District of our Council. This process is vital at both the District and Council level. Think of it collectively as the draft process to cultivate and recruit new volunteers at every level of the District and Council operations. Under our Board's leadership, our focus is to have balance in each District and the Council in three areas; Program, Membership and Finance. Without balance at every level in these three areas, our Council runs the risk of not being able to function effectively.

The District and Council's primary role is to support our Units. To do that we must provide quality customer service, trainings, support, insurance, plus property maintenance and up-keep of each of our wonderful camps. If we cannot effectively do that we run the huge risk of our camps falling in disrepair and not being able to adequately provide support to our Units and Unit Leaders. Lastly, and truly critical we must maintain the financial solvency of our great council to deliver these promises.

Please make sure this message is shared with your Charter Organization Representatives. They will also be mailed a letter personally. If you have volunteers or civic and community leaders you feel the Nominating Committee should consider email their information to either Greg Gentry, scouts231@aol.com or Steve Cogar scogar0001@suddenlink.net prior to Dec. 1st, 2017. The Council's annual business meeting will be conducted during the month of January 2018. On behalf of your Board, Officers and The Boy Scouts of America let me truly thank you for all you do for the young people we impact every day.

All my best,

Todd

W.Todd Walter

Allohak Interim Scout Executive

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 On-line rechartering begins HH Roundtable Athens Rec Center 7:00pm	2 LK Dist Committee Meeting 7PM City Nat'l Bank, Ripley	3	4 University of Scouting at WVU-P
5 Daylight Savings Time ENDS	6 Wash Dist Committee Meeting HI Roundtable 7:00pm Camp Mahonegon	7 Blenn Dist Committee Meeting	8 HH Roundtable Athens Rec Center 7:00pm District Committee Meeting follows Mahonegon Maint. Committee Meeting	9 Wash Roundtable & Commiss Meeting LK Rondtable, 7PM St Johns UMC, Spencer Stonewall Dist Committee Meeting St Marks, 7PM	10	11 Veteran's Day Popcorn Distribution
12 Camp Kootaga Committee Meeting	13	14 Blenn Dist Roundtable 6:30 St Andrews UMC SJ Roundtable & Dist committee 7PM St Marks Lutheran Church	15 Silver Beaver & North Star nominations due in Scout office	16 Executive Committee Meeting Clarksburg	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING (OFFICE CLOSED)	24 (OFFICE CLOSED)	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Highland Roundtable 7:00 @ Mahonegon Wash Dist Committee Meeting	5 Blenn District Committee 7:00 Scout Office	6 Hock Hocking Roundtable 7:00 & Committee @ Athens Rec Center	7 LK Dist Committee Meeting 7PM City Nat'l Bank, Ripley	8 Final Popcorn Payment Due!	9 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
10	11	12 Blenn Roundtable, 6:30 St Andrew UMC SJ & HI Roundtable & Dist Committee, St Marks Lutheran Church	13 Mahonegon Maint Committee Meeting	14 Wash Dist Commiss & Roundtable Meeting LK Roundtable, 7PM St Johns UMC	15 Charters Due in Scout Office Journey to Excellence Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter Executive Committee Meeting Parkersburg	22 MERRY CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED 22-26	23
24 MERRY CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED 22-26 HAPPY 31 NEW YEAR	25	26	27	28	29	30



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Howard Dewald
Council President

Transitions in Scouting

The leaves are turning colors and falling, the temperatures are getting cooler and the autumn Scouting events have been in full swing. Most certainly, I cannot say “Thank you” enough times to all the leaders and volunteers supporting Scouting events!

Fall brings recruitment opportunities for new Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. This season also brings on new leadership to each unit. Why is this so important? Recruitment and retention sustains Scouting and means GROWTH for the Allohak Council. Fall is a good time to reflect on adult leadership. Do you have the right leaders? Do you have them in the right positions? Are your leaders trained? Did you know that only 50% of adult leaders have completed all training? Besides Youth Protection Training there are position specific courses, such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor, Pack, Troop and Venturing Committee, Outdoor Leader and several safety/weather related situations. BSA offers numerous on-line training courses; the URL is <http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>.

Fall also means Popcorn sales. Why? Without popcorn and other fund-raising activities we cannot sustain Scouting. Quoting our former Central Region Area 4 President, Dave Wyrick, “We have to think about money.” Popcorn sales are more than the product, it is the opportunity to tell your Scouting story and connect with the community. Even if your unit is able to raise funds through other means, popcorn sales support the day-to-day operations of Scouting throughout the council. Again, thank you!

And finally, there is a lot of “buzz” about membership fee increases and the addition of girls into Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Periodic fee increases meet the demands for the national BSA operations and in the coming months the roll-out of girls into Cub Scouts will be introduced followed later with Boy Scouts. Each of these will maintain the experiences for boys while expanding to new opportunities for girl-based Cub Scout packs and single-gender Scouting programs for older girls. Stay tuned.



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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 41 Scouts that have achieved that honor.

List of Eagle’s since our last publication:

- Aufdencampe, Devin R** - Troop 19, Blennerhassett
- Barber, Benjamin Mark** - Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson
- Bennett, Nathan Alan** - Troop 203 Washington
- Frank, Allen William** - Troop 13, Blennerhassett
- Pollutro, Anthony James**- Troop 40, Stonewall Jackson
- Pugh, Logan Bradley** - Troop 222, Washington
- Schoonover, Matthew Joel** - Troop 547, Stonewall Jackson

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.

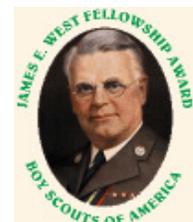
I would like to be counted as “One of the One Hundred” as a James E. West Fellow during the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

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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 \$ _____
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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
- By Gus Morris in memory of Frank L Grubbs former Troop 72 Scoutmaster

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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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Washington County in Ohio**

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University Of Scouting Nov 4, 2017 - Once again the Allohak Council is pleased to partner with West Virginia University at Parkersburg for the annual educational and advancement opportunity!

OA Winter Banquet Dec 09, 2017 - The Winter Banquet is our annual Lodge Recognition Event! Come celebrate the past year and look forward to the next as we recognize fellow Arrowment including: New Ordeal Members, New Brotherhood Members, New Vigil Members, and New Eagle Scouts. The Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet will be held at Camp Mahonegan on December 09, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The cost is 10.00 per person before Dec 1, 15.00 thereafter. **THIS IS A CATERED EVENT. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN ORDER ENOUGH FOOD.**

Journey To Excellence - Every year each unit is asked to finish a Journey To Excellence (JTE) form to show how well their unit performed that calendar year. Each unit is asked to submit their form with their recharter. (2017 JTE are due December 15) However, the JTE isn't meant to be a form to fill out to say how well you did for the past year. The JTE is a tool to help your unit improve, which is why it is called Journey to Excellence. For example, the first requirement for Cub Scout Packs, "Planning and Budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the pack committee, and it follows BSA policies relating to fundraising." This is something that all Scout units should do. It is when we start to put things off, try to take short cuts that this doesn't happen. The Bronze level achievement of "Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the pack committee." is just basic planning that every unit committee should do. Fill out your JTE form and see how well you did, is there something that you wish you would have done differently this year. As a new year's resolution, look at the 2018 JTE requirements and see how you can better serve the youth in your unit by following the basic concepts of managing your Pack, Troop or Crew. 2017 & 2018 Scorecards and Excel Sheets are available now at www.scouting.org/jte.

What is Roundtable? - Sometimes new leaders will say "I wish we had some time that I could speak with people who have done this before to get ideas." I will respond, "You can, that is what roundtable is for." Every month every district has roundtable where we discuss upcoming events, pass out necessary materials and have training on relevant subjects. For new leaders it is a great time to get some ideas on better improving your unit's program and get tips on how to make your volunteering responsibility easier. For our veteran Scouters it is a chance to give back to the next generation of Scouter what someone passed onto you. If no one did mentor you in that way, this is your chance to help someone not have the struggles that you did. Just as we have Den Chiefs help our Cub Scouts and the Patrol Leader

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IT'S RE-CHARTER TIME!! – Re-chartering begins November 1. The Charters are printed and have been dispersed to the Units. Online re-chartering is required and the re-charter packet contains an access code. We are asking each unit to sign on to the re-chartering website using your new credentials before Saturday November 5. We have a tutorial link on our website plus have Roundtable discussions regarding Re-chartering, the do's and don'ts, and questions & answers. Please do your part to get them turned in on time and to make sure that everyone has them completed properly. We can do it!! Any concerns contact the Scout Service Center, your District Commissioner or your District Executive.

ROUNDTABLE - Our Roundtable Commissioners Verna Lazear and Keith Morrow work hard to prepare a monthly roundtable agenda and will appreciate suggestions. This is a great time to share ideas, learn about Scouting activities and events, etc. Roundtable is open to everyone interested in preparing for next month's Scouting theme. Please promote attendance at Roundtable to all adult leaders in your Scouting units. We also provide additional information on upcoming events in our District and Council. Do you feel like you are in the dark? Send someone to Roundtable, and let's have some fun!!!

The Hock Hocking District's Scouting program keeps rolling along!! We had a great Fall Camporee at Burr Oak State Park! Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered!! For more information on that event, check out

our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/hock-hocking-district-boy-scouts-of-america/fun-times-at-the-fall-camporee/1469819366400273/>.

There are SOOOOOOO many more fun and engaging activities coming up in the Hock Hocking District!!!! Here's the rundown:

- **SPECIAL November 1st Roundtable** -- Our Monthly Roundtable meetings are always great for finding out more about Scouting, but next month, we have a special edition Roundtable!!! This one's for EVERYONE in the community (parents, family members, leaders, educators, etc.). The theme for the Roundtable is: Working with Children That Have ADHD and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder, with keynote speaker Dr. Julie Owens from the Department of Psychology at Ohio University. There will be lots of great information for ANYONE working with youth having these special needs. The event begins at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 1st and lasts for about an hour. We hope to see you there!

- **NOVEMBER:** Scout Night at the Ohio University vs. Toledo Football Game -- Scout Night is coming to Ohio University Football! Put on those uniforms, purchase your discounted tickets (\$7/ each), and watch as Ohio University plays Toledo at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 8th at Peden Stadium on the campus of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio! Scouts will get a chance to "line the tunnel" as the Bobcats run out! Scouts will also be announced over the speaker system during the game! The first 200 Scouts and/or family members to purchase tickets will receive a COOL FOOTBALL patch! To purchase tickets for the event:

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1. Go to www.ohiobobcats.com. Click on "Tickets" on the top ribbon. Click on "Buy Now" under the tickets option
2. On the right-hand side under the Bobcat logo, in the "Enter promo code" box type "SCOUT" and then click on "Go".
3. It will take you to a screen with a Bobcat logo on the left-hand side and the right side will say "Allohak Council Hocking District Promotion, Toledo, Nov 8"
4. Click on "Find tickets", then click on section 102 which is highlighted in green. Then click on any of the seats in green, hit continue.
5. That will take you to the check-out screen where you will pay for the ticket.

• **DECEMBER:** Climb Into Scouting! -- Want to climb higher than ever before? Join us on on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd from 1:30-3:00pm at the climbing wall in the Ping Recreational Center on the OU campus to learn how to safely climb while "on rope". Instructors from Outdoor Pursuits will be on hand to help Scouts of all ages climb indoors! Although climbing will be restricted to a limited # of Scouts, there is lots of seating for families and friends to observe, so make this a family outing! Everyone registered applicant will receive a special event patch for "doing their best"! Online registration will be coming very soon, so mark your calendars!

• **JANUARY:** Polar Bear Plunge! Who goes swimming in the middle of the winter????!! We do!! Join us on Saturday, January 6th from 1:30-4:00pm at the Ohio University Aquatic Center for a winter swim and fun activities. The tentative cost is \$5 and includes the entrance fee, insurance, a cool Polar Bear Plunge patch, and a chance for your son and his family to hang out with their friends!!! Leaders: this is a great chance for you to work with your youth on aquatics-related advancements!

• **FEBRUARY PREVIEW:** February is Scout month and right now we've got a whole roster of fun Scouting-related activities in the works like: Scouting for Food, Scout Sunday, Scout Week, and much, much more!! Stay tuned . . .

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to drop me an email (milamkeith@gmail.com). Hope to see you soon!

Submitted by
Keith Milam
Activities and Civic Service Chair

CAMPMASER POPCORN - Sales began on Saturday, September 8. I would like to thank all the units that participated in this year's popcorn sale. Marketing Popcorn is an important part of Scouting. It helps each unit as well as the council, plus the youth get out in the communities and meet new people. These sales immensely help the unit and council. Again, Thank YOU!!!! Popcorn distribution is Saturday, November 11 at Classic Brands in Albany, OH. Payment is due to the Council office on Friday, December 8. Check the Allohak Website (www.allohak.org) for additional information.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING - Please remember that ALL adult leaders must update/complete Youth Protection Training before re-chartering. In your re-charter packets, you will find a list of registered leaders and the date they completed their training. This training must be completed every year. You will also find a list of leaders and the trainings that are needed to be certified as a trained leader.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS - Hock-Hocking will hold the annual election of the District officers on January 3, 2018 at the Athens Recreation Center on East State Street at 7:00 pm.

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YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING - Please remember that ALL adult leaders must update/complete Youth Protection Training before re-chartering. In your re-charter packets, you will find a list of registered leaders and the date they completed their training. This training must be completed every year. You will also find a list of leaders and the trainings that are needed to be certified as a trained leader.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS – Washington District will hold the annual election of the District officers on January 11, 2018 at the Norwood United Methodist Church at 6:00 pm. - Mark your calendars for the Klondike Derby to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Details are available on the Allohak web site or from Shawn Harris, (740) 373-2239.

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The Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1990 to protect, conserve, and restore habitat for wildlife native to the river's floodplain. The refuge consists of twenty-two islands and four mainland tracts scattered along 362 miles of the upper Ohio River. Most of the refuge's 3440 acres of land and underwater habitat are in West Virginia; however, Pennsylvania and Kentucky each have two refuge islands. The refuge is important in conserving the "wild" Ohio within one of our nation's busiest inland waterways. Refuge islands are gradually returning to forested conditions after years of farming, oil and gas extraction, and other activities. The refuge works to protect wildlife and habitats native to the Ohio River and its floodplain. Migratory birds and endangered freshwater mussels are among the important wildlife emphasized on the refuge.

Over the next year the refuge will be offering 4 merit badges for Washington District Scouts. These include Bird Study, Soil and Water, Fish and Wildlife, and Forestry. One will be offered each quarter. Check the Allohak Website and the Commissioner's newsletters for details.

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**FOR DISTRICT (and council) EVENT DATES
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University Of Scouting Nov 4, 2017 - Once again the Allohak Council is pleased to partner with West Virginia University at Parkersburg for the annual educational and advancement opportunity!

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Journey To Excellence - Every year each unit is asked to finish a Journey To Excellence (JTE) form to show how well their unit performed that calendar year. Each unit is asked to submit their form with their recharter. (2017 JTE are due December 15) However, the JTE isn't meant to be a form to fill out to say how well you did for the past year. The JTE is a tool to help your unit improve, which is why it is called Journey to Excellence. For example, the

first requirement for Cub Scout Packs, "Planning and Budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the pack committee, and it follows BSA policies relating to fundraising." This is something that all Scout units should do. It is when we start to put things off, try to take short cuts that this doesn't happen. The Bronze level achievement of "Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the pack committee." is just basic planning that every unit committee should do. Fill out your JTE form and see how well you did, is there something that you wish you would have done differently this year. As a new year's resolution, look at the 2018 JTE requirements and see how you can better serve the youth in your unit by following the basic concepts of managing your Pack, Troop or Crew. 2017 & 2018 Scorecards and Excel Sheets are available now at www.scouting.org/jte.

What is Roundtable? Sometimes new leaders will say "I wish we had some time that I could speak with people who have done this before to get ideas." I will respond, "You can, that is what roundtable is for." Every month every district has roundtable where we discuss upcoming events, pass out necessary materials and have training on relevant subjects. For new leaders it is a great time to get some ideas on better improving your unit's program and get tips on how to make your volunteering responsibility easier. For our veteran Scouters it is a chance to give back to the next generation of Scouter what someone passed onto you. If no one did mentor you in that way, this is your chance to help someone not have the struggles that you did. Just as we have Den Chiefs help our Cub Scouts and the Patrol Leader and SPL help our younger Scouts, our veteran leaders help our new leaders to do Scouting the right way. The Little Kanawha Roundtable is the second Thursday of the month. For more information contact District Commissioner Joe Woolweaver. (info above)



COMMISSIONER MINUTE



Greg Godwin
Council
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2017 is almost over. Our recruitment season was very successful. With several new families in our units, everyone needs to focus on retention efforts.

Unit leaders can help by showing how our new leaders find training online to empower them to be effective Scout leaders. Remember, trained leaders have a higher retention rate. They have a higher retention rate because the meetings/activities are well organized and fun.

Unit Commissioners can help by visiting their units. Commissioners' guide and resource unit leaders through by promoting training of direct contact leaders. Commissioners help link units to program opportunities in the District and Council.

It is very important that commissioners log their visits on commissioner's tools. Reporting our visits is critical in assisting our Council's efforts to improve our JTE score. The Council has made progress and the commissioner numbers are up over last year.

I want to thank the Allohak Commissioner Staff for their faithful work on behalf of Scouts of the council during the last 10 months. Continue your hard work as we complete the last two months of 2017.

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

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Boy Scout Summer Camp Director

We are seeking an individual who will work with the Camp Staff and Council employees to prepare Camp Kootaga for the Allohak Council's Summer Camping Program.

This individual will manage the operation of Camp Kootaga and maintains constant concern for the health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of the campers who attend Camp Kootaga.

This individual must be at least 21 (preferably 25) years old and possess a current BSA National Camping School Card or be willing to attend a week-long camp school session and be a registered member (or willing to become a member) of the Boy Scouts of America. Must be able to clearly speak, read and write the English language. Hold a valid current driver's license. Must successfully complete a background check.

The Camp Director works closely with the Council Staff Advisor and with the Program Director to plan and execute the Allohak Council's summer camp plan at Camp Kootaga and provide leadership and guidance to the summer camp staff.

The Camp Director working with the staff and other Council employees will manage the camp records, including collection of and accounting for camper fees, trading post revenues, petty cash and purchase orders. He will also ensure that Camp Kootaga meets and complies with National Camp Standards and any applicable local, state and national standards, licenses, permits and requirements.

The Camp Director is expected to promote the summer camping program offered at Camp Kootaga to the Scouting community as well as recruit, train and supervise a qualified camp staff to meet the program needs of Camp Kootaga. Working with the camp staff, the Camp Director will make frequent inspections of camp giving due consideration to supplies, equipment, facilities and operating practices of the camp and units in camp. Have a thorough knowledge of all procedures related to health and safety, council and national policies, use of equipment and operation of facility. The Camp Director will enforce all such policies.

Supervision of the physical operation of Camp Kootaga including equipment, trading post and special facilities and overseeing the implementation of programs at Camp Kootaga is part of the day to day concerns of the Camp Director. Also. The camp director will maintain harmonious relations with commercial concerns with whom the camp deals, as well as maintaining the high moral of the staff, inspire trust, recognize achievement and make note of poor performance through personal observations and staff meetings.

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