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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.

Jamboree On The Air



The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right it is common to contact a hundred

Scouting countries during the weekend.

In the United States Cub packs, troops and crews visit a local amateur's ham shack during the JOTA. Many districts and councils hold events to coincide with the JOTA, where amateurs set up stations giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas.

The exchanges typically include information such as: name, location, scout rank, hobbies and age. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting pen pal friendships and exchanges of photos, badges, pins, and patches.

The usual communications method calls for speaking into a microphone. However, the following specialized communications are also used during JOTA: Slow Scan TV or SSTV, Amateur TV or ATV, Orbiting Satellite Carry Radio, or OSCAR, Packet radio, or modem communication with a phone - PSK-31, Radio Teletype or RTTY, Earth-Moon-Earth, or EME, contacts.

There will be many stations operating, including the following:

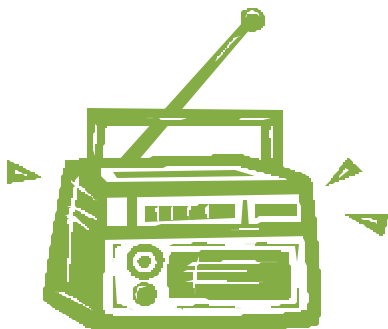
K2BSA/5 at Camp Wisdom in Dallas, Texas

Additional K2BSA/0, K5BSA/1, etc.

HB95 The World Scout Bureau headquarters in Switzerland

GB2GP at Gilwell Park, England

Listen for other special call signs from many countries.



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EAGER BEAVER WEEKEND



The Eager Beaver work weekend is planned for Northwoods for the first weekend in October. For participation information call ramrod Mike Myron or Pete Shannon.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE



Get your applications in for troop leadership positions for the National Jamboree and for Staff. The council troop contingent will need 3 adult leaders 21 and over and one 18 year old. Jamboree Staff positions are available for both youth and adults. Applications for National Staff need

to be approved at our council before forwarding to National. Contact John Hogg for more information at 517-987-9400 or johogg@bsaemail.org.

Boys' Life Magazine



The mission of Boys' Life Magazine is to entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to reading. Leader's like Boys' Life because it compliments the Scouting program. The magazine mirrors the monthly themes in Cub Scouting and has selected Boy Scout features each month. Boys' Life readers achieve advancements faster and more often than nonsubscribers.

Leaders appreciate that Boys Life going into the home stimulates increased family support for Scouting. Many family members read all or part of Boys' Life. What a great way to get parents and cubs thinking about the continuing adventure of Scouting and about staying in Boy Scouts after Cub Scouts.

Recently editorial refinements to the magazine has allowed for three age—appropriate editions with for example a more mature feel for the older edition with more photographs and crisp text and fewer cartoons.

BSA VOLUNTEER OUTCOMES STUDY

- ✓ On average, volunteers give 20 hours of service each month.
- ✓ Independent Sector projects the average value of volunteer time to be \$16.05 per hour.
- ✓ On average, volunteers have participated in 40 community service projects since becoming a volunteer.
- ✓ 50% of Scouting volunteers have volunteered for six or more years.

MARKETING CUB SCOUTING

Recent studies of parents conducted by the BSA reveal that many parents of Cub age boys do not recall ever personally talking about getting their boy involved in Cub Scouting. Think about ways, in which your pack can engage more parents in discussions about the value of Scouting. The studies also revealed that mothers in particular, drive many family decisions about what programs their sons will become involved in.

The Assistant Scout Executive's Minute

"Failure Is Not an Option"

By John S. Hogg

(This Takes a Minute to read)



One of my favorite movies is Apollo 13. The movie depicts the true-life story of Eagle Scout and astronaut James Lovell and the efforts of NASA to return him and his crew safely back to earth after their spacecraft malfunctioned. My favorite scene in the movie is when mission flight control commander, Gene Kranz, tells his staff "FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION" That statement reveals the heart and passion he felt to return these three men safely back to earth.

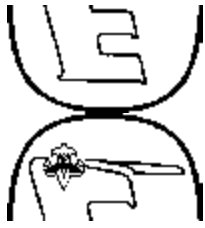
In the Boy Scouts of America, failure is not an option either. How much heart and passion do you have to make a difference in the life of youth? What we do in Scouting affects the life of a young person the rest of his/her life. Let's do all that we can to be successful in achieving "the mission" of the Boy Scouts of America. Make sure your unit makes every effort to recruit young people this fall. This not only includes the Cub Packs, but Troops and Crews as well. Make every effort to be the best Cubmaster, Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Crew Advisor, or whatever role you play in Scouting. Provide a quality program that keeps the youth in the program and helps attract more youth to join your unit.

As an adult leader in the BSA I believe the providence of God has placed you in a vital role to make a difference. Have you and will you accept this challenge? In Cub Scouting we ask the boys to "DO YOUR BEST". We should not expect anything less than that from ourselves. What do you think?

2003 OJIBWAS DECEMBER UNIT CHARTER RENEWALS

COMMISSIONER STAFF SCHEDULE

- Nov. 13 ADC's/UC's distribute charters and conduct unit charter renewal training for unit leaders from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos.
- Nov. 13 -
Dec. 3 ADC's/UC's continue to assist unit leaders with charter renewal process.
- Dec. 4 ADC's/UC's continue to report unit charter renewal progress at commissioner staff meeting.
- Dec. 11 ADC's/UC's conduct unit charter renewal report center for unit leaders from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos.
- REMINDER:** Each unit leader will need to bring his/her completed charter renewal packet plus the unit checkbook. Plan to stay for roundtables.
- Dec. 12 All unit charter renewals are due at the council service center.
- Dec. 13 – 28 ADC's/UC's assist unit leaders with delinquent or defective charter renewals (if applicable).
- Jan. 8, 2004 ADC's/UC's evaluate unit charter renewal process at commissioner staff meeting.



Exploring/Learning for Life

Nichole Waters, Exploring Executive

Ski Weekend

The Explorer Ski Weekend continues in 2004 at Shanty Creek the weekend of Jan. 23-25. As in years past, this event is open to all Exploring Posts, Venturing Crews and Boy Scout Troops; however boy scouts must be at least 14 years old to participate. All skiers must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. The information packet is on our council website at www.chiefokemosbsa.org. If you have questions after reviewing the material please contact Nichole Waters at [www.nwaters@bsaemail.org](mailto:nwaters@bsaemail.org) or 321-7278 ext. 105. We're looking forward to a great weekend!



Advisors Meetings

Please note that Advisor meetings are scheduled monthly. It is important that a representative attends each meeting. The meeting dates are in the council calendar and will remain as published unless otherwise notified. Emails are sent as reminders. If you haven't received the notices, then please forward your email address to nwaters@bsaemail.org.

Exploring Recognition Dinner

New this year! The Exploring Activities Committee is actively planning a recognition dinner for all youth Explorers and adult Exploring leaders. Please reserve Feb. 12, 2004 for this special event. Awards packets will be available on our website at www.chiefokemosbsa.org. If you or a youth member of your Exploring Post would like to help with the arrangements please email Jennifer Jensen, Exploring Activities Chairperson at jjensen@smartofficesystems.com or contact Nichole.

Explorer Post Open House:

Now is the time for each Explorer Post to recruit new members. If you haven't done so already please schedule your open house and let Nichole know when it will be. Our Exploring Division is growing and it is important for us to keep the momentum – help youth become involved and get a head start on their career! Contact Nichole at 987-9400, ext. 105 or nwaters@bsaemail.org for help or resources.





Order of the Arrow

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

Lodge Calendar

- Oct. 3-4 – Section C-2B Council of Chiefs meeting at Northwoods
- Oct. 4 – MSU Football Concessions (Versus Indiana-MSU Homecoming)
- Oct. 5 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
- Nov. 1 – MSU Football Concessions (Versus Michigan)
- Nov. 2 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
- Nov. 14-16 – OA Fall Fellowship – Camp Kiwanis
- Nov. 22 – MSU Football Concessions (Versus Penn State)
- Dec. 7 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
- Jan. 1 – **First NOAC Payment is due - \$100**
- Jan. 2-4 – OA Winter Extravaganza
- Jan. 4 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00

Lodge Key – 3

Lodge Chief–David Graff 655-5140
Lodge Lay Adviser–Rick Todd 543-3301
Lodge Staff Adviser–Jason Kerschke 321-7278 ext. 106

MSU Concessions

Hey everyone, how would you like to get into an MSU Football game for free and help the Lodge make some money at the same time. As you may have noticed in the Lodge Calendar above, our Lodge has been working concessions at MSU Football games this season. We still have a few games left and we need your help to work the concession booth. Please contact Rick Todd at 543-3301 or Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106

NOAC

We will soon begin planning for the 2004 NOAC (National Order of Arrow) 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. Since the cost of the event is approximately \$350 our Lodge has a payment plan to assist you. If money truly is a concern, but you would really like to go, please contact Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106 or Rick Todd at 543-3301. The dates are July 31 – August 4, 2004. This Conference attracts over 7,000 participants every two years and is an event you won't want to miss! We hope to have a large contingent so that we can have fun and to prepare for the 2006 Conference which will be at Michigan State University!

Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal was another great success. Thanks to all for helping out with the work projects and especially to those of you who converted to brotherhood. I hope your experience was inspiring and that you have a re-kindled spirit. Congratulations and Welcome to all the new Lodge Members. We hope you would like to learn more. Special Congratulations to Brad Pulver for his induction into the Vigil Honor. Finally thanks to the cooks for doing a Fantastic Job of preparing the food for the weekend. We truly appreciate all your efforts.

Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship is scheduled for November 14-16 at Camp Kiwanis. This event is designed for OA members to relax and have fun. Activities usually include training, games, Indian lore, and movies. The cost is \$10. Look for more information to come regarding this great event.



Mawanjidiwin District

District Calendar

- Oct. 2 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-6:00
- Oct. 2 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-7:00
- Oct. 9 – District Roundtable – Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church – Charlotte-7:00
- Oct. 10-12 – Mawanjidiwin Fall Camporee
- Nov. 6 – District Commissioner’s Meeting–Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-6:00
- Nov. 6 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-7:00
- Nov. 13 – District Roundtable – Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church–Charlotte-7:00
- Nov. 18 – Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- Dec. 4 – District Commissioner’s Meeting –Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-6:00
- Dec. 4 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes Christian College Cafeteria-7:00
- Dec. 11– District Roundtable – Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church –Charlotte-7:00

Fall Round-Ups

Fall Round-ups is well underway. Most Packs have already completed their Join-Scouting nights with great success. Many have also begun planning a second round-up night to follow the busy soccer season. For those Packs that have not turned in your new boy applications please do so as soon as possible. This is very important for several reasons:

Unregistered boys are not covered by the BSA accident and liability insurance.

Unregistered boys are not eligible to receive advancement.

Unregistered boys cannot receive prizes for popcorn sales.

And, unregistered boys cause delays in your ReCharter process because they will not appear on your unit’s roster and therefore you have to write them in by hand. If you have questions please call Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106.

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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 Popcorn Sale



The Fall Popcorn Sale is just about to start. If your unit is interested in selling popcorn, but has not yet signed up, you still can. 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.

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee is almost here. I hope that all of you are planning on being there to have a great weekend of scouting fun. Check with your unit leader to sign-up or check the council website for more information. See you there!

FOS

I know it may seem a bit early, but now is a great time to start planning when your unit will hold its Friends of Scouting presentation during January, February, or March of next year. This fundraising campaign helps to provide and maintain a good scouting program in your community. Together we can all contribute toward reaching our financial goals quickly and then move on to bigger and better things as a District. Contact Jason at 321-7278 ext.106 to schedule your presentation today.



Migisins District

DISTRICT CALENDAR

October 2	District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
October 9	District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
November 6	District Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt
November 13	District Roundtable 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Building, Dewitt

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION DISCUSSIONS

As of September 3, I have met with 10 of 19 "Executive Officers" of organizations sponsoring Cub Scout Packs in Migisins, and with 7 of 10 organizations sponsoring Boy Scout Troops. Several of these execs were new to their organizations, and while they may have been familiar with Scouting in general, they were interested in learning the details with regard to their Packs and Troops. Several of the execs were Scouts as youth, and in one instance, one of those execs volunteered to serve as Cubmaster for a Pack that had lost their Cubmaster due to Webelos-to-Scout transition. Most execs were surprised to learn that the Pack or Troop they sponsor really belongs to their organization and not the Chief Okemos Council, and that they need to take an active role in the selection of unit leaders. I came away from these meetings quite impressed with how committed these execs are to Scouting and to offering quality programs for their youth.

Don Walker, D.E.

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

MORE NEW CUBMASTERS

Please take every opportunity to welcome aboard these new Cubmasters:

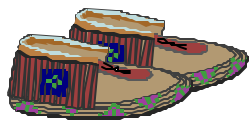
Tim Suchecki, Pack 299 at St. Therese Catholic Church in North Lansing. Tim, who has two sons in the Pack, Benjamin (Wolf) and Jason (Webelos I), served as Tiger Cub Den Leader last year. Tim takes over for Damian Anthes.

Ken Marlin, Pack 386 at Elmwood Elementary School in Waverly. Ken, whose son Alex is a Webelos II this year, served on the Pack Committee last year. Ken takes over for Heather Lehl, who will serve as a Committee Member.

Patrick Yockey, Pack 502 at Redeemer United Methodist Church in Dewitt. Patrick, whose son Oliver is a Bear his year, served as the Wolf Den leader last year. Patrick takes over for Neil MacVicar, whose youngest son Alex completed Cub Scouts last year.

Martin Cobb, Pack 510 at Maple Rapids United Methodist Church. Pastor Cobb is a former Scout, and takes over for Bill Schmidt, whose youngest son Kevin crossed-over to Troop 520 last year. Bill will serve as Committee Chair for 2003-04.

Andrew Todosciuk, Pack 516 at East Olive Elementary School in St. Johns. Andrew, whose son Andy is a Bear this year, takes over for Catherine Love-Wilkins, who will serve on the Pack Committee.



Ojibwas District

OCTOBER

- 2nd Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
- 9th Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 27th December *Signals* articles due

NOVEMBER

- 6th Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foster Building, Lansing
- 9th New Leader Essentials Training
- 13th Charter Renewal Training at Roundtable
- 13th Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 18th Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- 24th January *Signals* Articles Due

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 Caddy** (H) 339-2978

NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Here is the latest list of high achievers in Ojibwas District. Congratulations to these young men who have achieved the highest rank in Scouting!

Eric Talbot	Troop 63
Matthew Surline	Troop 63
Jason Windsand	Troop 97
Michael Gross	Troop 125
Andrew Belanger	Troop 63
Christopher Riedinger	Troop 64
John Logan	Troop 141

HAVE AN EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR COMING UP?

The Sons of Union Veterans will award your Eagle Scout an impressive certificate. Contact Paul Hodges ph. 482-4718 to make arrangements. Your District Executive will appreciate an invitation – and will attend if his schedule permits it.

OJIBWAS DISTRICT BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

The October Boy Scout Roundtable will cover the Nature Merit Badge. We will meet Thursday, October 9th at 7 p.m. at Chippewa Middle School. Bring yourself and bring a friend who hasn't come to a round table!

The November Roundtable will have a combined program for Scouts and Cubs. The topic will be Webelos Crossovers. Troops bring your calendars and program schedules, packs bring your Webelos leaders and calendars. Talk to different troops and packs, share ideas for crossovers, find out which troops have which activities planned that you can join – or find a troop interested in scheduling something for you. We meet Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m. at Chippewa Middle School.



It's Still Roundup Time!!!

By Bill Ames

It's that time again, pardners, time for that ol' roundup! Let's bring them dogies into the corral for another season of fun activities for the whole family! Now that school is back in full swing, we need to pay attention to recruiting boys into our Cub Scout Packs so that they can enjoy the exciting and fun program that we have in store for them. Fall recruiting is vital to bolstering the membership of our packs. There are many new boys who have moved into the area over the summer months. We need to give them the chance to see what Cub Scouting has to offer.

This fall for the second roundup for your pack, we're asking boys who are already members of the pack to bring a friend from school, or from any where, to a Den meeting or a Pack meeting to see first hand what Cub Scouting is all about. This is one of the best recruiting tools that has withstood the test of time.

Roundup time is vital to the life of your pack. Let's all work together to make this fall one of the best roundup seasons ever.

Troops – Since when did only Packs recruit new boys in the fall? It's just as important that you add new boys to your troop as it is that packs add new boys to their units. Remind Boy Scouts about the recruiter patch they can earn. Make it a priority that your boys talk to their friends. New members are the lifeblood of every unit! If your troop hasn't used that neat recruiting CD that was in your Kick-off packet and share it with your boys now – IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Pull that item out of the packet, make copies for each troop member, take it to your next troop meeting, and share it with all the boys in your troop. You might be very surprised!

Crews - All crews need to recruit new youth this fall also. New youth makes for more fun and adventure.

Calling All Heroes



Do you know a hero? If you do, consider nominating your hero for the Volvo for Life Awards, the nation's largest annual search for and celebration of everyday heroes, with more than \$1 million in financial contributions.

Now in its second year, the Volvo for Life Awards honors individuals making outstanding contributions in the areas of safety, environment, or quality of life.

For example, nominees could include people who have accomplished things such as opening a community center for needy kids, developing recycling programs for their schools, or helping save the life of a perfect stranger. Think you know someone who fits this description? If so, beginning September 16, 2003, go to www.volvoforlifeawards.com to nominate a hero. Volvo just might feature your nomination on the site and in the media.

You have until January 16, 2004, to submit a nomination. In March, Volvo will select 100 semi-finalists, who will receive a framed certificate of merit to honor their accomplishments. From those 100 semi-finalists, Volvo will select the top three finalists in three categories: safety, quality of life, and environment. From these finalists, celebrity judges including Hank Aaron, Bill Bradley, Maya Lin, and Paul Newman, will name one winner for each of the three categories; winners will each receive \$50,000 to be donated to the charities of their choice. The remaining six finalists will each receive a \$10,000 charitable donation. The three category winners will be flown to New York on April 7, 2004, to be honored at the Volvo for Life Awards Ceremony in Times Square Studios, where an overall winner will be announced and presented with a Volvo car or SUV for life.

To learn more and to nominate a hero, visit www.volvoforlifeawards.com beginning September 16.

American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award

How would you like a \$10,000 scholarship? Read on to find out how you can become the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. To qualify for this award the nominee must:

1. Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post or Auxiliary unit. OR
2. Be a registered, active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a legionnaire or Auxiliary member.
3. Have received the Eagle Scout Award
4. Be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout Religious Emblem.
5. Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
6. Have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection. (Eagle Scouts still in high school who have reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified).

Nomination forms are due no later than March 1, 2004. See your District Advancement Chairperson or Nichole for the nomination form.

Eagle/Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Mark your calendars for Feb. 4, 2004! This is the evening of the Eagle/Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It will be held at the Kellogg Center located on the campus of Michigan State University. All eligible 2004 Eagle Scouts will receive their invitation via US mail. Be on the look out! Watch Signals for additional details. In the mean time if you have questions please contact your district advancement chairperson.

Volunteers Needed

Mawanjidiwin District is still looking for volunteers interested in serving as Unit Commissioners or as members of the District Committee. We are asking each unit to provide one person to serve as their unit commissioner. This person's main responsibilities will be to serve as liaison between the unit and the District/Council. They will serve as a vital communication link for your unit to receive the information and materials it needs. We would expect them to attend one meeting a month and they should be easily reachable through either e-mail or by telephone. 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.

Silver Beaver Award

Hey everyone earlier this year we saw Bill Bogle, one of Mawanjidiwin's finest volunteers receive the Silver Beaver Award. Now is a great time to submit nominations for the Silver Beaver Award for 2003. The Silver Beaver is presented to volunteers who have given exceptional service to scouting within their District and the Council. It is the highest award that the Council can bestow on an individual. Please consider nominating those deserving Scouters that you know. To obtain a nomination form or to receive more information, please contact Jim Welling at 543-6031.

NEWS FROM THE SCOUT STORE

If you have not been in the store in the past couple of weeks you are in for a pleasant surprise. The store has been rearranged (again) and new carpet installed. Hopefully our new layout will make your shopping easier. We have a substantial supply of uniforms, books, badges, pins and the like on hand.

We are in our busy time of the year in the Scout Store and we will try our best to have everything in stock that you want or need to support your Pack, Troop, Post or Crew. We will take special orders, however if it is for an item that we do not normally stock, please make full payment at the time the order is made.

We ask that you please not call in an order for pick up. Time permitting, we will put together an order that has been faxed to us 48 hours in advance of the pick up time. Faxing the order assures that the correct items will be pulled for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

For store hours and directions log on to www.chiefokemosbsa.org and click on council resources and then to the Scout Shop

ON THE SUBJECT OF UNIFORMS...

Imagine it is a beautiful weekend afternoon and you are about to watch your favorite team take the field. Suddenly and dramatically, they enter the stadium wearing their team shirts with jeans or shorts. You suddenly don't feel quite as good about your team's chances. The sense of team unity and camaraderie seems somehow dampened.

This fall, millions of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be going to Scouting retailers in search of their "team" uniform. Too often, they will settle for less than the complete uniform.

There is pride in a new Scout's face as he picks out his complete uniform; it is his first of many satisfying Scouting experiences. The message sent by a fully-uniformed Scout is one of BSA pride, achievement, and "team" spirit.

In order to promote Scouting's "team pride" the Scout Shop will be offering a 15% discount on the purchase of official Scout uniform shirts, trousers, and shorts during the second week of October (Oct. 6-10). Go Team!

UNIFORM BANK

Chief Okemos Council has a small "Uniform Bank" of used, donated BSA clothing. We are in desperate need of Cub Scout clothing for families who cannot afford new uniforms. Our last Cub Scout shirt was handed out today to a very appreciative and proud new Wolf Scout. Please check your closets and drawers for outgrown, no-longer-needed BSA uniform components. They can be put to good use! Drop off any Uniform Bank donations to Marjorie Findlay at the Council Service Center



Venturing Crew Are World Travelers

Boy Scout Troop and Venturing Crew 180, chartered to Congregation Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing, reached a milestone this summer. During a month-long European trip, Slovenia, Croatia, and Italy became the 18th, 19th, and 20th countries to be visited on troop/crew trips in the last 15 years. There was a special reception from Scouts in Rijeka, the second largest city in Croatia, where Crew 180 was the first U.S. Scout group ever to visit. Other highlights of the trip included over a week of camping and homestays with 180's international friendship group, the 113th Blue Mountain Scout Group of Bratislava, Slovakia, and the opportunity to interact with Scouts in Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Switzerland.

Participating in the trip were Venturers Carter Anderson, Lauren Anderson, Kelly Baker, Nik Chaphalkar, Raj Chaphalkar, Matt Davis, Wes Ledebuhr, Bryce Miller, and Matthew Trecha, and adult leaders Allyse Anderson, Ralph Huss, Jane Ledebuhr, Bruce McCrea, and Steve Trecha. Nik Chaphalkar, Raj Chaphalkar, Wes Ledebuhr, Bryce Miller, and Jane Ledebuhr also participated in hosting Slovakian Scouts as part of Michigan International Camporee 2000, so they have now qualified for BSA's International Youth Exchange Emblem.

For more information, contact Troop 180 Scoutmaster, Bruce McCrea, at 372-9383 or Crew 180 Advisor, Allyse Anderson, at 351-9248.

Friends of Scouting

Now is the time for your unit to sign up for the 2004 Friends of Scouting campaign. A volunteer committee will be trained to provide your unit with a short presentation about the benefits of Scouting and how your donation will keep Scouting in our Council strong. Please contact your District Executive to reserve your date and with any questions you may have.

The goal is to have all units scheduled by the end of November and to complete the campaign by the end of March. Please help us achieve our goal to schedule all Friends of Scouting presentations in January and February.

The Travel and Adventures of Eager Beaver



Can you believe it! Summer is over and the kids are back in school. That means it's time to close up Northwoods for the winter. Pete and Mike have planned the next eager beaver weekend for the first weekend in October. As you can see, I have my tools out and I am ready to go.

By the way Ready started kindergarten at the Beaver Lodge School in the middle of the lake. He says his teacher Mrs. Betty Beaver is "really nice" and she can really "saw logs." I wonder what he means by that. Well, I am running out of room here so I better say so long. I'll be back next month with some more tales of me and my family.

The Chief Okemos Council 2003 Fall Popcorn Sale

It is not too late for your unit to raise money for your youth and unit activities

Popcorn Sales is the #1 way Scouts all across America raise money!

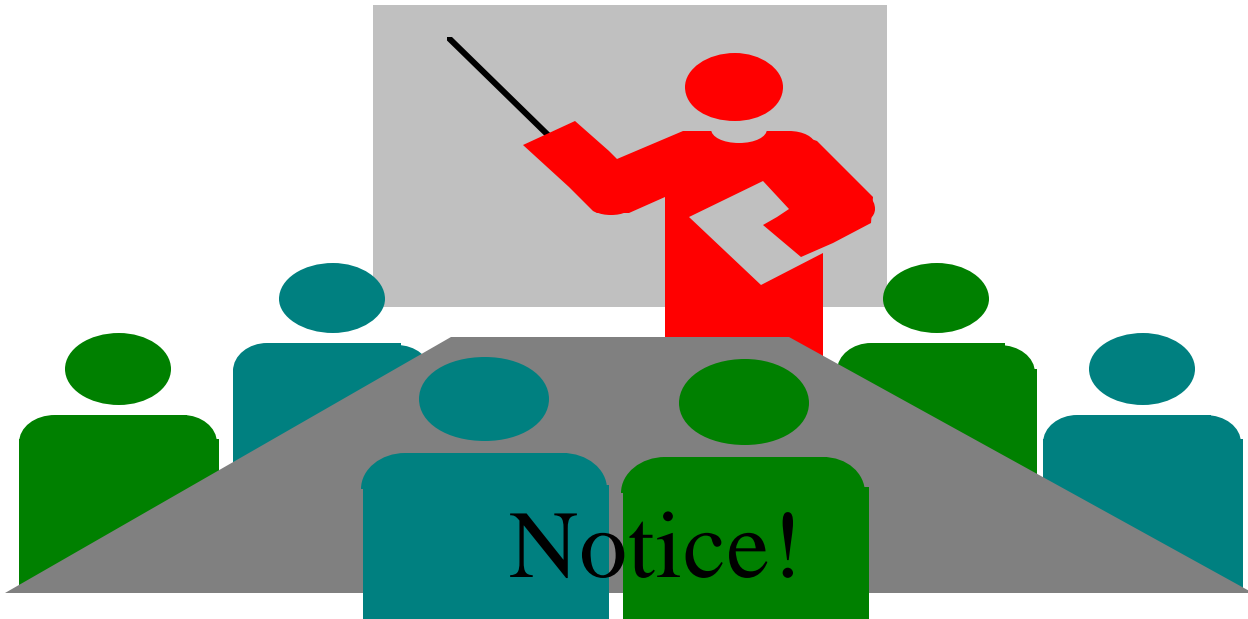
Contact your District Executive or the Council Service Center to get in on the sale.

517-321-9400 info@chiefokemosbsa.org



Key Dates

October 2 Thursday	Distribution Noon-6 pm
October 3 Friday	Sale Begins
(ORDER BY MONDAY 5 PM TO GUARANTEE PRODUCT FOR THURSDAY PICKUP)	
October 9 Thursday	Distribution 3-6 pm
October 16 Thursday	Distribution 3-6 pm
October 23 Thursday	Distribution 3-6 pm
October 30 Thursday	Distribution 3-6 pm
November 6 Thursday	Distribution 3-6 pm
November 13 Thursday	1-6 pm
	Last Day Free Popcorn Returns
	Take Orders Due
	Show-N-Sell Payments Due
November 20 Thursday	Noon -6 pm
	Top Seller List due
	Prize Orders Due
	Take Order Distribution
December 19 Friday	Final Payment Due
January 8 Thursday	Sales Commission Bonus Checks to be presented at Council-wide Roundtable
January 10 Saturday	\$800 Sellers' Lock-In
January 12	Unit Popcorn Kernel Review Meeting



YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES:

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND PARENTS

Where: Council Service Center
4000 W. Michigan
Lansing, MI 48917

When: Wednesday, October 29, 2003
7:00PM

Who: All registered leaders and interested parents

Youth Protection Training

Please return this coupon to the Council Service Center, Attn: Clarence Smith 321-9400 ext 109
Return by October 23

Name _____ Address _____

Tel. # _____ E-Mail _____ Unit # _____

Position _____

Questions? Roy Bailey, Course Director 339-8011

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 Episcopal 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:

- TIGER CUB DEN LEADER CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER (WOLF & BEAR)
 WEBELOS DEN LEADER CUBMASTER
 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 Ave
Lansing, MI 48917-2766

Recharter your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew Faster, Smarter, Quicker and Easier!

Follow the 3 Step, \$300 Plan

Follow the plan:

Step #1 Conduct a Fall Roundup

Turn in all your new youth and adult applications by October 15, 2003. We want to print or electronically give you your recharter papers that will be totally accurate. (All new youth and adults recruited in the fall will be on your charter. No hassling with overflow forms, an inaccurate recharter, or time consuming delays.) *Units who hold a second recruitment night after Oct. 15th are still eligible to win. Troops and Crews have to October 31, 2003 to turn in applications.

Step #2 Recharter Packet Pick-up

Someone from your unit needs to get your recharter packet and attend the training on how to recharter faster, smarter, quicker and easier.

When: Thursday, November 13, 2003 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (before roundtable)

Where: Your District Roundtable Location

Step #3 Recharter Packet Turn-in

Someone from your unit needs to return the recharter packet on recharter turn-in day, which is Thursday, December 11, 2003 7a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Council Service Center or at your District Roundtable that evening. The final deadline for turning your recharter in is December 15, 2003

Follow the plan and your unit may win a \$300 gift certificate to the Chief Okemos Council Scout Shop.

Two other lucky winners who follow the plan will win a \$200 or \$100 gift certificate to the COC Scout Shop!

A special drawing to pick the 3 lucky winners who followed the plan will take place at the Council-wide Roundtable on Thursday, January 8, 2004. You must do all three steps to qualify.

Boy Scout Recruitment Night **In 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 OCTOBER WE ARE ASKING EVERY TROOP TO CONDUCT ONE RE-
CRUITMENT 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.

Free Night of Laser Tag: One unit will receive a free night of Laser Tag at the Zap Zone.
The more you recruit the better your chances of winning.

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 or info@chiefokemosbsa.org

Venture Crew Recruitment Night **In October**

Every Youth deserves an opportunity to join a Venture Crew

Top four reasons youth don't join a Venture Crew (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 young people are recruited to join a Venture Crew?
They are asked by a friend to join!**

**THIS IN OCTOBER WE ARE ASKING EVERY CREW TO CONDUCT ONE RE-
CRUITMENT MEETING.**

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

Some Suggestions:

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

Council Support:

Applications,
Brochures,
Flyers,
Posters
Professional guidance

Free Night of Laser Tag: One unit will receive a free night of Laser Tag at the Zap Zone.
The more you recruit the better your chances of winning.

Contact your district executive if you have any questions or to obtain Council support resources. 517-321-9400 or info@chiefokemosbsa.org



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

**TO ALL OJIBWAS UNIT LEADERS!
 BELOW IS YOUR UNIT COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN
 PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT ACTION DATES!
 THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PART OF THAT MONTHLY MEETING**

**CHIEF OKEMOS COUNCIL
 ANNUAL COMMISSIONER SERVICE PLAN
 2003-2004**

ACTION DATE	PRINCIPAL UNIT SERVICE ACTIVITY
Oct-Nov	<p>Encourage camp promotion meetings for each Pack and Troop.</p> <p>Encourage Webelos leaders to complete and return their fifth grade Transition Tracking sheet no later than the November Roundtable. (Please forward any lists that you collect to your District Webelos Transition Chair, or to the DE).</p> <p>Arrange meeting in person or by phone, between Webelos leaders and Scoutmasters regarding Webelos-Scout transition.</p> <p>Assist coordination of Webelos visits to Troops during the camp promotion meeting.</p>
Oct	<p>Explain <i>'Webelos-to-Scout Transition'</i> "process to Cub Packs and to Scout Troops. Make sure they have info packets.</p>
Dec	<p>Assist unit leaders in planning top-notch February Webelos graduations.</p>
Feb	<p>Attend unit graduations. Assist Unit Leaders in assuring that new Scouts complete a Boy Scout application and that they know the Troop's program and meeting schedule.</p>
Mar	<p>Provide District Camporee information to Scout Troops.</p> <p>Begin follow-up with boys who have not yet joined a Troop. Assist them in getting invited to visit a different Troop, which they might like better than the one they didn't join.</p>



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
October 4, 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
October 4, 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 _____

Who

JOTA welcomes participation by Scouting and amateur radio enthusiasts of all ages:

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Venturers
- Brownie Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Former Scouts and Scouters
- Amateur radio operators
- Anyone interested in doing a Good Turn for Scouting and amateur



When

The JOTA program always falls on the third full weekend in October.

The JOTA weekend begins at 0001 hours local time on Saturday, October 18, 2003, and ends at 2359 hours local time on Sunday October 19, 2003.

Where

JOTAScout Frequencies



Band	SSB(phone)	CW(Morse code)
80-meter	3.740*and 3.940MHz	3.590MHz
40-meter	7.090* and 7.290MHz	7.030MHz
20-meter	14.290MHz	14.070MHz
17-meter	18.140MHz	18.080MHz
15-meter	21.360MHz	21.140MHz
12-meter	24.960MHz	24.910MHz
10-meter	28.390MHz	28.190MHz

How

Scouts and leaders should follow any of the following tips for help in preparing for participation in the JOTA program:

- Contact a local amateur radio operator.
- Contact a local amateur radio club.
- Put a notice in the local newspaper
- Run an article in the local council newsletter; almost every local council has a Souter involved in amateur radio.
- Contact the American Radio Relay League's Education Activities Department toll free at 800-326-3942; or visit the ARRL Web site: <http://arrl.org/ead/jota.html>
- Request the More About Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) guide from the International Division at Boy Scouts of America. International Division, S221, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Radio Amateurs should

- Invite Scouts and Scout units to their radio shack. Radio amateurs who do not know any units should contact the nearest BSA local council service center for the names of Scout unit leaders in the area. Local councils can be found in the phone book under "Boy Scouts of America."
- Volunteer to set up a station at a district or council camporee, Scout show, or other event. Contact the nearest BSA local council service center for more information.
- Call "CQ Jamboree," or respond to such calls.

What Is Or Is Not Required

- No reports in the form of logs are necessary. (this is not a contest.)
- Make the exchange of information simple, related to Scouting and amateur radio.
- Brief reports are requested. See the sample format on this fact sheet. The report should include:
 - Unit number and local council name and number
 - Amateur call used
 - Calls heard and worked
 - Number of participants
 - Interesting incidents and exchanges, etc.
 - Photos with captions (small groups, uniformed Scout at mike)



Certificate Cards

Wallet-size cards are free and are available to anyone participating. They may be ordered beforehand for presentation during JOTA, or they may be awarded at Scouting or amateur radio club meetings later. Send requests to Boy Scouts of America, Jamboree-on-the-Air Cards, S221, 1325 West Walnut Hill Land, P.O. Box 152079, Irving TX 75015-2079, with a self-addressed and STAMPED envelope large enough to hold the requested cards.

Postage Guidelines

Number of Certificated	Postage	Envelope size
1-8	\$.37	#10
9-16	.60	#10
17-24	.60	6" x 9"
25-32	.83	6" X 9"

Pocket Patches

Temporary insignia to wear on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets/vests will be available after August 15 for \$3.50 each (total). This Insignia like the certificate cards, will be available in **LIMITED QUANTITY** only and will not be reordered when supplies are exhausted. **ORDER EARLY.** Allow *FOUR* weeks for delivery on all orders. Only checks or money orders will be accepted and must be made payable to the Boy Scouts of America. We cannot accept cash or credit cards for payment. **All orders must be received by January 31, 2004. Orders for patches are to be sent to the same address as for the cards.**

EMPLOYEE PHONE EXTENSION & E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Council Service Center Phone 517-321-9400 Fax 517-321-7298

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