



# SIGNALS

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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.*

## TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF UNITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITS

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The basic issues regarding the tax-exempt status of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Explorer/Venturer units, and even Tiger Cub groups or Cub Scout dens are addressed in the *charter process* employed by the Boy Scouts of America. This is a brief overview of those issues. Upon the recommendation of a local council – based on specific requirements and guidelines – an organization or group wanting to sponsor a Scout unit is granted a *charter* to do so from the BSA National Council. These organizations vary from schools, religious organizations, civic clubs, neighborhood groups, business, industry, and others – each with a potentially different tax status.

While some organizations are tax-exempt under IRS Code section 501(c)(3), others *may not* be tax-exempt. **The tax-exempt status of the chartered organization determines the tax-exempt status of their units – pack, troop, post, etc.**

All BSA local councils and local council trust funds conforming to specific BSA and IRS requirements are covered under a group exemption granted from the IRS. This provides them their tax-exempt status. Each year, the list of entities included in this group exemption is reviewed and updated by the BSA National Council. Individual Scout units are not, and may not be, covered by this group exemption.

Chartered organizations entitled to tax-exempt status must maintain this status independently of the BSA National Council and local councils. Accordingly, the tax status of a unit depends solely upon the tax status of its sponsoring organization.

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### Correction!!!

The cover of last month's *Signals* (April) contains an error. The Scouter presenting the Time Givers check for Jackson National Life is John Fisher, a den leader for pack 222, St. Casmir Church. We sincerely apologize for the misprint.

### *May Calendar*

- 2-4 Eager Beaver Weekend
- 3 Store Open 10-12
- 3 Webelos Woods
- 4 Day Camp committee
- 5 Full Staff Meeting
- 6 Advancement Committee
- 10 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- 11 Mother's Day
- 16 Popcorn Payment Due
- 18 MIC Planning Meeting
- 19 Field Staff Meeting
- 19 Executive Committee
- 19 Camping Committee
- 20 Training Committee
- 20 Properties Committee
- 20 Membership committee
- 23-25 Holiday Family Camp
- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed

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## **Issues for Foundations, Corporations and Employee Incentive Grant Programs**

Most foundations, corporations, and their employee incentive grant programs require applications for grants to provide:

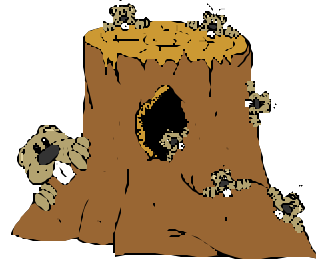
- Verification of 501(c)(3) status*
- Recent audited financial statements*
- List of board of directors*

In addition, many corporate giving programs have limitations on the types of organizations they support. The following types of organizations often will not qualify for grants under these corporate programs:

- Religious or fraternal groups*
- Organizations primarily supported by tax dollars*
- Profit making groups*
- Political organizations*
- Discriminatory organizations*
- Organizations that promote a hobby, or are primarily of benefit only to an employee or an employee's family, etc.*

In fact, many chartered organizations in a local council area will be ineligible to receive a grant or donation; their Scout units will be similarly ineligible.

## ***Eager Beaver Weekend***



Me the wife and the kids are ready to welcome you to Northwoods for the annual "Eager Beaver Weekend."



I've got my tools out and I am ready to go. Please come and give all of us a hand getting Northwoods ready for summer.



Don't forget we'll be having some fun too!!



## ***The Assistant Scout Executive Minute***

By John S. Hogg

(This takes around a minute to read.)

While attending the National Jamboree in 2001 with my son I purchased the July 30, 2001 "Washington Post". Please read the two letters below sent to the paper.

### **Letter #1**

*"I am looking for a venue to share my concerns about the behavior of young teenagers on Metro buses and trains. Just this morning I was joined by five or so preteen. They were talking, laughing, roughhousing. It would have been innocent fun...had it not been for the constant use of profanity. Every sentence spoken by the boys was laced with curse words. And I heard the girls curse with same vigor as the boys. ...I am writing in hopes that parents will read this letter and be shocked. Parents, I implore you to encourage your teens to carry themselves in such a way that you would be proud to have them spotted by friends, neighbors, even strangers."*

### **Letter #2**

*"Today, as I boarded a Blue Line Metro train at Crystal City, a young man got up to offer his seat. His name was Michael Mueller, and he was with Boy Scout Troop 800 from Dallas. He was in town with his troop for the National Jamboree. Following his lead, about eight other Boy Scouts gave their seats to other passengers and stood for the trip. It was wonderful to see a flash of old-fashioned manners again. I don't know if this came from the Boy Scouts or from being raised in a place where manners haven't died, but it was great."*

**DOES THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOUTH AND SOCIETY??? YOU BET IT DOES!!!**

## **Chief Okemos Council Philmont Contingent for 2004**



For the summer of 2004 the Council has the good fortune of having a reservation at Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch. This means that any scout in the Council meeting the age requirement has an opportunity to participate up to our limit of 36 people. Philmont is a 137,430-acre ranch in the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico. It involves a 12-day backpacking trek of about 70 miles through very beautiful scenery in the rugged mountains. Each day of the trek provides special activities including panning for gold, black-powder rifle shooting, blacksmithing, rock climbing and rappelling, trap shooting, spar pole climbing, and learning the ways of mountain men and western Indians, loggers, and miners. We will climb to the top of some of the highest peaks in the Rockies such as Baldy Mountain (12,441 ft.). It will be a most enjoyable and challenging trip and one that you will fondly long remember. Philmont is the ultimate high adventure!

A pre-Philmont excursion is also planned to help you become acclimated to the thinner air encountered at Philmont. Thus, we will spend three days in southern Colorado doing such activities as driving to the top of Pikes Peak, visiting the Garden of the Gods, the Cave of the Winds, the Royal Gorge, and an old gold mining town, and white water rafting the famous Browns Canyon. These activities really add to the Philmont experience.

The trip is scheduled for June 26 to July 12. This includes four days before Philmont; 12 days at Philmont and a return travel day. The cost of the trip will be about \$1200. There will be the opportunity to reduce this cost by participating in several fund-raising activities and by earning scholarships.

If you think you are interested, contact Steve Harsh at 517/349-1674 to obtain additional details.

## *Northwoods Scout Reservation Nature Center/Ecology Wish List*

If you have or are willing to provide anything on this list, please contact Bob Vergamini at the Council Service Center, 321-9400 ext. 110.

- Field Guide for Mammals (that has a list of mammals by Families)
- Aquarium Thermometers, small, floating tube type (for hygrometers for Weather MB, need 2 per hygrometer)
- Quilter's template plastic sheets (larger sheets to make funnels for rain gauges for Weather MB)
- 'Butterfly' nets (inexpensive ones from dollar and discount stores)
- Cloud Identification poster (from teacher supply store or acorn naturalists online – see below)
- Michigan Bird Call Identification CD (from Wild Birds Unlimited or area book/audio stores)
- CD player for group listening (for the frog and bird call CDs)
- 9-Volt Batteries (6)
- Laminating machine for laminating posters, etc. Or access to one...
- From the acornnaturalists.com online catalog:
  - Basic Rock and Mineral Collection #KIT-434
  - Soil Corer #T-4189
  - Guide to Nests, Eggs & Nestlings of North American Birds #BIRD-9099
  - A Key-Guide to Mammal Skulls & Lower Jaws #MAM-578
  - Cloud chart #PO-3135
  - Simple Weather Experiments with Everyday Materials #BIO-906
  - Discover Nature at Sundown #EE-3033
  - Pocket Thermometer #T-4308
  - Lightweight Headlamp #T-8090
  - Scat replicas for mammals found at camp

If you have or are willing to provide anything on this list, please contact **Bob Vergamini** at the Council Service Center, 321-9400 ext. 110

### *NEWS FROM THE SCOUT SHOP*

We are pleased to have Marjorie Findlay back at the Chief Okemos Council. She will be serving you and all of your scouting needs as our new Scout Shop Manager. Stop in and say hello and be on the lookout for several new items and upcoming sales. And check out the new look of the shop itself! You'll like it.

### **SCOUT SHOP HOURS**

Winter Hours: Until June 1, 2003  
M,W,T,F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Open Saturday, April 5 and May 3  
10 a.m. to Noon

Closed Memorial Day, May 26, 2003

Summer Hours: June 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003

No Saturday hours until October 4, 2003.

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

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



# Order of the Arrow

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

## 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

## OA Chapel



The OA Chapel Project has officially begun! The Lodge recently completed a weekend of service at Northwoods. During the weekend work crews constructed the New OA Chapel and completed various projects throughout the camp. Additional work on the chapel will be done during the eager beaver weekend and at the Spring Ordeal and the chapel will be ready for use this summer at camp. Thanks to all who helped make this project possible. Gabe truly is a brotherhood of cheerful servants.

## VCD

The Lodge recently released a new camping promotion VCD for all packs and troops in the council. This VCD is a great tool for promoting to your unit the various summer camping opportunities offered by the council. The VCD includes the promotions for both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Every unit is entitled to one VCD that is theirs to keep. A limited quantity of each promotion is available on VHS tapes for packs and troops to check-out and then return to the council office. See your District Executive to get your copy of the VCD or to check-out a VHS tape.

## OA Elections

Attention all troops! Has your Troop held its annual OA election yet? If your unit has not held its election or you don't have anyone in the OA from your troop then now is the time to contact Chris Proper at 321-7952 or call a member of the Lodge Key-3. Our Lodge will send a team to explain what the OA is all about and then to hold an election in your Troop. Spring Camporees, where we do OA Call-outs, are just around the corner and we would like to see a lot of new candidates attend the Spring Ordeal at Northwoods. Sign your Troop up for an election today.

### Lodge Calendar

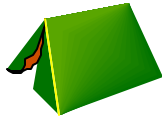
May 4 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00  
May 10 – OA Central Region One Day of Service  
May 16-18 – OA Call-outs at Spring Camporees  
June 6-8 – Spring Ordeal at Northwoods  
June-July – Call-outs and Brotherhood Conversions at Northwoods  
Aug. 23 – Lodge Leadership Development 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

## Brotherhood Day

The March Brotherhood Day was another success for Gabe. Congratulations to our new Brotherhood members and thanks to all whom helped with the service project at Camp Kiwanis. The lodge also held its annual Lodge Chief election. Congratulations go to David Graff our new Lodge Chief. David will begin his term at the Spring Ordeal this June. Special thanks to Ed Stank for cooking for the weekend.

## The Arrow

**H**ave You Seen the Arrow? Hey all you Ordeal Members out there. Do you know that this year you will 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.



# Mawanjidiwin District

## District Calendar

- 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 – Bennett Park Charlotte
- June-July – Summer Camping Opportunities

## FOS

The District is off to a great start with this year’s Friends of Scouting Campaign. So far we have raised nearly \$20,000 for Scouting! Thanks for all your support and keep up the good work. If your unit hasn’t scheduled its presentation yet, contact Jason at 321-7278 ext.106.

## Spring Round Ups

Attention All Cub Scout Packs! Now is a perfect 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.

## 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

## 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.

## Spring Camporee

The Spring Camporee is coming soon. This year the Camporee is being held at Bennett Park in Charlotte on May 16-18. The theme for the camporee is orienteering, as scouts will be challenged to use their map and compass skills. Sign-up today for this outstanding event. For more details call Bill Bogle at 694-8217.





# Migisins District

## DISTRICT CALENDER

May 1	District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
May 8	District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt

## 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 Bassette	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

## DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following units were recognized for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Scouting at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on March 13, attended by 60 leaders and their spouses:

Highest number of new Scouts recruited:  
Pack 575                      33 new Scouts  
Troop 77                      9 new Scouts

Highest rate of returning Scouts:  
Pack 299                      81%  
Troop 520                      93%

Highest dollar amount 2002 FOS  
Pack 515                      \$ 570.00  
Troop 299                      \$2,700.00

Highest percentage families donating  
Pack 267                      46%  
Troop 299                      64%

Top selling unit fall popcorn sale  
Pack 277                      \$17,145.00  
Troop 121                      \$ 3,763.00

Highest percentage increase sales  
Pack 267                      219%  
Troop 288                      729%

A BIG Migisins Thank You to all of the leaders, parents and Scouts in these exceptional units!

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Congratulations to the following three units for earning the "Gold Unit" status (10% increase over last year's pledges) entitling them to a \$75.00 certificate for Council camp facilities: P299, P506 and P572. These units join P9, P121, P139, P510, P515 and P516, who have already earned "Gold Unit" status. As of March 21, we were at 69% of our Family Campaign goal of \$14,000, with T299 at St. Therese in North Lansing leading the way with pledges totaling \$2,335.00! Again, if you were not present for your unit's FOS presentation, please contact me (Don Walker) at the Council Service Center for a campaign brochure and pledge card. We want to provide every Scouting family an opportunity to participate in this essential fundraising effort.





# Ojibwas District

## 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

### MAY

- 1 District Annual Meeting, Foster Building, Lansing  
Eager Beaver Work Weekend at Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 8 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00p.m., Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 16 Popcorn Payment Due
- 24 – 26 Holiday Family Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation – Memorial Weekend

### JUNE

- 1 Boy Scout Resident Camp total fees are due
- 12 Program Planning packets are available
- 9 Scoutreach Committee
- 20-22 Parent & Cub Camp @ Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 22-28 Boy Scout Summer Camp week 1

## Ojibwas District March Boy Scout Roundtable Report

**D**o you know how to identify trees in winter? Do you know the legend of how the Birch tree got slashes on its trunk? Do you know that Larry Leefers will have a book on Michigan forests published later this year? If you were at the March Roundtable, you learned this and more! Our May Roundtable meets Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kiwanis (NOT at Chippewa Middle School!) at 7 PM. Bring your troop's favorite campout dish to pass, we will have some kitchen facilities available at Kiwanis if you need to heat something up. If you need charcoal for a Dutch oven, call Cathy Skelton (393-9045, and please, let it ring more than 3 times!) so the charcoal can be ready for you. We will also be doing an interpretive hike around Kiwanis. So bring your dish and your hiking shoes and we'll have a great time at our last Roundtable of the spring. Roundtables do not meet over the summer. We resume September 11<sup>th</sup>, at Chippewa Middle School in Okemos. Bring your ideas for what you would like to learn about over the next year of Roundtables.

# *Scoutreach News*

## **Heart of Our Heritage Health Fair**

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Our after school coordinators participated in the annual Heart of Our Heritage Health Fair. The Health Fair was held at Union Baptist Church in Lansing MI. from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Exhibitors from community health related agencies provided a variety of information and displays centering on health issues in an urban environment. On site medical and blood pressure check-ups were also provided.

Scouting has always promoted healthy living for our youth through our outdoor activity and fitness emphasis. Our display featured outdoor events, day camps, and field trips experienced by our after school program Scouts. Thanks to coordinators Jonas Dominick, Monica Puente, Tiffany Bradley, Scarlette Officer for their assistance in our presentation.



## **Camp Promotion and Outdoor Activities Committee**

*Tom Pavlik, Chairman*

Someone asked me back in 1957 if I had an extra couple of hours, maybe two or three a week to be a Scoutmaster. That was a long time ago. But even those “couple of hours” was just not enough to do all the jobs involving the operation of a Scout Troop. The paper work alone took a “couple of hours” per week.

Today, with the mountain of forms needed for the many new activities and available awards, scout advancements, permits, applications, etc., a Troop just about needs a full time secretary. Most likely it is the volume of record keeping and form filling that has kept every qualified troop in the Ojibwas District from applying for the National Camping Award.

At the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, March 21, 2003 unfortunately we were not able to recognize a single troop for this award. One answer to this dilemma would be to assign a Senior Scout and an Advisor to be in charge of the Camping Log. This is available at the Council Service Center. It would be much easier on the Scoutmaster and provide responsibility to a Scout. At every campout, the Scout in charge of the log would input the necessary information.

There are several award categories yearly and cumulative back to 1991. Can the Ojibwas District be the first District in the Chief Okemos Council to have a cumulative award of 250 pr possibly 500 days and nights of camping? 1000 days and nights of camping will earn you the Gold Ribbon Award. Check your records - it's not impossible.



# Ojibwas District Spring Cub Day at Camp

Saturday, May 10  
9:30 AM – 7:45 PM



*For Tigers, Wolves, Bears, & Webelos*

Bring your own pre-made regatta sailing craft (kits available at the Scout Shop), and sail to victory!

See the WILX channel 10 Mobile Weather Lab and learn all about weather safety!

Enjoy an afternoon of awesome activities! Please wear athletic shoes, if possible.

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Uniform Inspection
- 11:00 Raingutter Regatta – race for fun and prizes
- 12:00 Lunch - Bring your own brown bag lunch (beverages provided)
- 12:30 WILX Mobile Weather Lab / Weather Safety Presentation
- 1:30 Free Time
- 2:00 Afternoon Activities at 4 different stations
- 6:00 Dinner – provided
- 7:00 Campfire

All youth participants will receive an event patch!

Remember to dress for the weather! Rain or shine, be prepared to have FUN!

## Registration form Ojibwas District spring cub camp day

May 10, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_ # Of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_ total  
= \_\_\_\_\_

You must preregister on or before April 30, 2003

**Ojibwas District Spring Camporee**  
**May 16 – 18, 2003**  
**Northwoods Scout Reservation**  
**Theme: Let's go Fishing!**



*It's SPRING! It's WARM! It's TIME* to get out and do something fun! And what could be more fun in the spring than a genuine fishing trip/contest with prizes for winners and a great time to be had by all?

Activities will include:

Campfire

Fishing and other contests mentioned below

A relaxing weekend

Awards will be given for:

Camp pioneering projects

gateways

Camp Wide Dessert buffet contest

Fire Building one Match competition

And of course, results from our fishing contest (several categories)

Check your mailboxes for more detailed schedule and activity information. And plan to attend! Your boys will thank you!

***RESERVATION FORM***

Please reserve a site for Troop \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Ojibwas District Spring Camporee

Troop Contact \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees submitted by Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

Ojibwas Camporee Registration  
Chief Okemos Council  
4000 West Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48917



## *Ojibwas District Volunteer Recognition Banquet Report*



There were more than 90 people who attended the Ojibwas District Recognition Banquet this year. They were on hand when we recognized the following outstanding individuals.



***Cub Scouter of the Year***

LaValle Lamphere  
Pack 262, Chartered by the Steele Street School PTO, in Mason

***Boy Scouter of the Year***

John Parker with his wife Stacy  
Troop 711, Chartered by Highfield's, Onondaga



***Scouting Family of the Year***

Tom and Cathy Skelton  
Troop 417 Chartered by St Casimir Church, Lansing



### **Enduring Service Award**

Also recognized this year was **Dave Merchant**, District Advancement Committee Chairman, who was recognized for his long-standing work with the Boy Scouts. (Picture to the right)

## ***District Award of Merit***

This is the highest honor that a district can bestow on an adult Scouter. These four individuals have gone “above and beyond” the call of duty many times and their accomplishments are too numerous to list all of them here. These are some highlights:

**Noah Belanger**, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 63 and District Commissioner, Woodbadge staff, Roundtable Commissioner, and District Training team.

**Linda Pulver**, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 141, Woodbadge staff, chaired the Council Recognition and Eagle Banquet this year and has attended several high adventure camps with her troop.

**Dave Brigham**, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 33, Woodbadge trained, Webelos leader, and has led Boy Scouts to Northwoods numerous times. Has done outstanding volunteer work outside of Scouting.

**Maureen McDonough**, (accepting for Maureen, who was in Denver snowed in, is her husband Dennis Propst) Leader since 1969, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Associate Advisor for Venture Crew 64, went to Philmont, Woodbadge staff, etc.



# District Membership Committee

Bill Ames, Membership Chairman

## It's not too late!

That's right, it's not too late to recruit a few more Cub Scouts so they can attend one of our great camps this summer! If you haven't arranged it yet, call Bob Vergamini at the Council Service Center as soon as you read this! Don't let any of those young boys miss out on the fun!

## Where Are Your Membership Representatives?

Each Pack and Troop is asked to designate a person on their committee who is 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! It is important that each unit have someone to receive this information. Please give your unit's name to Bob Vergamini or call me (Bill) at 393-8622.

## *District Finance Committee Report*

Finance Chairman Tom Monkowski

### GOLD UNITS FOR 2003

These Units have gone above and beyond in their support and have qualified to receive the \$75.00 gift certificate for camp use in 2003. Your certificates must be picked up from your District Executive at the Council Service Center. The support staff does not have access to them!

Boy Scout Troops: 2, 64, 97, 125, 164, 911  
Cub Scout Packs: 7, 92, 101, 141, 180, 222, 224, 227, 262, 265, 497, 770  
Venture Crew: 180

If you don't see your unit listed here and believe you qualified don't panic! We may not have received your FOS results in time. For the units who have done their part in making our 2003' campaign a big success to this point THANK YOU! Together we make a great team! Your support is greatly appreciated.

As of submission, these units have not scheduled an FOS presentation:

Troops: 92, 411, 417, 777                      Packs: 264                      Crews: 64, 125

If your unit is listed here and you want it removed – call your District Executive or Finance Committee Chairman.

# 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, and 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

## OJIBWAS DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 15, 2003, Foster Building, Lansing

Each year we go through a process of electing those on the District Committee who represent us and help the District in various ways. Here is a chart of the volunteer leadership that comprises our District Committee. The District's Professional Staff act as advisors and resources for the District Committee members. Each of the various district operating committees has a Chairman and a varying number of committee members.

District Chairman Chuck Barbieri

*Under the District Chairman:*

District Vice Chairmen

Activities and Civic Service Committee

Advancement and Recognition Committee

Camp Promotion and Outdoor Activities Committee

Finance Committee

Membership Committee

Training Committee

Venturing Committee

District Commissioner Noah Belanger

*Under the District Commissioner:*

Assist. District Commissioners

Unit Commissioners

Roundtable Commissioners

By rule, our District Annual Business meeting must be held one month prior to the Council Annual Business meeting, which is in June. Therefore, we elect our District Committee in May. People eligible to vote include:

1. Chartered Organization Representatives of units in the District
2. Duly elected members at large of the District currently serving
3. Council Executive Board members residing in the District

You can help us by inviting your Chartered Organization Representative to come to the election.

# 2003 NORTHWOODS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## MAY

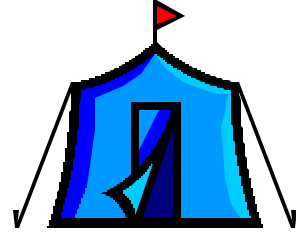
23 – 26 FAMILY CAMP (MEMORIAL WEEKEND)

## JUNE

20 – 22 CUB SCOUT PARENT & SON CAMP #1  
22 – 28 BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP #1  
29 – JULY 5 BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP #2

## JULY

6 – 12 BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP #3  
13 – 19 BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP #4  
20 – 26 BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP #5  
31 – AUGUST 3 CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP



## AUGUST

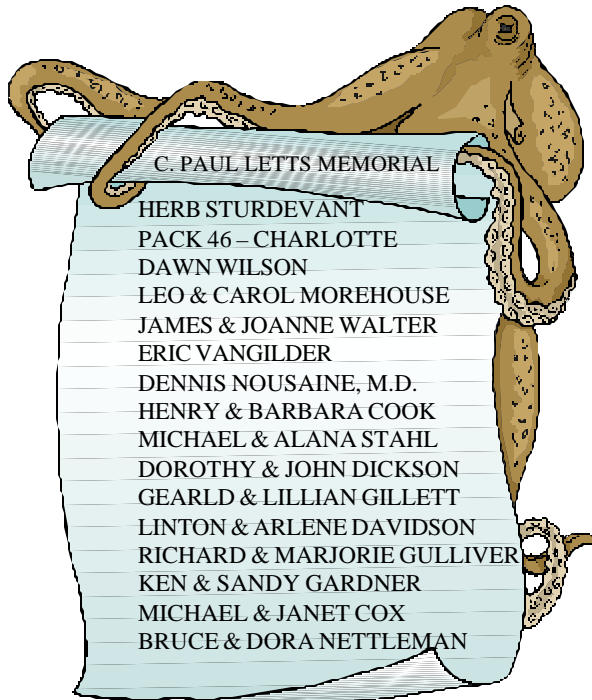
8 – 10 CUB SCOUT PARENT & SON CAMP #2

**AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 1** HOLIDAY FAMILY CAMP (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

*When boy scouts are asked why they stay in scouts – the most often heard answer is “adventure.” They mean camp! Please insure that your son gets his adventure this summer. While he’s in camp, why not join him and share in the adventure?*

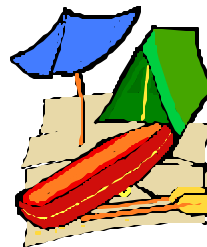
## Staff Wanted For Northwoods

The Management Team of Northwoods Scout Reservation Is Currently Looking For Some Motivated Scouts and Scouters To Service In A Variety Of Positions During The Summer Camp Season. If You Or Your Scouts Are Interested, Please Contact The Camp Director Orville “Red” Turner at 989 473 2305.



## High Adventure Boundary Waters Group set!

At this time we have a great group of 14 people, nine youth and five adults going to the Boundary Waters Canoe area on a high adventure trip this summer. Mr. Tom Skelton is the contingent leader. They will be leaving on July 8<sup>th</sup> for a great trip! This is the first Council contingent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, but it will not be the last. Enthusiasm is high!

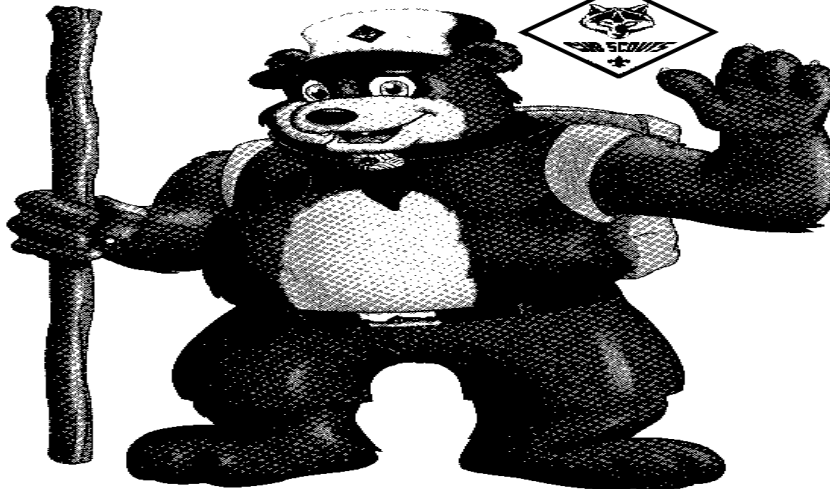


## BOY SCOUT TROOP RESERVATIONS AT NORTHWOODS BY WEEK

Get your reservation in before someone else takes your spot!

Campsite	Camp Session #1	Camp Session #2	Camp Session #3	Camp Session #4	Camp Session #5
Algonquin	10	417	157	316	121
Blackfoot	763		104	645	252
Chippewa North	779	648	901		96
Chippewa South	911	654	133		190
Deleware	21			87	8
Erie					
Fox	111		43	309	250
Huron	141		188	63	4011
Iroquois			288		
Mohawk	67	64	70	164	711/795
Ottawa				109	
Potawatomie					
Dan Boone*	2	520	777	3	33
Kit Carson*	180	46	299		52
Dan Beard		407		705	
Baden Powell*	141	45		97	916

CUB SCOUT  
**BALOO**  
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION



BOY SCOUTS  OF AMERICA

- WHAT? COUNCIL BALOO TRAINING**
- WHO? ADULT LEADERS GIVING LEADERSHIP TO PACK OVERNIGHTERS, ESPECIALLY NEW CUB SCOUT ADULTS (EACH PACK MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER TRAINED)**
- WHEN? SATURDAY, MAY 10TH  
8:30AM-5:00 PM**
- WHERE? CAMP KIWANIS  
MASON, MI**
- COST? 10.00 PER PERSON**

*BALOO TRAINING SPRING 2003*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS? CLARENCE SMITH 321-9400 EXT 109  
COURSE DIRECTOR, GARTH SIMS



# CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2003



The Chief Okemos Council of the Boy Scouts of America is proud and excited to bring you our newest Cub Scout Day Camp program. This year the council will offer four camp sessions at three different sites located throughout the greater Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton county area. Our camp theme is "Fun in the Sun." Our day camp motto is "We don't just ask you to have fun at day camp, we insist on it." ?

**Day Camp # 1** June 16 – 19 9a.m. – 3:30p.m. Camp Kiwanis, Mason, MI  
Camp season opens at the council's outstanding facilities located at Camp Kiwanis east of Mason. Camp directors Sherry Seelhoff and Marjorie Findlay have a great program planned. Get your summer off to a FUN start!

**Day Camp # 2** July 14 - 17 9a.m. – 3:30p.m. The Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club, St. Johns, MI  
Located near St Johns, Michigan. Linda Lupu and Terri Perry are both returning as directors and have lots of fun and games planned.

**Day Camp # 3** July 21 - 24 9a.m. – 3:30p.m. Fitzgerald ParkGrand Ledge, MI  
This camp session is conveniently located on the west side of the council. Fitzgerald Park has conveniences of a city park with lush green forest wilderness too. Mary Williams and Ruth Smith are experienced staff leaders who have four days of Cub Scout adventures that you won't want to miss.

**Twilight Camp** August 11 - 14 4:00 – 9:00pm Camp Kiwanis,Mason, MI

This camp offers a late afternoon and evening program as an alternative for many working parents. Camp Director Bob Roop has a lot of surprises in store for this year's camp.

### Camp Program Features

- \* Nature activities
- \* Scout Skills
- \* Storytelling
- \* BB Gun range
- \* Archery
- \* Songs, Skits, & Stunts
- \* Handicrafts
- \* Field Sports
- \* Swimming

### Day Camp Registration Fees: - \$45 per session

There is a \$10.00 discount for early registration before May 15th

Camp scholarships are available. Contact the Scout office at 321-9400 for details.



### How to sign up:

1. Just select the program that you wish to attend.
2. Fill out the attached Camp Registration Form and Class 1 Personal Health & Medical History form
3. Return forms and fees to your Cub Scout Pack's Camp Coordinator or to the Scout Service Center.
4. **REQUIRED:** One adult for every 5 campers

### FOR QUESTIONS:

You can contact any of the volunteer camp directors or call the Scout office at 321-9400

Day Camp session 1	Sherry Seelhoff (517) 333-8410	<a href="mailto:sherry@sophsoft.com">sherry@sophsoft.com</a>
Day Camp session 2	Linda Lupu (989) 834-6161	<a href="mailto:eighthbornlupu@aol.com">eighthbornlupu@aol.com</a>
Day Camp session 3	Mary Williams (517) 699-4685	<a href="mailto:Maryruthdaycamp03@yahoo.com">Maryruthdaycamp03@yahoo.com</a>
Twilight Camp	Bob Roop (517) 349-8626	<a href="mailto:yippikyryo@attbi.com">yippikyryo@attbi.com</a>

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