

The BRIDGE

Blue Water Council, BSA

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From Our Scout Executive

I would like to all thank everyone whom I have met. You have all been very welcoming to me and my family, and I sincerely appreciate that.

I would like to share some of my beliefs and feelings about Scouting with you. First and foremost we are here to serve the youth in the Blue Water Area through the Scouting program. I believe that Cub Scouts should be fun, Boy Scouts should be boy led and Venturing should challenge the youth. What is best for our youth will be the leading factor in all decisions made by the Council.

Secondly, I believe that you are the "Council". In other words, everyone who is registered in the council is the council, that includes every Tiger Cub, Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Executive Board member etc... We are all on the same team trying to accomplish the same goals and if we work together, we will serve the youth better and be a stronger Boy Scout Council. I believe in functioning under these six words: One Voice, One Heart, One Mission. If we all share One Voice and listen to each other, we will be stronger. If we all remember that the youth are the heart of the program, we will be stronger. If we all have the same mission and remember we are all on the same team, we will be stronger. One Voice, One Heart, One Mission

Finally, I am here to help you have the best Scouting program possible. My door is always open. I want to visit your Pack, Troop or Crew. I want to come to your Eagle Scout Ceremonies and I want to help you through any challenges you may face. Just please let me know what I can do to help.

We have a lot to be proud of in the Blue Water Council, but lets continue to make it even better for the kids.

Thank you again for your kindness and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul W. Schwartz

Program Kickoff is Wednesday, August 20, 2008

As the summer draws to a close, it is time to begin planning for the next Scouting season. Planning, coordinating and funding your unit's event are an important undertaking. To help you along, the council is sponsoring the **Annual Program Kickoff** which will take place on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 beginning at 6 pm. Key information to address the needs of the unit will be delivered at this event. As a result, it is important that leaders in the unit should attend including the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Committee Chairman as well Committee Members. Start your planning now by putting this event on your calendar. Check the Blue Water Council Webpage at www.bwbsa.org for any updates.

What: 2008 Program Kickoff

When: August 20, 2008

Time: 6 pm-6:45 pm A light dinner (donations accepted)
6:45 pm-8:30 pm Council program

Where: Girl Scout Service Center (194 & Water)

What to bring: Your unit representatives

The date for your Family Friends of Scouting Presentation

The name of your Popcorn Kernel

A tentative date for your unit's fall open house or roundup

Please RSVP to the Scout Service Center (810-982-9529) by Friday, August 15, 2008 with the names and how many will be attending from your unit.

Exciting New Bonus Programs for the Popcorn Sale

Several new bonus plans will be unveiled at the Blue Water Council Popcorn Kickoff on Thursday, September 4, 2008. Want to be in the movies? Learn all about how your unit can earn an extra cash bonus by making one. There will be instant prizes awarded to the Scouts for filling up an order form. Darryl Owczarek, representing Trails-End, will be there to share a new product mix as well as new prizes.

The council will also share new bonus incentives to increase your unit income. The Blue Water Council Annual Popcorn Sale is the easiest and most productive means of raising funds for your unit as well as the council. The popcorn sale, for many units, is the only fundraiser held during the year to fund unit activities and programs. A quality program keeps your Scouts motivated and interested in Scouting. Each unit must have a representative at this meeting to meet at least one of the bonus requirements. All unit Popcorn Kernels should be in attendance for sure.

What: 2008 Popcorn Kickoff

When: Thursday, September 4, 2008

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Girl Scout Service Center

2186 Water St. Port Huron, MI (junction of Water and I-94)

Please RSVP to the Scout Service Center (810-982-9529) by Tuesday, September 2, 2008 with the names and how many will be attending from your unit.





Cub Scout News

Calling all Cub Scouts!!

Come join us at Twilight Camp to celebrate "Pioneer Days" beginning Monday, August 11 through Thursday, August 14 at Silver Trails. The camp hours are 4 pm to 9 pm. Thursday will be Family Night beginning at 5 pm with the whole family invited for fun and games.



Besides crafts, hiking, BB and archery shooting, Scouts will also be exposed to swimming and canoeing. On Wednesday, all campers will join us at the home of Pete Cangemi (a few miles from Silver Trails) for swimming and canoeing. Licensed life guards and canoeists will be there to instruct and help everyone have fun. A short swimming test will be given to all swimmers. On Wednesday, you'll need to bring a sack lunch, swimming suit and towel. Fishing off Pete's dock is also being planned. Activities will be begin at 4:00 pm.

The cost is \$40 which includes all supplies and a T-Shirt. Adult supervision is required so get together with your den or pack and come as a group. To volunteer contact Dan Conrad at conradco@yahoo.com or John Houser at jhouser@bsamail.org.

Welcome to the Frontier!

Mom & Me 2008

Circle these dates on your calendar now; **October 10-11 or October 11-12 for Mom & Me.** This is an overnight camp-out for Cub Scouts and moms. After checking in and setting up your tents there will be a campfire program the first night. The following day will be filled with activities held throughout the camp such as archery, BB gun shooting, arts & crafts and even cannon firing.



Session #1 Friday, October 10 to Saturday, October 11

(Gates open 5 pm Friday, session ends Saturday 2:30 pm)

Session #2 Saturday, October 11 to Sunday, October 12

(Gates open 5 pm Saturday, session ends Sunday 2:30 pm)

Place: Silver Trails Scout Reservation

Cost: \$15.00 per participant for early registration by Sept. 26 (\$20.00 per participant after September 26)

includes breakfast, lunch, cracker barrel and all activities

T-Shirts: \$8.00 to \$10.00 depending on size

Deadline for T-shirts, September 26, 2008

Please register early as this event fills up fast!

FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATON IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008.

For more information call the Scout Service Center at 810-982-9529. The registration form is on the website www.bwbsa.org.

Blue Water Council Scout Service Center Offers Cub Scout Uniform Special for September & October

A uniform makes a boy feels like he's a part of a group. To help offset the cost of a Cub Scout uniform, we are offering the following incentive. If you purchase the Scout shirt, hat, neckerchief and slide at the same time (during September & October), the Scout Shop will give you the basic insignia (council strip, unit numbers and world crest) **FREE.** (A \$7.21 value)



Cub Scout Uniform Prices

Description	Price
Blue Cub Scout Short Sleeve Shirt	\$22.99
Blue Cub Scout Long Sleeve Shirt	\$26.99
Blue Cub Scout Switchback Pants <i>NEW</i>	\$24.99
Blue Cub Scout Web Belt	\$6.49 to \$10.99
Neckerchief - Tiger, Wolf, Bear	\$4.99
Neckerchief - Webelos	\$5.99
Neckerchief Slide	\$2.49
Cub Scout Hats—Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos	\$11.99
Tan Youth Short Sleeve Shirt	\$24.99

What a Splash at Cub Scout & Webelos Resident Camp!

On July 18-22 over forty Scouts and their leaders enjoyed the Cub Scout Sea Adventures Camp at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. Cub Scouts made and raced raingutter regattas, participated in shooting sports, and "splashed down" on a huge slip and slide and went swimming!

Many thanks to Richard Little, Director, and Mary Minnis, Program Director for all their hard work in making this a great camp. A HUGE thank you to all the great volunteers who staffed the camp and were leaders for the camp.





Boy Scout News



Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtables on September 10, 2008

Attention all unit leaders! Come join us September 10 for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtables. Activities will begin with a joint meeting at 7 pm. All Unit Commissioners are encouraged to attend meetings also beginning at 7 pm. The events will take place at the Girl Scout Service Center at 2186 Water Street, Port Huron. (I-94 & Water Street)

National Jamboree 2010 - 100 Years of Scouting



The Blue Water Council will be sending one troop of 36 Scouts and 4 adults to the National Jamboree in 2010. The dates of the National Jamboree are July 27 thru August 3, 2010. This will be a once in a lifetime event. Watch the website www.bwbsa.org and the next Bridge for more information.

Order of the Arrow News Chickagami Lodge 180

On July 26 through August 2, 2008 our Chickagami Lodge contingent will be at the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. We will be taking part in the National Order of the Arrow's ArrowCorps⁵ service project. We will help in cheerful service with 1,000 arrowmen, and the United States Forest Service at this site. Look for details on this major service project at oa-bsa.org.



OA High Adventure applications for youth are now being taken for 2009 program year:
OA NORTHERN TIER WILDERNESS VOYAGE \$150
OA PHILMONT TRAIL CREW \$200
OA FLORIDA SEA BASE OCEAN ADVENTURE \$500
If you will be 16 to 21 next year, don't delay and act today. OA Camperships are available to those attending these programs cutting the program cost by up to an additional 2/3. For additional high adventure application information go to oa-bsa.org. Mr. L will be glad to talk to you about going; call him at 810.278.5973.

Our Fall Conclave will be held September 26 - 28, 2008.

We are also helping out with the ScoutReach program for the Cub Scouts on October 4, 2008. Your positive influence is needed in helping to promote advancement and camping opportunities for these Scouts. Mark your calendars to help in cheerful service.

Alex Allen
Chickagami Lodge Chief
aaxcountry@gmail.com

Indian Lore Campmaster is September 19-21, 2008

September is when the Cherokee celebrated the Ripe Corn Festival and offered thanks for the harvest. September is also the time for the Indian Lore Merit Badge weekend at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. Mark your calendar for September 19-21, 2008

Lee "Spotted Pony" and Anne "Night Wind" Billingsley will again be your hosts for a weekend of teaching, discussion, language and crafts, games, archery and drum sessions. Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate with the Scouts provided they are registered and pay the \$12.00 fee. What a great way to experience Native American culture!

- What:** Indian Lore Campmaster
- When:** Friday, September 19-21 beginning at 6 pm until 1:00 pm Sunday
- Where:** Silver Trails Scout Reservation
- Cost:** \$12.00 each participant


Register by September 12, 2008 at the Scout Service Center. Registration flyer is on our website: www.bwbsa.org

51st Jamboree on the Air in October

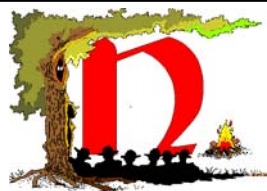
This year's Jamboree-On-the-Air (JOTA) will run from October 18 through October 19, 2008 for a 48 hour period. JOTA is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. For more information visit www.scout.org/JOTA.



We congratulate the following young men for earning their Eagle Scout rank.

 Troop 146 Ryan Teeple	Troop 216 Joshua Olszewski Bradley Siler
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Eagle Scout Award Kits are being sponsored by the Port Huron Kiwanis Club in memory of Clayton Berdan. Each Eagle Scout receives an award kit which includes the Eagle Scout patch, Eagle Scout medal and parent pins. Thank you to the Kiwanis for this generous contribution.



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SILVER TRAILS ARCHERY SHOOT COMING UP

One of our best-loved and most fun-filled fundraisers is the Silver Trails Archery Shoot that is sponsored and staffed by the Silver Trails Archery Committee. Three archery shoots occur during the year and have developed into some of the best in the State of Michigan. These shoots are open to the public, both adult and youth, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. These are well-attended events that require a substantial amount of work by many dedicated volunteers. Dates for the next shoots are as follows.



Shoot #2 August 2 & 3, 2008

Shoot #3 September 6 & 7, 2008

The above dates represent weekends with the following times for each day. **Saturday 9 am to 5 pm**

Sunday 8 am to 3 pm

Each Saturday there will be medals awarded to all shooters. Sunday's 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies will be given out. **There will be an all-you-can-eat "Hunter's Breakfast" available each day for \$5.00 per person.** Two different courses use 3D targets. Cost per course:

Adults (13 and over)	\$8.00
Youth	\$5.00
Children (8 and under)	\$2.00

For additional information call:

Don McColman @ 810-984-2076

LaVerne Gorinac @ 810-982-5210.

Register at Silver Trails on the day of the event.

Family Camping at Silver Trails August 29 – September 1, 2008

Looking for a great way to end your summer? Ever wanted to come out to Silver Trails Scout Reservation with your family, pitch a tent or use a cabin and sit back and watch the world go by? Starting Friday, August 29 through Monday, September 1, Silver Trails Scout Reservation will be open for Scouting families to camp. Each family will need to provide their own food, camping equipment and entertainment. There is no cost for camping during this weekend. Camp will open at 5 pm on Friday and all campsites and cabins are on a first come first serve basis. Campers are allowed and limited electrical hookups are available. No pre-registration is required or allowed. So come on out to camp, walk the trails and enjoy this great facility. See you at camp!



Sporting Clays Shoot Sunday, August 24, 2008

Eastern Michigan Bank and the Blue Water Council are pleased to host the Second Annual Sporting Clays Shoot. Mark your calendar and be sure to sign up soon!

When: Sunday, August 24, 2008

Where: Four Square Conservation Club
6779 Cline Road, Jeddo

Shooters Fee: \$100 which includes 75 rounds of sporting clays (shells included), light lunch and roast beef dinner with beverages.

The schedule of events are:

11:00 am Shooting games open & a light lunch

1:00 pm Sporting clays course opens.

4:30 pm All shooting ends.

4:30 pm Beverage services & silent auction begins.

5:30 pm Dinner served along with live auction and prize drawings.

The event is looking for sponsors as well as teams. Contact the Scout Service Center at 810-982-9529 for more details. A poster and brochure can be found on our website: bwbsa.org.

Friends of Scouting Lunch Report

A record crowd attended the 4th Annual FOS Luncheon held May 14 at Fore Lakes Golf Course. Nearly 380 people enjoyed lunch and guest speaker, Steve Ford, actor and son of former president, Gerald R. Ford. The event raised \$75,000 to help support Blue Water Council Scout programs.

Ford shared pictures and anecdotes of his life in the White House as well as his movie career. He was presented with mementos honoring his father by Eagle Scouts representing the Mackinac Honor Troop. Earlier in the day, Ford spoke to the senior students of Port Huron and Port Huron Northern High Schools. Thanks to Don Fletcher, event chairman and John Adair, master of ceremonies.

Blue Water Council Golf Outing

In spite of rain throughout the night and early morning, the day turned out to be perfect - sunny and 70's. 50 golfers enjoyed a great day at Port Huron Golf Club. Doug Dolph, Michael Kimmerly, Dave Koschnitzke and Dr. Geoffrey Mills took first place. Michael Kimmerly also won the 50/50 for the closest to the pin. The event raised about \$5800 for Scouting.



Thanks to the following sponsors...

Blue Water Family Dentistry; BMJ Engineers & Surveyors; Cheap Charlies/Daybreak Cafe; Citizen's First Bank; Dave French; Eastern Michigan Bank; Eastside Building Materials; HRH Insurance; Huron Title; James F. Bonadio; Kelly, Whipple, Zick & Keyes; Michigan Industrial Controls; Mortimer Lumber; Order of the Arrow; Physician's Health Care; Port Huron Hospital; SEMCO; Trail's End.

Notice to all Commissioners and District Committee Members: There will be a joint training meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at Silver Trails. A potluck dinner will begin at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. Be sure to attend this important training for fall roundup.



Memorials



Robert Cruickshank
Laura & Jim Welser

Adult Leader Award Recipient

Tiger Cub Den Leader Award
Mary Heiden

Commissioner's Corner...

We are looking at four candidates to become unit commissioners. Our council ratio is 2-5 vs. 1-4 at region. Regional goal is 1-3. Both districts and both roundtables meet at the same time (7 pm at the Girl Scout Service Center) to streamline training and reduce meetings. We still need a district commissioner and assistant district commissioner for 3-Rivers. A joint commissioner/district committee meeting will be held August 27, 2008 at Silver Trails. A pot-luck dinner will be at 6 pm with meeting at 7 pm.

Jerry Deeg and Pete Cangemi



Scoutreach News

The summer has flown by quickly. I am currently working alongside the Girl Scouts, and we are participating with the Port Huron Parks & Recreation at Camp Palmer & Camp Cleveland. We are hosting our own Scout Olympics once a week at these camps.

I will also be working at the Twilight Camp on August 11-14 from 4:00-9:00 at Silver Trails Scout Reservation.

I am also hosting a day camp for Packs 240, 241, & 242 at MacDonald Elementary on August 18-22 from 12:00-3:00. Please call the Scout Service Center for more information on any of the camps.

The school year is just around the corner, and I will have two new schools (Maconce Pack 242 & MacDonald Pack 241) as part of the Scoutreach program, which will bring my total to 7 schools. I will have 3 lunchtime packs & 4 afterschool packs. I can always use an extra set of hands, so if anyone wants to volunteer their time, please call the Scout office.

Leslie Butler

It's All About Training

It's that time of year, time to start thinking about training again. If you move up in your unit, you should think about training for the new job. Two new trainings are also available on-line now. We, the training team, hope you will take advantage of the new on-line courses, such as New Leader Training and Hazardous Weather. (www.olg.scouting.org)

*Yours in Scouting,
The Training Team*

Scout Shop News.....

Fall Round Up is just around the corner. We have all the gear you need to outfit your Scout with a new uniform and accessories. Visit www.scoutstuff.org and make your list before visiting the Scout Shop. If we don't have it in stock, it can be special ordered at no additional charge. The Scout Shop is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturdays beginning September 6 from 10am-1pm. Also stop by and pick up your "Vintage" t-shirts and sweatshirts. We have a limited supply; get yours before they are gone. Check out the "Eagle's Nest" for gifts and party supplies for that special Eagle Scout.

New Centennial Uniform Available Soon

This fall the Boy Scout Uniform will have a new look. The new uniform will mix and match with the current uniform. They have been ordered and should be available in the Scout Shop beginning August 15, 2008.

Supplex® Nylon Shirts

Youth Short Sleeve - Small – Large \$29.99,

Youth Long Sleeve - Small – Large \$34.99

Adult Short Sleeve - Small – 2X \$34.99, 3X – 4X \$37.99,

Adult Long Sleeve Small – 2X \$39.99, 3X – 4X \$42.99

Ladies Short Sleeve - Small – Large \$34.99, 38 – 56 \$37.99

Cotton Rich Poplin Shirts

Youth Short Sleeve - Small – Large \$24.99

Youth Long Sleeve - Small – Large \$29.99

Adult Short Sleeve - Small – 2X \$29.99, 3X – 4X \$32.99

Adult Long Sleeve - Small – 2X \$34.99, 3X – 4X \$37.99

Ladies Short Sleeve - Small – Large \$29.99, 38 – 56 \$32.99

Supplex® Nylon Switchback™ Pants*

Youth XS – XL \$39.99

Adult Classic Fit, Adult Relaxed Fit SM – 3X \$39.99

Canvas Convertible Pants*

Youth 8-22 - \$34.99

Adult Classic Fit, Adult Relaxed Fit 32 – 56 \$39.99, 29 – 46 \$39.99

Boy Scout Webbed Cotton Belt

S/M 32" \$ 9.99, M/L 42" \$10.99, XLG 60" \$11.99

Uniform Cap

SM \$11.99, M/L \$11.99, XLG \$12.99

*All pants sizes are universal

For sizing details and information, visit www.bsauniforms.org

Boy Scout Uniform Return Policy

Effective July 23, 2008

Boy Scout Uniform Pieces (Shirt, Pants, Hat, Belt, Socks and Sashes) will only be accepted for return with all tags attached and cash register receipt. Exchanges can be made with existing uniform pieces and not new uniform pieces. After August 15, 2008 no old uniform pieces will be accepted for return.

Unit Money-Earning Application Guidelines

A unit's money-earning methods should reflect Scouting's basic values. Whenever your unit is planning a money-earning project, there is a checklist on the back of the application which can serve as a guide. If your answer is "Yes" to all the questions that follow, it is likely the project conforms to Scouting's standards and will be approved.

1. Do you really need a fund-raising project?
2. If any contracts are to be signed, will they be signed by an individual, without reference to the BSA and without binding the local council, BSA, or the chartered organization?
3. Will your fund-raiser prevent promoters from trading on the name and goodwill of the BSA?
4. Will the fund-raising activity uphold the good name of the BSA? Does it avoid games of chance, gambling, etc?
5. If a commercial product is to be sold, will it be sold on its own merits and without reference to the needs of Scouting?
6. If a commercial product is to be sold, will the fund-raising activity comply with BSA policy on wearing the uniform?
7. Will the fund-raising project avoid soliciting money or gifts?
8. Does the fund-raising activity avoid competition with other units, your chartered organization, our local council, and the United Way?

The local council is responsible for upholding the Charter and By-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the BSA. To ensure compliance, all unit fund-raisers must obtain written approval from the local council no less than 14 days before the fund-raising activity. Unit money-earning applications are available at the Scout Service Center and on our website bwcsa.org. Be sure to submit your application for approval early.

Kenya & Honduras Scouts Visit the Scout Service Center

Nine Scouts from Honduras and four Scouts from Kenya visited the Scout Service Center July 25 on their way to Michigan International Camporee. Troop 294 in St. Clair is hosting the Scouts. They toured the Blue Water area with their host families before heading to Northwoods Scout Camp. Scout Executive, Paul Schwartz, was presented with a Kenyan flag, which will be displayed in the Scout Shop.



It's Fall Roundup Time!

Attention all Packs! It's time again to start planning for your Pack's School Night or Fall Roundup. Here's a brief timeline to help you in planning for your roundup.



AUGUST 20, 2008

School Night for Scouting Training at Program Kickoff

EARLY SEPTEMBER Establish date, time, and location of School Night. Confirm date with District Executive. Begin external publicity (press releases, poster, yard signs, church bulletins).

ONE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL NIGHT

First set of fliers go home with boys. District Executive schedules boy talk.

BOY TALK DAY

Notify current pack members of boy talk day at school and have them wear their uniforms. Second flier and sticker goes home with boys

SCHOOL NIGHT

Call school principal the day before School Night for Scouting to:
A. Make sure promotional materials have been distributed
B. Make sure school will be open.

Attend School Night for Scouting. Arrive early.

- A. Set up display and/or organize a gathering period activity.
- B. Assist in opening ceremony.
- C. Present a two minute report on Unit's program.
- D. Assist School Night Coordinator with circle up and registration.

AFTER SCHOOL NIGHT

Have all new adult registration applications signed by the head of the institution or the chartered organization representative. Ensure all new leaders complete "Fast Start" Training and Cub Scout Leader Basic Training. Follow-up with unregistered Scouts and all new leaders.

If you have any questions please contact your District Executive.

New Revised Youth & Adult Registration Applications

There are new youth applications (28-406C) and new adult applications (28-501F) which will become effective August 16, 2008. The adult application includes an extra sheet which is a disclosure/authorization regarding background checks. More information on these new forms will be available at program kickoff. You can also view them at scouting.org.

From Steve Down's Backpack . . .



Sunday morning's sunrise was beautiful. Viewed from Arch Rock, the horizon is framed on the left by the eastern end of the UP, and the chain of islands which ultimately define the North Channel. Sporadic cloud cover made the sky most interesting. When the sun first glistened over the Lake Huron horizon, the single point of direct sunlight was brilliant, like a laser beam.

As the sun began its climb, it illuminated the clouds from beneath. Exotic shades of orange and red caressed them like an artist's brush. The colors changed moment by moment. An occasional cloud was briefly cast with purple so vivid, that the lilacs of Mackinac Island would pale in its shadow. Only minutes from when the sun first peeked over the horizon, it was over.

Walking back to barracks, I hoped the next day's sunrise would be as grand. I had already warmed the ovens, put the sausage on sheet pans, and heated the toaster. Upon my return, I turned things back on and waited for the KPs to arrive. We were off to another great week at Mackinac.

The next morning, Monday, the sky was completely blanketed with clouds. I looked at my watch. It was 6:10 AM, and no sunrise. Oh, the sun was up, but there had been nothing to see but the dark, cloud covered sky. I didn't take it as an omen at the time, but I should have.

Mackinac Island Service Troop 168, with more than 25 years of service on the island, had a new Scoutmaster, Kirk Siebert. Kirk isn't new to the Troop, but this was his first year as Scoutmaster. We tried to change very little, otherwise. Why fix something that isn't broken? That was our mistake.

Our Troop, one of only a few that actually marches in military style was asked not to march, rather walk quietly in step. For all the years the Troop has served, they have marched. When horses passed they stopped, and even turned their backs, so as not to scare them. They were told the marching would scare the horses. Old habits are hard to break! That took some doing, as our SPL and ASPLs had come up through years of marching to a snare drum cadence.

Then, our Scout Coordinator, new to her position, told us that our boys were not interactive enough with the tourists. Our Scouts were trained to stand at "attention" when standing guide duty. They would respond to any needs, or when asked, but otherwise remain at attention. Standing "at ease", and prompting conversation with tourists would be very different. This represented another challenge, which caused the learning curve to grow still steeper.

Then came our first major problem. It concerned a Scout who had become ill. Our medical officer, Dave Zarling, evaluated the Scout's situation and took him to the Island Medical Center. The Scout was immediately taken to the mainland for further evaluation and possible treatment. A potentially serious condition was averted, but the Scout still needed to go home. When part of the team must pull out, it's painful for everyone. Both the Scout and the Troop suffer. We were down one.

Then came the "piece de resistance", we lost our Scoutmaster in the middle of the week! Let me see, the story Kirk asked me to tell goes like this: (Once upon a time...) There was a run-away wagon. It was filled with women and children. The driver had fallen ill and passed out at the reins. The horses were scared by a cannon demonstration and began to run. Women were screaming, babies were crying. Onlookers wept! Kirk saw that the wagon load of women and children was in peril and went to their aid. He ran next to the wagon and jumped aboard, bringing the frightened team to a halt. John Wayne couldn't have done a better job! He helped the women and children from the wagon, and when all was secure, he rested. Only then did he realize that he had broken his leg! It probably happened as he wrestled the horses to a stop, or when he jumped down!

Well, that's the story he wants me to tell, but truth is when I first saw him with a broken leg, he was lying on the bathroom floor. Now maybe that's where he chose to rest after he saved the day with the run-away wagon, but I doubt it. The truth is, he fell down and broke it! You'll have to ask him for the details, after he gets back on his feet! (It's a bad break, possibly 4-6 months off work!) We were down two!

Anyway, we successfully finished the week, thanks to the Scouts of MIST 168 and Clyde, Dave, Chip, Don, Rollin, and Paul, the Assistant Scoutmasters who did extra duty to cover for Kirk. Thanks also to Ed Smietana, Area 2 Director for BSA who stopped in to see the Troop in action, and give us words of encouragement.

MIST 168 had a challenging week, but met each challenge head on. The Troop was recommended to return next year. Our final success will be to see Kirk back on his feet. Get well soon, my friend!

Steve Down

Local Field Trip Ideas

Pirates & Smugglers are sailing into the Port Huron Museum this August.

Join the crew in search of Great Lakes smugglers and sunken treasures at the Port Huron Museum from August 15 through November 2, 2008. The museum is open 7 days a week from 11 am—5 pm.

Check out their website: www.phmuseum.org for prices and more information.



Plan a trip to see the World of Giant Insects at the Port Huron Museum coming this fall.

The dates are November 15, 2008 through February 16, 2009.



The Scout Shop will be open on Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm in September and October starting September 6.

August

- 2-3 Silver Trails Archery Shoot
- 11-14 Twi-Light Camp - STSR
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm SSC
- 20 Program Kickoff - 6 pm Girl Scout Service Center**
- 26 Eagle Board of Review - 7 pm Westminster Church
- 27 Joint Commissioner/District Committee - 6 pm STSR
- 29-31 Family Camp - STSR

September

- 1 Silver Trails Family Camp - STSR
- 1 **Labor Day - Scout Service Center Closed**
- 4 **Popcorn Kickoff - 6:30 pm Girl Scout Office**
- 6-7 Silver Trails Archery Shoot
- 8 Executive Board Meeting
- 10 Cub Scout Roundtable - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 10 Boy Scout Roundtable - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 10 Commissioners Meetings - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 17 District Committee Meetings - 7 pm
- 19-21 Indian Lore Campmaster - STSR
- 26-28 OA Fall Conclave - STSR
- 29 Properties Committee Meeting - 7 pm SSC
- 30 Eagle Board of Review - 7 pm Westminster Church

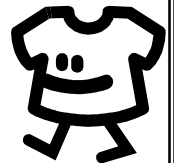
October

- 7 **Popcorn Sale Begins**
- 8 Cub Scout Roundtable - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 8 Boy Scout Roundtable - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 8 Commissioner Meetings - 7 pm Girl Scout Office
- 10-12 Mom & Me - STSR
- 11 OA Leadership Meeting - 10 am SSC
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting - SSC
- 15 District Committee Meetings - 7 pm
- 17-19 Fall Camporee - STSR
- 25 Cub Scare Night - STSR
- 28 Eagle Board of Review - 7 pm Westminster Church
- 31 Halloween

Lost & Found at Scout Service Center

Did your son leave something at camp? We have boxes of shirts, jackets and assorted items. Please check out the boxes when you come into the Scout Service Center.

Program T-Shirts: We have Dad & Lad and Mom & Me shirts that were ordered and paid for but not picked up. Members of the following packs have shirts here: 84, 111, 171, 178, 201, 222, 224, 226, 245, 246, 247, 257, 261, 282, 290, 294, 322, 333, 335. Please pick them up at the Scout Service Center by the end of August.



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