



MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL

ADVENTURE UPDATE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING...BUILD YOURS NOW!

January 15, 2015

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

I have a favorite poem. Not that I am a big poetry buff, but this one has personal meaning to me. It explains, in simple terms, why I am so passionate about my work in Scouting. The Bridge Builder poem is about a man who crosses a river and then turns and builds a bridge for anyone who might follow. He wants to ensure there are no obstacles to their progress.

I often wonder about the men who cared enough to build the Scouting program I have so generously benefitted from? Who took the time to organize Troop 203 in Fanwood, New Jersey? Who gave their personal earnings to fund the construction of Camp Lewis where I enjoyed summer camp? Truly, they were bridge builders; I owe them my best memories, my character and untold lessons learned that have helped me through life.

Scouting was a strong stable bridge that helped me cross many obstacles in my youth. Now, I spend my energy widening and strengthening that bridge for the hundreds and thousands of young men and women who follow. Friends of Scouting (FOS) donors are also bridge builders, maintaining, strengthening and building on the great program and facilities that we use today.

Over the next several months, Friends of Scouting volunteers will visit each unit to ask parents to consider the Scouting program that was built for their child, and invite them to become bridge builders as well. Funds raised through the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign are used by our Council to maintain, strengthen and build upon the great Scouting programs we enjoy locally. I hope you will support the campaign and encourage other Scouting families to do the same. Together we are building a bridge to the future!

Ed Mulholland
Scout Executive
Muskingum Valley Council

RECHARTER RESULTS

The annual unit recharter process should now be complete. Thank you to all units who submitted their recharter paperwork on-time! New membership cards will be sent directly to Unit Leaders as soon as all the paperwork is processed.

SCOUTFEST 2016, May 13-15

SCOUTFEST 2016 is a weekend family camping experience for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. There is a \$25 unit registration fee. Units should be registering online at the link below, and then submitting their \$25 to the Council Service Center. Each unit registered by January 31st will receive a blast car kit to build and then race at ScoutFest.



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 massive spiral stairway wrapped around the smokestack. Details will be available at the February Roundtable meetings.

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

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

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENTS

It appears that many units are not turning in their Cub Scout advancements. Under the new program, the Bobcat Badge should be completed in approximately 4 meetings. We understand that there is some confusion on the new program. To clarify, Cub Scout Packs must submit advancement reports for Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL). One major change is that Webelos and Arrow of Light are each now their own stand-alone rank. Webelos is for 4th graders, AOL is for 5th graders and each must be earned during those grades. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Chrystal Rardin 740-397-6366 or Sharon Ward 740-584-2768.

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 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

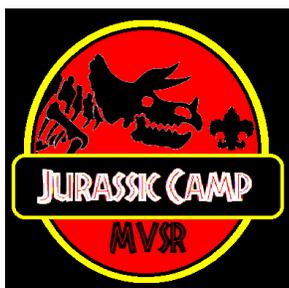
<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

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

SILVER BEAVER AWARDS

The Silver Beaver award is the highest honor a local council can bestow on a volunteer. Each year, nominations are received and reviewed by a group of past recipients. Only 2-3 awards are permitted each year. As in all years, the decisions are never easy; there are so many highly qualified, dedicated volunteers. 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!





MVSR Summer
Camp Leaders
Meeting

Saturday
March 5th
10:00 AM

Muskingum Valley
Scout Reservation

16905 County Road 271
Coshocton, OH 43812

Summer Camp will be here before we know it. Is your site reserved? Click here to review the reservation chart.

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

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

All Fees Should Be Paid At The Scout Office.

Scout Fees:

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

\$250 if paid after May 15th

\$275 within one week of camp

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.



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

ST. TARCISIUS WEEKEND

February 5-6, 2016

The next activity on the schedule for the Catholic Committee on Scouting is coming up the weekend of February 5-6, 2016. It will take place at St. Joan of Arc Church, just south of Powell. Scouts from all the counties in Muskingum Valley Council should attend; it's worth the drive.

As the oldest of four local programs, this award has much history, tradition and acclaim. The program is available to any male or female, youth or adult, who is at least 11 years old and registered in Scouting. Fun is enjoyed by everyone, through the activities, exercises, discussions, over-night and skits, which begin Friday evening and conclude with 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday. Participants learn to appreciate their Catholic Faith, in small group discussions led by older Scouts. This helps participants become more aware of the real presence of God in their life through the program's focus on the Holy Eucharist.

Who is St. Tarcisius? What makes him special? This can best be shown on the following two videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9q4KIFpnIw&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFm05HcQw5Q>

For anyone interested in taking part in the activity, here is a description and registration form.

<http://www.cdeducation.org/Portals/3/YYA/docs/Boy%20Scouts/StTarcisius.pdf>



NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE BASE
JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 6:30 PM
MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER
734 MOOREHEAD AVE., ZANESVILLE, OH 43701



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 taken as Scoutbucks, Scouts will receive 40% of their sales. Be sure your unit is represented at the February Roundtable meeting to pick up your full packet of information. 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>

MEET THE TEAM:

There has been a lot of change at the Council Service Center in the past year. As we prepare for Ann Murphy's retirement, there is even more change. Last year two of our Field Staff took promotions out of council. We hired Jay Shankel and Amanda Wisniewski to fill those vacancies. They have both worked hard to meet their units and learn their responsibilities. Both have completed a week of training at the Boy Scouts of America headquarters near Dallas, Texas. We are excited to watch as they continue to grow into their assignments.

Last year, Jane Payne, long-time member of our support staff, retired and Lori Garrett, who was with us for 3 years, took a full time position with another company. Molly Andrews was hired and has worked hard to fill their shoes. She has been busy learning learn the registration and Scout Shop duties. She also gets many "other duties as assigned" tasks like mass email, large mailings, data entry and record-keeping.

Beginning this month, Elaine Shoemaker is moving from her position as fundraising processor, to shadow Ann Murphy as our Office Manager and Accounting Specialist.

Elaine will also be training April Strunk who has been hired to fill Elaine's role as Fundraising Processor. April will also handle summer camp registrations.

Finally, we are pleased to introduce the newest member of our support staff; Dianna Parrish. Dianna will serve primarily in the Scout Shop and as production assistant.

Each is eager to serve but we may need your patience as we all adjust to these new roles. Please stop in and introduce yourself, we are eager to meet all of our Scouting parents and leaders!



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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