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Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

JOIN THE CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL CLIMBING TEAM

This summer the Chief Okemos Council is starting a Venture Crew to promote climbing. The climbing tower is scheduled to reopen this fall at Camp Kiwanis, Mason, Michigan. We are currently looking for young men and ladies who have an interest in climbing. Whether you are experienced or would like to learn how, everyone is welcomed. Adults interested in climbing are also encouraged to join the Crew.

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Programs we are planning to do:

- Help open the climbing tower at Camp Kiwanis
- Maintain the equipment and learn how to use it
- Assisting in supervising the climbing tower when other Troops and Crews would like to use it.
- Rock Climb at the Ledges in Grand Ledge
- Ice Climbing in Canada
- Rock Climb in the Adirondack mountains
- Plan other cool high adventure trips

If you would like to join our Crew or just help out at the climbing tower please contact, John Hogg, 517-321-9400 x104 or send me an email johogg@bsamail.org



King Lynn Bolton

Cub Scouts Rule

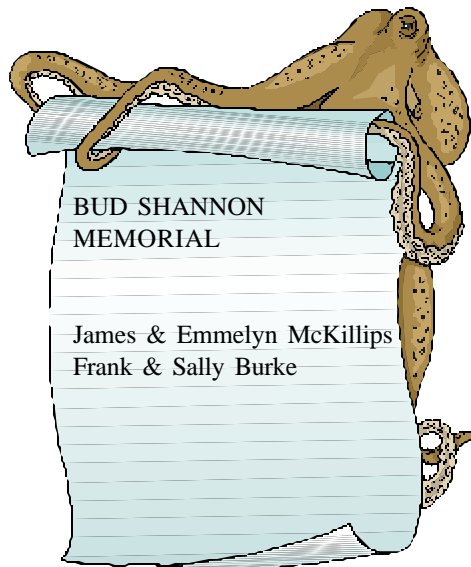
at Ovid Carriage Days,
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Goldfish Racing

Council Calendaer

- 4 Full Staff Meeting
- 5 Advancement Committee
- 6 Camp Staff Released
- 8-10 Parent & Son Weekend #2
- 11-14 Twilight Day Camp
- 13 Golf Outing
- 18 Field Staff Meeting
- 18 Executive Committee
- 19 Membership Committee
- 19 Training Rally/Training Committee
- 20-22 Top Hands
- 23 Program Kickoff Expo
- 25 October Signals Articles Due
- 25 Camping Committee
- 29-31 Holiday Family Camp



**SCOUT SHOP
SUMMER HOURS**

June 1, 2003 through September 1, 2003

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday hours resume on September 20, 2003.

**CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003
LABOR DAY**

**Lost & Found at Northwoods
Scout Reservation:**

One Remington sleeping bag

Please pick up at the Council Service Center



Spring Tiger Mania 2003



Thank you to every Pack who participated in this year's Spring Tiger Mania 2003 recruitment. Close to one hundred new Tiger Cubs joined Scouting this spring. Many of these Scouts attended Day Camp, had fun at Funtyme Adventure land, and will be attending a special Tiger Mania Lugnuts game on August 23rd.

Congratulations to the following packs who recruited 5 or more Tiger Cubs and received \$2 per scout into their unit account from the Council. The new Tigers also received \$2 worth of "Tiger Bucks" to help buy their uniform, hat or Tiger handbook.

- Pack 255
- Pack 498
- Pack 506
- Pack 736
- Pack 742
- Pack 777



In the spring of 2004 we will start recruiting earlier and double this number!
Great job everyone.

CUB SCOUT

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING FALL 2003

TO BE A TRAINED CUB SCOUT LEADER, YOU MUST TAKE NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS FOLLOWED BY POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING.

FALL 2003 OPPORTUNITIES ARE:

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
(Please Check Your Choice)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/17	Hope Lutheran Church 1180 W. Herbison @ US 27 DeWitt, MI	7:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/14	St David's Espiscopal Church 1519 Elmwood, Lansing	7:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/8	Dwight Rich Middle School 2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing	8:30 AM

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
(Please Check Your Choice)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/25	DeWitt Jr High West Herbison Rd, DeWitt	6:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/20	Dwight Rich Middle School 2600 Hampden Drive Lansing	6:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 11/11	Charlotte Church of Christ 1825 S Cochran, Charlotte	6:30 PM

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE# _____ UNIT _____

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE FOLLOWING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TIGER CUB DEN LEADER | <input type="checkbox"/> CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER (WOLF & BEAR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEBELOS DEN LEADER | <input type="checkbox"/> CUBMASTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PACK COMMITTEE | |

***The registration fee for Position Specific Training is \$10.00.
There is NO CHARGE for New Leader Essentials.

RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM WITH THE REGISTRATION FEE (IF NEEDED) TO:

Chief Okemos Council, BSA
4000 W. Michigan Av
Lansing, MI 48917-2766



Order of the Arrow

Gabe-shi-win-gi-ji-kens #374

Lodge Calendar

Aug. 10 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Aug. 23 – Lodge Leadership Development Conference
Sept. 7 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Sept. 12-14 – Section C-2B Conclave at Camp Hiawatha in the U.P.
Sept. 19-21 – OA Fall Ordeal at Northwoods
Oct. 3-4 – Section C-2B Council of Chiefs meeting at Northwoods
Oct. 5 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Nov. 2 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Nov. 14-16 – OA Fall Fellowship – Camp Kiwanis
Dec. 7 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00

Lodge Key – 3

Lodge Chief–Spencer Long 272-1886
Lodge Lay Adviser-Rick Todd 543-3301
Lodge Staff Adviser-Jason Kerschke 321-7278 ext. 106

Spring Ordeal

The Spring Ordeal was a huge success. Nearly 90 people were in attendance to help give service to our Council's Camp. Congratulations to the 31 new Ordeal members and to the 16 new Brotherhood Members. You all did a great job. The Lodge also honored four of its finest members by inducting them into the Vigil Honor. Congratulations to Alex Cox, David Graff, Chris Proper, and Ben Pulver. The Lodge also elected new officers to join Lodge Chief, David Graff, for the 2003-2004 year. They are Kirk Sheren-Troop 121, VC Program; Dan Skelton-Troop 417, VC Membership; Perry Reynolds-Troop 77, VC Administration; and Matt Dulebohn-Troop 111, Secretary. Congratulations to each of our new officers. Special Thanks to Ed Stank for cooking delicious meals for the weekend.

OA Chapel Project



The OA Chapel Project is officially complete! The new and improved OA Chapel was enjoyed by all at Northwoods this summer. Nearly 2 years of planning, fundraising, and teamwork went into making this project a success. Special thanks to all whom helped. It is the Lodge's goal that this project marks the beginning of many more projects to come. Gabe truly is a brotherhood of cheerful servants.

NOAC

We will soon begin planning for the 2004 NOAC at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Now is the time to start looking at your 2004 summer calendar and talking with your parents about attending this awesome event. The dates are July 31 – August 4, 2004. This is an event you won't want to miss!

DEFEND THE COUP STICK!!!

That is our goal for this year's Section C-2B Conclave, which is scheduled for the weekend of September 12-14 at Camp Hiawatha in the U.P. Several hundred OA members from our Section will meet to share in Training, Fun, Fellowship, and of course, Competition. We need your presence and enthusiasm to achieve our goal of completing a GABE THREEPEAT. So clear your calendars and plan on being there to bring home the Coup Stick to its rightful place of honor here in Lansing. Contact a member of the lodge key-3 and sign-up today.

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Mawanjidiwin District

District Calendar

Aug. 7 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00
 Aug. 7 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00
 Aug. 21 – District Picnic
 Aug. 23 – Program Kick-off Expo
 Sept. 3 – Fall Popcorn Kick-off
 Sept. 4 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00
 Sept. 4 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00
 Sept. 11 – District Roundtable – 7:00
 Sept. 18 – Fall Round-up Turn-in Night
 Oct. 2 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00
 Oct. 2 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00
 Oct. 9 – District Roundtable – 7:00
 Oct. 10-12 – Mawanjidiwin District Fall Camporee

District Committee

District Chair- Vacant
 District Commissioner-Bill Hull 627-2439
 Vice Chair of Program - Chuck Rabey 543-3295
 District Executive-Jason Kerschke 321-7278 ext. 106
 Activities Chair - Tom Baker 663-4315
 Membership Chair - Vacant
 Finance Chair-Vacant
 Training Chair-Kurt Johnson 541-1124
 Advancement Chair-Jim Welling 543-6031
 Outdoor & Camp Promo Chair Joe Wright 647-7123
 Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner-Tom Watson 543-2995
 Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner-Carolyn Newcomb 647-2323
 Popcorn Chair-Bernadine Henley 694-5275

Fall Round-Ups

It’s never too early to start thinking about Fall Round-ups. **All Packs and Troops** should start planning their Join Scouting Night through their unit Round-up chair. Now is the time to contact School Principals and Superintendents to schedule Boy Talks and Recruitment Nights.

FOS

The District is still doing great with this year’s Friends of Scouting Campaign. We continue in our quest to reach 100% of our goal. If you or anyone you know is able to help Scouting financially please let us know by contacting Jason at 321-7278 ext. 106. Thanks for all your support and keep up the good work.

Popcorn Sale Kick-Off

The Fall Popcorn Sale Kick-off is scheduled for September 3rd at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing. Once again this is a great way for units and individual boys to raise money for program supplies and activity fees for the upcoming year. If you have any questions please call Bernadine Henley at 694-5275 or Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106.

Quality District 2003

Mawanjidiwin District is off to a great start! We are well on our way to becoming a Quality District again in 2003. Our programs are the best that I have ever seen. We still need unit commissioners and the District Committee is always interested in adding members to our team. There are many great opportunities for service and we will gladly accept your help doing whatever you can to contribute. Please call Bill Hull at 627-2439 or Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106.

GM Employees

Attention all GM employees! Did you know that your volunteer time is worth \$250! That’s right, if you spend 50 or more hours of your time volunteering, GM will give \$250 to the local council to support scouting. All we need is your help in receiving these funds. Just go to your personnel/human resources office and request the form for the GM Plus Program. Fill out the form and send it to the council office where we will verify the information and then return the form in exchange for a \$250 contribution. This program is a great way for volunteers to help scouting in more than one way and helps to build a strong relationship between GM and scouting. For more information contact Jason at 321-7278 ext. 106.



Migisins District

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Aug 7	District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
Aug 14	District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
Sep 4	District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
Sep 11	District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt

CUB SCOUTS RULE!

Cub Scout Pack 575 in Ovid-Elsie is proud to announce the crowning of our King Candidate as the King of the 2003 Ovid Carriage Days. Our Scoutly knights rose to the occasion to raise over \$2,600.00 to elect Den Leader Lynn Bolton to his royal station. Over the last several months, they worked hard at fundraising by putting on a carnival, having Dunk Tanks, bake sales, pop can drives, and placing canisters at local businesses. They also introduced a new local favorite: Goldfish Racing! Blowing bubbles on gold fish tails has proven a lucrative off-season use for rain gutters used for the Regattas. The Pack is looking at a major outing such as riding a schooner on the bay to reward its Scouts. Congratulations and thank you to all the leaders and Scouts, as well as the community, for making this royal opportunity a success.

Scribe of Castle Bolton

P.S. Winning "Best Float Entry" in the Carriage Days parade was just another example of how Cub Scouts rule!

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

District Chairperson	Jim Gunther	224-6137
District Activities	Nancy Roney	669-6191
District Advancement	Jim Winslow	647-6134
District Camping	Dave Mongson	374-6599
	Steve Basette	224-7939
District Finance	Vacant	
District Membership	Vacant	
District Training	Larry Proctor	224-8422
District Commissioner	Jeff Carter	484-8725
District Executive	Don Walker	321-9400, ext. 107

THREEPEAT!

For the third consecutive year, the Migisins District has achieved its "Friends of Scouting" fundraising goal! In fact, all three segments of the campaign, Community, Family, and Leadership, exceeded their goals by a healthy margin. In the Family Campaign, as of June 19, fifteen Cub Scout Packs had pledged a total of \$7,220.00, and nine Boy Scouts Troops had pledged a total of 7,535.00. The combined \$14,755.00 is \$755.00 or 5% over goal. Troop 299 at St. Therese Catholic Church in North Lansing led the way once again with \$2,790.00 in pledges, while Pack 121 at St. Gerard Catholic Church in Waverly pledged \$1,755.00, topping all Packs.

A BIG Migisins Thank You to the 175 families who made the 2003 campaign such a success.

A very special Thank You goes out to all of those who made unit presentations: Cubmaster Paul Lacroix (P267); Pack Committee Chairman Clint Schaefer (P515); Assistant Scout Executive John Hogg; District Committee Chairman Jim Gunther; and District Committee members Joe Gross, Dave Mongson, Bev Nichols, Cassie & Larry Proctor, and Nancy & Terry Roney.

See pictures page 1.



Ojibwas District

AUGUST

- 7 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
- 8-10 Cub Scout Parent & Son Camp Session #2 at Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 11-14 Cub Scout Twilight Day Camp at Camp Kiwanis
- 14 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
- 11 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 8 - 11 Join Scouting Week



Our FOS campaign has gone very well this year and we are happy to report that the Family FOS portion of the campaign has almost reached its goal.

GM Employees

Attention all GM employees! Did you know that your volunteer time is worth \$250? Yes! if you spend 50 or more hours of your time volunteering, GM will give up to \$250 to the local council to support scouting. We need your help to receive these funds. Please go to your personnel/human resources office and request the form for the GM Plus Program, or access the GM website and print it out. Fill out the form and send it to the Council Service Center where we will verify the information and then return the form to GM. They will verify their records, and send a donation to help support the Council. This program is a great way for volunteers to help scouting in more than one way and helps to build a strong relationship between GM and scouting. For more information contact Bob Vergamini at 321-7278 ext. 110.

District Committee

- District Chairman -
- District Commissioner - **Noah Belanger** - (H) 655-4450
- District Vice Chair of Program - **Vacant**
- District Director - **Bob Vergamini** (W) 321-9400 ex. 110
- Senior District Executive - **Clarence Smith** (W) 321-9400 ex. 109
- District Vice Chair of Urban Scouting - **Ron Landfair** - (H) 484-6679
- District vice Chair of Venturing - **Mick Potter** - (H) 339-0493
- District Membership Chairman - **Bill Ames** - (H) 393-8622
- District Finance Chairman - **Tom Monkowski** - (H) 676-4554
- District Friends of Scouting Chairman - **Vacant**
- District PR and Marketing Chair - **Jeff Pillon** (H) 882-2030
- District Activities Chairman - **John Parker** (H) 694-0842
- District Advancement Chairman - **Dave Merchant** - (H) 351-0360
- District Camping Chairman - **Tom Pavlik** - (H) 882-2030
- District Cub Scout Activities Chairman - **Kate Cuddy** (H) 339-2978

Cub Scout Fall Roundup

Bill Ames, Membership Chairman, Ojibwas District

One of the most important events in the Cub Scout pack calendar is the Fall Roundup. All Packs and Troops should start planning their Join Scouting Night through their unit Round-up chair. This is the way that we give new boys the chance to take part in this wonderful program. We need to be recruiting new boys in order to maintain the strength and vitality of our packs. And along with new boys comes – you guessed it – new potential adult leaders!

Now is the time to contact School Principals and Superintendents to schedule Boy Talks and Recruitment Nights. Volunteers will be calling to offer their assistance in making this the best recruiting year yet. We want you to succeed! And we want you to have a great year with your boys.

Fall Popcorn Kick-Off



The Fall Popcorn Sale Kick-off is scheduled for September 3rd at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing. Once again this is a great way for units and individual boys to raise money for program supplies and activity fees for the upcoming year. Plan on attending – you won't regret it!

Fall Ordeal

Have You Seen the Arrow?

Hey all you Ordeal Members out there. Did you know that this year you would be able to complete your Brotherhood in the OA? Some of you may have already done so at the March Brotherhood Day. Others of you will have the chance at the Spring Ordeal, during Summer Camp, or at the Fall Ordeal. Now is a great time to start studying the information as shown in your OA handbook. If you have questions regarding the conversion requirements, ask any Brotherhood member or call a member of the Lodge Key – 3. Remember that the requirements for Brotherhood conversion are not to test you, but rather to help you learn about the Order. Keep in mind, if you are willing to learn we can guarantee your success in meeting the requirements for conversion.

The Fall Ordeal is scheduled for the weekend of September 19-21 at Northwoods. We hope that this Ordeal will be one of the biggest and best we've ever had. For those of you who did not complete your Brotherhood at the Spring Ordeal or at Summer Camp, we hope you will do so at the Fall Ordeal. Many Lodge members will be there to help you with the conversion requirements so don't be afraid to come on out and do your Brotherhood. Now is a great time to start studying the information as shown in your OA handbook. Remember that the requirements for Brotherhood conversion are not to test you, but rather to help you learn about the Order. Keep in mind, if you are willing to learn we can guarantee your success in meeting the requirements for conversion. We need everyone's help for us to become a quality lodge again in 2003.

Assistant Scout Executive's Minutes

By John S. Hogg

(This takes a minute or two to read)



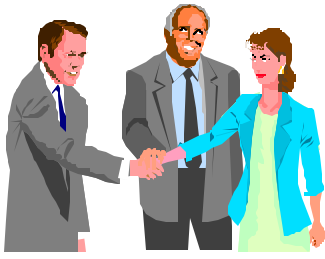
“Why Should I Support the United Way?”



Much has been talked about in the media concerning the Capital Area United Way and the embezzlement of funds. Everyone has the right to ask this year, “Why should I support the United Way?” Let me share the following true story with you about United Way.

The phone rang and I answered it and said, “Hello”. The voice on the other end said, “John, you'll never guess what happen today at school.” The man on the other end of the line was Principal Ned Nordine, of Foster Elementary School in Ludington. Having two sons who were attending his school I thought, “What have those boys been up to now?” It turned out not to be one of those calls. However, I was totally unprepared for what he said next. “One of your Scouts saved someone's life”. Caliph LeBrun, a fifth grade student, a member of my Webelos den, had saved someone's life that day. He went on to explain how at the close of the school day the bell rang for dismissal, everything was fine until students began to yell, “He's choking, He's choking” Laying in the hallway a student, who's face was turning blue, had an obstruction in his windpipe. Total panic set in. Students and teachers were screaming and hysterical. Webelos Scout Caliph LeBrun calmly sized up the situation and performed the abdominal thrust (Hemlich Maneuver). On the fourth try, a large purple jawbreaker candy came out and the victim immediately began to suck in large gasps of air. He would have been dead or severely brain damage in a few more minutes. A life was saved.

What does this have to do with United Way? It turns out three United Way agencies indirectly saved this young man's life. Several months earlier I had arranged for a friend from the America Red Cross (A United Way agency) to teach my Webelos den the Readyman pin, a first-aid pin (Boy Scouts is a United Way agency). The den meeting was held at the location of the charter organization, which was the Salvation Army (A United Way agency). Three United Way agencies collaborated together to train a young man in how to save a life. A life was saved because people supported the United Way agencies of their community. How much is your United Way gift worth? It is priceless. How would you like to be the parent to receive a call from the school principal informing you that your little boy had died at school and would never come home again. Trust me, I have received that kind of phone call. It is a call that will break your heart the rest of your life. Need I say more.



TROOP LEADER TRAINING

To become a trained leader, the following courses must be attended.

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS (Mandatory for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee members)
Choose one of the three sessions below.

- September 17, 2003, 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM Hope Lutheran Church
1180 W. Herbison Road @ US 27
DeWitt, MI
- October 14, 2003, 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM St. David's Episcopal Church
1519 Elmwood (North of the Lansing Mall)
Lansing, MI
- November 8, 2003, 8:30 AM to 10:45 AM Dwight Rich Middle School
2600 Hampden Drive
Lansing, MI

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING (Mandatory for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee members) Choose one of the two sessions below.

- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters
September 25, 2003, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM St. David's Episcopal Church
1519 Elmwood
Lansing, MI

Registration Fee is \$16.00. (includes lunch)

- Troop Committee
September 25, 2003, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM St. David's Episcopal Church
1519 Elmwood
Lansing, MI

Registration Fee is \$10.00.

INTRODUCTION to OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (Mandatory for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters. Optional for Troop Committee members or parents; however the presented skills are useful when accompanying a troop outing.) All sessions must be attended to receive training credit. All sessions are at Camp Kiwanis

- Wednesday, October 8, 2003 6:30 PM to 10:00PM
Wednesday, October 15, 2003 6:00 PM to 10:00PM
Friday Evening 5:15 PM through Sunday, 1:00 PM October 24 - 26, 2003
Registration Fee is \$40.00.

Registration Form

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

POSITION _____ UNIT _____

Please register me for the training courses I have checked above. I am enclosing the fee(s) as follows:

- New Leader Essentials (no cost) _____
- Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (\$16.00) _____
- Troop Committee Position Specific Training (\$10.00) _____
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (\$40.00) _____

TOTAL _____

STEAK/CHICKEN KICK-OFF DINNER



Wednesday, September 3, 2003 6:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing



Introducing the 2003 Chief Okemos Council Popcorn Sale

The ONE fund-raiser your unit will need to finance your budget
for a fantastic year of Scouting.

- ◆ New Product Line
- ◆ Increased profits
- ◆ Guaranteed-if you sell the same amount of items as last year-your profits will be higher...that's right! GUARANTEED!
- ◆ New order forms that will increase sales
- ◆ Learn how your customers can order on line year round and your Scouts get the credit for the sale.
- ◆ Trailsend Prize program offers 20 brand new items
- ◆ New this year: Option out of the prize program and earn higher commissions.
- ◆ And much, much, much more

**Plan now to send someone from your unit to the 2003 Fall Popcorn Sale Kickoff Dinner
(Dinner is optional: program begins at 7:15 PM)**

Contact your Commissioner or your District Executive for more information 321-9400.
www.chiefokemosbsa.org

----- **-Clip & Return-** -----
Return to: Chief Okemos Council, 4000 W. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48917 or email johogg@bsamail with the information below:

Popcorn Kick-Off Dinner Meeting

Pack # _____ Troop# _____ Crew# _____ Post # _____

Unit Contact _____

Address _____ City _____ MI Zip _____

Email _____ Phone Hm. _____

Phone Wk. _____ Phone Cell. _____



OUTDOOR WEBELOS

FALL 2003

LEADER SEMINAR



**Wise up and become an Owl!! Learn the latest about outdoor Webelos pins and outdoor skills!!
And MORE!**

Date and Time: Sat. October 25, 10:30am-Sunday,26, 12:00pm

Location:Camp Kiwanis, east
Of Mason, on M-36 at
Diamond Rd.

Who should attend: All Webelos and other interested Cub Scout Leaders.

Registration: Fill out attached registration form, include \$20.00, \$36.00 After Oct. 12, and forward to OWLS,
Chief Okemos Council, 4000 W. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI, 48917. Equipment Lists will be issued upon receipt
of registration.

Name _____ Unit # _____ Scouting Position _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Special Needs _____

Questions: Sherry Seelhoff 333-8410 (home evenings) Council Service Center, Clarence Smith 321-9400 ext. 109
Fax 321-7298



FALL PROGRAM KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA

August 23, 2003

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Come at any time during the program and stay as long as you like.)

THE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR!

Skills Demonstrations

- Boy Scout
- Cub Scout

Exhibits

- New Camping Gear
- Troop trailers
- Patrol Boxes

Outside Resources Exhibits

- Manufacturers
- Local Retailers
- Council Trading Post

High Adventure ideas

- National High Adventure Bases
- Local High Adventure ideas
- Information sheets

Pack adventures

- Council
- Local
- Regional

Troop adventures

- Council
- Local
- Regional
- National

Monthly Program Theme Exhibits

How to plan a year's program

Swap Area

Internet Resources for Scouters

Game Exhibits

Information from all Program Committees

Activities and Civic Service

Camp Promotion

Advancement

Training

Commissioners' Table

Membership Committee Table

Unit Fund-Raising ideas

Skit Exhibits

ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE!

PLAN TO ATTEND. THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM EVENT OF THE YEAR!





AUGUST 23 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FALL PROGRAM KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA

For all interested Scouters, Parents, and their Scouts

Yes! I plan to attend the FALL PROGRAM KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA

Unit number _____ type (Circle one) PACK TROOP CREW POST

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

THESE PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING WITH ME (SCOUTS ARE WELCOME TOO)



CAN YOU HELP? YES! WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME PEOPLE AND/OR UNITS WITH EXPER-
TISE IN EACH OF THE AREAS LISTED ON THE PROMO PAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A
PART OF THE “BIGGEST SHOW IN CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL SINCE SLICED BREAD”, PLEASE
TELL US.

I/MY UNIT IS VERY GOOD AT _____

AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DO A DEMONSTRATION FOR OTHERS AT THE EVENT.

UNIT TYPE: PACK TROOP CREW POST UNIT NUMBER _____

UNIT CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please return as soon as possible to:

Program Kickoff
Chief Okemos Council
4000 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, Mi. 48917
Or FAX (517) 321-7298

Council Training



The Pack Trainer Position

In 2002, 60% of the registered leaders in our Cub Scouts packs have completed basic training for their positions. In January 2001, the National Executive Board created the registered position of pack *trainer* to oversee and record the adult training process in our packs. In checking the Council rosters, very few packs have someone registered in this position.

The Council training committee is urging all packs to commit to filling this position in the fall of 2003!

Here is the Job Description for *Pack Trainer*:

The pack trainer will be responsible for orientation of new Cub Scouts' parents and new leaders in the pack, as well as for the delivery of Fast Start Training. The trainer will also promote participation in district and council training opportunities, particularly basic training and **roundtables**. Pack trainers may also have a role in delivering New Leader Essentials and Position Specific training. Councils may elect to give additional training responsibilities to pack trainers, such as delivery of youth protection training within the pack.

Pack trainers should participate in the Trainer Development Conference conducted by the Council.

Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader, and every pack deserves...and *needs*...a pack trainer. This position provides an excellent opportunity to increase our effectiveness in delivering quality training to Cub Scout leaders.

Pack Trainer Position Summary

Under the direction of the pack committee chairman, with guidance and assistance from the district Cub Scout training committee, the pack trainer helps leaders and parents understand purposes, policies, and procedures of Cub Scouting.

The pack trainer conducts, or facilitates, the training of leaders and parents in the pack. The pack trainer provides coaching and training to help leaders learn to plan and conduct pack and den meetings and activities. The pack trainer orients parents and leaders, and trains each leader to perform his or her specific position.

Pack trainer is a registered position. *Continued on page 15*



The Travel and Adventures of Eager the Beaver

As you can see, we had a great time here at Northwoods this summer. Don't forget that we have another one of those Eager Beaver Week-ends coming up in October. Don't forget to put it on your calendar. See you then.

Position Duties

The pack trainer is responsible for:

- 1) Conducting orientation for new families and pack leaders.
- 2) Assisting in training each new leader and pack committee member for his or her specific position, using material provided by the Boy Scouts of America
- 3) Conducting other training as designated by the council
- 4) Encouraging pack leaders to attend ongoing training, such as roundtables, pow-wows, outdoor skills training, youth protection training, and Woodbadge.
- 5) Remaining current with training material and program updates
- 6) Keeping pack training records current

The pack trainer's goal is to have 100 percent of the pack and committee leaders trained in their position responsibilities. New leaders and parents should receive orientation within one week of joining the pack, and leaders should receive position training within 30 days.

Position Qualifications

The pack trainer must:

- 1) Be a U.S. citizen at least 21 years old
- 2) Be registered with the BSA as a pack trainer

It is recommended the pack trainer have at least one year of experience in Cub Scouting, preferably as a Cub Scout or Webelos den leader. Pack trainers should participate in a trainer development conference

The pack committee, with the approval of the chartered organization selects the pack trainer.

For new packs and those lacking experienced leaders, an experienced leader from outside the pack may be appointed as pack trainer until the new leaders gain experience.

The Cubmaster should not hold the pack trainer position.

Scout Shop to be Closed!

Friday, August 15

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Due to remodeling work the Scout Shop will be closed for three business days.

Please Mark Your Calendars

The Big Chief Okemos Council Yard Sale

Friday, September 19 8:30 to 5:00

Saturday, September 20 8:30 to 2:00

Exciting Deals. Watch your September Signals for more details

Mark Your Calendars

Boy Scout Recruitment Night

September/October

Every Boy deserves an opportunity to join a Boy Scout Troop

Top four reasons boys don't join a Boy Scout Troop (National Study)

1. They were never asked.
2. They do not know how to join.
3. They do not know where to join.
4. They do not know when to join.

**The most effective way boys are recruited to join a Boy Scout Troop?
They are asked by a friend to join!**

**THIS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER WE ARE ASKING EVERY TROOP TO
CONDUCT ONE RECRUITMENT MEETING.**

Ideas For How to do it: Scouts invite their friends to a recruitment night

Some Suggestions:

1. Special troop meeting open house with displays, videos and pictures of camp and other high adventure activities, and refreshments.
2. A fun night like playing laser tag, or adventure land (go-carts, mini-golf), or shooting sports (arranged with a local gun/hunting club).
3. Cookout or Picnic, with volleyball, team building games, or any other games.
4. Your own ideas.

Council Support:

Applications, brochures, flyers, posters are for the asking.

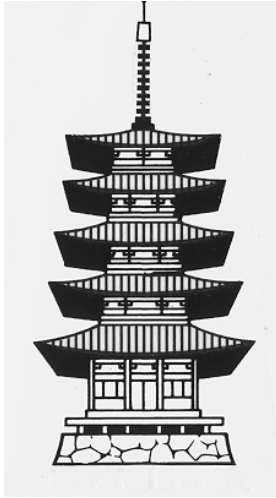
Recruiter Patch-every Scout who gets a friend to join receives one.

NEW! CD-Movie message maker-Scouts create special message to email to friends.

Burn extra CD copies for your Scouts so they can create their own email movie messages. Its fun and a great way to invite their friends to join Scouting. Scouts send special messages to their friends before your recruitment night.

Contact your district executive or unit commissioner if you have any questions or to obtain Council support resources.

517-321-9400



OJIBWAS DISTRICT FALL CUB DAY AT CAMP

Saturday, September 13
Camp Kiwanis, Mason
Events from 10:00 AM – 8:45 PM

(Registration from 9:30 -10:00)

for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, & Webelos

IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL!

Come and explore other cultures through music, games, crafts and food!
 "Visit" Africa, Asia, and more!

10:00	Animals from Other Lands, brought to us by the Potter Park Zoo
11:00	All-Camp Olympic Games!
12:00	Lunch: Bring your own brown bag lunch (beverages provided)
1:00	Afternoon activities: International Festival!
6:00	Dinner – provided
7:00	Flag Closing and Sharing Time with foreign exchange students
8:00	Campfire
8:45	Depart Camp

All youth participants will receive a T-shirt and an event patch!
 Remember to dress for the weather! Rain or shine, be prepared to have FUN!

Registration form, Ojibwas district fall cub camp day

September 13, 2003 at Camp Kiwanis

Pack # _____ Adult Contact _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Other Adults Attending:

1. _____ 2. _____

Youth Attending:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Of Youth _____ @ \$15 ea. = _____ # Of Adults _____ @ \$5 ea. = _____ total= _____

You must preregister on or before September 1, 2003
Late registrations accepted after Sept. 2 (youth \$20, adult \$7)

Send your preregistration and fees to:
 Chief Okemos Council
 Ojibwas Cub Scout Fall Day
 4000 West Michigan Ave.
 Lansing, Mi. 48917

OKPIK COLD WEATHER CAMPING TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America official cold weather camping training course



OKPIK: The Aleut word for snowy owl

What is OKPIK? A training program to help Scout and Venture leaders, along with Scouts 14 years and older/first class and all Venture Crew youth, learn outdoor cold weather camping skills.

In Michigan 9 months out of the year (Sept-May) the temperature can drop below freezing at night. Be like the wise owl and learn the skills and knowledge of OKPIK, and you will enjoy camping comfortably all year long.

Learn these winter camping skills:

- ◆ Clothing: How to dress for cold weather camping. Snow camping is more than just summer camping with more clothes.
- ◆ Snow Shelters: Skills taught will be construction of thermal shelter, the snow piled quinzhee, and the cut block igloo. Snow shelter builders will sleep in their shelters!
- ◆ Cross Country Skiing skills
- ◆ Snow Shoeing skills
- ◆ Ice Fishing
- ◆ Equipment Needs: It's not bringing more gear, it's all about bringing the right gear for cold weather camping.
- ◆ Participants who complete the course (earn a cool looking patch) will be able to instruct others to prepare for your next winter camping or polar bear campout.

Plan now to attend! We anticipate this course will be filled up!

Mark your calendars now!

Session 1: Saturday, January 31, 2004 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Kiwanis, Mason Michigan

(This session will be held indoors. Training will teach cold weather camping skills, form patrols and complete plans for the outdoor session)

Session 2: Friday to Sunday, February 20-22, 2004

Northwoods Scout Reservation

Friday registration 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stay indoors

Saturday: Outdoor activities and camping

Sunday: Closing ceremony and recognition

Cost: Early Bird Fee \$35 if paid by January 23 (includes meals, patch, and program materials)

For more information contact Course Director Orville "Red" Turner at 989-473-2305 olt@m33access.com or John Hogg at 517-321-9400 x104 johogg@bsamail.org www.chiefokemosbsa.org

2004 OKPIK COLD WEATHER CAMPING TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Unit # _____ District _____

Adult in Charge: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____ email: _____

Total Youth Participants _____ x \$35 each (after January 23, 2004 \$40) = \$ _____
 Total Adult Participants _____ x \$35 each (after January 23, 2004 \$40) = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America"
 Take out of unit Account # _____ per _____ (please print and must be on account)

Detach and return by January 23, 2004 to Chief Okemos Council, 4000 W. Michigan Ave. Lansing 48917
 Fax: 517-321-7298

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How many youth attending: # _____

Please fill in below or attached your own roster

Names: (Please Print)	Age Rank	Names: (Please Print)	Age/Rank
_____	_____	_____	_____
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How many adults attending: # _____

Names: (Please Print)	Names: (Please Print)
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