



# The P★lar STAR



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## **SPRING**

Spring is one of the four conventional temperate seasons, following winter and preceding summer. There are various technical definitions of spring, but local usage of the term varies according to local climate, cultures and customs. When it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere, it will be autumn in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. At the spring equinox, days are approximately 12 hours long with day length increasing as the season progresses.

Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and regrowth. Subtropical and tropical areas have climates better described in terms of other seasons, e.g. dry or wet, monsoonal or cyclonic. Often, cultures have locally defined names for seasons which have little equivalence to the terms originating in Europe. Spring is the time when many plants begin to grow and flower.

Spring is also the time for Scouting units to "gear up" and prepare for the upcoming year. In the months to follow, there will be campouts, Cub Scout Day Camps, Boy Scout summer camping and many more activities that units will be having. It's a great time to recruit new members to your unit.

Spring also mean longer days and more sunlight. It also means the start of Daylight Saving Time — when nearly all of the U.S. will collectively set their clocks ahead an hour, causing us to lose an hour of sleep. Daylight Saving Time — sometimes incorrectly called daylight savings time and often referred to as "spring forward" — begins on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 2 a.m. — when people should set their clocks ahead an hour to 3 a.m.

Though your cellphones and smart devices should change automatically, don't forget to turn those manual bedside alarm clocks forward, or you could risk oversleeping.

Daylight Savings Time occurs twice a year, beginning on the second Sunday of March and ending on the first Sunday of November, when we set our clocks back an hour, allowing us to get that precious hour of sleep back.

**MARCH 2018**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> OA Elections begin Little Kanawha Roundtable, St Johns UMC Spencer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Service Day at Camp Kootaga & Camp Mahonegon
<b>4</b> WinterPlace Ski Day LAST ONE!	<b>5</b> Wash Dist Committee Meeting 6:30 Norwood UMC Highland Roundtable 7pm at Camp Mahonegon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wash Dist Recognition Dinner 6pm at Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell, OH LK Dist Committee Meeting, City National Bank, Ripley	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Daylight Savings Time BEGINS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Blennerhassett Dist Roundtable, St Andrews UMC	<b>14</b> Blennerhassett Dist Committee Meeting, Scout Office	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>St Patrick's Day</b> Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby The Market
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Highland & Stonewall District Recognition Dinner	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> OA Spring Fellowship	<b>24</b> at Camp Kootaga Davis Anderson Memorial Pinewood Derby - Grand Central Mall
<b>25</b> OA Spring Fellowship at Camp Kootaga Palm Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Show N Sell paymentn and returns due	<b>30</b> Good Friday Sevice Center CLOSED	<b>31</b>

**APRIL 2018**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> April Fool's Day EASTER	<b>2</b> Wash Dist Committee Meeting at Norwood UMC Roundtable 6:30 Highland Roundtable 7pm at Camp Mahonegon	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> HH Roundtable at the Athens Rec Center	<b>5</b> LK Roundtable at St Johns UMC, Spencer	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tax Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Nut distribution	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> First Day of Spring
<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ordeal Weekend Camp Mahonegon
<b>29</b> Ordeal Weekend Camp Mahonegon	<b>30</b>					



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



## Scouting and Change



Howard Dewald  
Council President

When I was Cub Scout in the mid-1960s, our meetings were with my Den Mother at her home. My Wolf book was not the same as the 2018 version. My pinewood derby car looked a lot different than today's designs.

Change in Scouting has been constant, is inevitable, and certainly the reason Scouting still exists. While the fundamentals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are firmly grounded and the principles of character and skills development continue to guide the program, we cannot remain in a static mode concerning the program.

If you are keeping up-to-date with the Scouting movement, you are well aware that Family Scouting is underway (<http://www.allohak.org/index.php/news/family-scouting>). This is only the latest in membership growth efforts aimed to stay current and to exist. I know that not everyone agrees, but this is an exciting time and Scouting will advance.

The Allohak Council has welcomed its second woman District Executive with the hiring of April McFarlin in the Blennerhassett and Little Kanawha Districts beginning on March 1, 2018. We welcome her and look forward to continued excellence in these districts under her leadership. At the same time, as we say goodbye to Tim Rupert we thank him for his contributions and wish him well in the Akron, Ohio area.

Our Family Friends of Scouting is being refreshed, too. I am hopeful that Cubmasters and Scoutmasters will invite presentations at a Pack meeting or Troop Court of Honor. Funding for the Scouting program relies on many contributions from popcorn and nut sales, fund-raising dinners, United Way, and YES and very importantly, direct family support.

Change will continue with council operations. The Allohak Council structure is under examination. The condition of the Parkersburg Service Center is under review for renovation. The Executive Board leadership will transition on March 1st with Steve Cogar as the new Allohak Council President. I am excited for his leadership, commitment, and dedication as Scouting continues its Journey to Excellence.

Thank you for your involvement in Scouting. Thank you for the commitment of your time and your talents and your treasure.

Most sincerely,  
-Howard Dewald  
Past President



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## Klondike Recap

We had a great Klondike this year! Thank you too all of those who help us, especially Dan Wetsch and Dave Christafore. Also thank you to all the volunteers who led stations over the weekend. We have also found some more volunteers to take over for next year but we are also still looking for people to help out, so please call your district executive if you are interested.

Also Day Camp is coming up soon and we are looking forward to having a great camp this year.

We had a great turnout last year and we are planning to continue that. But in order to do so we need some help, if anyone is able to help this year in any way please contact Peggy Sue Miller our Stonewall Jackson Day Camp Director. We hope to continue the success of this great camp so leaders continue to encourage your cubs to come to camp.

**Recognition Dinner:** Just some last-minute notes, we are still taking nominations for the next week, so if anyone has any nominations please contact the office as soon as possible. We have some great nominations so far and we are looking forward to having a great dinner.

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**District Recognition Dinner** - On behalf of the members of the Blennerhassett District Committee, we would like to invite you to join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship. This year we welcome a new District Executive, April McFarlin and District Chairman, Russ Skogstad. 2017 was a very busy and challenging year that we would like to recognize the many leaders that played a major role in helping your unit shape the future of the youth in our community. Each year our District Committee selects deserving nominees for recognition in a variety of honors. From recognizing the outstanding first year Leader to the District’s highest honor, of the “District Award of Merit”.

Please make plans to join us Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church, 3329 Broad St, Parkersburg, WV 26104. The festivities will begin at 6:00pm and dinner will begin promptly at 6:30pm with the Program following. All Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear your Class A, “Court of Honor” best, Uniform.

Instead of the usual \$5 per person cost to cover food and awards, we offer the option that each unit attending can reserve a table for \$20. Each table holds upto 8 people and must be

reserved prior to the April 3rd deadline. For a unit attending with more than 8 people, please reserve more than one table. If you don’t have enough leaders to reserve a table or are the only one attending from your unit, the individual preregistration fee is \$4 per person. The cost at the door is \$5 per person. We hope this will encourage your unit to take advantage of early registration.

This year Pack 12, Troop 12 and Crew 12 will sponsor the Dinner. We ask that you please bring an item for the dessert table.

Please take the time to complete the nomination form so we may recognize those that have been instrumental in our success. Both the nomination and reservation forms need to be returned to the Scout office by April 3rd. Please send me an email if you have any general questions.

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

Yours in Scouting,  
Todd Handley  
Blennerhassett District Commissioner  
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**Unit Journey To Excellence** - We had several units who also earned Gold, Silver and Bronze on Journey to Excellence. The JTE is set up not to be a report card of how well you did, but a plan to improve your unit's Scouting program. Go through the 2016 JTE form and plan your program year around the recommendations for Gold. We had several units who marked down that they had achieved at a Gold level for community service, but going through the system, none of their hours were showing. In order for service hours to count, they have to be submitted to through the system. Any projects or hours not logged into the JTE system do not count towards JTE. For Cub Scout Packs, the only camping that is counted is at District or Council Day, Resident or Family Camps. Pack overnights do not count for your camping hours. For you Pack & Troop Advancement, these can only be counted if your unit submits the proper advancement paperwork to the Scout Service Center. This should not be a problem since to purchase the advancements, you must submit an advancement report.

**Day Camp 2017** - Summer is coming! The district is planning a great Day Camp on June 14-16. The camp will be moving to Dupont Park and have we are working a great program planned. Registration will be online soon, so start getting your Pack excited about another great camp. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Camp Program Director Amber Duffin, Text 304-494-1276

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

**Cub Scout Summer Pack Award** - Some Packs seem to shut down when school is out, which leads to boys dropping out of the Pack the next fall. Keep you Pack active in the summer by planning activities for your unit. Now is the time to start planning your summer activities. Something to help guide you is the Summertime Pack Award. A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August. This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Boys who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform. Spread the news and get your pack committee planning or fine-tuning their plans for an active outdoor summer filled with fun!

**Friends of Scouting** - 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 Andy Hartleben at [ahartleben@woodcountywv.com](mailto:ahartleben@woodcountywv.com) to set up your presentation.

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

**What is a Commissioner?** - A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor. Unit Commissioners are there to help your unit succeed. If you are a Scouter who doesn't feel the need to go have that hands on teaching with the boys, has a little time to mentor new leaders to pass on what you know, then you are what is needed to be a commissioner. If you are interested in becoming a commissioner, contact our District Commissioner, Todd Handley, todd.handley@zoetis.com, 740-538-7299

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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.

**STONEWALL  
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**Recruiting!** - Spring is just around the corner; start thinking on when your unit will be holding a school night and let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season! Now is also the time to plan for fall recruiting! Look ahead and determine when you want to have your fall school sign-up night and let JR Payton (j6r62002@yahoo.com) know these dates. Plan a fun event and you will have a great recruiting season!

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

**Hock-Hocking District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby** - The 2018 Hock Hocking District Pinewood Derby will be held at the Market Place on East State Street (formerly the University Mall.) in Athens, Ohio on March 17, 2018 @ 9:00 am. This event is for Hock-Hocking units. Cost per Scout – \$5.00.

All registrations for the Derby should be received by 5:00 PM on March 2, 2018. All paper registration forms must be printed and legible. Online registration is available.

Each Pack will be issued a time to check in for registration. Please adhere to these check-in times.

Your Pack will be notified by telephone as to your official race time. It is the responsibility of the Cub Master to inform each Scout and their parents of their Pack’s race time.

The Adult Pinewood Derby Race will start immediately after the Hock Hocking Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Championship race. Please set a good example for your Scouts and have

fun racing.

**Hock-Hocking District Recognition Dinner** - Due to weather conditions, the February Recognition program has been moved until Wednesday March 1, 2018. It will be held at the Athens Recreation Center.

**Summer Camp** - Are you ready for some fun? Maybe a little swimming, climbing or visiting the rifle and archery ranges? Then Camp Kootaga is where you need to be this summer for a week of Scout camp. Summer camp is guaranteed to be a blast and full of memories. Sign up today so you can have the time of your life at Camp Kootaga! Info booklets and registration forms are available online ([www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org)), at the Scout Office, or contact your District Executive.

**Journey to Excellence** - Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's National Council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and local councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Additional information is available at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

**2018 Family Friends of Scouting** - We are ready to present the 2018 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) at your Blue-N-Gold pack meeting or upcoming Court of Honor. The goal for 201 is 100%-unit participation and \$5,000.00 in contributions. Every unit that has a Friends of Scouting presentation will be presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate for one of the two council camps. Contact Howard Dewald at 740-593-2979 (W), 740-594-4072 (H), 740-517-0201 (C) or via email [dewald@ohio.edu](mailto:dewald@ohio.edu) to book a presenter.

**Spring Product Sale - Go nuts for Scouting!** This spring the Allohak council offers products for sale for the camp fundraiser – Virginia Diner peanuts.

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These are high quality products with proven success The Nuts for Scouting program is an effective way for any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturer to pay for their summer adventure, begin saving for a future event, build confidence and learn valuable public speaking skills. The commission is 30%.

Orders are due in the Scout Service Center on March 29th. Take order product will be distributed on April 15th. Take order money will be due in the Scout office on or before May 4, 2018.

**Davis-Anderson Pinewood Derby** - The Davis Anderson Memorial Allohak Council Pinewood Derby will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Grand Central Mall. The Davis-Anderson race is open to all Cub Scouts to race their Pinewood Derby cars.

It does not matter how you ranked in your Pack or District Pinewood Derby Race. The rules are available in the official BSA Pinewood Derby Kit. Detailed information is available on-line at [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org). Check-out the website for registration information and additional details.

**Day Camp** - Coming this summer!!! Come enjoy this summer at Camp Red Arrow-- The Hock-Hocking District's Cub Scout Day Camp at Lake Snowden in Albany, Ohio, on June 11th-15th. Programs operate Monday through Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm. Day camp features themed activities and exciting outdoor Cub Scout activities!!! Cubs may also earn belt loops along the way! Games, Scouting skills, water fun, crafts, and much, much more! Day Camp is staffed by experienced adult leaders and senior Scouts. The mission of Cub Scout Day Camp is simple; "have as much fun as possible." For more information or to volunteer, please contact Camp Director Randall Crossen at: [emta\\_0233@yahoo.com](mailto:emta_0233@yahoo.com). Watch the Allohak Council Web page for additional information.

**The Voice of the Scout** program is a comprehensive, on-going national feedback program with online surveys that allows council and district volunteers, unit leaders, parents and even scouts the opportunity to provide insight for change at the national, council, district and unit levels in the Scouting program. This insight will allow national, council, district, and unit leadership to assess how well the Scouting program is being delivered. Surveys will be sent out via email addresses on file with the local council office. Participants are randomly generated, but recipients of the survey will not receive more than one survey every six months. Annually, there will be a spring and a fall survey period. To be included in the survey and help to direct the future of the Boy Scouts of America, Scouting volunteers and Scouts are encouraged to submit their email address to the Allohak Council by contacting the Council Registrar at [scout@allohak.org](mailto:scout@allohak.org) or Joe Testerman at [jtesterman1114@gmail.com](mailto:jtesterman1114@gmail.com).

**OA Events:**

Spring Fellowship at Camp Kootaga is a gathering for the members (Arrowmen) of the Order of the Arrow. Enjoy time with old friends and make new ones. Help us prepare the camp for another great summer and be inspired by great ceremonies.

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**The Spring Fellowship** - is full of fellowship, friendship, fun and cheerful service!

March 23-25 at Camp Kootaga. Register today!!! Cost still \$15. Visit <http://www.allohak.org>

For registration information. CHECK-IN begins at 5:00 PM FRIDAY -- CHECK-OUT 10:00 AM SUNDAY

Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood - You must arrive at the Ordeal/Brotherhood prior to 7:00 PM Friday April 27th, but please do not arrive before 5:00 PM. Be sure to bring a copy of your health form. The Ordeal will conclude no later than 10:00 AM on Sunday morning April 29th. You need to stay through the entire event to complete your Ordeal/Brotherhood, so please plan accordingly.

For Ordeal candidates, the cost of the weekend covers the cost of your sash, a current Nendawen Lodge flap, an OA handbook, weekend food, and your membership dues for the remainder of this year. The Brotherhood fee covers the cost of your brotherhood sash and weekend food.

Important: What you will need to bring with you for the weekend:

For Friday night (YOU WILL BE SLEEPING OUTSIDE UNDER THE STARS)

- \* Sleeping Bag
- \* Rain Gear
- \* Boots

For Saturday

- \* Work Clothes
- \* Boots or appropriate work shoes
- \* Work Gloves
- \* Water Bottle
- \* Sunscreen (Be Prepared)
- \* Rain Gear
- \* Personal hygiene supplies
- \* Field Uniform (Class A shirt)

**April 27-29 at Camp Kootaga**

**Register today!!!**

**Cost: Ordeal Candidate \$40.00**

**Brotherhood: \$30.00**

**Arrowman: \$15.00**

**See <http://www.allohak.org> For registration Information**

**CHECK-IN begins at 5:00 PM FRIDAY**

**CHECK-OUT 10:00 AM SUNDAY**

If you have any special health concerns, please give us the specifics of your needs when you register.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jay Wilson, OA Lodge Advisor, by emailing him at [wjw618oa@gmail.com](mailto:wjw618oa@gmail.com) or Joe Testerman OA Staff Advisor at [jtesterman1114@gmail.com](mailto:jtesterman1114@gmail.com). We look forward to serving you.

**OA Troop Elections** - The OA Troop Elections begin on March 1 and end on May 31. Please contact Hock-Hocking District Advisor Gus Morris ([morisg@hocking.edu](mailto:morrisg@hocking.edu)) 740-707-7482 (C) to arrange for your elections. You may also complete the postcard that was recently sent to each Scoutmaster and return it to the Scout Service Center.

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**Friends of Scouting** - The friends of Scouting campaign is off to a great start and we are looking to bring even more support to the council than last year. If you haven't scheduled your presentation yet, now is the time. Contact to set up your presentation. Don't forget that when you agree to have an FOS Presentation, Sell Nuts & Popcorn, your unit gets free Rank Advancement for this year. Contact Melissa Kerns [Melissa.kerns@bankatcity.com](mailto:Melissa.kerns@bankatcity.com) 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 the office. Don't forget when you agree to sell nuts, have an FOS presentation & sell popcorn, your unit gets free Rank Advancement for the year.

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

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## **OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS**

**Congratulations to a "Job Well Done!" to each and every one of you.**

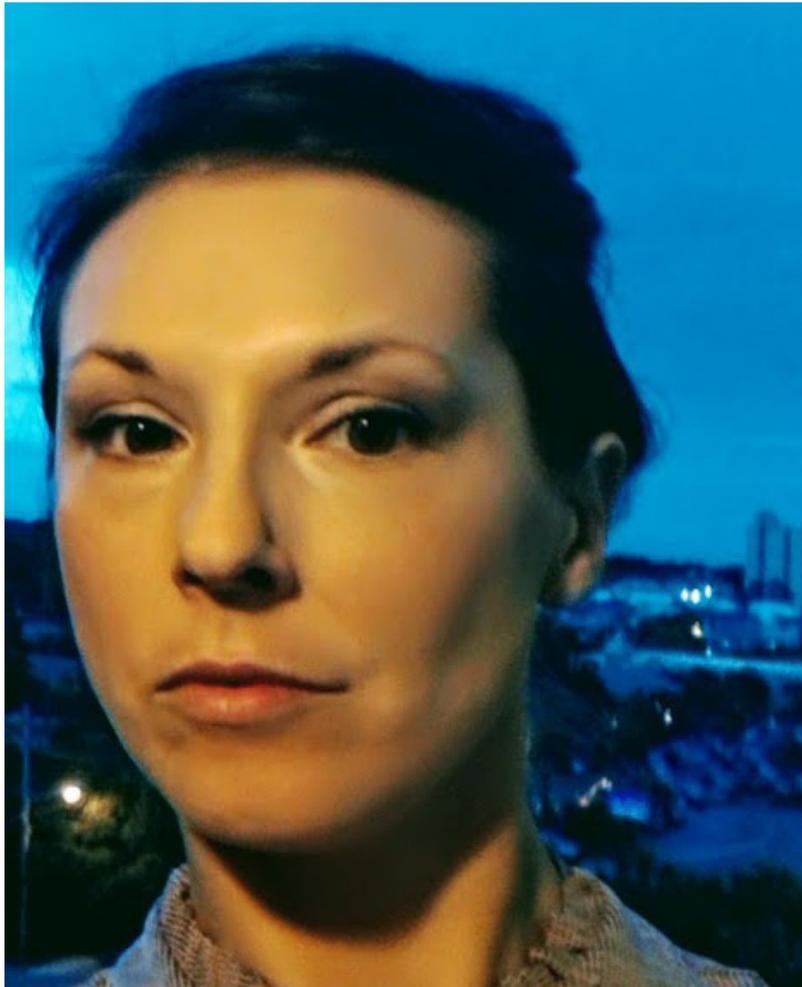
Did you know that you can go to [www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org) and see a listing of **ALL** our Eagle Scouts for the past few years? There is a link that will show the past several years. Just go to our website ([www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org)), click on "Program", then click on "Eagle Information", then click on the appropriate year.

**During 2017 we had 57 Scouts that obtained the rank of Eagle, and for 2018 11 Scouts that have achieved that honor.**

**List of Eagle's since our last publication:**

**Bauerbach, Alex David - Troop 231**  
**Boston, Charles Wayne - Troop 60**  
**Guire, Andrew James - Troop 88**  
**Heiss, Wyatt Dean - Troop 231**  
**McVaney, Nicholas David - Troop 12**  
**Pautz, Devon Michael - Troop 43**  
**Pautz, Dylan Paul - Troop 43**  
**Sampson, Matthew Mark - Troop 86**  
**Schafler, Benjamin - Troop 88**  
**Urban, Colston Manning - Troop 231**

**PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE FOR  
BLANNERHASSETT AND LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICTS**



April was born at Fort Leonard Wood, MO in 1981 and has lived in a variety of places along the east coast. Some have said she is a Jane of all trades. Professionally, she has consistently sought careers that allow her to serve others. Right out of high school, April joined the United States Army Reserves and even served during 9/11.

She then pursued higher education. At first, she double majored in Marketing and Management at Ohio University of Vienna, WV. Years later, she earned her MBA through Colorado Christian University online. Since then, she has worked as the Director of Abstinence Education (working with kids to teach good life choices) through the Women’s Care Center

and as a Service Coordinator for REM Community Options (providing services for adults with mental disabilities).

April enjoys spending her free time with her friends and family while exploring local places and promoted events- such as touring the historic Anchorage building in Marietta, Ohio. She loves working as a camp counselor for Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp at Camp Hervida of Waterford, Ohio. Currently, she attends Lighthouse Baptist Church of Vincent, Ohio. People often refer to her as “vibrant.” She has expressed gratitude in having the opportunity to now serve the Allolahak Council as District Executive.

She will begin her duties as the Blennerhassett and Little Kanawha District Executive on March 1, 2018.



# COMMISSIONER MINUTE



Greg Godwin  
Council  
Commissioner

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTE

Dear Commissioners and Fellow Scouters,

The new YP2 (youth protection) training is up and running. Please take the new course because it will be important in providing a safe fun Scouting adventure for the youth and children in our communities.

\* Fully updated and revised Youth Protection Training developed with leaders in the field of child abuse prevention and includes insights from experts, survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse.

This is the designated Youth Protection training for all adults.

In addition to updated training and resources, BSA recently announced new policies to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements, including:

- As of January 1, 2018, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training.
- As of January 1, 2018, no council, regional or national leader will be allowed to renew their registration if they are not current on their youth protection training.
- As of September 1, 2017, no unit may re-charter without all leaders being current on their youth protection training. Registrars no longer have the ability to approve charters without full compliance.

Also,

The Cedar Lakes Commissioner College and Scouting University Registration is up and running on our Council's Website. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018. I encourage each commissioner to attend this training opportunity.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting,

Greg Godwin

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# COMMISSIONER MINUTE



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 of Pleasant and Wood in  
 West Virginia and  
 Washington county in  
 Ohio

**Recruiting!** - Spring is just around the corner; start thinking on when your unit will be holding a school night and let me know as soon as you can so we can have a great Spring Recruiting Season! Now is also the time to plan for fall recruiting! Look ahead and determine when you want to have your fall school sign-up night and let Tony Durm ([Iturm2@gmail.com](mailto:Iturm2@gmail.com)) know these dates. Plan a fun event and you will have a great recruiting season!

**Journey to Excellence** - Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's National Council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and local councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Additional information is available at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

**Summer Camp** - Are you ready for some fun? Maybe a little swimming, climbing or visiting the rifle and archery ranges? Then Camp Kootaga is where you need to be this summer for a week of Scout camp. Summer camp is guaranteed to be a blast and full of memories. Sign up today so you can have the time of your life at Camp Kootaga! Info booklets and registration forms are available online ([www.allohak.org](http://www.allohak.org)), at the Scout Office, or contact your District Executive.

**2018 Family Friends of Scouting** - We are ready to present the 2018 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) at your Blue-N-Gold pack meeting or upcoming Court of Honor. The goal for 2018 is 100%-unit participation. Every unit that has a Friends of Scouting presentation will be presented with a \$25.00 gift certificate for one of the two council camps. Contact Joe Testerman ([jtesterman1114@gmail.com](mailto:jtesterman1114@gmail.com)) to book a presenter.

**Spring Product Sale** - Go Nuts For Scouting. This Spring the Allohak Council offers products for sale for the Camp Fundraiser - Virginia Diner Peanuts. These are high quality products with proven success. The Nuts for Scouting program is an effective way for any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturer to pay for their summer adventure, begin saving for a future event, build confidence and learn valuable public speaking skills. The commission is 30%. Orders are due in the Scout Service Center on March 29th. Take order product will be distributed on April 15th. Take order money will be due in the Scout office on or before May 4, 2018.

### OA Events:

**Spring Fellowship** at Camp Kootaga is a gathering for the members (Arrowmen) of the Order of the Arrow. Enjoy time with old friends and make new ones. Help us prepare the camp for another great summer and be inspired by great ceremonies.

The Spring Fellowship - is full of fellowship, friendship, fun and cheerful service! March 23-25 at Camp Kootaga. Register today!!! Cost still \$15. Visit <http://www.allohak.org> For registration information. CHECK-IN begins at 5:00 PM FRIDAY -- CHECK-OUT 10:00 AM SUNDAY

**Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood** - You must arrive at the Ordeal/Brotherhood prior to 7:00 PM Friday April 27th, but please do not arrive before 5:00 PM. Be sure to bring a copy of your health form. The Ordeal will conclude no later than 10:00 AM on Sunday morning April 29th. You need to stay through the entire event to complete your Ordeal/Brotherhood, so please plan accordingly.

For Ordeal candidates, the cost of the weekend covers the cost of your sash, a current Nendawen Lodge flap, an OA handbook, weekend food, and your membership dues for the remainder of this year. The Brotherhood fee covers the cost of your brotherhood sash and weekend food.

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