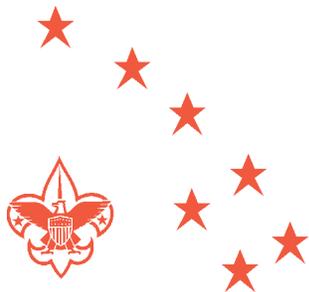


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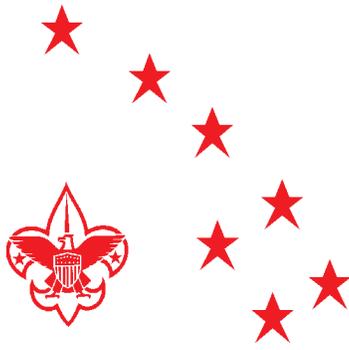


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**We hope 2018 is the year that all
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Todd Walter

On behalf of your Executive Committee and Executive Board I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for the sacrifices you make every day for the youth we serve. 2017 has been an adventurous year in our Council to say the least. We have so much to be grateful for. For the first time in the past four years we have seen significant membership growth. We have also seen a slight stabilization in both our Ohio and West Virginia economies. These two things combined paint a great prospect for 2018.

Our Board remains 100% committed to this council. Our focus in 2018 will continue to be the stabilization of our Council's finances. This is important because it will be what allows us to provide the highest caliber program opportunities for our youth.

This year we will also see the advancement of the whole Scout family program. Designed to meet our busy parents needs to impact their whole family through our wonderful Scouting programs.

We remain committed to you our leaders in service to youth.

Wishing you and the Allohak Council all the best for a happy and prosperous 2018.

All my best,



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 (OFFICE CLOSED)	2 Wash Dist Committee Meeting BL Dist Committee Annual Meeting 7pm Scout Office	3 HH Roundtable Athens Rec Center 7:00pm District Committee Meeting follows	4 District Committee / Annual Meeting City Natl Bank, Ripley	5	6 Camp Kootaga Summer Camp Staff Interviews 9:00am
		-----OFFICE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY-----				
7 WinterPlace Ski Day Camp Kootaga Camping Committee @2:00	8 HI Roundtable 7:00pm Camp Mahonegon	9 SJ Roundtable & Dist committee 7PM St Marks Lutheran Church District Committee Meeting at 6:PM BL Roundtable 7pm St Andrews UMC	10 Mahonegon Maint. Committee Meeting	11 Wash Dist Commissioners Meeting 6:00 Norwood Washington Roundtable 6:30 LK Roundtable 7pm /St Johns UMC	12 OA Officers Training @ Camp Kootag 9:00-4:00	13
14	15 (OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King Day))	16	17	18 Annual Meeting Executive Board Clarksburg	19 Klondike Derby Camp Kootaga	20
21 Klondike Derby Camp Kootaga	22	23	24	25	26 Klondike Derby Camp Mahonegon Spring Nut Sale Show N Sell orders are due	27 Klondike Derby Camp Mahonegon LK Pinewood Derby Millwood Armory
28 Klondike Derby Camp Mahonegon	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2018

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18	19 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24 Council Pinewood Derby
25	26	27	28			



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Howard Dewald
Council President

As we enter 2018, I am grateful to the Scout leaders, parents, staff, and several volunteers for your dedication to your units, communities, and the Allotah Council. Since my last Polar Star message the University of Scouting in November was once again a great success. A special thanks to Todd Handley and the many volunteers for their leadership with this event. Also, the annual Campmaster's Popcorn sales were successful; this has a major, direct benefit to all Scouting participants. Thank you.

We have also experienced a number of recent transitions. Lori Wilson the Council Office Manager and Bookkeeper has retired after 30+ years and Camp Kootaga Ranger John Snyder has retired after several decades of Scouting service. These two were dedicated in their commitment to the Council and will be missed. Sara O'Dell is assuming new duties in the office. Congratulations Sara! Dianna Gatz has been hired as Summer Camp Director and Camp Kootaga caretaker with a strong Scouting background. Welcome Dianna.

Another transition coming to BSA is the introduction of girls into the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs in the coming months. Some leaders are anxious about these plans, some cannot wait to get started, and a few have resigned over the prospects. BSA will make the transition as it has with many before. Indeed, transitions are disruptive, but also inevitable. In the end, Scouting will advance.

Finally, our Council is in transition, too. Since mid-2017, there have been many long and messy discussions on our future. Our board composition and membership, district operations, budget, facilities, fund raising, training, etc. are all being examined. We can expect more transitions and as the months progress you should see some differences. I am finishing a two-year Journey as Council President. The Council Nominating Committee is working hard on another transition of officers and board members that occurs early each year. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to have been able to serve with so many fine and dedicated individuals in our area. Still the Allotah Journey to Excellence will continue, and in the transition let's keep our focus on membership growth and retention, marketing strategies, financial strength, and a strong volunteer base.

In the Spirit of Scouting,
Sincerely yours,
Howard Dewald



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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 52 Scouts that have achieved that honor.

List of Eagle's since our last publication:

- Ballengee, Derek Lee** - Troop 60
- Galloway, Kadren**- Troop 60
- Gilbert, Wyatt Lemley** - Troop 12
- Grose, Ethan Christopher** - Troop 12
- Hawkins, Nathan Todd** - Troop 200
- Horn, Lowell D** - Troop 222
- Kroll, Jacob Edward** - Troop 222
- Matheny, Mason** - Troop 13
- Summers, Aaron Logan** - Troop 12
- Waters, Isaac Alexander** - Troop 12

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 5, 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

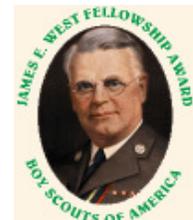
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CENTENNIAL JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

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
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- 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

For more information, contact the Scout Service Center or to make a pledge, use the pledge form on page 4.

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District Pinewood Derby - The district Pinewood Derby will be held on February 36th at Wayside United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 8:30. The cost is \$5 per. There will be Boy Scout, Sibling and adult brackets as well as the Cubs racing against each rank level. For more information, go to www.allohak.org or contact John Shepard at 304-588-2849.

Journey to Excellence - At the end of the year, we hear about the Journey to Excellence (JTE) and to turn it in so that your unit can get credit for how well you did that year. We are approaching it the wrong way. The JTE is developed by taking the top units in our country (including many of ours) and seeing what they have in common. The reason it is called "Journey" is that the JTE is not a grade sheet on how well you did. In other ways it reminds your unit that you have to plan ahead. Many of us wait until the last minute of the deadline to do something. If there is no deadline for a program planning meeting or having a unit budget set, then many units won't do them. The JTE gives you this deadline.

Pull up a JTE scoresheet from the national site and look at it as you are looking towards how your unit will do this year. See what you can do to

move up a level and improve your unit. If you have questions, ask them at Roundtable, call your unit or district commissioner and let us know how we can help. All of our Scouts deserve a "Gold" experience and all of our units are capable of delivering. Give it a try. We already have several units who were Gold for 2017.

Friends of Scouting - The annual Friends of Scouting Drive is upon us. Our goal is to have every unit have their FOS presentation before April 15. The most ideal times to have your unit presentation is at a Pack Blue & Gold or Troop Court of Honor. Please contact Tim Rupert to have your FOS presentation scheduled for your unit.

What is Exploring? - Exploring is a career education program for young men and women. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, and citizenship are not criteria for participation. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer Post or Club by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

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The Hock Hocking District 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. Cost per Scout – \$5.00.

The 2018 Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby patch will be designed by a Hock Hocking District Cub Scout. The official entry blank provides the dimensions and deadlines. The Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby is open to all Hock Hocking Registered Scouts. All registrations for the Derby must be received by 5:00 PM on March 2, 2018. No registration forms will be accepted after this time.

All paper registration forms must be printed and legible. Online registration is available. Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to. No registrations will be taken after the deadline date or on race day. Each Pack will be issued a time to check in for registration. Please adhere to these check-in times. Your Pack will be notified by telephone as to your official race time. It is the responsibility of the Cub Master to inform each Scout and their parents of their Pack’s race time.

PDF versions of the following are available from the council’s Web Site.

- * CUB SCOUT Pinewood Derby Rules.
- * Cub Scout Registration form.

- * ADULT AND BOY SCOUT Pinewood Derby Rules.
- * Adult and Boy Scout registration form.

Send money and registration forms to:

Allihak Council, 1340 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101-3902,
Phone: 304.422.4507, Toll Free: 800.654.5272, Fax: 304.428.8594, www.scout@allohak.org

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. Deadline for registration for the Adult Pinewood Derby race is March 2, 2018.

C-4B Section Conclave – The annual Order of the Arrow Section C-4B Conclave will take place Friday, June 1st through Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at Chief Logan Scout Reservation, 3600 Scout Camp Road, Ray, Ohio. The cost will be: \$30.00

This is a gathering of Arrowmen from across Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia, and will be a fun time for all Arrowmen. The weekend will consist of ceremonies and dance competitions, vendor displays, and summer-camp style activities such as climbing, swimming and shooting.

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We will have training opportunities available such as how to get involved with OA High Adventure, and OA activities like regalia-making and drumming. There will also be great food and parties, with a crazy auction Saturday evening. Conclave will be a great time and will also give you a chance to meet other Arrowmen from our area.

Re-chartering - The website for re-chartering opened on November 1st. The holidays made the last two months busy for all of us. A big thank you to the units that have completed this important task. If you have not completed your re-charter, please do so quickly. Also, please don't forget that from this date forward, all adults must have a youth protection training certificate with their proper signed application.

Hock-Hocking District on Facebook - Our Scouts do a lot of great things in the community, we need to continue telling their story. Tracy Poling is the volunteer Publicity Chair for the District. She has set up a Facebook page to facilitate the flow of information. Please let Tracy know what your Unit is doing so we can have it properly publicized. This is also a great place to share ideas and information.

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It's that simple. Get your name on the list and schedule your presentation with Howard Dewald (dewald@ohio.edu).

Merit Badge Counselors - It is that time to re-register the merit badge counselors. All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must complete a BSA Adult Application form with the Position Code of "42" (Merit Badge Counselor). This must be done yearly. Merit Badge Counselors registration will end on the last day of each year and will not be renewed without a new form. Please visit the website (<http://www.allohak.org/mb/meritbadgeform.pdf>) to download the registration form and submit it to the Scout Office.

Winterplace Ski days - The Allohak Council Winterplace ski days will be January 7, February 4 and March 4, 2018. Special discounted rates are available for anyone purchasing their ski tickets from the Allohak Council. The special rate applies to all Scouts and family members and even includes non-Scout groups who purchase tickets from the Allohak Council. Some leaders may also be involved with other youth groups such as churches and youth clubs and are encouraged to share this information with their church youth group or any other interested parties. This would be a great activity to invite young people and their families that are not currently involved in scouting. Packages include:

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Merit Badge Opportunities – Michael Schramm of the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge has agreed to teach a Boy Scout Merit badge each quarter.

And yes, there are birds in the Mid-Ohio Valley in the winter. Mike will cover the requirements for the Bird Study Merit badge on two consecutive Saturdays in January. The first meeting will be January 6th starting at 9 am at the visitor’s center on Waverly Road in Williamstown. The second meeting will be on January 13th in the field. Contact Bob Sheridan at 740-374-3957 with questions, for details and to register.

The Bird Study Merit badge is open to all Allohak Council Boy Scouts.

Information on the Web - For information about the council and council events, turn on your computer and type <http://www.allohak.org/>. The office staff works hard to update and add current information for you and your Scouting unit. Visit often!

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This is a gathering of Arrowmen from across Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia, and will be a fun time for all Arrowmen. The weekend will consist of ceremonies and dance competitions, vendor displays, and summer-camp style activities such as climbing, swimming and shooting. We will have training opportunities available such as how to get involved with OA High Adventure, and OA activities like regalia-making and drumming. There will also be great food and parties, with a crazy auction Saturday evening. Conclave will be a great time and will also give you a chance to meet other Arrowmen from our area.

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Merit Badge Counselors - It is that time to re-register the merit badge counselors. All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must complete a BSA Adult Application form with the Position Code of “42” (Merit Badge Counselor). This must be done yearly. Merit Badge Counselors registration will end on the last day of each year and will not be renewed without a new form. Please visit the website (<http://www.allohak.org/mb/meritbadgeform.pdf>) to download the registration form and submit it to the Scout Office.

Re-chartering - The website for re-chartering opened on November 1st. The holidays made the last two months busy for all of us. A big thank you to the units that have completed this important task. If you have not completed your re-charter, please do so quickly. Also, please don't forget that from this date forward, all adults must have a youth protection training certificate with their proper signed application.

Winterplace Ski days - The Allohak Council Winterplace ski days will be January 7, February 4 and March 4, 2018. Special discounted rates are available for anyone purchasing their ski tickets from the Allohak Council. The special rate applies to all Scouts and family members and even includes non-Scout groups who purchase tickets from the Allohak Council. Some leaders may also be involved with other youth groups such as churches and youth clubs and are encouraged to share this information with their church youth group or any other interested parties. This would be a great activity to invite young people and their families that are not currently involved in scouting. Packages include:

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**FOR DISTRICT (and council) EVENT DATES
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in on the Pinewood Derby® Fever.

Day Camp - We are starting planning for Cub Scout Day Camp this June. If you are interested in helping plan, please contact Dan Sillaman (304) 655-8503, dsillaman@frontier.com

Friends of Scouting is upon us - The annual Friends of Scouting Drive is upon us. Our goal is to have every unit have their FOS presentation before April 15. The most ideal times to have your unit presentation is at a Pack Blue & Gold or Troop Court of Honor. Please contact Tim Rupert to have your FOS presentation scheduled for your unit.

What is Exploring? - Exploring is a career education program for young men and women. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, and citizenship are not criteria for participation.

Exploring’s purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer Post or Club by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

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COMMISSIONER MINUTE



Greg Godwin
Council
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Council Commissioner's Minute

Did you know that starting this year unit contacts logged in Commissioner Tools by **“Youth-Serving Scout” professionals** will be used for the 2018 Journey to Excellence (JTE) District and Council scorecards? (Scorecard elements #13 and #15 respectively.) This change reflects the fact that commissioners and professionals both are charged with providing unit service and encouraged to work together to provide the best unit service.

Also it is important to report advancement of our Scouts and Cub Scouts. Service hours are another important piece of data that should be reported by units. If a unit needs help making this happen, ask for help from your Unit Commissioner.

We are in the re-charter season. Plan to re-charter on time and with all your leaders' Youth Protection Training current. **YPT is now required** for an adult to register or renew their registration with BSA.

Our Council has made progress during last year in these areas. Let's continue to work as a team in making progress in delivering the Scouting program to our children and youth.

Finally, the commissioner service in your districts is a resource for unit leaders. I hope units will seek out the help of the Commissioners when needed as they plan for a great start in 2018.

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
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Commissioner's Notes - We are still looking for some Unit Commissioners to help on the Commissioner Staff for the District. If anyone is interested, please contact Howard Dewald (dewald@ohio.edu).

2018 Cedar Lakes Commissioner College - The 2018 annual Commissioner College training program will be held the weekend of April 20-22, 2018 at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. Please plan to attend. Allohak Council is the host council this year.

The Davis-Anderson Pinewood Derby – the Council Championships—is set for Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV. This annual event promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

District Recognition Awards Dinner: - Will be held on February 7th at the Roundtable at the Athens Recreation Center located on East State Street in Athens, Oh. The dinner will be pot luck. There is no charge for this dinner. Please plan to come to this great evening of saying thank you to some great Scouts and Scouters who help throughout the year.

Popcorn - Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's successful popcorn sale. We all need to thank Ron Hope for his leadership role as product sales chairman for the district and for providing the leadership for this great event.

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What is a Klondike Derby? It's a Boy Scout Winter Skill and Camping event, held in January in the snow (hopefully). Typically, it involves an overnight campout and multiple Camporee type competitions, where Boy Scout Troops and Patrols compete against each other. Boys are divided into Patrols and each Patrol uses a Dog Type sled that uses Scout power to pull it instead of dogs. The Scouts pull the sleds that

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are loaded with their personal and patrol equipment. The Scouts journey through woods and fields, up and down the hills and stop at different activity stations where they are tested on different Scout skills. When they arrive at these stations they are tested on their Scouting knowledge, team work and problem-solving skills.

Clothing - One of the most important parts of a Klondike Derby is to keep warm and dry. Each Scout must know what to wear. Winter weather is very changeable, requiring preparedness for almost any condition. Your best protection is your common sense. Dress in layers. Avoid working up a sweat, and keep yourself comfortable by removing or adding layers of clothing.

Camping - If your troop camps in TENTS Friday night they will receive an extra 20 points on their score sheet at the end of the activities.

Lunch - Will be provided.

Sled - Wheels are not permitted on the sled.

Shaun Harris, Chairman, Scoutmaster of Troop 203, 740-525-4640, harrissm@email.com

Camp Lohman - one of Allohak Council's primitive Boy Scout Camps, is located on Athens Township Road 635 (T-635). The camp is covered with hills and mature woods and is very quiet. There is a lot of wildlife to be seen. Turkey, White Tail Deer, Gray and Fox, Squirrels, Box Turtles, Fence Lizards, Salamanders and many others. There are moss covered rocks and rock out-crops.

The Camp is 33.7 acres in size and is located on T-635 between Bean Hollow Road and Peach Ridge Road. The best way to Camp Lohman is to exit onto Ohio State Route 550 from US Route 33 (take West Exit 33 turn right; East exit 33 turn left). Travel approximately 2 miles and watch for a church on the right, which is on the corner of State Route 550 and Bean Hollow Road. Turn right onto Bean Hollow Road and travel approximately one-half mile and turn right onto Township Road 635 (gravel). Continue approximately two tenths of a mile and you will see Camp Lohman's red gate and parking area on the right. There is a gravel drive approximately 300 feet long on the other side of the locked gate. If you want to park inside the gated area, check with the Allohak Council's office by phone 304.422.4507.

Camping is permitted anywhere on the camp property. There is an area approximately 1,070 feet from the gate that is good for large groups to camp. The trail to the camping area is mostly flat and easy walking (marked in yellow).

There is also a hiking trail marked in green paint that takes about an hour to hike. The trailhead is located about 40 feet from the gate on the right. First time hikers should turn left on the trailhead. The trail has a long down-hill slope on the north end. Water is not available on the property and an old "Kybo" (no roof or door) is located about 350 feet from the gate off the green trail's left.

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A map is available on the Allohak website. Make sure you wear proper footwear while hiking at Camp Lohman. An old fence can be seen along parts of the property boundary.

Information on the Web - For information about the council and council events, turn on your computer and type <http://www.allohak.org/>. The office staff works hard to update and add current information for you and your Scouting unit. Visit often!

Give us your comments so we can do an even better job.

Boy Scout Night with the Wheeling Nailers - Have you ordered Scout Night, Saturday, January 13, 2018, with the Wheeling Nailers vs. Norfolk Admirals Tickets?

Scouts will receive a patch and a hat, and the first 2,500 kids through the gates will receive OYO Sports Figurine Giveaway. Post-Game autograph session with select Wheeling Nailers and Skate with Spike and the Mascots after the game. Bring your own Skates there will be limited skates available.

Cost of tickets are \$14.00 per person

Place tickets orders with Matt at 304.905.6338 or mrosen@wheelingnailers.com or Neil Tennant at ntennant@wheelingnailers.com

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Here's wishing you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! May you and your family cherish the wonderful memories, of love, care and hope. May you live life in joy and peace. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.





PROGRAM



On behalf of the Allohak Program, Camping and Properties Committees, we are delighted to announce that Dianna L. Gatz is joining the Allohak Council as the Camp Kootaga Caretaker/Camp Director effective January 1, 2018. We are asking each of you to assist in helping Dianna become a productive member of our team and to extend a heartfelt welcome to her as well as sharing your knowledge regarding Allohak Council and Camp Kootaga.

Dianna will work with the Allohak Council staff as well as the Camp Kootaga Camping and Maintenance committees to provide protection and control of the Camp Kootaga property and to maintain a safe environment for visitors. She will function as the Camp

Director overseeing the Summer Boy Scout and Cub Residents programs.

Dianna comes to us from the Ohio River Valley Council and the Seneca Waterways Council as a Field Director, and before that she was a Senior District Executive with the Mountaineer Area Council and District Executive with the Black Swamp Area Council. Her early Scouting experience was in the Greater Western Reserve Council as the Learning for Life/Exploring Executive and as the Learning for Life Coordinator in the Gateway Area Council. She has also served on the Buckeye Council Webelos Resident Camp staff.

Outside of Scouting, Dianna managed a 100 cow/calf operation on a 1000 acre farm. Her responsibilities included maintaining equipment, animal care, managing employees and completing required paperwork. She is also licensed to handle hazardous chemicals. She has also worked with the Conotton Valley School District as a Special Needs Coordinator to provide consistent program support for the K-12 students.

She graduated from Kent State with a degree in Business Administration and Computer Application.

Joe Testerman, Camp Kootaga Staff Advisor, has been asked to help Dianna during the next few months with the on-boarding process. We are all responsible for helping Dianna become a productive member of our team. Thank you in advance for helping to make Dianna's transition a smooth and pleasant experience and welcoming her to the Allohak team!

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GO CAMPING...GO NUTS FOR SCOUTING!

Scouts need money to help fund their adventures, be it a week at Kootaga or a trip to Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or the Summit. The Allohak Council Spring Product Sale is the solution and for 2017 will again feature a variety of nuts from Virginia Diner.

The “Nuts for Scouting” program will offer a variety of nuts in Scouting themed cans. The dates for

DATE	ITEM
1/26/18	Show and sell Nut Order are due to council
2/16/18	Nut pick-up for units at council
2/17/18	Nut Sale Begins
3/29/18	Show n Sell Payment and Return Due to Council
3/29/18	Take Order product order due to Council
4/19/18	Final product pick-up
5/4/18	Take Order Payment Due

Units should help their Scouts earn their way to camp or earn money to pay for that new sleeping bag, flashlight, or other needs for camp. “Nuts for Scouting” is an outstanding opportunity for a turn-key approach to funding summer camp needs. There is no up-front money, no left over product and no risk. Simply go door to door or call friends and family to take their order.

This year’s Show & Sell orders will have extra products that won’t be offered in the Take Order sale, such as licensed WVU, Marshall & OSU cans. Information and packets will be distributed at the January Roundtable.

Go to camp this summer...Go Nuts for Scouting to fund the ultimate Scouting adventure!