



MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL

# ADVENTURE UPDATE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING...BUILD YOURS NOW!

November 1, 2015

## **SCOUTS CHOOSE ARIEL FOUNDATION PARK:**

The Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America has selected Ariel Foundation Park for their triennial encampment. **SCOUTFEST 2016** will be held **May 13-15, 2016** and will attract over 1,000 Scouts and family members. Scouts will come from throughout the seven counties served by the local council.

Participants arrive Friday evening and camp through Sunday. All day on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Scouts will enjoy games, activities and exhibits. After a patriotic opening ceremony, the Scouts will be challenged by events such as canoe tug-of-war, kayaking, climbing tower, and archery. The day concludes with an evening show.

“We are excited to bring the event to Knox County,” said Bill Shriver, who serves as the local Scouting Chairman, “Ariel Foundation Park provides a unique venue for this event. The work done at the park over the last several years has created a world class facility which we’re sure our Scouts will enjoy.”

Planning will continue over the next several months. According to Shriver, “Over a hundred volunteers will be needed to run the many activities, as well as providing for the health and safety of the Scouts. A steering committee of about 30 individuals has already visited the site several times.”

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

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

## **CUB SCOUT FALL CAMPOUT**

(OCTOBER 9-11, MVSR)

Thank you to the many parents and leaders who took time to bring their scouts out to camp for the Fall Campout and WEBELOS Woods. The weather was perfect and lots of fun and learning filled the day. We had nearly 700 people in camp with room to spare! Thanks also to the many dedicated parents and leaders who volunteered to plan and run this event.

## **BOBCATS EVERYWHERE!**

We have recruited hundreds of new Cub Scouts this fall. Now they should all be earning their Bobcat badge. If you are the parent of a new Cub Scout, or a Cub Scout leader, be sure each new Cub Scout is properly recognized for this first Scouting rank. How well you recognize these new Scouts now, will affect their desire to earn the next rank. It will reflect on the value of what they have achieved. A poor, or no ceremony, will show them that the accomplishment has little meaning and they will not aspire to the next rank. You can find some good Bobcat ceremonies here: <HTTP://WWW.USSCOUTS.ORG/CEREMONY/BOBCAT.ASP>

## **POPCORN SALE ENDING – LAST CHANCE TO SELL!**

The popcorn sale is winding down. Soon your individual orders will be due to your unit. Be sure to get your order turned in to your unit on-time. Your unit kernel will need time to assemble the unit order. Don't forget to tell your unit what prize you have earned.

All unit orders are due to the council by Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders must be placed online at [www.campmasters.org](http://www.campmasters.org). Details on how to enter your unit order can be found in the Popcorn Sale Leader Guide:

<http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/2015-popcorn-sale/>

Any questions you have can be answered by your district Popcorn Kernel. You can find their contact information listed near the back of the Popcorn Leader Guide.

Remember, 70% of each sale comes back to Scouting!

## **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. **Beginning this year, 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.

## **PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH 2016**

Located near Cimarron, New Mexico, Philmont Scout Ranch offers unique high adventure activities revolving around backpacking in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. Trips can be one week long or more, depending on trek selection. Also available, are OA Trail Crew, and the Philmont Training Center. Our Council will be hosting a Philmont Contingent in 2016. Click here for more info:

[Philmont\\_Flyer\\_2016](#)

## **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 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>

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CALLS**

Thank you to all who received calls from our friends at Milito and Associates. Many of you responded with gifts to our Capital Campaign and can take pride in knowing that you are helping to build the future of Scouting! Thank you all for your generosity!

## **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 and **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](#)

## **REMEMBERING TWO GREAT SCOUTERS**

In the past month, two great former Scouters passed away. Mariam R. Crow served Scouting for many years. She was the first female recipient of the Council's highest award – the Silver Beaver. At the time it was called the Silver Fawn Award. Merle H. Marietta served as a Scoutmaster and had a positive impact on many youth through his Troop. We are thankful for the time and talent they each gave to their community and to this council. We are all benefiting from the foundation of strong Scouting which they helped create.



[www.muskingumvalleycouncil.org](http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.org)

**Looking for gift ideas for your Scout? Visit the Scout Shop for Scouting related gifts and gear.**

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

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Keep up to date on all the latest Scouting fun - visit our Webpage  
[www.mvcbsa.org](http://www.mvcbsa.org) and be sure to 'LIKE' us on Facebook.**

**Have you invited a friend to join?  
Don't let your neighbors miss out on all the fun Scouting offers.  
Refer them to: [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)**