



MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL

ADVENTURE UPDATE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING...BUILD YOURS NOW!

February 18, 2015

It seems like just last week we were celebrating Christmas and now here we are approaching Easter. Time flies when you're having fun, and as Scouts we can't rest too long on the trail because there is much more adventure ahead:

-If you are a Boy Scout Leader, you won't want to miss our Summer Camp Leader meeting, Saturday, March 5th. Come to hear Dominic's plans for our Jurassic Camp. While you're there, you can preview the new leader tents, and our new 3d printer for the S.T.E.M. program.

-Saturday, March 12th, is our annual Celebration of Leadership. This year, recognizing our achievement of Gold on the Journey to Excellence, we are planning a Royal feast – medieval style! The event is free for all leaders in recognition of your incredible service to youth. Why not consider reserving a table and bring a group of leaders from your unit – you all deserve it!

-By now you and your unit are getting excited about ScoutFest 2016. This weekend family camping extravaganza promises to be unique, exciting, and energizing. Ariel Foundation Park features the 15 story spiral staircase around the Rastin Tower, and there's a river of glass. It's a remarkable park, and when we fill it with 1,000+ Scouts and hundreds of activities, it will be even better!



FILL-IT-UP PARTY SET!

Did you fill a full Popcorn Take-order form? If so, you have already received your fill-it-up patch. Now get set for the fill-it-up party at *The Works* in Newark on Saturday, April 23rd. You'll get free admission to the Works with a free lunch. Parents and other guests are \$9.00 each. Invitations with all the details will go out in the mail soon. We hope to see you there – you earned it!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

A royal celebration is scheduled! All Scouting volunteers are invited to be honored for your dedicated service to our community!

The Silver Beaver Award selection committee is pleased to announce three recipients for this year: J.G. ‘Moose’ Hixon, Amy Pinson, and Eric Udischas. Each of these individuals has given years of time, talent and treasure in support of Scouting. Mark your calendars now to be sure you are able to join us in recognizing their achievement at the annual ‘Celebration of Leadership’ Saturday, March 12, 2016 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!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Did you know? Your Friends of Scouting gift pays back in many ways. For example, the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation has the lowest summer camp fees in all of Ohio and West Virginia. We are only able to maintain these low fees while providing a top quality program thanks to your financial support. In addition to the low fee, many Scouts also receive financial assistance to ensure every Scout is able to afford camp. Your support pays off!!

VOICE OF THE SCOUT SURVEYS

During the month of March, many of you will be receiving a survey request from the BSA. This ‘Voice of the Scout’ survey is conducted twice a year to give Scouts, leaders and parents an opportunity to provide their thoughts on the quality of the Scouting program. There are several questions including opportunities to add comments. The bottom line is something called the ‘Net Promoter Score’. You will be asked: “How likely are you to recommend Scouting to Friends or family with Scout-age youth?” The following chart shows how the Net Promoter Score is calculated from your answers.

NET PROMOTER SCORE™:

The calculation and connection to Loyalty.



As you can see, any score less than 7 will lower our Net Promoter Score. Please keep this in mind as you are completing your survey.

SCOUTFEST 2016 (May 13-15)

SCOUTFEST 2016 is a weekend family camping experience for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. The event will be held at Ariel Foundation Park located in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Units arrive on Friday evening and depart Sunday morning. Throughout the day Saturday, there will be exhibits, activities, crafts, and shows. Your Scouts will each have the opportunity to climb the 15-story spiral stairway wrapped around the smokestack. Details and the Leader Guide will be available at the March Roundtable meetings.



Here is some of the fun waiting at Scoutfest:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Electronics & Math) Demos
 - Amateur Radio (HAM)
 - Fox Hunt (Participants will build their own directional antennas to be used to find the hidden beacon in the area.)
 - MARS Rover (Simulation and hands-on time with the MARS Rover)
 - Raspberry Pi (In-depth demonstration of this Programmable Controller and some of its uses for light control and Infinity Mirrors.)
 - Kit Car (A rubber band race car will be provided, built and raced by all participants of this event.)
 - Leather Crafts
 - Branding
 - Indian Lore
 - obstacle course
 - Aquatics (Boating)
 - Music and Drumming (What is Sound?)
 - Bicycle Rodeo / Moto X Exhibits
 - Build it – Wood Projects where participants will be able to make memento of their ScoutFest Experience
 - Cub Mobiles
 - Space Derby Races & Rain Gutter Regatta
 - Primitive Camping
 - Rope Making
 - Knife and Axe throwing.
 - Model Rocketry
 - Orton Geological Museum
 - Summit High Adventure
 - ODNR Watercraft Division
 - Roscoe Village
 - Knox County ODNR (Archery / Pelts / Skulls)
 - Hocking Hills Adventures
 - Military Display
 - Civil War Re-enactor display)
 - Kokosing Construction
 - Cleveland Clinic Helicopter (On Saturday at 8:30am, The Cleveland Clinic Helicopter is scheduled to fly in for the opening ceremony.)
- Opening Ceremony (Saturday at 8:30AM. Each unit is asked to bring their Unit Flag and an American Flag. Flags and flag bearers (in uniform) will need to report to the Clock Building by 8:15AM)
 - Closing Show/Ceremony (Saturday Evening 8:00PM-9:30PM (Adults, bring camp or folding chairs.))

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

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

ADVANCEMENTS

Effective immediately, the Scout Shop will no longer sell any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing advancements without a completed advancement form. Should you forget to bring a completed form with you, we will provide one for you. This policy is necessary to ensure we are getting an accurate accounting of the number of advancements taking place. Thank you for your cooperation.

PROUD PARTNER OF THE UNITED WAY:

Four local United Way's support our Scouts. Your support of your local United Way Campaign is a great way to support Scouting and other worthy organizations.



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 asking every Pack, Troop, Crew, Post, 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 16th. Then, on Saturday the 16th, you simply return to each home and retrieve the full bags off of 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/>

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

ANN MURPHY SET TO RETIRE

If you have been in the Muskingum Valley Council at any time in the last 28 years, then you have benefitted from the services of Ann Murphy. Ann has been an integral part of the Council operation since 1988. She started in the Scout Shop transitioned to Accounting Specialist and ultimately added the role of office manager. Ann's attention to detail, commitment and leadership skills have helped this council through good times and bad. She is always the first person in the office and often the last to leave. When the job needs to get done, Ann finds a way to get it done. Her knowledge of Scouting and the accounting system have made her a leader among her peers. The Council's long record of 'clean' audits is a testament to her knowledge, professionalism and commitment to excellence.

Ann has submitted her retirement effective March 31st. We will be honoring her service at a retirement gathering on Friday afternoon, April 1st at the Stone Academy. Please be sure to thank Ann for her years of service, and consider joining us on April 1st.

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Are you ready for a Jurassic Adventure? Summer Camp will be here before we know it. Be sure your unit site is reserved! Click here to review the reservation chart.

<http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2016-Summer-Camp-Reservation-Chart-1.pdf>

MVSR Summer Camp Leaders Meeting

Saturday
March 5th
10:00 AM

Muskingum Valley
Scout Reservation

16905 County Road 271
Coshocton, OH 43812

Come see the new
Leader tents and
our new 3D
printer.

Scout Fees:

\$235 if paid in full by May 15, 2016

\$250 if paid after May 15th

\$275 within one week of camp



All Scouts who make a \$25
deposit by March 5 will
receive an early bird gift.

Leader's Fees:

1 Adult leader FREE with each troop, if you bring 11-20 boys you get 2 leaders free: 21-30 boys 3 leaders free, etc.

Additional Adult Leaders: Each additional adult leader is \$80.00.

Webelos that have crossed over or new Scouts coming in to your troop after the May 15th deadline may come to camp for \$235 if paid at the office in advance, otherwise \$250 will be charged at camp.

Site Fee is \$75 per Unit. This fee is non-refundable.

All Fees Should Be Paid At The Scout Office.



NUTS FOR SCOUTING!

Scouts wanting to earn their way to camp, will want to sell Virginia Diner Nuts this spring. Units can earn 30% of their total sale, or, when taken as Scoutbucks, Scouts will receive 40% of their sales. The sale starts March 1st.

Orders and payments are due to the council no later than April 7th.

Let us know if your unit will be selling nuts:

<https://form.jotform.com/mvcbsa/nuts-for-scouting>

WELCOME TO CAMP ZANE!

At the January Executive Board meeting, a resolution was passed that names the Council property in Zanesville as CAMP ZANE. This name brings back memories of the original Camp Zane which local Scouts used many years ago. The new designation as a camp, reflects the council's desire to better utilize the property for Scouting activities. Anyone interested in helping to develop the Camp Zane property, and activities for Camp Zane should contact Ed Mulholland at 740-453-0571.



ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NYLT August 7-12, 2016

National Youth Leader Training Camp is a great opportunity for your Troop to develop excellent leadership skills within its ranks. It is open to First Class Scouts who are 13 years of age by August 7, 2016. or registered Venture Scouts, Click here for more info: <http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/training/nylt-national-youth-leadership-training/>

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the BSA's ultimate leadership training for adults; it offers a six day immersion in the theory, practice, and experience of appropriate skills for leading others within Scouting and environments beyond the BSA. We have an approved course scheduled for two weekends in 2016: **August 19-21, and September 24-26.** Click here for more info: <http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/training/wood-badge-training/>



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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
(Service Center will Close at Noon on April 1st)