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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.

GO NUTS WITH SPRING RECRUITMENT!

We have some exciting news about Spring Recruitment!

Pack, Troops, and Crews who participate in spring recruitment can:

Saturday, June 7th

Tour Oldsmobile Park-Home of the Lugnuts 11am to 1pm

Tour the locker room, go to the press boxes, visit the private suites, learn all about the operations of the ball park behind the stands. There will be Lugnut Door Prizes (hats, balls, T-shirts), meet the players, visit with BIG LUG! Get ready to attend Scout Day with the Lugnuts on Sunday, June 8th.

Scout Day at the

Michigan State Police Lansing HQ. (Date: TBA)

See an S.W.A.T. Team, K-9 Unit, police cars driving on the precision driving track, bike and pedestrian safety demonstrations, and much much more.

Friday, August 22nd

Attend the 2008 Lugnuts Overnight Campout Game

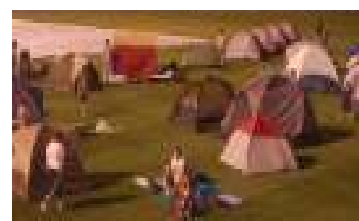
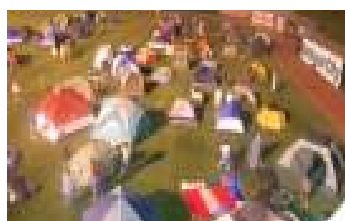
Everyone is invited this year! Come to the game, see fireworks after the game, campout on the field and watch a movie on the big screen! Sleep is optional. Packs, Troops and Crews who do a spring recruitment get in for \$11. That includes your game ticket, sleepover pass, and breakfast in the morning. Units who do not recruit pay \$14 each! Units who reach the spring recruitment goals are guaranteed to get tickets! This will sell out!

Do a spring recruitment and don't miss these exciting events!

To qualify to attend the Oldsmobile Park Tour and get the discount for the Overnight game:

1. Packs-must recruit 5 new Tiger Cubs or a total of 10 new Scouts of any rank.
2. Troops-must recruit 2 new Boy Scouts (non Webelos Crossovers)
3. Crews-must recruit 2 new Ventures

Start Planning your spring recruitment today!



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Scout Executives Minute

It has been a long winter, but spring has finally arrived! The flowers are in bloom, the leaves are finally starting to show on trees, and outside activities are taking off. From field trips to graduations, so many things are going on that we tend to be pulled in too many directions at once. It is important to focus on a few key factors that make our program what it is.

The first is advancement. Through advancements, a Scout develops leadership skills, character, and learns to live by the Scout Oath and Law. This he will take with him and use the rest of his life. Spring is the perfect time to plan activities as a way for your scouts to earn advancements throughout the summer.

The second area to focus on is outdoor experience. As advancement and an outdoor experience go hand in hand, it would be strange to think of one without the other. Camporees, hiking trips, high adventure, and Summer camp are all ways of not only earning more advancement, but also reinforcing the advancement that the scouts earned throughout the year. What better way to show what a scout learned from the Camping Merit Badge, than to go camping?

Of course, none of the advancement, activities, or the program itself would be possible without the help of our volunteers. Thank you for the time you take to make the Scouting Program happen in our communities.

Scouting for Food 2008

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Scouting for Food Drive.

A list of participating units and how much food they collected will be posted on the website soon and in June/July Signals. A special thank you to Quality Dairy who allowed all 31 of their stores to be drop off sites for food donations. Also, a special thanks go to Mid-Michigan Food Bank: Red Cross for providing all the barrels in the QD store. The next time you are in a QD, thank the store or shift manager for working with the Chief Okemos Council to help fight hunger.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REPORTED YOUR SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION RESULTS PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

The form is on the homepage of the Council website www.chiefokemosbsa.org or you can email Sarah the information at sadavis@bsaemail.org

Webelos Woods 2008

Webelos Woods is Webelos WOW

May 10, 2008 Camp Kiwanis, Mason

12:30pm to 7:15pm Dinner is included

Calling all Bears and Webelos to come out for a day of fun and adventure at Camp Kiwanis

Webelos I (Bear Scouts)

Webelos I Scouts are 3rd grade Bear Scouts going into 4th grade Webelos. Webelos I Scouts will work on Webelos advancements. All current Bear Scouts can get a head start on earning their Webelos badge. The Scientist, Engineering are planned along with electives of Forestry, Geology, and Art

Webelos II

Webelos II Scouts are 4th grade Webelos going into 5th grade Webelos. Webelos II Scouts will be offered advancements to assist them in earning the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light! Activities will also include learning skills to help Webelos crossover to Boy Scouts and start on the trial to Eagle Scout.

New this year will be the bouldering and rock climbing on the 35ft Camp Kiwanis Climbing Tower.

Events this year include Games, Scout crafts, Webelos activity pins, outdoor skills, first-aid skill, orienteering, climbing, campfire, leadership skills, awards, and much more

This is a great program and you won't want your Scouts to miss it!

Registration fee (\$10) includes:

Webelos Wood Patch, program and activity supplies, snacks, climbing tower fees, Saturday dinner, and beverages, and awards!

Go to www.chiefokemosbsa.org homepage and scroll down to Webelos Woods for a Registration Form and Schedule



Top Ten Reasons Why Your Pack Should Do Spring Tiger Mania

1. The Council Service Center receives many calls from parents of Kindergartners who want their sons to join Scouting.
2. New Tigers can go to three Council-sponsored fun events during the summer of 2008. If they wait until the fall to join they miss a whole summer of Scouting fun!
3. Packs that do Spring Tiger Mania get an exclusive tour of Oldsmobile Park.
4. Packs that do Spring Tiger Mania are guaranteed tickets to attend the Lugnuts Overnight Game.
5. Packs that participate get special reduced priced tickets to the Overnight Campout Lugnuts Game which includes breakfast!
6. All new Tigers are welcome to attend one of our Day Camps and do not have to pay the higher late fee.
7. Packs that participate have a great Tiger Cub Den already started when school begins in the fall.
8. Packs that participate have more adults active on the pack committee when school begins in the fall.
9. Packs that participate will have better popcorn sales with more new "spring" Tigers ready to sell.
10. Packs who do Spring Tiger Mania can come to the awesome Scout Day with the Michigan State Police.

Bonus: Packs who do Spring Tiger Mania and attend the three awesome summer events automatically earn the National Summer Time Pack Award!

PLAN NOW TO RECRUIT YOUR NEW TIGER CUBS THIS SPRING!

How to Participate in Spring Tiger Mania

Your highly trained professional District Scout Executives will do the majority of the work for you!

SET A SPRING TIGER MANIA SIGN-UP NIGHT (Sign-ups can be at your May or June Pack meetings or picnic, school, local McDonalds, Ice Cream Shop, etc.)

ORDER YOU SPRING TIGER MANIA FLYERS (Check with your school(s) to see how many you need. Order twice the amount: One flyer to be sent home a week ahead of the sign-up and one to be given out at the boy talk.

GET PERMISSION TO DO A FIVE MINUTE "BOY TALK" AT SCHOOL IN CLASSROOMS OR AT LUNCH/RECESS AND YOU DISTRICT EXECUTIVE WILL HELP YOU! (Just show a Tiger Cub book, a pinewood derby car, pictures of pack events, and give them a flyer-they love it!!!)

CONDUCT YOUR SIGN-UP NIGHT (The Council will provide all you need: registration forms, information on the summer events, etc, etc. All you do is collect the applications and fees. The prorated fee for new Scouts is \$6.00 registration fee and \$7.00 for Boy's Life=Total \$13.00

REGISTER YOUR NEW TIGERS BY JUNE 1, 2008

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Please turn this form in with your new Spring Tiger Mania Applications by June 1, 2008

Yes, our pack participated in the Spring Tiger Mania. We registered ____ number of new Tigers (minimum of 5 to qualify) or a total of ____ new Cub Scouts (10 new Cub Scouts of any rank).

Pack #: _____ District: _____

Unit Leader filling out this application: _____

Address: _____ City _____ MI Zip: _____

Best Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

**Diocese of Lansing Scout Recognition Sunday
was held on April 20, 2008 at St. Gerard Church - Lansing, Michigan**

Congratulations to all of the Scouts who worked so hard to earn their Catholic Religious Awards! The Catholic Committee on Scouting was pleased to present the following awards to Scouts in Chief Okemos Council:

Light of Christ The purpose of the Light of Christ Award is to help first and second grade boys to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the parent's active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as real person and his friend. The program emphasis is on the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Nicholas Boston (Pack 45) Rembrandt Mumby (Pack 299)

Parvuli Dei Emblem Parvuli Dei means "Little Children of God." This program helps the Bear and Webelos Cub Scout explore a wide range of activities with his family in order to discover the presence of God in his daily life. As a special part of God's creation, each boy learns what it means to be a member of God's family and of his own family, and how to care for one another.

Kalman Hauk (Pack 426) Justin Leitch (Pack 600) Vincent Marinas (Pack 502) Nicholas Sturgis (P 572)

Ad Altare Dei The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (meaning "To the Altar of God") program is to help Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

Robby Dobski (Troop 585) Scott Ketchum (Troop 585) Kyle Jones (Troop 77)
Steven Neher (Troop 77) Mitchell Raeck (Troop 77)

Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God. It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a retreat or day of recollection. The goal of the award is to facilitate faith growth with participants by relating the knowledge of our faith and the ordinary experiences of a participant's life.

Jacob Bryde (Troop 141) Matt Danner (Troop 141) Jacob Hesch (Troop 141)
Jason Sweet (Lone Scout) Chris Weber (Troop 141) Sean Pecinovsky (Troop 141)

For more information on earning Catholic Religious Scouting Awards please contact Awards Chair, Kris Krochmal at 734-878-3881, or Development Director, Jennifer Jensen at the Council office at 517-321-9400 x107.

2008 Chief Okemos Council Golf Outing For Scouting

Please join us for our Annual Golf Outing for Scouting. We are thrilled to announce that new Spartan Coach Mark Dantonio has agreed to continue on as the honorary chair of our event. This year's event will again be held at the beautiful Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing, MI. This is a great opportunity to meet the coach before the Spartan Football season begins and to help raise some money for the Council. There are many sponsorship opportunities available. Please check the Council website for a link to our brochure which includes all of the details. This is one event that you won't want to miss! Contact Jennifer Jensen at 517-321-9400 x107 or email at jenjense@bsamail.org for more information.

Volunteers Needed for the Golf Outing

Attention all Adult Leaders, Advisors, Explorer/Venture Scouts, and Boy Scouts! It is the that time of year again when we are looking for 60 or more Scouters to gather at the prestigious Walnut Hills Country Club to caddy and help out at our Annual Golf Outing.

Registration is simple and easy. This year's event will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008. We will need help from 8:00 – 1:00 for set up, from 1:00 – 5:00 for caddying, and help cleaning up at the end of the outing. All adults and Scouts 10 years and older are welcome and golf experience is not required. If you are planning on earning the Golf Merit Badge this may be the event for you! All Scouts will be required to wear a Class A uniform. We are also looking for a Troop who would be willing to do the opening Flag Ceremony. Scouts volunteering must be accompanied by an adult.

We are also looking for a volunteer photographer who would be willing to take digital photos of each of our foursomes as well as some other candid photos throughout the event.

If you are interested in helping out this year please send you contact information via fax, email, or mail it to the Council and place it to the attention of Jennifer Jensen. If you have questions please contact Jennifer Jensen at 517-321-9400 x107 or be email at jenjense@bsamail.org.

Summer Camp 2008

Adventures on the High Seas!

2008 Parent and Son Adventure Camps

Enjoy the weekend with your son! This camp is designed so that an adult and child work and play together in the great outdoors. Come and go swimming, boating, participate in shooting sports, camp out and enjoy our 600+ acre Boy Scout Camp!

Northwoods Scout Reservation
Friday through Sunday
June 20- 21, 2008



Webelos Overnight Camp

Webelos Overnight Camp at Camp Kiwanis is for boys who have just graduated from the 3rd or the 4th grade. The program is geared toward Webelos advancements and interests. Come and earn Webelos advancements and play games, do shooting sports, crafts and challenge yourself to climb the 35 foot climbing tower!

Camp Kiwanis
Friday through Sunday
July 18-20, 2008



Cub Scout Day Camp

Four days of pure day camp fun! Day camps are all held during the day from 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Come out and do teambuilding games, BB guns, archery, crafts and earn advancements!

Camp Kiwanis
June 23-26, 2008

Fitzgerald Park
July 21-24, 2008

Holiday Haven GS Camp
July 14-17, 2008

Camp Kiwanis
Aug 11-14, 2008



John Hogg gives Kyle Danko his Nintendo Wii for being the Top Seller in 2007. Kyle sold \$6,521.



2008 FALL POPCORN SALE

Plan now to sell popcorn this fall. When your Pack, Troop, or Crew committee meets this summer to plan next years budget, remember, Popcorn is the #1 way in America that units finance their activities. There will be bonus commissions for those who sell more than last you and we have some exciting prizes for your Scouts!

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GABE-SHI-WIN-GI-JI-KENS #374

ARROW CORP 5



The **Spring Ordeal** is coming soon. Now is a great time to mark this event on your calendars. The dates are May 30th-June 1st 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. Registration forms have been mailed to all lodge members and will be available on the lodge website at www.gabe374.org

Unit Elections for the year 2008 are here. Now is the time for your unit to sign-up and have an election. If your unit cannot schedule an election during a Troop meeting, then plan to attend the Mawanjdiwin District Spring Camporee. OA Election teams will be available at the Camporee to provide elections and then conduct the OA Call-out for those selected. The Mawanjdiwin District Spring Camporee will be held the weekend of May 16-18, 2008. If you have questions please call a member of the Lodge Key – 3.

The Section Conclave was held the weekend of April 25-27 at beautiful Camp Greilick in Traverse City. Over 200 Arrowmen gathered to share ideas, receive great training, and to enjoy the fellowship of Scouting. Although the weather was cold and windy, the highly anticipated Spirit Competition was as hot as ever. Prior to this year's Conclave it was announced that the coveted Coup Stick, which Gabe has won for most of this decade, would be retired and a new Coup stick would be created. The youth of our Lodge used that as motivation to reclaim our Spirit Champion status. The other lodges were blown away when, for the first time in over a decade, the host lodge did not have the largest contingent. Just as indicated on our T-shirts, our 76 Gabe members were PREPARED FOR GLORY. Gabe's enthusiasm and unity in purpose shocked the section and resulted in yet another Coup Stick Victory. This win marks the sixth time in eight years that Gabe has held the Coup. As the weekend came to a close it was once again time to elect the new officers who will lead our Section through the next year. Kent McNeil was elected Section Chief, Logan Harvey was elected Vice Chief, and our very own Sean Hammond was elected Section Secretary. These three Arrowmen along with the five Lodge Chiefs will lead and plan the next conclave at Northwoods in the Spring of 2009. Until then, remember, "Gabe – What is your Profession?!.....Coup...Coup, Coup!!!"

Lodge Calendar

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May 4 – Lodge Executive Committee – Council Service Center – 2:00

May 16-18 – OA Call-outs at Spring Camporee

May 30-June 1 – OA Spring Ordeal – Northwoods Scout Reservation – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

June-July – OA Call-outs and Brotherhood Conversions at Northwoods Summer Camp

June 7-14 – ArrowCorps.5 – Mark Twain National Forest – Missouri

June 14-21 – ArrowCorps.5 – Manti-La Sal National Forest – Utah

June 21-28 – ArrowCorps.5 – George Washington and Jefferson National Forest – Virginia

July 12-19 – ArrowCorps.5 – Shasta-Trinity National Forest – California

July 26-Aug. 2 – ArrowCorps.5 – Bridger-Teton National Forest - Wyoming

Aug. 16 – MSU Seatback Set-up

Our records indicate that many lodge members have not paid their dues for the year 2008. The cost for dues is \$8.00. Now is the perfect time to pay your dues to remain active in our Lodge for another year. To renew your dues, just stop-in and pay at the Scout shop.



This is a Special thanks to those units who have already had their 2008 FOS presentation. So far the district has raised over \$20,000 to help support scouting.

If your unit has not scheduled a presentation yet, please plan to have one during April or May. Together we can all contribute toward reaching our financial goal of \$31,500, which will help keep our District and the Council strong. Contact Jason at 321-7278 ext.106 or e-mail him at jkerschk@bsamail.org to schedule your presentation today.

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MAWANJIDIWIN

Attention all GM employees! Did you know that your volunteer time is worth \$250! That's right, if you spend 50 hours or more of your time volunteering, GM will give \$250 to the local council to support scouting. What is great is that you can do this every calendar year. 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 financially at no expense to you the employee. It also helps to build a strong relationship between GM and Scouting.

Spring Round-up time is here! Now is a great time for your unit to schedule a spring recruitment drive. This time of year is a fantastic time for your pack or troop to get out and enjoy the outdoors. What better time to invite new boys to join. Summer camp opportunities are perfect for showing new boys what scouting is all about. Why not use this as a chance to add to your pack or troop. Please encourage all boys in your Packs and Troops to invite their friends to join Scouting. For those Packs and Troops that continue to have new boys join their ranks please remember to turn in the new applications as soon as possible. This is very important for several reasons: **Unregistered boys are not covered by the BSA accident and liability insurance and all unregistered boys are ineligible to receive advancement.** Contact Jason for information and assistance in planning your spring recruitment.

The Mawanjidiwin District held its annual **Volunteer Recognition night** on March 27th in Olivet. Congratulations to the following people: Bernadine Henley- William D. Boyce Award; Michelle Badgley – Cub Scouter of the Year; Ken Marlin – Boy Scouter of the Year; Barb and Scott Pierpont – District Award of Merit; Joel and Vicki Dulebohn – Wood Badge Beads; and Bill Hull – Distinguished Commissioner Award. Congratulations also to Troop 3 for winning the coveted Baden- Powell Top Troop Award. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event a huge success, especially, Chuck Rabey, Jim Welling, Dean Peters, and our hosts Troop 1108.

Congratulations to Cavin and Collin Hannahs of Pack 650. These two boys successfully completed the God and Family Religious Award which is designed for Webelos age boys. Both boys previously earned their God and Me Awards and have continued to enhance their spiritual growth. Congratulations!

The **Mawanjidiwin Spring Camporee** is almost here and it is not too late to sign-up. The theme for the weekend in Indian Lore and Scouts will have an opportunity to learn about Native American Culture while working on the requirements for the Indian Lore merit badge. The Camporee is scheduled for the weekend of May 16-18 at Camp Kiwanis. The cost is \$10 per unit and \$7 per scout/leader. We hope to see you there. Contact Jason at the Council Office for more information.

District Calendar

May 1 – District Committee Meeting – 7:00
May 8 – District Roundtable and District Commissioner's Meeting – 7:00
May 16-18 – Mawanjidiwin Spring Camporee – Camp Kiwanis
June 5 – District Program Kick-Off
June – July – Summer Camping Opportunities
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District Committee

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Vacant

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I am Nathaniel Thornton, the new Migisins District Executive. I am very excited to be back as a part of the Chief Okemos Council and hope to be a valuable asset. I started my Scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Eaton Rapids and continued to become an Eagle Scout. Through high school and college I was an aquatics director and program director at Forestburg Boy Scout Reservation located in Forestburg, NY. On April 21st I graduated from Siena Heights University with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and on April 25th I married to the love of my life, Krystal. I look forward to making a positive impact on the boys in our community.

District Committee

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Commissioner

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Friends of Scouting Progress Report

Goal: \$38,500

Current: \$27,000

Family Campaign Goal is \$27,750.00

Leadership Campaign Goal is \$750.00

Community Campaign Goal is \$10,000.00

Many of our Family FOS presentations have been completed and we remain on track. Our Community Campaign gets kicked off in May. We always appreciate your help in gaining the support of your community businesses. Often this support is the result of volunteers mentioning Scouting to their employer or businesses they frequent.

Gold Units...so far

Pack 121 St. Gerards
Pack 502 DeWitt
Pack 506 Fowler
Pack 517 Work of Christ, Lansing
Troop 288 Pro Solutions, Lansing
Troop 585 Ovid

Now please note that **many** units have not completed their F.O.S. presentations and many are extremely close to becoming Gold Units.

MIGISINS ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

Thursday, May 8th at the DeWitt Memorial Building

An opportunity to thank and recognize our volunteers!

Join us for a roast beef/chicken dinner, fun and fellowship!

Scoutmaster and Cubmaster dinners provided by anonymous donor!

Go to the Migisin's page at www.chiefokemosbsa.org to get a registration form today! Call the Scout Office with any questions!

Mawanjidiwin Spring Camporee:

After last years success at the Spring Camporee we will again be participating with the Mawanjidiwin District. The date and format of their Camporee coincided with ours, making this an easy transition. Each of you received information in your Troop and Pack mail boxes on this event, as well as several notifications from me. To sign up, or to offer to help in this event, please contact Jason Kerschke @ 517321-9400 ext. 106.



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OJIBWAS

District Finance Committee Report

Just so you know:

Our overall District goal is \$78,000. and we are at \$47,106 or 60.3%
Our Family FOS goal is \$54,000 and we are at \$38,638 or 71.5%
Our Community FOS goal is: \$21,000 and we are at \$7390. or 35.1%
Our Leadership FOS goal is \$3000 and we are at \$1078 or 36%
May is going to be very important for our Ojibwas finance campaign.

GOLD UNITS FOR 2008 (This report is accurate as of April 18, 2008.)

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: 2, 109, 180, 323, 411, 779
Cub Scout Packs: 96, 107, 162, 222, 227, 736,

Quite a few units are very close to making Gold and a little work from their leadership asking those last few stragglers to turn in a pledge could make all the difference in the world! These units are within easy striking distance and should have no trouble going over the top.

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

That Big Roundup — Membership Committee

May is the most important spring month for Cub Scout roundup. Spring and summer activities have been planned for the cubs to have an exciting summer. Now we need to kick our recruiting roundup into high gear so that we can give this wonderful opportunity to the many boys in our community who aren't already a part of the Cub Scout program. We know that the kind of activities that we have planned are the things that boys love to do, and can't be found in any other program. They main reason that boys don't become Cub Scouts is that no one asked them. Each Pack needs to arrange boy talks in the schools to inform the boys about the program, and invite them to a Spring Roundup at a pack meeting so that every boy in the community can have the opportunity to become a Cub Scout. Let us help you to organize a Spring Roundup for your pack.

MAY

- 1 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. MLKing Dr., Lansing
- District Election/Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. MLKing Dr., Lansing
- 2 - 4 Eager Beaver weekend at Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 8 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable, 7:00p.m. Camp Kiwanis, Mason
- 10 Webelos Woods, Camp Kiwanis, Mason
- 23-25 Holiday Family Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation – Memorial Weekend

JUNE

- 5 Commissioner Staff, 6:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. MLKing Dr., Lansing
- District Election/Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Peckham Industries, 2511 N. MLKing Dr., Lansing
- 12 District Program Kickoff
- 20-22 Parent & Son Camp @ Northwoods Scout Reservation
- 23 – 26 Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Kiwanis
- 22-28 Boy Scout Summer Camp week 1

District Committee

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Jeanette Hensler .
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Vacant

Public Relations Chair

Anne Marie Schneider

Venturing Chair

Vacant

Training Chairman

Jodi Lewis



DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 1, 2008, 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 structure on 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 District Commissioner
Under the District Chairman: *Under the District Commissioner:*
 District Vice Chairmen Assist. District Commissioners
 Activities and Civic Service Committee Unit Commissioners
 Advancement and Recognition Committee Roundtable Commissioners
 Camp Promotion and Outdoor Activities Committee
 Finance Committee
 Membership Committee
 Training Committee
 Venturing Committee

By rule, our District Annual Business meeting must be held one month before the Council Annual Business meeting, which is in June. Therefore, we elect our District Committee in May. People eligible to vote include: Chartered Organization Representatives of units in the District
 Duly elected members at large of the District currently serving
 Council Executive Board members residing in the District

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

May Roundtable

May Roundtable will be at a *different* place - *Camp Kiwanis* - at the same time - 6 PM - on Thursday, May 8th. It will be the 6th Annual May Roundtable at Camp Kiwanis. Bring-A-Favorite-Dish-To-Pass-And-Share. Bring your own eating and drinking paraphernalia and something to drink, too. This is always a special meeting with good program and things to think about. Good friends, good fellowship, and a great location. What else could you want?

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OJIBWAS DISTRICT 2008-2009 LEADERS' PROGRAM KICKOFF GALA! (And ice cream, too)

FOR ALL LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WHAT: Program Kickoff and Fall Recruiting Orientation

WHEN: Thursday, August 14, 2008
 6:30 doors open 7:00 meeting begins
 6:45 ice cream is served 8:30 close

WHERE: TBA

WHY: Program Kickoff: Receive all the information your Pack, Troop, or Crew needs to have a super program for this school year. Receive your Program Packet, 2008-2009 calendars, flyers on upcoming events, leaders' training dates, popcorn sales information and much more!

Fall Recruitment: Receive information for your Pack, Troop, or Crew to have a fantastic fall recruitment. Pick up your unit's packet, posters, flyers, CD's lawn signs, and more. Learn new ways to effectively use your time bringing new youth into your unit. ALL your leaders should attend this meeting.



**Come out for the evening.
 Renew old acquaintances.
 Eat a little ice cream.
 Put your name in for a door prize.
 Get informed!
 Get ready for a GREAT Scouting year!**



Are You Ready for MIC 2008?

AN EVENING OF INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AT LAKE LANSING SOUTH JULY 22

The international contingents at a Michigan International Camporee put on some amazing performances. For MIC 2008, we plan to have all the international contingents perform, not just at International Night at Northwoods during the MIC, but also during MIC home stay week, on Tuesday evening, July 22, at the Lake Lansing South Park bandshell. This is a great opportunity to experience international Scouting and it's free! Watch for details in upcoming issues of SIGNALS but set aside the date now.

CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS - ACTIVITIES WITH INTERNATIONAL SCOUTS

This summer, twelve Chief Okemos council troops and one crew will host contingents of Scouts and leaders from all around the world for Michigan International Camporee July 27 home stay week. Many will plan activities with their guest Scouts that neighboring packs can participate in. Packs should contact leaders of one or more of the following units to learn about their home stay week activities and how your Cubs and Webelos can get involved.

DeWitt – Troop 77	Dimondale – Troop 43	Eaton Rapids – Troop 52, Crew 52
East Lansing – Troop 2, Troop 11, Troop 180		Lansing – Troop 299, Troop 316
Mason – Troop 141	Okemos – Troop 109, Troop 164	Williamston – Troop 63

SERVING ON THE MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE VOLUNTEER STAFF

Chief Okemos volunteers have a unique opportunity this summer to interact with Scouts and leader from 25 countries from all around the world as members of the Michigan International Camporee staff. MIC staff positions are still available in a wide variety of program and support areas. The staff fee is \$100 for the week to cover food, housing, and camporee identify items. Junior members of the Northwoods summer camp staff can serve on the MIC staff with no food and housing fee. Go to www.micamporee.org and link at "Staff Positions" for more information and an application.

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE VISITOR DAY ON AUGUST 2

Come up to Northwoods for a day of adventure and fun. See and meet Scouts from over 25 countries: demonstrations, ethnic foods, and much more. For more information on Visitors Day go to <http://www.micamporee.org/forms/>

Holiday Family Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends

Looking for a great place to celebrate Memorial Day and/or Labor Day? Tired of crowded campgrounds? Plan now to spend your holiday weekend at Northwoods. Go to <http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org/camping/northwoods/pdf/LaborDayandMemorialDayFamilyCampGuidebook.pdf> for rates, campsites, and more information

NEW INFORMATION Eagle Scout Project Booklet and the Eagle Scout Application

It is now necessary to use the most current EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK and EAGLE APPLICATION.

The newest forms can be obtained at the Council Service Center or downloaded from the Council Website: chiefokemosbsa.org/leaderresources/forms. The computerized version can be expanded to as many pages as necessary to fully explain the project. All Eagle Scout paperwork must be use the most current forms. Following all details will help expedite the Eagle Scout process

Climbing Merit Badge and Staff Training for the Climbing Team

June 27-28 at Camp Kiwanis the Climbing Merit Badge will be offered and at the same time training for staff members to help run the climbing tower will be offered. Schedule is Friday June 20 from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday June 21st from 9pm to 4pm. Contact John Hogg at johogg@bsamail.org to sign up. The cost is \$20 for the merit badge and staff training is free.

Climbing Helmets: The Chief Okemos Council has about a dozen extra climbing helmets they would like to sell. The helmets sell for \$60 new but we are selling them for \$15. Contact John Hogg at johogg@bsamail.org if you would like to buy one. Act now before they sell out.

Scout Shop

Brandon Shaw
Scout Shop Manager
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Represent Chief Okemos Council and your Unit!

The Scout Shop will soon be receiving a new lineup of Council T-Shirts, Polos, and Sweatshirts. These items can be purchased here at the store or ordered with customization. i.e. Unit numbers, Names, Chartered Organizations, etc.

Monthly Inspiration

“In learning to know other things, and other minds, we become more intimately acquainted with ourselves, and are to ourselves better worth knowing.”

~Philip Gilbert Hamilton

New Scout Shop Hours are as Follows:

Monday – Friday
10:00am -5:30pm

First Saturday of the Month
10:00am – 1:00 pm

Leader Book Sale for May

Buy three Leader Books and save 10%!
Buy four Leader Books and save 15%!

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