



MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL

# ADVENTURE UPDATE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING...BUILD YOURS NOW!

DECEMBER 23, 2015



*The staff of the Muskingum Valley Council wishes each and every Scouting family all the best during this Holiday Season!*

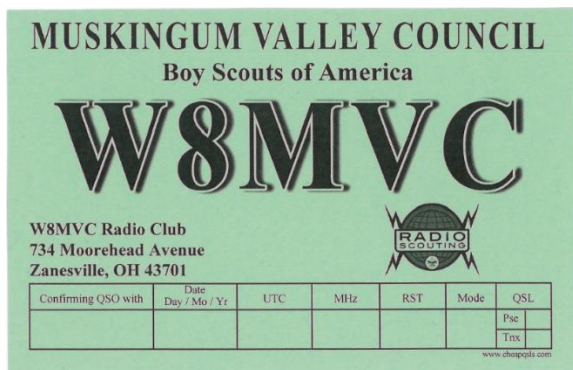
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## **SCOUTFEST 2016**

Has your unit reserved its spot at **SCOUTFEST 2016**? **This huge council-wide activity** will be held **May 13-15, 2016** and will attract over 1,000 Scouts and family members. Units should be submitting their \$25 unit deposit now. Each registered unit will receive a blast car to build and then race at ScoutFest.

Units planning to attend the event should pre-register now:

<https://form.jotform.com/53035781489969>



Are you a Ham Radio enthusiast? Why not join our local Ham Radio Club. We now have our own Council call sign. Contact Matthew Murphy at: [matt.kc8bew@gmail.com](mailto:matt.kc8bew@gmail.com)

### **2015 POPCORN SALE A BIG SUCCESS**

Thanks to the efforts of all of our great volunteers, parents, and, of course, our Scouts, the Muskingum Valley Council's annual popcorn sale showed an increase of approximately 9% in total sales! That means more money to drive more and better programming at the Unit level as well as the Council level.

#### **Our Top Selling Scouts are:**

Dominic Powell, Pack 332, selling \$4,205

And

Ellis Atkins, Troop 339, selling \$3,525

#### **We had 10 units sell over \$10,000 each:**

Troop 339 \$15,390

Troop 122 \$15,310

Pack 409 \$14,845

Pack 332 \$13,150

Pack 339 \$12,865

Troop 382 \$12,605

Pack 350 \$10,945

Pack 174 \$10,890

Troop 128 \$10,785

Pack 257 \$10,140

Thanks to all who supported the sale!!!

### **TIME TO RENEW YOUR YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING**

Now is also the time to be sure that all leaders have their Youth Protection Training up to date. **No leader will be registered or renewed without being current in their Youth Protection Training.** To complete the training, log on to your <https://my.scouting.org> account.

## **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

This coming spring, the council will attempt our largest service project in years. We will be conducting a Scouting for Food drive on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Our goal is to fill area food pantries with enough food for the long slow summer months. We are all aware of many food drives that happen during the fall holiday season. These are a real gift to the pantries and the many needy people in our communities; as a result, the pantries have told us that springtime is when they need the most help. There are still many hungry people, but there are far fewer food drives to gather the needed food. We are stepping up to help fill this need.

We are asking every unit, Pack, Troop, Crew, and Ship, to join us in this effort. Riesbeck's Food Markets have partnered with us by providing door hangers and bags. Each unit will distribute bags in the week preceding April 16<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, you simply return to each home and retrieve the full bags off their front steps. You may deliver the collected food to a food pantry in your community, or deliver it to the Council Service Center for distribution to area food pantries. If we engage the entire Scouting community in this effort, we can have an incredible positive impact. Let us know that you plan to participate; register your unit:

<https://form.jotform.com/53036779849977>

## **2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree will take place July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Summit in the New River Gorge area of West Virginia.

### **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.**

Want to find out more? There's a one-stop shop for registering, additional information, and all kinds of details at

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

Leader selection will be taking place in the Fall of 2015. Click here for a leadership interest form: [Adult interest form](#)

Youth who are interested in attending should fill out this form: [Youth interest form](#)

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

The 2016 Celebration of Leadership will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. This date is one month later than usual. We hope to have better driving weather so that all our Scouting families can participate. The event location has also changed for 2016; we are moving to the event center at Ohio University, Zanesville. We begin at 2pm. This event is held to honor all our Scouting volunteers and to present the Silver Beaver awards – we hope you will be able to join us!

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## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The community continues to provide generous support for our great young men and women in Scouting. This spring we will begin the creation of our new Silver Beaver Village. Thanks to a generous gift from the Schooler Foundation, the current staff building will be renovated and expanded to serve as the central hub of the new year-round cabin complex. The renovated building will have new, modern showers and toilets, as well as a gathering space with kitchenette. Right next door will be a group of beautiful log cabins which will each sleep up to 8 youth and 2 adults. The first three cabins have been ordered, and will be named for their donors: the Coshocton Kiwanis Cabin, The Coshocton Foundation Cabin and the Montgomery Foundation Cabin. The Staff building will be renamed the Silver Beaver Lodge in honor of Mr. Seward D. Schooler who created the foundation and was proud to be a Silver Beaver award recipient.

The new Silver Beaver Lodge and the first three cabins will be ready for summer camp staff and then available for unit use following summer camp. Cabins will rent to Muskingum Valley Council units for \$50 a night or \$75 for the weekend and will include shared use of the Silver Beaver lodge restrooms/showers and kitchenette.

We continue to raise funds to complete this project with 3 additional cabins, and to construct the new Leadership Development Center in Zanesville to replace our current store and offices. Including the Dining Hall renovation and the Straker Cabin, we will invest over \$650,000 in new camp facilities thanks to the Capital Campaign.



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**Scout Shop Hours:** (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM