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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.

Rev Up for Scouting!

Join Scouting Week is September 12-18

- ❖ Every Pack who holds their fall school roundup between Sept. 12-18 gets free “Rev Up for Scouting” Pinewood Derby Cars and Carrying Case for every new Scout who joins.
- ❖ Every new boys who joins gets his official “Rev Up for Scouting” Driver’s License at your sign-up night. When he brings his official driver’s licenses to your next pack meeting he receives his car and carrying case.
- ❖ All youth applications must be turned in to the Scout Service Center the week of Sept. 12-18. When you turn your (signed) applications at the service center you will get your free pinewood derby cars and carrying cases to be given out at your next pack meeting

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Contact your commissioner or the Scout Service Center for details
Info@chiefokemosbsa.org www.chiefokemosbsa.org

Participate in the Chief Okemos Council Fall Popcorn Sale and Increase your membership over 2003 and your whole pack could win free pinewood derby cars!

More details coming!

The Travels and Adventures of Eager Beaver

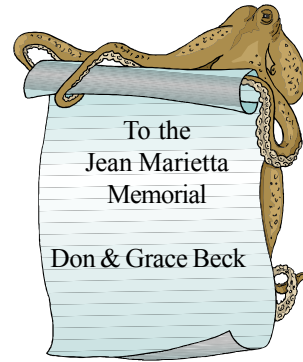
We had a great time and I mean a great time. Six hundred plus scouts made it to Northwoods for the 2004 MIC. I just went “nuts” with my camera. Follow the International Parade throughout Signals and I’m off for a well earned vacation. “Eager out” of town!



U.S. Contingent

Council Calendar

- 3/6 Holiday Family Camp
- 6 Labor Day Office Closed
- 7 Advancement Committee
Commissioner Cabinet
Full Staff Meeting
- 8 Fall Popcorn Kickoff
- 12 MIC Evaluation Meeting
- 13/17 Join Scouting Week
- 15 Finance Committee
- 16 Scoutreach Committee
- 18 Cub Scout Fun Day
- 20 Field Staff Meeting
- 21 Properties Committee
Training Committee
Membership Committees
- 23 Show & Sell Orders Due
- 24 Post Camp Inspection - Northwoods
- 27 Camping Committee
November Signals Articles Due
- 28 New Leader Essentials
- 30 School Night Turn In
Popcorn Distribution



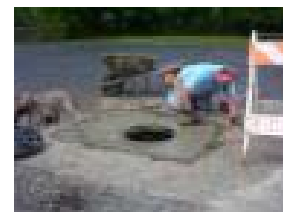
Processing National Tour Permits

National Tour Permits are processed by the Central Region BSA office. In two and one half months beginning in May the Regional office processed over 1,700 permits. Problems such as missing or illegible information can delay or stop a permit from being approved as received. National Tour Permits should be submitted 30 days in advance.

An online assistant is available to help units complete the National Tour Permit Application form. The best way to find the National Tour Permit on the National Website www.scouting.org/forms

to use the search process, typing in tour permit and clicking on find. This will bring up the online assistant which is designed to prevent some of the common problems that can delay the authorization of the tour permit. The process does not guarantee approval—the application will be reviewed and approved by the council and regional office.

Your support in utilizing this service and having complete and legible National Tour Permits would be greatly appreciated.



A special THANK YOU to Dave Granning of Troop 45 Charlotte who repaired the broken storm drain at the Scout Service Center. Thank you also to East Jordan Iron Works for the donation of the drain cover. Thanks Dave for living the Scout Oath and Law!

SCOUTMASTERS: New Eagle Recognition Information



The FBI's Executive, Congressional, and Public Constituent Services Unit, on behalf of Director Mueller, generates personalized Certificates of Achievement for Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. They are available within approximately 2 weeks, and are sent directly to the Scout Troop leader for presentation. If any troop leader in the Chief Okemos Council is interested in obtaining such a certificate, please e-mail my office at LARA.DETROIT@FBI.Gov, attention either J. Oliver or R. Licht, with their request. They need to include the name and troop number as they would like it to appear on the certificate, and name and address of the individual to whom the certificate should be sent, preferably the one making the presentation. Please encourage your leaders to make the request, as we'd like nothing better than to recognize the hard work that goes into reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

SSRA Rich Licht
FBI, Lansing



Assistant Scout Executives Minute



By
John S. Hogg

What happens when you combine the following list?



- 4,536 beads
- 3500 copies
- 2,260 wire ends stripped
- 1,620 brad fasteners
- 1050 pieces of wood cut
- 965 pieces of wire
- 350 letters mailed
- 165 Christmas Lights and Batteries
- 1 Black Hawk Helicopter
- 1 Fire Truck
- 1 Rock Climbing Bouldering Wall
- 162 Scouts
- 33 Adult Walkers per day
- 14 Staff Members
- 4 Days

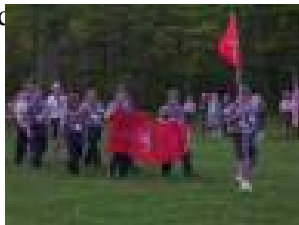


Combine all these things together you have Day Camp at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. That's right. This is a sampling of the time, effort, money, resources, and commitment it takes to conduct just one Day Camp. The Chief Okemos Council conducted four Day Camps. More or less multiple the above list by four and you have an idea of what kind of effort goes into Day Camps. Over 400 Scouts attended and over 100 adults took the time to serve on staff or walk with the boys this summer.

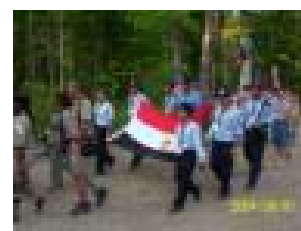
Why do we do Day Camp? We do it for the boy who on day one of Day Camp can barely shoot an arrow a few feet with his bow, and by the end of Day Camp he beams with happiness and confidence we he can shoot all his arrows on the target. We do it for the boy who stands in awe as a black hawk helicopter lands. We do it for the boy who has the time of his life as he and 160 Scouts get soaking wet and slide in the mud as they are spread with a mist of water from a fire truck. We do it so they can earn beltloops. We do it so parents can spend quality time with their son together at Day Camp. We do it because boys only grow up once, and we want them to have good memories of those times. The list goes on and on and on.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Day Camp this summer. A special thank you to Day Camp Directors Paul LeCruix (Camp Kiwanis), Scout and Barb Pierpont (Grand Ledge), Terri Perry and Linda Lupu (St. Johns) who did an outstanding job. Thank you to all the people who served on staff at the various Day Camps. Thank you to all the parents who could take the time from work or other activities to come walk with the boys.

It never ceases to amaze me how many good people are in the Scouting family. How everyone works together for the common good in making a positive difference in the lives of the young men whom do the Scouting program. God



Contingent from the Isle of Man enters the opening flag ceremony of MIC



Contingent from Egypt

Popcorn Kickoff!

Wednesday, September 8, 2004 6:30 p.m.



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing



Introducing the 2004 Chief Okemos Council Popcorn Sale
Sale goes from October 1st to November 18th

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

- ◆ Popping Corn is back
- ◆ New Kettle Corn package (Big Seller in the spring)
- ◆ New Chocolate Lovers Tin
- ◆ Increased profits
- ◆ New order forms that will increase sales
- ◆ Trailsend Prize program offers 20 brand new items
- ◆ New this year: Option out of the prize program and earn higher commissions.
- ◆ And much, much, much more

Plan now to send someone from your unit to the 2004 Fall Popcorn Sale Kickoff Dinner
(Dinner is optional: program begins at 7:15 pm)

Contact your Commissioner, District Popcorn Kernel or your District Executive for more information 517-321-9400

Log on to www.chiefokemosbsa.org for more on the popcorn sale!

-----Clip & Return-----

Popcorn Kick Off Dinner

Return to: Chief Okemos Council, 4000 W. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48917, fax 517-321-7298 or email to kpelky@bsamail.org with the information below: (Dinner attendance limited to two leaders per unit)

___ Yes, We will be selling popcorn this fall ___ # attending dinner on Sept. 8th
___ No, we are not selling
___ We are interested, but need more information ___ #attending dinner on Sept. 8th.

Pack # ___ Troop# ___ Crew# ___ Post # ___

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ MI Zip _____

Email _____ Phone Hm. _____

Phone Wk. _____ Phone Cell. (optional) _____



Order of the Arrow

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

Lodge Calendar

Sept. 11 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Central Michigan
Sept. 12 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Sept. 17-19 – Fall Ordeal at Northwoods
Sept. 18 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Notre Dame
Oct. 3 – Section C-2B Visitation Team – Council Service Center – 1:00
Oct. 3 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Oct. 9 – Section C-2B Council of Chiefs meeting – Camp Rotary-Clare, MI-10:00
Oct. 9 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Illinois
Oct. 16 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Minnesota
Nov. 6 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Ohio State
Nov. 7 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00
Nov. 12-14 – OA Fall Fellowship
Nov. 13 – MSU Football Concessions vs. Wisconsin
Dec. 5 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00

Lodge Key – 3

Lodge Chief–Ben Stillwill 347-9220
Lodge Lay Adviser–Rick Todd 543-3301
Lodge Staff Adviser–Jason Kerschke 321-7278 ext. 106

Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal is coming soon. Now is a great time to mark this event on your calendars. The dates are September 17-19 at Northwoods Scout reservation. This is a great opportunity to come and help the Lodge. Sign-up now to be an Elangomat and help guide our new members through the induction process. Keep your eyes open for the registration form for this awesome event.

Brotherhood

The Fall Ordeal is also a great time to complete your brotherhood or work on your brotherhood requirements. Our lodge has taken pride in having an outstanding brotherhood conversion rate each of the past three years and we want that tradition to continue. We need everyone's help in our drive to achieve quality lodge status for the fourth year in a row. If you are eligible to complete your brotherhood, please come to the Ordeal and do so. Several lodge members are ready and waiting to help you successfully complete your brotherhood in a way that is meaningful and fun. We hope to see you there.

NLS

The best training around is available at the OA's National Leadership Seminar (NLS). If you want to learn a lot and have the time of your life, then you need to go to the NLS. Contact a member of the Lodge Key-3 for more information.

Football Anyone?



Have you ever wanted to go to an MSU Football game and help the OA raise money at the same time? Well MSU Football Concessions are here once again and we need your help. For the past couple of years our lodge has successfully operated a concession stand for each of the MSU home football games. This fundraiser has proven to be extremely important to our lodge by funding such things as: the OA Chapel project; the James E. West Fellowship Endowment Award; and scholarships for youth to events such as the Section Conclave, the National Leadership Seminar, and NOAC. Contact a member of the Lodge Key-3 for more info.



Mawanjidiwin District

District Calendar

Sept. 2 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00 – Great Lakes Christian College Rm. MH 74
Sept. 2 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00 – Great Lakes Christian College Rm. MH 74
Sept. 8 – Council Popcorn Kick-off – University Lutheran Church in East Lansing
Sept. 9 – District Roundtable – 7:00
Sept. 12-18 – Join Scouting Week
Sept. 17 – Join Scouting Night/Fall Round-up turn-in night
Oct. 1 – Fall Popcorn Sale begins
Oct. 7 – District Commissioner’s Meeting – 6:00 – Great Lakes Christian College Rm. MH 74
Oct. 7 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00 – Great Lakes Christian College Rm. MH 74
Oct. 8-10 – Mawanjidiwin Fall Camporee

Round-Ups

Fall Round-ups are here. If your unit hasn't scheduled its Join Scouting Night you need to do so right away! Packs should be planning a Rally Night and Troops should schedule an open house. Scheduling a second sign-up night in late October or early November is also a great idea. This will help your pack give the maximum number of boys a chance to experience what scouting has to offer. We are encouraging all Packs and Troops to schedule their first sign-up night for the week of September 12-18th. This year we are offering a free pinewood derby car with carrying case to each new Cub Scout that joins during that week. The council has a wealth of resource materials available to help you make your sign-up night a huge success. **Upon Completion of your School night, please turn-in your new boy applications as soon as possible.** This will ultimately help your Pack or Troop when its time to recharter by providing you with a current roster. If you have questions please call Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106.

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.

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

The Fall Popcorn Sale Kick-off is scheduled for September 8th at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing. Once again this is a great way for units and individual boys to raise money for program supplies and activity fees for the upcoming year. If you have any questions please call Bernadine Henley at 694-5275 or Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106.

Quality District 2004

Mawanjidiwin District is off to a great start! We are well on our way to becoming a Quality District in 2004. Our District has successfully reached our FOS Goal and now Mmembershhip is the challenge. Each Pack and Troop should strive to recruit more boys into scouting. By doing so you not only make an impact in the life of that boy, but you also have more fun doing it because of the impact the boy has on your life as well. Let's all work together this fall to help show more kids the fun they can have in scouting. Please call Bill Hull at 627-2439 or Jason Kerschke at 321-7278 ext. 106 to find out more ways you can help scouting help you.



Migisins District

Migisin District Intern

Migisin District has a new intern who started August 8th. Brent Washington is a recent graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee. He is with the American Humanitics Internship program and will be with us until November 18th. He will be working with Assistant Scout Executive, John Hogg serving the units of the Migisin district. Please contact Brent at 517-321-9400 Ext 107 and/or bwashing@bsamail.org,

FALL RECRUITMENT

Packs: REV UP FOR ROUNDUP

Participate in the Join Scouting week, September 12-18 and all new Cub Scouts receive Scouting Pinewood Derby driver licenses. Packs receive a free pinewood derby car with carrying case for every new Scout. The new Scout receives is car kit by brining his driver's license to the first pack meeting. You must participate in join Scouting week to qualify.

Troops and Crews: Open House/Invite a Friend Day

All troops and crews should plan to have an open house/invite a friend day in the month of September or October. A special recruiters patch will be given to each Scout who gets a friend or family member to join.

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 Intern	Brent Washington	321-9400 Ext 107

FALL POPCORN SALE

Plan now to sell popcorn this fall: New and Returning Products consist of the popping corn tins, stand alone kettle corn (big seller in the spring), reduced prize on the 3 way tin (\$35.00) and the new Chocolate Lovers Tin. The fall popcorn dinner kickoff is Wednesday, September 8th, (optional dinner at 6:30 and the program meeting starting at 7:15. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison, East Lansing. Come get your packets and sales forms and plan to have a fantastic sale.



HEALTHY LIVING CUB HIKE

On Saturday, October 23rd the Chief Okemos Council will have the biggest Cub hike in recent memory. All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are invited to attend. Go to the Chief Okemos Council web site, www.chiefokemosbsa.org for more information. Plan now to attend.



Ojibwas District

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fall Popcorn Kickoff
- 2 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Lansing
- 6 Labor Day, Office is closed
- 9 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00 pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 13-17 Join Scouting Week
- 23 Show & Sell Popcorn orders due
- 30 Popcorn Distribution

OCTOBER

- 1 Fall Popcorn Sale Begins
- 1-3 Eager Beaver Weekend at Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 7 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Lansing
District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Lansing
- 8-10 Fall SCOD Camporee, Camp Kiwanis, Mason
- 14 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00 pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos
- 23 HEALTHY HIKE event (See other pages of Signals for details)

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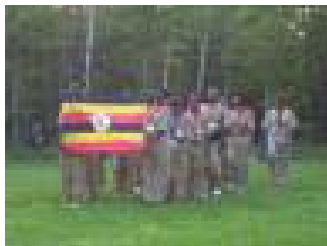
- District Chairman -
- District Commissioner - **Noah Belanger** - (H) 655-4450
- District Vice Chair of Program - **Joe Pulver** (H) 676-6769
- District Director - **Bob Vergamini** (W) 321-9400 ex. 110
- Senior District Executive - **Clarence Smith** (W) 321-9400 ex. 109
- District Vice Chair of Venturing - **Maureen McDonough** (H) 676-6694
- District Training Chair - **Brent Steiner** (H) 676-6025
- District Membership Chairman - **Bill Ames** - (H) 393-8622
- District Finance Chairman - **Tom Monkowski** - (H) 676-4554
- District Friends of Scouting Coordinator - **Suzanne Cox** (H) 347-1157
- District PR and Marketing Chair - **Jeff Pillion** (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 - **Lori Pollitz** - (H) 676-4919

FAMILY FOS, THE FINAL REPORT

Yes, we did! Thanks to many great volunteers, we did achieve the District goal for Family FOS. We want to thank everyone who played a role. You are a great group to work with!

UNIT CHARTER RENEWAL TRAINING

BE PREPARED! Just a note to remind you that we will be conducting Unit Charter Renewal Training prior to the November Roundtable on Nov. 11th. Please put this important date on your calendar.



Contingent from Uganda

Cub Scout Fall Roundup

Bill Ames, Membership Chairman, Ojibwas District

Yes, It's Fall Roundup time! The most exciting time of the year! New boys to add to our packs and troops. I never cease to be amazed at how often we forget the real reason that Scouting exists – building character in young people. And how wonderful it is that we get to be involved in the positive aspects of building character, instilling values, and making good citizens of the next generation all while having fun with them! What could be better? If you're not having fun with your Scouts – you're missing one of the most important aspects of the program! So let's all come together and have the best fall roundup season in the history of the great Ojibwas District!

By now you have had the opportunity to attend a Roundup Training session and learn – or be reminded how to have a successful Roundup. Now is the time for action! Your District Membership Committee has been contacting you about important things like the date of your Roundup, flyers, boy talks, unit assistance, and all the other things we can think of to help you be “THE BEST THERE IS”. Let's have a successful Roundup season – and remember to have fun!

You have two great groups ready to assist you in any way. Your District Membership Committee, able led by Mr. Bill Ames, and our wonderful Commissioner Staff, splendidly led by Mr. Noah Belanger. Please feel free to call either one of these gentlemen for assistance you feel you might need to make your Roundup as success. You may reach Bill at 282-8085 and Noah at 655-4450.

Chief Okemos Religious Award Winners

Level: 1

God and Me

GRADES 1-2-3; AGES 6-8

John Cunningham	Boy Scouts of America	Faith Lutheran
Jackson Roberson	Boy Scouts of America	
Randy Van Asperen	Boy Scouts of America	Lawrence Ave. UMC

Level: 2

God and Family

GRADES 4-5; AGES 9-10

Eric Berry	Boy Scouts of America	Unadilla Presbyterian
Tyler Carpenter	Boy Scouts of America	Unadilla Presbyterian
Zachary Powell	Boy Scouts of America	Unadilla Presbyterian

FACT SHEET

2004 – 2005 OJIBWAS DISTRICT CUB SCOUT & BOY SCOUT LEADER ROUNDTABLES

SCHEDULE

2004

Sept. 9
Oct. 14
Nov. 11
Dec. 9

2005

Jan 13 (Councilwide/location & time TBA)
Feb. 10
March 10
April 14
May 12

Note: Second Thursday of each month.

TIME

7:00 p.m. Registration period
7:15 p.m. Program starts
8:30 p.m. Program ends (approximate)

LOCATION

Chippewa Middle School
4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
Jim Pnacek 244-0719 (Home)

Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioners
Katy Skelton 393-9045 (Home)

The Function of Roundtables

1. To provide unit leadership with “The Will To Do”—the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renews the desire to carry on.

2. To provide “The Skill To Do” – skills, techniques, information, program ideas — the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

Who Attends Roundtables?

They are designed for all unit leaders.

1. Cub Scout leader roundtables are for Cubmasters, assistant Cubmasters, pack trainers, den leaders, Webelos den leaders and pack committee members.

2. Boy Scout leader roundtables are for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and troop committee members.

3. Unit commissioners attend the roundtables in which their leaders are involved. This may mean dividing their time between two roundtables.

TRAINING SIGN UP FORM FALL 2004

Fast Start and Youth Protection Training are available on-line at the

Council Website: www.chiefokemosbsa.org

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CUBSCOUT TRAINING

BOY SCOUT TRAINING

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City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____

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Questions? Call Clarence Smith Council Service Center 321-9400 ext 109 clsmith@bsamail.org



To Be Physically Fit is To Be *Risk Ready*

Two important challenges for us in Scouting are physical fitness and good health. Every adult leader should set the example and contribute directly to the health and fitness of today's Scouts by completing requirements for the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

The award's objectives developed by the National Council and the national BSA Health and Safety Committee, are as follows:

- Encourage youth fitness in the BSA by providing positive role models and by enhancing youth awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Encourage physical fitness among Scouters by enhancing their awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Reduce the rate of stress- and fitness-related incidents throughout Scouting

For more information go to www.scouting.org/pubs/19-327 or call 972 580-2448 for a copy of the To Be Physically Fit, BSA brochure (Bin No. 19-327) and Leaders Fitness Card (Bin No. 19-326)

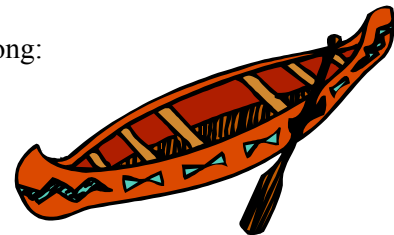


Canoe and Kayak Trips

Scout Leaders; This was brought to our attention and we're passing it along:

WHO: Ingham County Parks Department

WHAT: Canoe & Kayak Trips now available!



Canoe and Kayak trips are now available at Burchfield Park.

Three trips; McNamara Landing (45 min.) Bunker Road (2 hours), and Eaton Rapids (3 ½ hours) are available. Trips can be taken on weekends and holidays. Reservations are needed for groups requiring 9 or more canoes. Canoes accommodate 3 people.

WHERE: Burchfield Park is located on Grovenburg Road, just south of Holt Road.

CONTACT: For more information about activities at any of the Ingham County Parks, please call 676-2233.

www.ingham.org/pkhome.htm

Toll-Free 1/888-517-1086

Attention Venture Crew Leaders

One of Blue Water Council's Venturing Advisors, Mary Minnis, has invited us to participate in a crew contingent to go to the Florida Sea Base in June of 2005. The crew is co-ed and they have eight openings left. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary at 810-387-9605. Their flyer is copied below:

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?

Are you interested in sailing? Blue Water Council is offering a crew contingent to Florida Sea Base June 23-29, 2005. The cost of the program is estimated at \$950.00 per person (transportation prices cannot be locked in at this time). We are planning to travel from Detroit Metro Airport to Ft. Lauderdale Airport and then take a charter bus to Islamorada where we will begin our exciting adventure.



The Florida Sea Base operates four Tall Ship sailing vessels over 70 feet. This adventure is especially geared for large crews of 20 – 25. During the seven-day adventure, you will snorkel several reefs as you sail among the fabulous Florida Keys. Along the way you will troll for mackerel, barracuda, and mahi-mahi, and possibly catch some lobster. Your destination is Key West, where you will be granted a shore leave to explore the historic town.

If you're expecting a "fun cruise" and someone serving your meals, this is not the adventure for you. It is a rugged extended voyage on a large vessel. Everyone pitches in with the sailing and cooking chores. You will take turns cooking in the galley and cleaning the boat along with sailing and providing nightly anchor watch. You'll do on-board navigation, star study, and lots of snorkeling and fishing – but you won't be waited on.

Participants must be 14 years old by date of attendance and proof of age will be required before participating in the program.

If you would like more information about this trip you can contact Mary Minnis at 810-387-9605 or marym@nwscouters.org.

Courtesy of Tony Kuhlman of Troop 70 after returning from Northwoods Scout Reservation Boy Scout Summer Camp:

The following is done with apologies to Jeff Foxworthy:

- If you see a line of skunks walking out of your tent, you might be at Northwoods.
- If you see the same scout wearing the same Class A for 6 days in a row, you might be at Northwoods.
- If you see that line of skunks avoiding that scout, you might be at Northwoods.
- If you have your patrol name spelled out on your arm in mosquito bites, you might be at Northwoods.
- If your troop goes to troop swim, and you leave a ring around the waterfront, you might be at Northwoods.
- If you see a big "Detour" sign hovering over the road, and it's pointing down a narrow trail through the woods, and the sign is made up of a million black flies, you might be at Northwoods.
- If you see staff members still working hard and smiling after 6 weeks straight of scout camp, you must be at Northwoods.

Thank you Tony!

CALLING ALL BOY SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, AND VENTURE CREWS IN THE OJIBWAS DISTRICT

SCOD returns for the Fall Camporee 2004!

SCOD FIVE is coming! NOW is the time to mark **October 8-10** on your calendars for the Fall Camporee for the Ojibwas District to be held at Camp Kiwanis in Mason. As in the past, SCOD (Scouting Community Ojibwas District) will be open to ALL Scouts, boys and girls, of ALL ages!

Earlier SCOD Camporees have featured the inauguration of the rappelling tower, the unveiling of the new campfire bowl, and opening up new trails throughout the woods. Will SCOD'2004 have a new surprise for Camp Kiwanis? You have to attend to see! We will have four Boy Scout activity areas running during the day on Saturday, with a total of over FIFTY exciting events, along with a special area for Cub Scouts.

CUB SCOUTS, from Tiger cubs thru 5th grade Webelos, are invited to come for the day on Saturday to visit a special area reserved JUST FOR YOU! (5th grade Webelos can join up with a Boy Scout troop if they would like to spend the night.) Sorry, Cub Scouts will NOT be allowed on the rappelling/climbing tower, and certain events in the other program areas will be designated for Boy Scouts Only. But we WILL have special events in each program area for the Cub Scouts, so please set aside some time to walk thru the rest of camp, visit with the Boy Scouts, and enjoy the day!

The GIRL SCOUTS have been invited for the weekend, and there will be special activities on Friday night to kick off the weekend festivities.

Registration fee for youth for the weekend is \$8 if pre-registered by October 1st, \$9 if registered after that date. The fee for adults is \$4 for the weekend. Cub Scout registration (Saturday only) is \$5 per youth. Registration forms will be mailed to each troop and pack, along with other information about the camporee by September 15th.

More information, including registration forms will be available on the council website, So be sure to check the site starting in mid-May.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Camporee Chief Joe Pulver at 517.676.6769 or Staff Advisor Bob Vergamini at the Council office at 321.9400 ext 110.

What to do to prepare for S.C.O.D.;

1. Copy and share information about this event at every opportunity.
2. Encourage their attendance
3. Encourage the youth to invite friends who might be interested in Scouting.
4. Register youth, friends, and leaders for the event by September 30th. Contact Bob Vergamini at 321-9400 ext 110 or email at rvergami@bsamail.org

And Most Important!

1. Make sure everyone is ready to have Fun!!!

S.C.O.D. V Pre-Registration

Unit # _____ Unit Type _____

Unit Leader: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Assistant/Alternate Leader: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Youth Attending:

Fees for S.C.O.D. are:

\$8.00 per youth if camping, \$4.00 per adult and \$5.00 for day (Saturday) attendance

_____ youth @ \$8.00 = \$ _____

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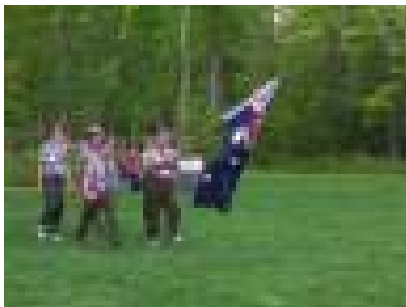
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Total Due \$ _____

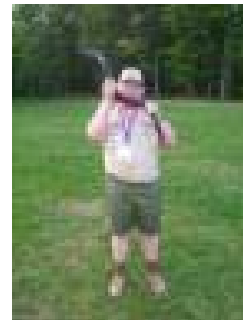
Fees are due with registration!

Send Registration and fees to:

Chief Okemos Council,
S.C.O.D. Camporee
4000 West Michigan Ave.
Lansing, Mi. 48917



Australian Contingent



Bruce McCrea, Michigan Internation
Camporee Chairman, blows a Kudu horn

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