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Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

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## **ALL STAR DADS DAY: (JULY 18)**

If you are a dad, you've been invited to spend some quality time with your children at the Forever Dads All Star Dads day, Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. This fun event will be held at the Muskingum Family YMCA. Swimming, games picnic and more! Attend for free by pre-registering online at: [www.foreverdads.com](http://www.foreverdads.com)

## **SPECIALTY CAMPS:**

**THE POWER PROGRAM: (JULY 20-23)** Earn Energy, Engineering and Mining in Society merit Badges during this four day overnight camp at MVSR. Boy Scouts and Venturers will tour the American Electric Power, electrical Generation plant, and the Three Rivers Energy ethanol plant. They'll visit the gas/oil well site on camp property and explore careers in energy and engineering. With a syllabus co-written by the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) our S.T.E.M. director Kevin Burch promises a fun and educational program.

**BSA LIFEGUARD TRAINING: (July 20-26)** Learn to be safe around water and learn the skills to rescue people in trouble in the water. This training certifies you to serve as a lifeguard at community pools, beaches etc... Monday – Thursday you'll review and practice lifeguarding skills. Beginning Thursday evening you will continue practicing and improving your skills while also getting the required time lifeguarding for our Cub Scout Resident Camp.

**MVSX (Muskingum Valley Scouts Extreme!): (July 20-24)** Join Scoutmaster's Chris Maples and Lee Russell for five days of canoeing and climbing.

Click here for details and registration form for these programs:

<http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/specialty-camps-registration-form.pdf>

## **CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP IS FILLING UP (JULY 23-26)**

Ahoy there Cub Scout Leaders, It's not too late to bring your land-loving Scouts aboard for the 2015 Cub Scout Resident Camp. The Camp begins on Thursday July 23 and ends on Sunday, July 26. Below is a link to get all of the info you need to sign up!

<http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/camping/camps/cub-scout-camps/cub-scout-resident-camp/>

**TENTS AND TIARAS:** (July 31-Aug. 2) Girls Only! This is a chance for the sisters and cousins of our Cub Scouts to come out and enjoy the same Scouting fun the Cub Scouts have. See the attached flier for all the info on this exciting weekend for the young ladies: <http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/camping/girls-only-no-boys-allowed/>

**LAST CHANCE FOR DAY CAMP** (AUG 3-6)

Our final Day Camp is approaching fast! Join us August 3-6 at MVSR where there will be Western crafts and panning for gold, water events with rafts, slip-n-slide, and water balloons.

Scouts will have the opportunity after passing a swim test to row on the lake! For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/hVsMp9> or email Camp Director Bonnie Snyder

at: [ourgarden@veroom.net](mailto:ourgarden@veroom.net)

**POPCORN AND MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF** (August 8)

Stand By for lift-off: Come out to MVSR on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for our council's Popcorn and Membership Kick-off and prepare your unit to Take Flight this fall! Starting at 10am in the dining hall, we'll make sure you have the information and resources you need to have a successful fall round-up and popcorn sale. Please send at least one representative for popcorn and one representative for membership.

To register online visit this link: <http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/training/6351-2/>

**WATER WARS:** (AUGUST 22)

Put your suit on and prepare to get wet! Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-5:00 PM at the Council Service Center, Cub Scouts are invited for an afternoon of water based adventures! Spraying, Stomping, Supersliding, Soaking and other wet summer fun. Cost is only \$10.00 and includes a collector patch!

<http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com/activities/council-wide-activities/water-wars/>

**ON THE SAME PAGE MUSKINGUM** (SEPTEMBER 19)

Will your Scouts accept the Reading Challenge? Several community organizations have joined together to promote reading this coming fall. The goal is to have the whole community read a book by our very-own, Zane Grey. Free copies of "The Young Forrester" will be available to WEBELOS and Boy Scouts who commit to read the book this fall. A registration form is attached – poll your scouts and let us know how many books you'll need. As part of this community-wide series of events, the Muskingum Valley Council is hosting a **Zane Grey, Wild West, Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. The event will include plenty of Wild-West fun for youth including roping and horses. Mark this date on your unit calendar now and use it to encourage your young readers to finish reading the book.

## **FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY FUNFEST**

Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who helped make this event a great celebration for the community. Tony Palmer, Eagle Scout and Muskingum University student wowed the crowd with his acapella singing of the National Anthem. Finally, Pyrotechnica lit up the night with their incredible fire-dancing performance. It was a great night to showcase Scouting. Visit our Facebook page to view pictures of the event.



**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)**