Washington Trail District
January 2013 Announcements

Friends of Scouting: Please schedule your FOS presentations in the next week or two. Every unit's support in this campaign is important with the loss of United Way funding.

Erie County United Way: The French Creek Council has been informed by the United Way of Erie County that we will not be able to apply for funding for 2013-2015 as our program request was not deemed competitive enough with other programs in the Erie County area. Please pass the word to your families concerning this decision so that everyone is aware of the financial cuts that we are facing. We would greatly appreciate your support

Youth Protection: Youth protection training is available online at www.myscouting.org. **All adult leaders in the BSA are required to complete Youth Protection Training every 2 years.** If you aren't sure when yours expires; call the council office and find out! It only takes 30 minutes to be up to date.

Service Hours: Please log in to www.servicehours.scouting.org and submit any service your units have done this year! According to our records we are several thousand hours behind last year's total…We know you've done service, we just need to have it recorded. Include Eagle projects and designate them as such.

McGarvey Service Center: Scout Office and Scout Shop closed Mon. Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. day.

BEASCOUT.ORG: Please make sure that you update your unit information. Cub Scout Packs look pretty good but Boy Scout Troops need some work. This is a great way for potential scouts to find units in their area.

Den Leader Award: There is now only 1 award for all den leaders. Past tenure is still able to be used for this consolidated award.

Spring Training: BALOO, OWL, OLT, Venture Leader Specific Training, and Youth Leadership Training will be held April 13-14 at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation. Please Pre-register!

Fundraising Opportunities

Spring Popcorn and Nuts: Information is here tonight for those that have committed.

Camp Cards: This year we will be selling discount cards in April. They will sell for $10 and have several hundred dollars in discounts that can be used throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to help boys earn their money for summer camp. More details will be available at the March Roundtable.

Bucket Brigade: Starts April 20, 2013 and runs for 2 weeks. Please plan to man the buckets this year. Buckets with Scouts do exceptionally better than those left alone on a counter.

Upcoming Events

Klondike: January 19, 2013 at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation. Turn in Reservations tonight if you haven't already.

Winterfest: Registration at 9:30 am, opening ceremonies at 9:45 am, the day will end shortly after 2:30 pm. .

District Pinewood Derby: Saturday March 23, 2013, check in at 1:00 pm with races starting at 2:00 pm entry fee: $3.00

Erie Bayhawks Overnighter: Saturday March 23rd. Catch a game and spend the night. More details to come.

French Creek Council Recognition Dinner: Saturday April 20 at the Meadville Elks Lodge. Nominations for the Silver Beaver Award must be submitted by February 1st. The form is available on the Council website.

The Search: Scout Retreat: April 26-28, 2013; Hosted by Troop 59. More details will be released each month.

Seawolves Overnighter: June 28th will be the Seawolves overnighter. Game starts at 7:05pm. Scouts get to camp in the outfield. More information to come.

2013 National Scout Jamboree: **July 15-24, 2013** The Summit Bechtel reserve will be the new home for the Jamboree in 2013. French Creek Council will be represented by 36 Boy Scouts and 8 Venturing Youth. There is **ONE** venturing space open right now. The waiting list is empty as well.

Perry 200: There are several opportunities to get out in the community and show your Scouting pride. Please participate in any events you can. The Perry 200 committees are very interested in having Scouts involved and helping us to be more visible in the community. More information will be available soon. Check the French Creek Council website.

Scout Sunday: February 3rd patches can be ordered from the Scout Shop.

Next Roundtable

February 14, 2013

Bring your spouse or significant other and celebrate Valentine's Day with us ☺