



# SIGNALS

**Chief Okemos Council, BSA**

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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.*

## BSA NATIONAL ENDOWMENT

### ART TOUR

In support of local councils efforts to develop their endowment funds the National BSA has organized a tour of the original artwork of Norman Rockwell and other artists. This tour will visit our area on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blanc (near Flint.)

Our Council Endowment Committee headed by Duane Bartrem and Dr. Michael Clark will be organizing a bus to go to this special event. Invited to go are all members of the Council Heritage Society and people who are considering making a gift or gift commitment to the council's endowment fund.

The Heritage Society recognizes those who have made a current cash commitment of \$1,000 or more and or those who have made deferred gifts to the endowment fund. An increasing number of donors are taking advantage of the available tax credits and making gifts through our council fund which is a part of the Capital Region Community Foundation.

To assist donors in understanding the tax consequences of the variety of giving options the National BSA also employs a legal counsel for each of the country's four regions. This endowment counsel can give confidential review of possible estate planning options and their consequences.

To find out more about the Art Tour or giving to the endowment contact Duane Bartrem or Pete Shannon.

## ***Gift Annuity - The Donation Which Pays Money Back***

It comes to a surprise to many donors after years of making gifts to the Boy Scouts that there is a way to get money back from the BSA. The innovative Gift Annuity is an approach for donors to qualify for tax breaks and receive income in return. There are two general types a gift annuity and a deferred gift annuity.

In the common gift annuity the donor makes a gift of cash, appreciated stocks, bonds or other types of property. A simple contract is drawn up between the donor and the BSA where the BSA pays a guaranteed annual annuity for the rest of your life (can also be made to include spouse's life.) In addition to the annual income (part of which is tax-free) you also receive a charitable deduction for the year in which you make the gift.

The deferred gift annuity works somewhat similarly except the contract calls for the annual payment to be made to the council for the period of time of the contract (for example until you retire.) Deferring your income from the gift increases your annuity amount and gives you a larger tax deduction than the regular gift annuity.

Many other ways to the endowment are also available. We highly recommend that you discuss the options with the BSA's endowment counsel (accessible by contacting your Scout Executive) and/or your own estate planning professional.

### ADULT APPLICATION CHANGE

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the new adult application form, which includes Social Security number information (for the council copy only), is required for all new leaders. Old applications will no longer be accepted and should be discarded.

The Boy Scouts of America has continually worked to recruit the highest quality of volunteers while at the same time doing everything possible to ensure the safety of its youth members. The new applications give informed consent to the BSA to do a criminal background check. While our council has done checks on a state basis for a number of years the new checks will be done on a national level.

## **Council Qualifies for National Quality Council**

The Chief Okemos Council and the Migisins, Mawanjidiwin, and Urban Service Area of Ojibwas District qualified for National Quality Council and District Status in 2002. Thanks for everyone who worked so hard to earn this recognition. The council had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest growth in membership in Area Two with a growth of 2.71%.

Special congratulations to the Migisins District which was the only district to achieve their finance goal in 2002. Migisins District also led the way with 5.3% qualifying District Executive Don Walker for the Central Region High Fiver Award

## Needs List for Northwoods Scout Reservation 2003

In order to save the Council some operating expenses for Northwoods and the summer camp program, we are looking for help with donations of the following items, supplies, or services. Many of the items are things that get heavy use and must be replaced each year or two. Used items may not be any better than what we have, so we ask for NEW or nearly new items:

Building materials: lumber, nails, hardwood, wood screws

Office supplies: pencils, pens, copy paper, paper clips, scotch tape, masking tape, highlighters, felt markers, dry erase markers, white boards

Office equipment: copier in good shape

Life Jackets; coast guard approved

Rope; 5/16", hemp or sisal, binder twine, 5/16" yellow lemon line

Wood carving tools; large for Totem Poles and small for neckerchief slides

Leather Craft tools and materials

Hand Tools; carpenter and mechanic

Landscaping tools; leaf and garden rakes, loppers, pruning saws

Brooms; corn, push, fire-fighting broom

First Aid supplies; sterile bandages, gloves, 4"x4" dressings, 5"x9" bandages, roll gauze, tape

Electrical extension cords, heavy duty at least 14 AWG and prefer 12 AWG

Rowboat oars

Kayak with paddles

Remember we need new items. We already have used and unserviceable items – that's why we need replacements

### *Assistant Scout Executive Minute*

By John S. Hogg

(This takes about one minute to read)

Once a year and a one-time opportunity to support Scouting, that's what Friends of Scouting is all about. One time during the year we ask everyone to financial support Scouting. How many of us have given to a worthy non-profit organization only to get a thank you letter asking for another donation. Didn't I just give them a donation? That is not the way Friends of Scouting operates. One time and one time only are you asked. When you are asked this year, please support the Chief Okemos Council Friends of Scouting campaign. Our goal this year is \$178,000. Speaking of asking. The Chief Okemos Council staff was asked to give to Friends of Scouting this year. There was no arm twisting, high-pressure employer heavy-handed tactics to give. Giving is and always should be a personal and private matter. The response was 100% of the 13 staff members with a total of \$5,332 given. An average gift of \$444.00

I was taught from a young age, never ask others to do something your not willing to do yourself. Our staff has made their financial commitment to Scouting, how about you?



# Order of the Arrow

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

## Lodge Calendar

Mar. 2 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00  
Mar. 14-16 – Brotherhood Weekend  
Apr. 6 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00  
Apr. 25-27 – OA Chapel Project at Northwoods  
May 4 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00  
May 10 – OA Central Region One Day of Service  
May 16-18 – OA Call-outs at Spring Camporees  
June 6-8 – Spring Ordeal at Northwoods

## 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

## Brotherhood Weekend

## OA Chapel

The OA Chapel Project is almost ready to begin. The Lodge still needs to raise approximately \$1500 and we aim to work on the project this spring at the end of April. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you may do so by writing a check payable to Chief Okemos Council. You may send it to Jason Kerschke at 4000 W. Michigan Ave.-Lansing, MI 48917.

The March Brotherhood Weekend is just a few weeks away. In the past two years, we saw the Lodge convert 41% and 43% of its eligible members to brotherhood. We need everyone's help to do that again. I think this year we can get 50% Brotherhood conversion. 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 Brotherhood.

## Host Lodge 2006

Great News Everyone! Gabe-shi-win-gi-ji-kens Lodge has been chosen as the Host lodge for the 2006 NOAC to be held at Michigan State University. This will be the first time our Lodge will have ever hosted and only the second time that this awesome conference (Central Michigan University-1986) has been held in the great state of Michigan. For those who don't know, NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) is the second largest gathering of Scouts in the nation with the National Jamboree being the largest. NOAC 2006 will bring nearly 8,000 scouts from all over the country to our wonderful council. GO GABE!

## Unit Elections

Unit Elections for the year 2003 are well underway. Now is the time for your unit to sign-up to have an election, if you haven't already done so. Unit Election request forms can be picked-up at the Scout office. **Remember the Lodge asks for six weeks advance notice so that they can plan accordingly.** If you have question please call a member of the Lodge Key – 3.



# Mawanjidiwin District

*District Committee*

## **District Calendar**

- Mar. 6 – Commissioner’s Meeting – Great Lakes  
Christian College-6:00 PM
- Mar. 6 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes  
Christian College-7:00 PM
- Mar. 13 – Roundtable – Lawrence Ave.  
United Methodist Church-Charlotte-7:00 PM
- Mar. 20 – New Leader Essentials
- Mar. 25 – Position Specific Training
- Apr. 3 – Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Apr. 3 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Apr. 6 – Roundtable – Lawrence Ave.  
United Methodist Church-Charlotte-7:00 PM
- May 1 – Commissioner’s Meeting – Great Lakes  
Christian College-6:00 PM
- May 1 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes  
Christian College-7:00 PM
- May 8 – Roundtable – Lawrence Ave.  
United Methodist Church-Charlotte-7:00 PM
- May 16-18 – Mawanjidiwin Spring Camporee –  
Charlotte

**District Chair- Vacant**

**District Commissioner-Bill Hull 627-2439**

**District Executive-Jason Kerschke 321-7278 ext. 106**

**Activities Chari - 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-Vacant**

**Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner-Carolyn**

**Newcomb 647-2323**

**Popcorn Chair-Bernadine Henley 694-5275**

## *Winter Camporee*

The Mawanjidiwin Winter Camporee was once again a huge success. The weekend was so exciting that a nice article was printed in the Lansing State Journal on the following Monday. Nearly 250 Scouts and their leaders met at Camp Kiwanis for a variety of fun-filled winter activities. Ninety-eight people participated in the overnight experience. Congratulations to Troop 3 of Charlotte for taking Top Honors for the Camporee. We want to give special thanks to Chuck Rabey and all the staff for another fantastic event

## **FOS**

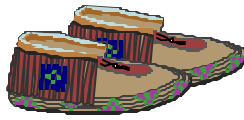
The District is off to a great start with this year’s Friends of Scouting Campaign. Most packs and troops have already had their presentations with a lot of success. If your unit hasn’t scheduled its presentation yet, contact Jason at 321-7278 ext.106.

## **Spring Round-Up**

Attention All Cub Scout Packs! Now is a great time to schedule Spring round-ups and boy talks for some new boys to join your pack. Most of you have already held (or will soon) your Blue & Gold Banquet and your 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos have crossed-over to Boy Scouts. With the summer activities just around the corner, now is the perfect time to use those activities to help you recruit new boys. Kindergartners are eligible to become Tiger Cubs on June 1<sup>st</sup> and would be excellent candidates for day camp this summer. Fliers and other materials are still available through the Scout office. Just give Jason a call at 321-7278 ext. 106.

## *Summer Camping*

Now is a great time to start thinking about the summer camping activities for your Unit. Last year we had great attendance at Northwoods and the various Day Camp Sessions. By now you should have the necessary materials to promote camp within your unit. This year we are asking all packs to register as a Pack for Day Camp and Resident Camp. Troops should also register for Northwoods if you haven’t already done so.



# Ojibwas District

## District Calendar

### MARCH

- 1 Woodbadge Breakfast
- 6 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m.,  
Foster Building, Lansing  
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,  
Foster Building, Lansing
- 13 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable,  
7:00pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 20 Volunteer Recognition Banquet,  
Okemos Masonic Center,  
2175 Hamilton Road, Okemos
- 21 Boy Scout Leader Camp Orientation

### APRIL

- 3 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m.,  
Foster Building, Lansing  
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,  
Foster Building, Lansing
- 4 Northwoods Pre-Camp Inspection
- 10 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable,  
7:00p.m., Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 12 Scouting for Food

## Cub Scout Spring Day at Camp

May 10, 2003

Cub Scout Packs! Put this date on your calendar! Mark it well! This will be our third Cub Scout event led by the very capable Kate Caddy. The first two were exceptional! This one will be exceptional as well. Costs have yet to be worked out but expect them to be in the \$5.00 per boy range. Plan to attend. You won't be disappointed!

### District Committee

- District Chairman - **Chuck Barbieri** - (H) 332-7963
- 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

## Ojibwas District Recognition Dinner

Troops and Packs will have the opportunity to recognize and honor those hard working volunteers who make scouting in the Ojibwas District so much fun and a success! Sign up to join us on Thursday, March 20, 2003 at the Masonic Temple in Okemos, 2175 Hamilton. Use the flyer in this month's Signals to register, or stop in at the Council Service Center.

**Important! -All Troops and Packs should now have their Volunteer Recognition Packets! Please use them! WE CAN'T RECOGNIZE IF YOU DON'T NOMINATE!** Show your appreciation for the volunteers you know are working hard for Scouting in the Ojibwas District!

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE!** You have already received the nomination packets for District awards. Please take the time to nominate someone deserving person from your unit. Nominations must be received at the Council Service Center on or before Friday, January 11, 2002 in order for your nominee to be considered. We want to recognize good people! Help us out by filling in that packet.

## ***District Finance Committee Report Friends of Scouting Campaign 2003***

Challenge yourself to become a "Gold Unit". Hold your presentation before March 31<sup>st</sup>, and have a 10% increase over your last year's FOS unit result and your unit will receive a \$75.00 gift certificate for use at either of our Council Camps to cover facilities fees. Last year 23 of our units qualified! Let's make it 30 this year. Already our list of Gold Units (as of January 30, 2003) includes:

**GOLD UNITS TO DATE:            Troops: 2, 97    Packs: 101, 224, 265**

Please note: Your unit may have qualified but missed this publication because of the time lag to have it printed and mailed. Stay tuned for next month. And a huge **THANK YOU** from the Staff of Chief Okemos Council!

### **NO DATE YET**

As of publication, these units are the only ones who have not yet scheduled presentations:

Troops: 64, 92, 763, 777

Packs: 92, 264, 293

Crews: 64, 125, 141

If your unit is listed here, please call Bob Vergamini at 517-321-9400    ext 110

### ***District Membership Committee***

## **IT'S ALREADY TIME TO RECRUIT!**

*Bill Ames, Membership Chairman, Ojibwas District*

Yes, already. One of the hallmarks of a good Scout program is that membership happens all year long! Spring Roundups, especially for recruiting Tiger Cubs, will be very important in the next few months for our Packs. Each Pack should schedule a time to invite Kindergarten youth to become new Tiger Cubs. This should happen in either April or May.

Each Pack and Troop is expected to have a person on their committee responsible for membership functions like recruiting and making sure that applications are turned in. We will be using that person to bring information to you about Roundups, Webelos transitions, and other programs. We need the name of your membership person! This is very important. It is important that each unit have someone to receive this information. Please give your unit's name to Bob Vergamini or call me at 393-8622.

Many troops have expressed an interest in forming a Venture Crew. This is a wonderful, exciting program for the older youth. BSA has found that it not only retains the older youth in the program, but also brings new youth into the program who are looking for what Scouting has to offer. It enhances membership in the Scout Troop. Let us help you provide the youth of your community with this program.

Boy Scout Troops - Interested in a Spring Camporee?

Make plans now! There will be a Camporee on the scheduled date of May 16 – 18. Details have yet to be worked out. Questions (or if you'd like to volunteer to help) call John Parker at 694-0842.

## **March Roundtable Report**

*Cathy Skelton, Roundtable Commissioner*

This spring's roundtables are scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. In March, we will be covering Nature and Wildlife Management, so come and learn about teaching plant identification and wildlife habitat topics. In April, we will be covering First Aid and Emergency Preparedness, focusing on how to teach and test for first aid skills and how to put on a disaster. In May we will meet at Kiwanis and do an interpretive nature walk. Bring along your troop's favorite dish that night to share at our buffet dinner after the walk. We've got lots of information to share, bring your ideas and experiences and join the fun. All the roundtables start at 7 PM. The March and April roundtables will be held at Chippewa Middle School in Okemos. The May roundtable will be held at Neitz Lodge at Camp Kiwanis in Mason.

## ***Scoutreach News***

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Overnight at the MAC a Success!!***

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 73 Scouts from 21 elementary schools in Lansing and East Lansing, participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Overnight at the Michigan Athletic Club, sponsored by Coaches for Kids, Athletes 4 Kids, East Lansing Ice Arena, and the Sparrow Foundation. Over 200 kids from 7 area agencies, along with Cub Scouts from our after school programs participated in events such as Tennis, Volleyball, Swimming, Raquetball, Ping Pong, Special Demonstrations, Movies, and Ice Skating, from 9:00pm to 5:00 am Sunday morning. Snacks were provided upon their arrival, and at 1:30 AM, Over 100 pizzas were served from 5 area pizza restaurants !! Over 100 volunteers from the participating agencies, Michigan State University, and area high schools provided supervision. A great time was had by all!!!



# Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

**Dates:** *Wednesday, April 9, 16, 2003*

*Weekend of April 25-27, 2003*

*Wednesday Registration: 6:00 p.m.*

*Weekend Begins Friday at 5:00 p.m*

## AT CAMP KIWANIS

### What will you learn?

Patrol Method  
Hiking & Packing  
Woods Tools  
Running Games  
Map & Compass

Proper Flag Etiquette  
Campfire Planning  
Backpacking Stoves  
Dutch Oven Cooking  
Animal & Plant Identification

Leave No Trace  
Ropes  
First Aid  
Utensiless Cooking  
Worship Services

**What Does It Cost?** \$40.00

### **What Does It Include?**

All the food, including cracker barrels  
Handout materials  
A walking stove  
A completion certificate  
Lots of FUN and many new friends



### **Who Is It for?**

All Scouters who want to increase their knowledge of outdoor skills. It is a must for those who assist with the outdoor program and is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be certified as trained.

You will be instructed by some of the council's top trainers who have many years of experience. You will be introduced to the "Effective Teaching" methods, so your Troop can be more proficient in their skill instruction.

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## **REGISTRATION FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS SPRING 2003**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief note regarding previous camping experience and outdoor skills. (Attach a sheet of paper to the back of this page.)

Make checks payable and send to:

Chief Okemos Council  
4000 W. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48917

*Boy Scouts of America, Chief Okemos Council*

***Summer Camp is the place to be in 2003!***  
***Spring Popcorn Sale is the way to pay your way in 2003!***

**Here is a way to pay for going to summer camp in 2003**

**What is It?**

A special sale designed to help Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts pay for attending one of the Chief Okemos Council Scout Camps. Quick, easy, smart way to pay for Camp!

**Why do It?**

The "Pay your way to Camp Spring Popcorn Sale" give you a 10% bonus on all your popcorn sales.

It is quick, easy, smart, and helps family budgets, especially for those who want to send more than one child to camp.

**How Does It Work?**

**This quick, easy way to pay for camp is done through selling microwave popcorn.**

Following is a how much you must sell in order to attend the camp of your choice free.

Day Camp	Sell 9 boxes (paid in full)	Orders due April 25th
Cub Scout Parent/Son I June 20-22	Sell 23 boxes (paid in full)	Orders due April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Cub Scout Resident Camp	Sell 48 boxes (paid in full) Sell 24 boxes (paid half)	Orders due April 25th
Cub Scout Parent/Son II August 8-10	Sell 23 boxes (paid in full)	Orders due April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Boy Scout Camp* Dining Hall	Sell 49 boxes (paid in full) Sell 24 boxes (paid half)	Orders due April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Patrol Cook (Food Supplied)	Sell 44 boxes (paid in full) Sell 22 boxes ( paid half)	Orders due April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Patrol Cook (Food Not Supplied)	Sell 36 boxes (paid in full) Sell 18 boxes (paid half)	Orders due April 25 <sup>th</sup>

(\* The \$75 deposit is still due on April 1<sup>st</sup> for Boy Scouts to secure you spot at camp. This money will be refunded if you sell enough to pay the full amount.)

All credits are transferable, but not refundable.

This special spring popcorn sale is for sending a Scout to any of the Chief Okemos Council Scout camps and may not be used at any other council camp.



**SPRING 2008**

**OUTDOOR WEBELOS**

**LEADERS SEMINAR**



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

**Date and Time:** Sat. April 26, 10:30am-Sunday,27, 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.

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**Registration:** Fill out attached registration form, include \$20.00, \$36.00 After Apr. 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



# *Den Chiefs Needed for Cub Scout Resident Camp*

**Requirements:**

- Boy Scout At least 13 years of age who works well with adults, peers, and Cub Scouts
- Complete the application, provide a letter of recommendation, and an interview
- will participate in training on \_\_\_\_\_
- leadership, dependability, responsibility, enthusiasm, spirit, have fun

**Job Description:**

- Volunteer Position
- Provide Leadership for a group of Cub Scouts and parents
- Staff Liaison (share announcements, inform staff of any problems)
- Supervise check in and check out at campsite, help set up tents and gear
- Guide groups from activity site to activity site, helping staff as needed
- Assist the adults and Cub Scouts to start campfires and outdoor cooking daily
- Teach and lead songs, graces, and chants, encourage spirit
- Teach and assist with flag ceremonies, Share scouting experiences
- Meals and Cracker Barrel provided

**Experiences:**

- Camping: outdoor cooking, hiking, starting campfires
- Arts & Crafts, Nature, Swimming, Archery, BB Guns, Sports and Games
- Spirit: song leading, skits, flag ceremonies, grace

**Recognition:**

- Letter of Appreciation, Certificate of Participation, and Volunteer Hours

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**2003 Cub Scout Resident Camp  
Den Chief Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Rank \_\_\_\_\_

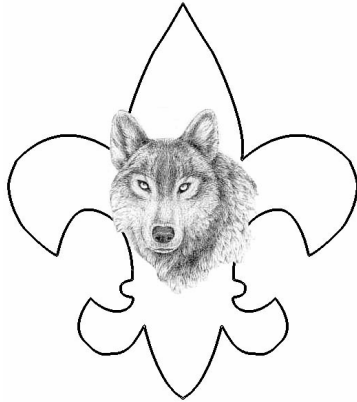
**Camp Experience:**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Day Camp      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Camp   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Resident Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Camping |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other         |

**Camp Skills: Experience (check all that apply)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song leading                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Emergency Procedures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Building/Ice Breakers  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skits                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Games              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature (wildlife, ecology, forestry)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Ceremony               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming, boating, fishing, water safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Video Camera    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Outdoor Skills       |

**Attached:** Letter of Recommendation (Leader, Teacher, Coach or adult that can tell about you)



# Impeesa 2003

## Junior Leader Training Conference

### What is Impeesa?

Impeesa is the Chief Okemos Council presentation of the Boy Scouts of America Junior Leader Training Conference, which is an advanced training course for Junior Leaders who are 13 years of age or older by January 1st. The purpose of Impeesa is to support, not replace, the Scoutmaster's role in the training of junior leaders. Impeesa is a weeklong integrated training experience on the skills

of leadership. Also, it is important to understand what Impeesa is not.

Impeesa is not a specialty camp. There will be no merit badges offered. Every game, activity, ceremony and meal is designed to be part of a total training experience. Participants get very little free time. Everything is keyed toward meeting our training objectives.

The training objectives include these points:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their troop.
- To give the participants a working knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster.
- To have fun!

### Course Fee Schedule

The course fee is \$165. A \$50 non-refundable deposit must accompany the participant application. A \$20 discount applies for early registration if turned in by April 4<sup>th</sup>. The balance must be received in the Scout Service Center by June 6<sup>th</sup>, or you will lose your reservation. Registrants placed on the waiting list will take the place of any participants who have not paid in full by that date. No new registrations will be accepted after that date.

### Course Date and Location

July 27 to August 2, 2003  
Northwoods Scout Reservation

### For more information contact:

Rick Todd  
(517) 543-3301 home  
rtodd@direcway.com

Kurt Johnson  
Steve Willard  
Spencer Long



# OJIBWAS DISTRICT



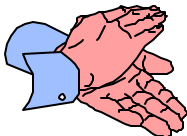
## RECOGNITION DINNER



Troops and Packs will have the opportunity to recognize and honor those hard working volunteers who make Scouting so much fun and such a success! Come, see, and meet this year's Cub Scouter of the Year, Boy Scouter of the Year, and Scout family. Cheer as some very special people are recognized with the District award of Merit! And let's not forget all those other great awards – recognition for length of service, training, and participation in District events. Make this year's dinner special – recognize **YOUR** Pack or Troop efforts at success by nominating **ALL** qualified individuals, and then **BE THERE** to see them receive their awards!

The dinner is planned for **THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2003** at the Masonic Temple in Okemos, at 2175 Hamilton. Registration and socializing begins at 6, with dinner at 6:30. The evening's program will begin at 7:15 and be concluded no later than 9. The meal is a sit-down, family style dinner of oven-roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, hot vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages, and is all you can eat. No waiting in line - dinner will be served to you at your table.

The cost this year is \$11 for individuals. Special arrangements have been made for couples and large groups. Couples may attend for \$20, and tables of 8 will be reserved for \$76. Why not bring the entire committee and really enjoy the fun?



Please complete and return this registration form to the Council office, care of Clarence Smith, by **Thursday, March 13, 2003**. Any questions, please call the council office at 321-9400 ext 109. Registrations may be faxed to 321-7298, but payment **MUST** be received by March 13. Registrations will **NOT** be accepted at the door.

Pack/Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ would like to reserve a table of 8. Our registration fee of \$76 is enclosed.

I/we plan to attend the Ojibwas District dinner on Thursday, March 21. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ attending. Our registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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## ***Council Training News***

### ***TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

Here is a consolidated listing for course for the next couple of months being offered by the Council Leadership Training Committee. If you have any questions, please contact the person listed or your district Training Chair.

Name of Course	Date	Location/District	Contact Phone
NLE	3/20	Mawanjidiwan	Kurt Johnson 541-1124
Cub Position Training	3/25	Mawanjidiwan	Kurt Johnson 541-1124
Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster/Troop Committee	3/29	St David Espiscopal Church, Lansing	Kurt Johnson 541-1124
Outdoor Skills Training	4/9 4/16 4/25-27	Camp Kiwanis	Curtis Probst 349-1263
Webelos Outdoor Training	4/26-27	Camp Kiwanis	Sherry Seelhoff 333-8410
BALOO Training	5/10	Camp Kiwanis	Garth Sims 543-3550
Junior Leader Training	7/27-7/31	Northwoods	Rick Todd 543-3301

### ***IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING***

When a parent signs their son up for Scouting they expect a leader who is knowledge and experience in the Scouting program. They want someone who knows how to deliver the Scouting promise to their child in a fun and educational manner. This is where training comes in. We offer these basic training courses in order to give leaders an opportunity to fulfill that promise. Advanced training is offered to further your knowledge and make the program more exciting for both you and the youth involved.

Attending training also builds your confidence at delivering the program to your youth. Identified your potential new leaders and get them trained early so they will be prepared to assume their new responsibilities. Your current Cubmaster and Committee Chair will not be there forever; find and identify assistants and potential relieves for when the leave.

Two items on your Quality Unit application relates to training. The first is for the top leader to be trained no matter what program you are in. The other is for an assistant to be trained and responsible for Youth Protection. A further requirement in Cub Scouting is for at least 50 percent of all Tiger, Den, and Webelos leaders to be trained.

A new item has been added to Quality District this year. That is for at least 50 percent of all direct contact leaders trained. This means all Tiger Den Leaders, Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Advisors, Coaches, and Skippers. Currently we have approximately 35 percent trained council wide.

## ***RECOGNITION OF ADULTS***

An important part of the recognition plan is to keep leaders informed of the opportunities for training and the recognition they will receive. At the start of their training, each leader should be given a progress record card for the leadership position he or she holds. The leadership training recognition plan is intended to honor demonstrated performance and tenure of trained leaders in all areas of the Scouting program directly involving units. Leaders interested in collecting recognitions for the sake of the emblem only should be counseled as to the true intent of the plan.

Cub Scout leader awards are provided for various leadership positions in the pack. For Cub Scouting, progress records may be found in the Cub Scout Leader Book for the following:

Cubmaster Award  
Tiger Cub Den Leader Award  
Cub Scout Den Leader Award  
Webelos Den Leader Award  
Cub Scouter Award

The Scouter's Key recognizes Scoutmasters, Coaches, Advisors, Skippers, commissioners, and district committee members who have taken the recommended training for these positions and have achieved a high standard of performance over a three-year period.

The Scouter's Training Award is the recognition for individuals who have not obtained the Scouter's Key but are trained and give consistent service to Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, or are serving on a roundtable/huddle staff. Scoutmasters also are required to earn the Scouter's Training Award as part of earning the Scoutmaster's Key.

The application for an award is the completed progress record for that award. The district training committee reviews the application and, if approved, the committee chairman signs the record. The application is then forwarded to the Council for typing. The award is then given to the District Executive to be given out at the next Roundtable

## ***VOLUNTEER CONFERENCES AT PHILMONT***

Many of you have received an invitation to attend a conference this summer at Philmont. You were selected to receive an invitation to these conferences because you are capable of using the knowledge, skills, and attitudes acquired to improve performance in district- and council-level Scouting roles.

An invitation to attend a conference at Philmont in the summer enables Scouters and their families to enjoy a productive conference along with a unique western vacation. All conferences begin check-in on Sunday and end the following Saturday with breakfast. This allows Scouters to fit a conference into a one-week vacation period.

Your District Executive recommended you to the Philmont Training Center. Those who accept the invitation are asked to return the approved reservation form and the required deposit to Philmont where they will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

All participants and their families live in a tent city that provides shelter and conveniences. Laundry facilities are available, and meals are served in a modern cafeteria.



SCOUT DAY  
with the



**GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE**

On Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 3:00 p.m., the Grand Rapids Rampage will welcome Scouts and their families to Van Andel Arena for the first Chief Okemos Boy Scout Council Day!

Grand Rapids Rampage Vs. Dallas Desperados.  
The game will be televised live on NBC!

Ticket Price: \$11.00 each

**SPECIAL SCOUT BENEFITS:**

- Each Scout will receive a souvenir from the rampage
- Special Welcome on Arena Videoboard
- Post-game autograph Session with the Rampage (open to all fans)
- Orders will **ONLY** be taken in groups of 10 Tickets or more
- The Rampage will donate a Portion fo the Proceeds from each ticket to the Chief Okemos Council



**Order By Mail**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form with payment to:  
Grand Rapids Rampage  
ATTN: Corey Hall  
130 West Fulton  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Order by Fax: 616-742-5680

**Number of Tickets**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
+ Postage/Handling \$3.00

Total Amount

**Unit**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Method of Payment**

Check\_\_\_ (1 Check from your unit Payable to Grand Rapids Rampage)  
Visa\_\_ MC\_\_ Amex\_\_ DC\_\_  
Card# \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions or to reserve tickets,  
contact Corey Hall @ 888-595-4878, ext. 3060**

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS APRIL 18, 2003 OR WHEN THE GAME IS SOLDOUT!**

## **Northwoods Information**

### ***Camp Leaders***

If you have not already sent in your camp reservation for 2003 please take a moment to call the Council Service Center at (517) 3231-9400 ext. 103. All we need is your deposit of \$150.00, which week your unit wants to attend and your campsite preference and you are on your way to an exciting summer adventure.

### ***Staff Wanted for Northwoods***

2003 Summer Camp

The Management Team of Northwoods Scout Reservation is currently looking for some motivated Scouts and Scouters to serve in a variety of positions during the summer camp season. If you or your Scouts are interested, please contact Red at (989) 473-2305.

### ***2003 Boy Scout Summer Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation***

Sign up for seven days and six nights of summer camp for Boy Scouts. Tents, cots, and all your food is furnished. Call the Council Service Center (517) 321-9400 ext .103 today. Sites are filling up fast!

Session #1	June 22 – 28
Session #2	June 29 – July 5
Session #3	July 6 – 16
Session #4	July 13 – 19
Session #5	July 20 - 26

2003 Reservations for Boy Scout Summer Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation

## EMPLOYEE PHONE EXTENSION & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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