

Washington Trail District

March 2013 Announcements

Friends of Scouting: Please schedule your FOS presentations if you have not done so already. Every unit's support in this campaign is important with the loss of United Way funding.

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 Fri. March 29 & Sat. March 30 for Easter.

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.

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

Wood Badge Training: August 16-18 & 30 to Sept. 1 Chief Cornplanter Council. Information and registration flyer available.

Summer Camp Information: \$25 Per boy deposits are due April 1st. Camp Leader meeting is April 27th at Custaloga Town.

Fundraising Opportunities

Spring Popcorn and Nuts: Distribution Friday, March 22nd from 4 to 6 or by appointment at the Dad's warehouse on Rogers Ferry Road.

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

Are you Tougher than a Boy Scout?: From the producers of *Deadliest Catch* and *Ice Road Truckers*, airing on the National Geographic Channel on Monday's at 8 PM Eastern.

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

Scout Swim Nights: The last night is March 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM with a cost of \$2.50 per swimmer.

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

Washington Trail District Recognition Dinner: Thursday, April 11th at Hoss's in Meadville. We will be holding our next Roundtable and District Dinner together. Dinner at 6 PM

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.

Bike Safety Day: Saturday, May 4th we are planning a bike safety / recruiting day at the Cambridge Springs Readiness Center. We are just getting started on pulling this event together and don't have all the details. We are looking at this being an opportunity for Cubs and Scouts to attend.

Perry 200 Parade: Saturday, May 25th. Grab your Pack/Troop Flag and march through downtown in the largest parade in Erie's history. Contact Bridgette Kucharski at brig2772@hotmail.com to sign up for this event.

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.

Seawolves Overnigher: June 28th will be the Seawolves overnigher. Game starts at 7:05 PM. Scouts get to camp in the outfield. Look for the flyer later this spring.

Next Roundtable

April 11, 2013