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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.

Day Camp 2004 For Tigers, Wolfs, Bear and Webelos

The Scouting Place to be this Summer

Four Summer Time Opportunities for Scouting Fun and Adventure

HANDCRAFTS, FIELD SPORTS, ARCHERY NATURE , SCOUT CRAFT, BB GUN, SHOOTING SPORTS, SONGS, SKITS, FUN AND GAMES

Day Camp #1 - June 15-18 (Tues.-Fri.)
Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club, St. Johns

Day Camp #2 - July 12-15 (Mon.-Thurs.)
Camp Kiwanis, Mason

Day Camp #3 - July 19-22 (Mon.-Thurs.)
Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge

Day Camp #4 - August 16-19 (Mon.-Thurs.)
Camp Kiwanis, Mason (Evening Camp)

Day Camp is \$45.00. Register by May 15, 2004 and pay only \$35.00

Contact the Chief Okemos Council at 517-321-9400 or info@chiefokemosbsa.org for more information.

Go to www.chiefokemosbsa.org for registration forms and other camp information.

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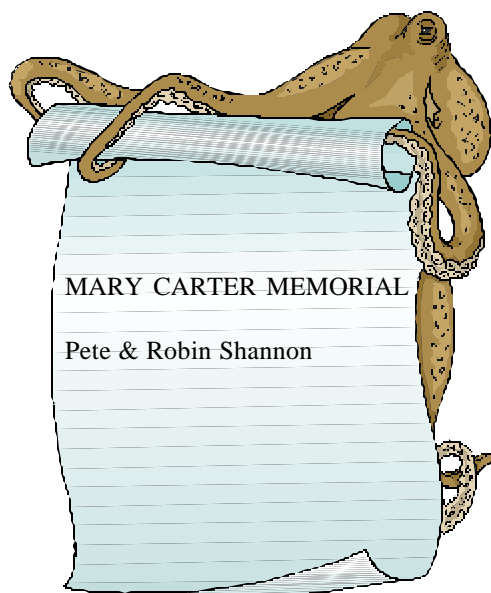
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COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE

Scouting Heritage Society

The objective of the Chief Okemos Council Scouting Heritage Society is to encourage men and women who believe in Scouting to invest in its future by making an outright or planned gift, thereby becoming life-time members with appropriate recognition.

Once a year we have a Heritage Society Event. At the event we recognize those who have already made a commitment and encourage others to consider doing the same. This year's event will be a trip to visit the Michigan International Camporee at Northwoods Scout Reservation. If you are interested in making this trip with the Heritage Society please contact Council Endowment Chairman, Duane Bartrem or Scout Executive, Pete Shannon.

There are a number of options to make outright gifts or planned gifts to the Council Endowment including gifts to our fund at the Community Foundation. Different types of gifts have different tax advantages depending on the individual situation and types of assets used to make the gift.

We have available a Endowment Legal Specialist who can give a confidential, free of charge, assessment of different ways to make a charitable gift to the Council Endowment Fund. To access this service contact Scout Executive, Pete Shannon.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Chief Okemos Council will be held at 6:00p.m. June 7, 2004 at Camp Kiwanis. At the meeting the Council will be updated as to the progress of the council, financial status, and the annual election will be held.

Those who should attend the Annual Meeting are Chartered Organization Representatives, Council Members at Large, Council Advisory Committee Members, and Council Executive Board. As always spouses are welcome to attend as guests.

The chairman of this years Nominating Committee is Dr. Michael Clark and committee members are: Joe Pulver, James Doyle, David Marvin, Eva Evans, Duane Vernon, Patricia Reynolds, Michael Harrison, James Butler, and Joseph Damore. If you have suggestions for possible Executive Board Members, Members at Large, Council Officers, or Advisory Committee Members contact any of the above members of the Nominating Committee or Pete Shannon.

Associated with the meeting is a steak or chicken dinner. The cost is \$10.00. To reserve contact Kathy Pelky at 321-7278 extension 101.

Assistant Scout Executive's Minutes



By

John S. Hogg

(This takes a minute or so to read)



Why be a Volunteer?

Why be a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America? Why should I take time out of my busy schedule and help my Pack, Troop, Crew, Post, or Group? I think these are fair questions for anyone to ask before they commit to helping. Over the years much has been written and witnessed by parents and leaders about the positive influence that Scouting has on young people. Until recently, no empirical research had been done on what impact Scouting has on a person who becomes a BSA volunteer.

In 2003, Harris Interactive, a national recognized research company, conducted a volunteer outcomes study. The study confirms what intuitively many of us have seen and experienced over the years. Being a Scout volunteer does make you a better person. A few of the research findings were:

- ❖ 90% Volunteering in the BSA helped me become a better citizen
- ❖ 67% Volunteering in the BSA increased my awareness about the environment
- ❖ 85% Volunteering in the BSA added more fun to my life
- ❖ 68% Volunteering in the BSA improved my ability to teach children
- ❖ 88% Volunteering in the BSA helped me become a better parent
- ❖ 73% Volunteering in the BSA helped me build friendships with adults
- ❖ 74% Volunteering in the BSA helped me become a better manager/supervisor

Some statements from volunteers who participated in the research:

- ❖ "I enjoy immensely the bonding that I've had with other leaders"
- ❖ "I learned some great leadership skills that I have been able to take from Scouting to work"
- ❖ "I feel confident I could respond quickly and effectively in an emergency because of the training I have received."
- ❖ "Hearing the Scout Oath so many times can help you make moral decisions"
- ❖ "Kids see a good example of their parents being involved with community"
- ❖ "You get to be a kid again in a way"
- ❖ "Scouting volunteering teaches you to relate to your kids better"

Scouting really is great program! Not just for young people, but adults as well. Becoming an adult volunteer is one of the best decisions you can make in your life for many, many, positive reasons. Share this article the next time your Pack, Troop, Crew, Post, or Group needs to recruit adult volunteers. Every one of us deep down inside wants to feel that their life is having a positive impact on their family, community, and country. Becoming a Scout volunteer can help you accomplish this.

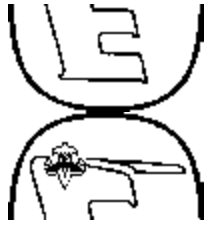
New Accident Insurance Carrier

The new carrier for the Council Sickness and Accident Insurance is Health Special Risk, Inc. Mutual of Omaha coverage ended on March 31, 2004 and Health Special Risk picked up on April 1st. The costs of this insurance is paid for by the council. Each unit should now have a brochure and claim form for the new plan. If you need additional brochures or claim forms see Kathy Pelky at the Council Service Center.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Scouting for Food drive as part of the Good Turn for America program. Thousands of food items were collected to help feed the needy. Your hard work to help the poor is very much appreciated. We will publish the results of the food drive in the June/July Signals. Thanks again for caring!





Exploring/Learning for Life

Nichole Waters, Exploring Executive

New Units

Please welcome Lansing Fire Department Exploring Post 421 and Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Exploring Post 2306 to the Exploring Division. The Advisor for the Lansing Fire Department is Tony Martinez. Their open house was held March 11 and started with 10 members. Rodney VanDeCasteel is the Advisor for the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services. Their open house was March 25 and was chartered with 12 members.



Tour Permits

Just a friendly reminder to all Exploring Posts to submit a Tour Permit if your Post will have an activity or trip that will occur outside of Chief Okemos Council boundaries. Chief Okemos Council serves Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties and the school district of Portland. A local tour permit is needed for trips less than 500 miles and is approved at the Council Service Center. Any trip exceeding 500 miles requires a National Tour Permit and is approved at the Regional Office. All National Tour Permits need at least 3 weeks for an approval. Please plan accordingly. If you have any questions contact Nichole.

Volunteers Needed

Attention! Volunteers needed to help with Exploring and Learning for Life. No experience necessary. Will train. Placement guaranteed! Easy application process. Inquiry at 321-7278 ext. 105 or email nwaters@bsamail.org

Exploring Post Advisors Meeting:

Exploring Post Advisors meet monthly on the 3rd Friday at 11:30am locations to be announced. Please make every effort to attend or send a representative from your Post. This is the only time Advisors are together to discuss any concerns and share ideas. Additionally, it is the only time that Nichole can share time sensitive information. You will be notified through email of the meeting dates, times and locations. If you are not getting these notifications please advise Nichole of your email address at nwaters@bsamail.org.

Youth Protection

Please remember to complete Youth Protection training. This training can be done on-line at your convenience. Visit www.chiefokemosbsa.org; click on adult resources, then training, then, Youth Protection. Youth Protection training is required for all Exploring Posts needing a tour permit and those wishing to earn the National Exploring Excellence Award. If you have any questions about this training please contact Nichole at 321-7278 ext. 105 or nwaters@bsamail.org.



Order of the Arrow

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

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

Lodge Calendar

May 2 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council
Service Center – 2:00

May 14-16 – Call-outs at Spring Camporees

June 11-13 – Spring Ordeal at Northwoods

July 31-Aug. 5 – NOAC – Iowa State University –
Ames, IA

Unit Elections

Unit Elections for the year 2004 are almost over. If your unit has not signed-up for a unit election, now is the time to do so. Spring Camporees are coming soon and that is a great opportunity for newly elected individuals to be called-out. Unit Election request forms can be picked-up at the Scout office. **Remember the Lodge asks for six weeks advance notice so that they can plan accordingly.** If you have question please call a member of the Lodge Key – 3.



Spring Ordeal

Brotherhood Day

The March Brotherhood Day was a great success. Lodge members gathered at Camp Kiwanis for Food and Fellowship. Many Arrowmen worked on their Brotherhood requirements and four members completed their conversion. The Lodge also elected Ben Stilwill to serve as Lodge Chief for the 2004-2005 year. Congratulations to Ben and good luck as you prepare to take office in June.

The Spring Ordeal is coming soon. Now is a great time to mark this event on your calendars. The dates are June 11-13 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. The Spring Ordeal is also a great time to complete your brotherhood or work on your brotherhood requirements. Keep your eyes open for the registration form for this awesome event.



Mawanjidiwin District

District Calendar

May 6 – District Commissioner’s Meeting –Great Lakes Christian College-6:00
 May 6 – District Committee Meeting – Great Lakes Christian College-7:00
 May 13 – District Roundtable – Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church – Charlotte – 7:00
 May 14-16 – District Spring Camporee – Fox Park – Potterville, MI
 June/July – Summer Camping Opportunities for Packs and Troops

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

Great Stories Wanted

Attention all units! Do you have a great story to tell about your pack or troop and its members? If so we want to know about it so that we can include them right here in Signals each month. Please feel free to submit articles and pictures highlighting what your unit is doing. We ask that articles are not more than a few paragraphs in length and that with pictures, you clearly identify the people and include a brief description of what is happening. Please note that all articles are due by the 20th of each month and will appear in the next available month’s issue. (For Example; Oct. 20th submissions will appear in December Signals)

Spring Camporee

The Spring Camporee is coming soon. This year Troop 45 from Charlotte is hosting the Camporee and they have a fantastic program for you. The date and location for the Camporee are May 14-16 at Fox Park in Potterville. It’s not too late to sign-up and we hope to see you there.

FOS

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is coming soon. Both Packs and Troops can sign-up now for our many great camping opportunities. All our camps are filling up fast so hurry-up and get your scout registered as soon as possible. For more information, check the council web-site or contact your District Executive.

I’d like to give a special thanks to those units who have already had their 2004 FOS presentation. Congratulations to those units who have qualified as Gold Medallion Units. They are: **Pack 45, Pack 190, Pack 258, Pack 260, Pack 600, Pack 643, Pack 653, Pack 657, Troop 43, Troop 45, Troop 111, Troop 272, and Troop 705.** If your unit has not scheduled its presentation yet please do so as soon as possible. Contact Jason at 321-7278 ext.106 to schedule.



Migisins District

District Calendar	
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6	District Committee
13	Roundtables

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

“FRIENDS OF SCOUTING”

Thanks to the families of Cub Scout Packs 9, 139, 205, 267, 299, 386, 506, 510, 515, 516, 572 & 575, and Boy Scout Troops 8, 67, 72, 288 & 299, we are at 64% of our pledge goal for the 2004 Family Campaign! We are counting on the remaining 10 units to help us achieve our goal of \$14,000.00. I would like to thank the following unit presenters for their work on this year’s campaign: John Hogg, Assistant Scout Executive; Jim Gunther, District Committee Chair; and District Committee members Joe Gross, Dave Mongson, Bev Nichols, Cassie & Larry Proctor, and Nancy Roney. If you missed your unit’s FOS presentation or did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please contact John Hogg at the Council Service Center. Every donation helps us reach our goal.

A FINAL FAREWELL

As many of you know, I retired on April 15 after nearly four years of service as your District Executive. My wife Maureen and I plan to hit the road in our new RV for at least a year, exploring the country for a place a bit warmer than Michigan to settle down. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed to the really great “going away” gifts that I received at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on March 11. The gifts were totally unnecessary, since I have felt truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful cadre of volunteers.

Don Walker

Migisins District Awards: See page 16

The Travels and Adventures of Eager Beaver

The dates were May 1 and 2, 2004, the place was Northwoods, the job was to clean up the camp. We’ve been there and we’ve done that. Were we good or what! I would like to thank each one of you personally for all of your hard work and effort unfortunately, I’m not very good with names, and I can’t remember any. Fear not Mr. Ranger, the slave driver, has them all written down. So I am leaving the Thank You’s to him. It was a great job. Enjoy the pictures. They are all of me of course.



Me sawing logs!



Me sawing wood!



Mr. Ranger Thanking Me!



Ojibwas District

District Calendar

MAY

- 1-2 Eager Beaver Weekend at Camp
- 4 Distinguished Citizen Banquet, Sheraton Inn, Lansing
- 6 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
- 13 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00p.m., Camp Kiwanis, Mason
- 15 "Scouting is Magic" Cub Day Event, Camp Kiwanis, Mason
- 28-31 Holiday Family Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation – Memorial Weekend

JUNE

- 3 Boy Scout Resident Camp total fees are due
- 7 Council Annual Business Meeting
- 14-17 First Cub Scout Day Camp, Sleepy Hollow, St. Johns
- 18-20 Parent & Cub Camp @ Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 20-26 Boy Scout Summer Camp week 1

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 Coordinator - **Suzanne Cox**(H)347-1157
- 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 - **Lori Pollitz** - (H)676-4919

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!



District Finance Committee Report

Finance Chairman Tom Monkowski

GOLD UNITS FOR 2004 (This report is accurate as of March 31, 2004.)

These Units have gone above and beyond in their support and have qualified to receive their advancement awards between July 31 and December 31 free! Congratulations and a heart-felt thank-you to all the winners. You are making a profound difference.

Boy Scout Troops: 21, 63, 64, 141, 164, 763, 779, 316, 411, 417,
Cub Scout Packs: 125, 162, 246, 264, 227, 316, 364, 424, 430, 498, 736
Venture Crews: 97

THANK YOU AGAIN! Together we make a great team! Your support is greatly appreciated.

As of submission, these units have not scheduled an FOS presentation:
NONE! (And thank you all for this, it's a first!)

DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 6, 2003, 2511 N. Martin Luther King Dr, 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

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

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

Please help us by inviting your Chartered Organization Representative to attend the election.

Summertime & The Scouting Is Great!



Many young people are looking forward to the end of the school year so that they can be free to do lots of nothing all summer. Scouts, however, look forward to summer because of all of the great scouting activities that will be happening. There are fun and adventurous things for scouts of all ages to do.

Tiger Cubs have Tiger Mania! As part of this program there will be three Council-sponsored events for all Tigers and Tiger Partner families. The first is Tiger Mania Funtyme Adventure Park. Tigers will be able to play mini-golf, arcades, bumper boats, double seated Go-carts, and lots of fun for the Tiger and his partner. There will be special group rates for this event.

Tiger Cubs are invited to attend one of our Cub day Camps and do not have to pay the higher late fee. There will also be a Lugnuts Game with special ticket prizes and door prizes. Packs that do Tiger Mania have a great Tiger Cub Den already started when school begins in the fall.

Boy Scouts have the summer to work on their merit badges and service projects. Plus, the greatest thing of all, camping at Northwoods! If you listen very carefully, you might be able to hear the cry of the loons all the way down here in the Chief Okemos Council! But wait, there's more, the Michigan International Camporee! In August, the Chief Okemos Council is again hosting Scouts and Scouters from more than twenty countries at Northwoods. This will be the third time that we are hosting this great international scouting activity. This world class event is not to be missed. Many Scouts will be going to Philmont for the adventure of a lifetime.

Venture Crews are now in the process of planning their summer high adventure activity. Some will travel to the Florida Sea Base. Others may travel to Boundary Waters for an adventure canoeing those pristine waters. Some may be planning a trek at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore or Isle Royale. The choices are as limitless as your dreams can take you.

While everyone else is winding down for the summer, Scouts are gearing up for great summer activities.

2004 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN EVENT

**HONORING:
MSU BASKETBALL COACH, TOM IZZO
AND
DR. CLYDE CARNEGIE**



The 2004 Distinguished Citizen Dinner will be held 5:30p.m. Tuesday May 4, 2004 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing. Tables of ten are available for \$750 and individual tickets are \$75. You can reserve a seat by calling Kathy Pelky at 321-7278 extension 101.



The Chief Okemos Council established the Distinguished Citizen Award in 1977 to honor outstanding individuals serving the Greater Lansing Area. These are individuals who have dedicated themselves to their professions, the community, and in support of youth programs. Proceeds from the event benefit Scouting programs aimed at reaching underprivileged youth.

This year's event should be a great one to attend. Both honorees are truly outstanding. When their close personal friends introduce them you get to know them even better. Kenneth Beachler will introduce Dr. Carnegie. His longtime friend and Head Coach of the Detroit Lions, Steve Mariucci, will introduce Tom Izzo.

Past Distinguished Citizen Honorees are: Richard H. Austin, William Marshall, Karl Story, Jack Breslin, Ken Patenge, Gary Watson, Edward McRee, Michael G. Harrison, Robert Kinning, Frank Kelly, Ron Mason, Alton Granger, Jerry Granger, Ron Granger, Gordon Guyer, Joseph D. Reid, Dr. Marylee Davis, John Rock, Peter McPherson, Richard D. Letts, Joseph Damore, James C. Epolitio, Robert Brown, Jr., Dr. Michael R. Clark, Kellie Dean, City of Lansing, General Motors, UAW Local 652 & 602, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Delta Township, Duane Vernon, Tom Chirgwin, James Butler, and Don Hines.

SCOUT DAY WITH THE LUGNUTS



**Sunday: May 23, 2004
Game Time: 2:00 Gates open at 12:50**

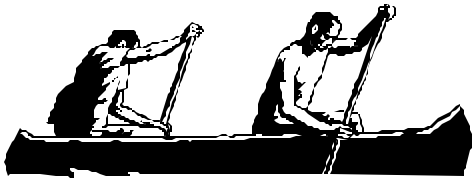
"Hit a grand slam with your Pack, Troop, Crew!"

Take part in the 9th Annual Scout Day at Oldsmobile Park. Your ticket to this specially designed game includes:

- ❖ Pre-game parade recognizing each Scout unit in attendance at 1:30 pm
- ❖ Sing the National Anthem and recite the Boy Scout Pledge on the field
- ❖ Opportunity to run the bases after the game.
- ❖ Plenty of between innings fun and games.

Its not too late to order tickets. Contact Mike MacKenzie at 517-4500 x246.

All \$1,000 2003 Fall Popcorn Sellers are invited to a special terrace party at 1:00 pm.



Let's go canoeing!

The Chief Okemos Council Boundary Waters High Adventure trip was such a success. **We're doing it again in 2005!**

The fine print:

But we need for you to sign up **NOW**

When: July 6 – 19, 2005 (you WILL be back in time for National Jamboree)

Who: Any registered Scout, Venturer or Explorer at least 13 years old and First Class or registered adult who wants a high adventure experience in the most pristine and beautiful lakes and streams in North America. Must pass BSA Swim Test.

Cost: \$600 to \$700 per person, but we need a \$50 deposit to reserve your spot RIGHT NOW!

Why the rush? Reservations for 2005 open April 1, 2004. The first groups who send a \$300 **per crew** deposit to Northern Tier get their choice of dates. Realistically, that means if we don't have a deposit in by about June 1, 2004, we may lose our dates, so sign up and send in your deposit right away! Even if June 1st has come and gone, we'll still sign you up if we can, but the first deposits received have priority. Your deposit is not refundable, but may be transferred to another Scout or Scouter.

Ask anyone who went in 2003 – we had a GREAT time!

Yes! I want to go canoeing in the
Boundary Waters in 2005!
My \$50 deposit is enclosed!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email _____



Send to: Chief Okemos Council

Attn: 2005 BWCAW High Adventure

4000 West Michigan Ave.

Lansing, MI 48917

C.E.R.T.

Community Emergency Response Team Training Announced:

Advent House Ministries Children and Family Support, Programs, a Learning for Life participant, will offer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training every Saturday afternoon during the month of May. Community members can receive training in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Ops, parts 1 & 2, Terrorism, Disaster Psychology, Search & Rescue and more. All training is free to the public by joint sponsorship of Advent House Ministries and Capital Area United Way, and Lansing Fire Department, Emergency Management Division. Anyone interested in receiving this vital training can contact Lois Demps at 517-485-4722 or Melissa Sherry at 203-5010.



DAY CAMP 2004

TALL TALE TRAILS

Day Camp Directors

Camp 1 – Linda Lupu	Phone: 989-834-2501	e-mail: eighthbornlupu@aol.com
Camp 2 – Paul Lacroix	Phone: 517-641-4444	e-mail: Lacroixp@pilot.msu.edu
Camp 3 – Barb Pierpont	Phone: 517-694-9144	e-mail: Pierpont@msu.edu <u>New Units:</u>
Camp 4 – Paul Lacroix	Phone: 517-641-4444	e-mail: Lacroixp@pilot.msu.edu

Hey everyone now is the time to begin thinking about day camp this coming summer. The Council Day Camp Committee has planned an outstanding program for you! Now is the perfect time to register the scouts in your Pack for these great camping opportunities. For more information check the council website or contact the Director for the camp you are interested in.

2004 Day Camp Dates

Session 1 – St. Johns Day Camp – June 15-18 at the Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club
Session 2 – Camp Kiwanis Day Camp – July 12-15 at Camp Kiwanis
Session 3 – Grand Ledge Day Camp – July 19-22 at Fitzgerald Park
Session 4 – Camp Kiwanis Twilight Camp – August 16-19 at Camp Kiwanis

Post Excellence Award



To achieve the Post Excellence Award Exploring Posts must achieve the following:

1. The Advisor must complete Explorer Leader Basic training
2. Must follow two-deep leadership practices
3. The Post will elect officers
4. The Post will conduct an annual super-activity, which is a major trip or activity requiring advance planning
5. On-time charter renewal
6. Plus one additional item out of the remaining 5.

The only snag for many units was item number 1, so at the August Advisors meeting, Explorer Leader Basic Training will be provided to all Post Advisors needing this training. Next year at this time the Exploring Division will announce 100% of Posts receiving the Exploring Excellence Award!

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving this recognition.
Post 222 – Stockbridge Area Ambulance
Post 911 – Lansing Police Department

GOLF OUTING FOR SCOUTING

August 11, 2004

Timber Ridge Golf Course

www.golftimberidge.com

www.chiefokemosbsa.org



The twenty-third annual Golf Outing for Scouting is August 11, 2004 at Timber Ridge Golf Course. Foursomes are now being accepted. Registration and information concerning our golf outing is on the council web site. Current sponsors include:



NINE HOLE SPONSOR: CHAPMAN INSURANCE

David
Chapman Agency, Inc



LUNCH SPONSOR: TWO MEN AND A TRUCK

HOLE-N-ONE SPONSOR

Please support these businesses that support Scouting. We are looking for another Nine-Hole sponsor and a cart sponsor. Contact Duane Bartrem 627-9072 or John Hogg 321-9400x104. Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes are also needed. Sponsors and prize donators receive advertising in Signals and our council web site. Help support Scouting today by organizing a foursome, sign up as an individual golfer and we will put you in a foursome, and/or become a sponsor today!

Good Turn For America

Community Service is one of a society's benchmarks for health. When people are personally involved in supporting their neighborhoods, the outcome is a renewed sense of unity and civic pride. Volunteerism is a hallmark of American Society, and helping other people is an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America.

Assistant Adjutant General for Homeland Security, Michael McDaniel, has been selected as the Council Chairman for the Good Turn for America. There will be three Vice-Chairs to head each of the three components of the good turn. Charles Barbieri is serving as the Vice Chair for Scouting for Food. Lori Pollitz is serving as Vice Chair for Scouting for Healthy Living. Dan Pulter is serving as Vice Chair for Scouting for Shelter.

Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America to address the issues of hunger, homelessness, and poor health in our nation. In this effort the Boy Scouts of America is working with some of the nation's most respected service organizations, including the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross.

In April many of the units participated in the Scouting for Food portion of the good turn. Be sure to let us know how you did, how many Scouts participated and how much food was collected. You can even report your results using the Internet. For assistance contact John Hogg, staff advisor to Scouting for Food at 321-7278 extension 104. Units reporting their service project results will be allowed to purchase a Good Turn for America Patch.

If you haven't yet done a food drive its not too late. You can still collect food or perhaps your unit might want to help an agency who delivers meals such as Meals on Wheels or an agency that serves meals such as Advent House Ministries or the Salvation Army.

For more information, see our council website or the national site www.goodturnforamerica.org.

Ojibwas District May Boy Scout Roundtable

It's time once again for the May Round Table at Camp Kiwanis! We will meet Thursday, May 13th at Camp Kiwanis at 7 p.m. The topic for this month is backpacking. Come learn some useful tips for successful backpacking trips. Also, John Hogg will be doing 'Climb On Safely' training for adult leaders. As usual, you are invited to bring a dish to pass - preferably something your troop likes to make on campouts.

Time and weather permitting, we will take a quick tour of the camp to see the spring sights. This will be our last roundtable meeting until September. We will meet again September 9th. Have a great summer, and hope to see many of you at Northwoods this summer!

Religious Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following young men who completed requirements to receive the religious awards listed below:

Level: 1

God and Me

GRADES 1-2-3; AGES 6-8

Jeffrey Masten-Davies	Boy Scouts of America Unit Karen Gale	Edgewood United Church/Christ 469 N. Hagadorn East Lansing, MI 48823
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Level: 2

God and Family

GRADES 4-5; AGES 9-10

Jonathon Caddy	Boy Scouts of America Unit 165 Jeanne Rendels	Okemos Community 4734 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48805
Alexander Chauncey	Boy Scouts of America Unit Greg Steere	Holt Christian 2424 S. Washington Ave. Lansing, MI 48911
Jacob Kleehammer	Boy Scouts of America Unit 252 Eaton Rapid	First Baptist 9220 Kinneville Rd Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
Jonathan Lewis	Boy Scouts of America Unit 164 Brad Mitchell	Trinity 3355 Dunckel Rd Lansing, MI 48910

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MIGISINS DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

The following volunteers were recognized for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Scouting at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on March 11: Linda Lupu and Terri Perry from Pack 575 in Ovid-Elsie received the District Award of Merit. The Garlitz family from Troop 299 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Lansing received the Scouting Family of the Year award. Rich Vsetula, Scoutmaster for Troop 288 in Lansing received the Boy Scouter of the Year award, and Tyler Baker from Pack 575 in Ovid-Elsie received the Cub Scouter of the Year award.

Jerry Riggs, a member of the Migisins District Committee, received a very special Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of his artistic contribution to both the District and Council, as well as his service as Storyteller at the district's Cub Scout Day Camp. Joe Gross, also a District Committee member, received his 30 year veteran's pin. Lynn Bolton and Rob Klco from Pack 575 in Ovid-Elsie received their Webelos Den Leader awards.

The following units were also recognized for their outstanding achievements:

Highest number of new Scouts, fall 2003 Roundup:
Pack 205, Laingsburg (36) and Troop 72, St. Johns (13)

Highest percentage of returning Scouts, fall 2003 Re-chartering:
Pack 121, Lansing Waverly (92%) and Troop 520, St. Johns (100%)

Highest dollar amount, 2003 "Friends of Scouting" campaign:
Pack 121, Lansing Waverly (\$1,755.00) and Troop 299, Lansing (\$2,790.00)

Highest percentage of families donating to 2003 FOS:
Pack 506, Fowler (59%) and Troop 299, Lansing, (75%)

Top-selling units, 2003 Fall Popcorn Sale:
Pack 575, Ovid-Elsie (\$21,948.00) and Troop 121, Lansing Waverly (\$3,196.00)

Highest percentage increase in sales, 2003 Fall Popcorn Sale:
Pack 516, St. Johns (207%) and Troop 299, Lansing (40%)

Best Program of Activities 2003:
Troop 77, Dewitt



Ojibwas District **Spring** Cub Day at Camp **“SCOUTING IS MAGIC!”**

THIS ACTIVITY IS OPEN TO CUB SCOUT PACKS IN ALL DISTRICTS

Saturday, May 15
 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Event Schedule (abbreviated version)

Registration from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

This event will conclude with a campfire program ending at 8:00 p.m. (approximate).

- Early Registration is due by May 7th to Bob Vergamini at the Council Service Center 321-9400 ext 110.
- Cost is \$5.00 per Scout, \$2.50 for Adults, siblings, tag-alongs, and prospective new Scouts.
- For Tigers, Wolves, Bears, & Webelos
- The afternoon and evening will be filled with magical discoveries in the areas of science, nature, and physical fitness.
- There will be a magic show by the amazing Don Kill.
- Bring “Show and tell projects your Dens have worked on this year.
- Each participant will receive an event patch and a special magic kit!
- If you want to help plan or be on staff, contact Lori Pollitz at 676-4919.

Registration Form:

Ojibwas District Cub Scouts “Scouting is Magic”

May 15, 2004 Camp Kiwanis

Pack # _____ District _____ Adult Contact _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Other Adults Attending:

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____

Youth Attending:

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____
 5. _____ 6. _____
 7. _____ 8. _____
 9. _____ 10. _____

Of Youth _____ @ \$5.00 ea. = _____ # Of Adults _____ @ \$2.50 ea. = _____

Of Others _____ @ \$2.50 = _____ Total \$ _____

You must preregister on or before May 7, 2004.



Send your preregistration and fees to:
 Chief Okemos Council
 Ojibwas District “Scouting is Magic”
 4000 West Michigan Ave.
 Lansing, Mi. 48917



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Methodist Bishop's Dinner Honors Scouting

The West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church held a "Bishop's Dinner for Scouting" on Monday, March 15th, 2004.

This dinner was held to share experiences in scouting, recognize youth and adult Scouters, explore the possibilities of expanding current programs, and to charter new units and renew existing commitments to partnerships with scouting.

"The 'Bishop's Dinner for Scouting' event successfully brought together several programs, established over time, that have blessed the lives of many children. Some of our strong leaders in the church participated as children in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire USA or 4-H. It is important for the church to continue to support a variety of programs that nurture, support, and offer Christian values to children", stated Bishop Linda Lee.

The event was held at Central United Methodist Church in Lansing. Represented by the 89 persons present were 18 churches and all 4 youth agencies, intentions were stated to begin 7 new units. 17 children were honored during the evening for earning their United Methodist religious education awards, with 7 of them in attendance. "A respectable turn-out, considering this was the first time this event has been held in 14 years", commented Kate Caddy, event chairperson. "Wait 'til next year!"



United Methodist Churches sponsor more scouting units than any other denomination or civic agency.

Pictured is Boy Scout Jonathon Caddy from the Chief Okemos Council, Lansing and Cub Scout Christopher Jacobson from the Gerald R. Ford Council, Grand Rapids.

Cub Scout Pack Trainer Position

Less than half of the registered leaders in Cub Scouts packs have completed basic training for their positions. Clearly,

New approaches in Cub Scout leader training are needed. With this in mind, the National Executive Board took an

Initial step in placing a trainer in every Cub Scout pack, by approving pack *trainer* as a new registered position.

The pack trainer will be responsible for orientation of new Cub Scouts' parents and new leaders in the pack, as well as for the delivery of Fast Start Training. The trainer will also promote participation in district and council training opportunities, particularly basic training and roundtables. Pack trainers may also have a role in delivering the new basic training for Cub

Scout leaders, which will be launched this fall. Councils may elect to give additional training responsibilities to pack trainers, such as delivery of youth protection training within the pack.

Pack trainers should participate in the newly released Trainer development Conference conducted by their councils.

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

Pack Trainer Position Summary

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

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

Pack trainer is a registered position

Position Duties

The pack trainer is responsible for:

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

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

Position Qualifications

The pack trainer must:

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

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

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

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

The Cubmaster should not hold the pack trainer position.

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