

SCOUTING NEWS

Erie Shores Council

— SUMMER 2026 —

Membership

Get Ready for Fall Recruitment!

Summer is the perfect time to relax, recharge, and enjoy adventures—but August and September will be here before you know it! A little preparation now will set your unit up for a strong and successful fall recruitment season.



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Council Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5pm

Iott Scout Shop Hours

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8:30am – 5pm
- Thu: 8:30am – 6:00pm
- Closed Saturday
- Closed Sunday

Museum Hours

- June – August
- Tours by appointment only.
- Contact: 419.843.0107

*Museums are closed on the weekend of all major holidays.

Fall Recruitment Prep Checklist

Leader Readiness

- Identify Lion and Tiger Den Leaders early.
- Ensure all leaders have completed Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) and position-specific training on My.Scouting.org.
- Recruit a New Member Coordinator to welcome new families and help them feel connected right away. Info: tinyurl.com/scoutingwirenmc
- Create a simple “Meet Your Leaders” flyer or slideshow with names, roles, and contact details.

Plan Your Recruitment Strategy

- Hold a summer planning meeting to finalize your calendar, budget, and recruitment plan.
- Select two leaders to attend the Fall Membership Rally on July 29 at the Zenobia Shriners in Perrysburg.
- Schedule your Sign-Up Night on a weekday (Tuesday – Thursday) before Friday, September 18, ideally at your local school.
- Update your unit’s BeAScout pin. Info: tinyurl.com/beascoutpin2

- Ask schools about hosting a Scouting table at Open House. Council can assist with materials.

- Prepare a simple unit calendar and budget to share at Sign-Up Night.

Register and Promote

- Promote “Camp Miakonda Adventure Day” on Saturday, September 19 — a great introduction for prospective families!
- Submit all new applications to the Council office by Monday, September 28.
- Approve new applications on My.Scouting.org promptly.
- Spread the word through social media, email, Scoutbook, and personal invitations.

Digital Tools Tip

- QR codes that link to your BeAScout page or online registration are easy to use and highly effective!

Help and Support

- Contact your District Professional and explore Council tips at ereshorescouncil.org/recruitment.

100th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner

Volunteers will be honored at the 100th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at The Pinnacle in Maumee. The evening is proudly sponsored by Skylight Financial and Marco's Pizza. We are honored to welcome Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recipient, as our keynote speaker. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers whose service and leadership make Scouting possible. This milestone celebration promises to be a truly memorable occasion.

Silver Beaver Award



Melissa Amonette



James Brazeau



Mark Wexler

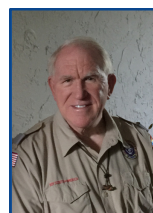
National Eagle Scout Honors



Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe
*Distinguished
Eagle Scout Award*



Daniel Anderson
*NESA Outstanding
Eagle Scout Award*



Richard Reynolds
*NESA Outstanding
Eagle Scout Award*

Lifetime Service and Leadership Awards



Andrew Hudec
*Gregory A. Hendel
Lifetime Service
Award*



Dr. Michael Joseph
*John C. Haar
Lifetime Service
Award*



Andrea Beach
*Glenda M. Bowman
Inspirational
Leadership Award*



Judge Myron Duhart
*Council Distinguished
Alumnus Award*



Danielle Wagner
*Whitney M. Young Jr.
Service Award*



Gary Waterstradt
*Torch of Gold
Award*

Special Recognitions

Unit Anniversaries

35 Years:

Pack 208, Pack 370

60 Years:

Troop 167, Troop 406

65 Years:

Pack 408, Pack 485

70 Years:

Pack 167, Pack 199, Troop 195,
Troop 358, Troop 422

75 Years:

Troop 320

80 Years:

Pack 43, Pack 314

90 Years:

Troop 123, Troop 331

Veteran Volunteer Service

25 Years:

Robert Neubert, Gregory Sharp

40 Years:

Gary Waterstradt

60 Years:

Michael Pietras

Summer Cub Scout Events

Blueprints & Bricks Miakonda Day Camp

Camp Miakonda
Open to the public

Day Camp is an excellent experience for your Cub Scout to learn and grow, with activities such as BB guns, archery, swimming, hikes, STEM, nature education, and more.

Twilight Camp is an evening day camp experience that gives adults the chance to enjoy camp with their youth.

Schedule

- Week 1: June 15-19
- Week 2: June 22-26
- Twilight Camp: June 29-July 2
- Week 4: July 6-10
- Week 5: July 13-17

View Event: ereshorescouncil.org/cdc

Webelos/Arrow of Light (AOL) Overnight

White Star Park, Gibsonburg, OH
Open to Webelos/AOL, accompanied by an adult partner
July 28-29, 2026

This overnight experience is designed to challenge and engage our rising Scouts while giving them a first-hand connection to the local Troops they will soon be joining.

Activities include fire building, setting up a Tent City, and a Root Beer Cantina!

View Event: ereshorescouncil.org/eb-webover

Out of this World Eagle Bay Cub Day Camp

White Star Park, Gibsonburg, OH
Open to the public

July 29-31, 2026

Activities include archery, BB guns, field sports, nature, arts and crafts, Scout skills, and all-around FUN!

View Event: ereshorescouncil.org/eb-csdc

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Camp Frontier, Pioneer Scout Reservation
Open to all Cub Scouts

August 2-5, 2026

Activities include row boating, swimming, BB guns, archery, climbing, the Root Beer Cantina, and more!

Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Dens are invited to enjoy an unforgettable outdoor adventure. Lion and Tiger Scouts are welcome to attend as tag-alongs with parental supervision.

View Event: psrweb.org/CSAdventureCamp



Development News

IRA Giving Strategies

Your IRA can be a meaningful way to support Scouting—now and in the future.

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** Individuals age 70½ and older may make tax-free gifts directly from their IRA. For 2026, the maximum gift is \$111,000 per person or \$222,000 per couple, without having to pay taxes on the distribution. Gift amounts may exceed your required minimum distribution amount.
- **Legacy Giving:** You may name Scouting as an IRA beneficiary—sole, percentage, or contingent—to create a lasting impact.

For more information or to discuss how IRA giving can best support your personal and charitable objectives, contact Nelson Shaffer, Director of Development, at Nelson.Shaffer@Scouting.org or 419.704.6033.

2026 Scouting America Half Marathon

Presented by Southeastern Container & Buckeye Broadband
Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 7:30 a.m.

Wood County Fairgrounds – Bowling Green, Ohio

Join us for the 17th Annual Scouting America Half Marathon! With two awesome courses — Half Marathon and 5K — there's something for every pace and path. Runners of all levels are welcome, and Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to run in uniform to show their Scouting spirit!

Not much of a runner? No problem! Bring your appetite and enjoy our legendary All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to Noon near the finish line. Just a small donation to Erie Shores Council gets you pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee — all the essentials for a great morning.

Volunteers Wanted!

Bring your Scout unit out to serve, cheer, and show Scouting in action. For volunteer details, contact Jack Robinson at Jack.Robinson@Scouting.org.

Learn more, register, and grab your tickets at runtoledo.com/event/scouting-america/.

2027 Camp Frontier

Scouts BSA Summer Camp Reservations

Our 2027 Summer Camp Registration Date is fast approaching! Registration for 2027 for both in and out-of-council Troops opens on June 8, 2026. Registration can be made online at psrweb.org/Registration after the opening date.

Fall 2026 Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food drives will be held this fall on the following dates:

- October 17–24, 2026
- November 7–15, 2026

Visit erieshorescouncil.org/ScoutFood to request door hangers and to report your unit's participation. Thank you for supporting this important community effort! For questions, contact Jack Robinson at Jack.Robinson@Scouting.org.

Order of the Arrow

Tindeuchen Lodge #522 Order of the Arrow (OA) has several important upcoming events. For more details and registration links, visit erieshorescouncil.org/OA.

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings (LEC)

All OA members are invited.

- Aug 16: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Camp Miakonda

Lodge Events

- July 19-31: Operation Arrow/ National Jamboree - Summit Bechtel Reserve
- Aug 14-16: Summer Ordeal and Service Weekend - Camp Miakonda

Contact Patrick Sutherland with questions and to update your email address at Lodge.Adviser.Tindeuchen@gmail.com.

Like us on [Facebook](#) at [Tindeuchen Lodge 522!](#)

Fall Camporee

Operating Engineers Local 18 | Cygnet, OH

Friday – Sunday, October 9–11, 2026

Scouts will enjoy hands-on experiences operating equipment like backhoes and mini excavators under expert supervision, along with activities led by building trades such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers, and more. Past projects have included metal toolboxes, electrical circuits, woodworking, and plumbing.

The camporee is open to Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and AOL Dens (hosted by a Scouts BSA Troop) from any district in Erie Shores Council. Visit erieshorescouncil.org/fallcamp1 for more information.

Camp Miakonda Adventure Day

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Spend the day exploring all that Camp Miakonda has to offer! Invite a friend and enjoy a variety of fun Scouting activities. Program areas are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring archery, fishing, hiking, and more. A parent or guardian must accompany each youth participant.

This FREE event is open to everyone, and lunch is provided. Learn more and register at erieshorescouncil.org/CMAD.



2026 Summer Job Opportunities

Camp Miakonda

Camp Miakonda is seeking teens ages 14-18 and adults to serve as Camp Staff and Counselors-in-Training for our Cub Scout Camping Programs this summer. The camp season runs from June 8 to July 17, 2026.

- **Camp Miakonda Job Board:** tinyurl.com/CMJobBoard
- **Apply:** tinyurl.com/CMCampStaff
- **Details:** erishorescouncil.org/cdc
- **Questions?** Call 419.276.1217 or email CMCampDirector@ErieShores.org

Camp Frontier

Camp Frontier is hiring for its Summer Camp Staff. Applicants must be at least 15 years old. Counselor-in-Training starts at 14 years old. The camp season runs from June 10 to August 5, 2026.

- **Camp Frontier Job Board:** PSRweb.org/JobBoard
- **Apply:** PSRweb.org/StaffApp
- **Details:** PSRweb.org
- **Questions?** Call 419.459.3130 or email Chuck.Walker@Scouting.org

Iott Scout Shop

Own a Piece of History

The Iott Scout Shop is now carrying the America's 250th Anniversary Scouting Collection and the Liberty in Action patch. Requirements can be found at erishorescouncil.org/iott.

Welcome New Families!

The Iott Scout Shop is a full-service store offering uniforms, books, advancement items, camping gear, Scouting merchandise, gifts, and more! We are happy to assist you with your Scouting needs.

Online Order Tool

Can't find time to visit the shop? Use our online order tool. We can have your order ready for pickup or ship it to you for an additional charge.

Sales Tax Holiday

Shop and save on Friday, August 7, 2026! Clothing and Scout uniforms \$75 or less are tax-free—perfect for back-to-school or back-to-Scouting shopping.

Summer Hours

Scout Shop summer hours run from May 25 to September 6, 2026. Details on page 1.

Check Us Out!

Facebook: facebook.com/iottscoutshop
Online: erishorescouncil.org/iott



Eagle Scout Corner

This quarter's featured Eagle Scout is Joshua Przyojski, a former recipient of the Council's Ted Swartzberg and Paul Bellner Scholarship. A member of Troop 777 in Temperance, Joshua earned his Eagle Scout rank in April 2021 by constructing and installing five western screech owl houses at Ansted Park.

A 2021 Bedford High School graduate, Joshua earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toledo and now works as a Production Engineer with Chemtrade Logistics. He recently attended the Ted Swartzberg and Paul Bellner Scholarship Dinner, which honors current and past recipients. This scholarship supports Eagle Scouts and other Scouts attending the University of Toledo.

Eagle Scouts

COMMODORE PERRY DISTRICT

Rowen Lockhart	Troop 112	Matthew Hays
Andrew Amundsen	Troop 112	Matthew Hays
Caitlin Lohner	Troop 9510	Rachel Lohner
Simon Amonette	Troop 1666	Scott Halbur

EAGLE BAY DISTRICT

Madillyn Kinkaid	Troop 9370	Gina Margraf-Cox
Reagan Wittman	Troop 9370	Gina Margraf-Cox
Liam Kruse	Troop 342	Gregory Hill
Sophia Kruse	Troop 9342	Julie Kruse

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Luke Jennewine	Troop 87	Nathaniel Ducat
Nathan Wilt	Troop 2	Richard Fuchs
William Cavanaugh	Troop 2	Richard Fuchs
Grayden Cooper	Troop 14	Patrick Sutherland
Raymond Friedel	Troop 195	Joshua Ross
David Rosenberger	Troop 263	Daniel Rosenberger

SWAN CREEK DISTRICT

Julia Hajba	Troop 9103	Janet Yedica
Wyatt Dominique	Troop 66	Robert Neubert
Charli Nickey	Troop 9615	Tamara Blue
Lochlan Ice	Troop 199	John Van Wormer
Jack Van Wormer	Troop 199	John Van Wormer
Robert Courtney	Troop 167	Mark Krautheim
Maddock Hires	Troop 97	Justin Clampitt
Dean Geoffrion	Troop 97	Justin Clampitt
Garrett Anderson	Troop 199	John Van Wormer
Charles Hallett	Troop 210	Christopher Jackson

WOOD DISTRICT

Anthony Cicigoi	Troop 337	John Bailey
Tyler Schwind	Troop 325	Brent Bomer
Wyatt Ashby	Troop 344	John Gibson
Collin Chamberlain	Troop 344	John Gibson
Theodore Agosti	Troop 347	Nathan Vollmar
Damon Manders	Troop 358	Fred Riggs





2026 Popcorn Sales Start Soon!

The 2026 Popcorn Sale is popping up before you know it! With New Kernel Trainings held in June and District Popcorn Rallies in August, you'll be fully prepped and ready to pop into action for this fall's sale.

What's New in 2026?

- **Freedom Pretzels** - limited edition red-white-blue chocolate-covered pretzels
- **Cinnamon Roll Popcorn** - a sweet, buttery blend of cinnamon and sugar
- **Amazon Gift Cards** - for the prize option, giving Scouts a flexible way to enjoy their rewards

Why Sell?

- Increase your unit and council income - over 70% stays local
- Pay for your entire Scouting program year
- Help Scouts learn responsibility by "earning their own way"
- Earn cool incentives, including gift cards

Helpful Tips to Make Your Sale "P.O.P."

- **Plan** - Set clear unit and per-Scout sales goals
- **Organize** - Host an exciting and motivating Kickoff
- **Promote** - Share prize opportunities early and often

June New Kernel Trainings

New Unit Kernels and returning Kernels looking for a refresher can attend one of the following trainings:

- **June 2, 7:00 pm** - Providence Lutheran Church
- **July 11, 7:00 pm** - Jadel Leadership Center

RSVP: ereshorescouncil.org/popcorntraining

August Popcorn Rallies

Each unit should send a representative to a Popcorn Rally to receive important updates and all the supplies needed for a successful sale.

RSVP: ereshorescouncil.org/popcornrally

Show & Sell Drawing

Sign up for the Show & Sell Site Drawing by July 29, 2026, to be included. Assignments will be announced on August 3, 2026!

View and Sign Up: ereshorescouncil.org/snsdrawing

Popcorn Sales Start Dates

- **August 1, 2026** - Online Sales
- **September 11, 2026** - Show & Sell, Take Order, Corporate, and Holiday Sales

Learn more: ereshorescouncil.org/popcorn



2026 Coffee Sale

We'd like to espresso our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the **2026 Coffee Sale!** Thanks to your hard work, sales *perked-up* to more than **\$42,720**. With 41 Units and over 211 Scouts earning funds, this year's sale truly brewed up success and helped fuel countless summer adventures.

Safety Moment: Life Jackets/Personal Flotation Devices

A common misconception is that life jackets and other personal flotation devices (PFDs) are only for non-swimmers. In reality, U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jackets and PFDs can make the difference between an enjoyable day on the water and a fatal incident.

All Scouting programs must follow Safety Afloat guidelines for boating activities, which require everyone to wear a life jacket—whether rowing, canoeing, sailing, boardsailing, motorboating, waterskiing, rafting, tubing, or kayaking.

Life jackets must be in serviceable condition and water-tested before use. A proper fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable; when worn, the jacket should not rise above your ears in the water or above your shoulders on land. If it does, adjust the straps or exchange it for the correct size.

Units are encouraged to present a Safety Moment at every unit meeting. scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments for details and other Safety Moments.





Calendar of Events

June

- 2:** New Kernel Popcorn Training
- 4:** 100th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner
- 7-12:** National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- 8-12:** Miakonda Day Camp Staff Week
- 10-19:** Camp Frontier Staff Development and Training
- 11:** New Kernel Popcorn Training
- 15-19:** Week 1 - Cub Day Camp, Camp Miakonda
- 21-27:** Week 1 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 22-26:** Week 2 - Cub Day Camp, Camp Miakonda
- 28-Jul 4:** Week 2 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 29-Jul 2:** Week 3 - Twilight Camp, Camp Miakonda

July

- 3:** Council Office & Iott Scout Shop Closed
Independence Day
- 5-11:** Week 3 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 6-10:** Week 4 - Cub Day Camp, Camp Miakonda
- 12-18:** Week 4 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 13-17:** Week 5 - Cub Day Camp, Camp Miakonda
- 19-25:** Week 5 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 22-31:** National Jamboree
- 26-Aug:** Week 6 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp, Camp Frontier
- 28-29:** Eagle Bay Eagle Bay White Star Park Webelos Overnighter
- 29-31:** Eagle Bay White Star Park Cub Day Camp
- 29:** Sign up for Popcorn Show & Sell Drawing

August

- 1:** Online Popcorn Sales Open
- 2-5:** Cub Scout Adventure Camp, Camp Frontier
- 3:** Show & Sell Assignments Announced
- 6:** Popcorn Rally - 'South' District, 7 pm
- 11:** Popcorn Rally - 'East' District, 6 pm
- 13:** Popcorn Rally - 'North' District, 7 pm
- 14-16:** Order of the Arrow Ordeal, Camp Miakonda
- 15:** Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, Camp Miakonda
- 18:** Popcorn Rally - Council-wide, 7 pm
- 29:** Scouting America Half Marathon

Dates are subject to change. Please check our website for the most current information at erishorescouncil.org

Stay Connected

For information about District events and activities, please call or email your District Executive, attend your District Roundtable, visit the District website, or link from the council website ErieShoresCouncil.org.

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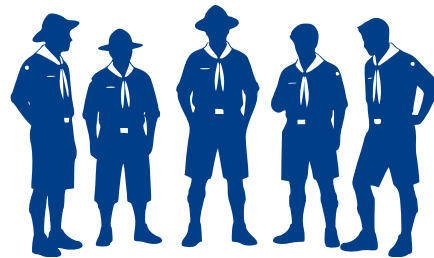
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What is the highest award in Scouting in Canada and Great Britain?

King's Scout Badge, equal to Eagle Rank in the United States, is the highest youth achievement in Scouting across the Commonwealth, including the UK, Australia, and Canada. Awarded to Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members, it requires completing rigorous challenges in community service, physical activity, outdoor expeditions, and skills development. Depending on the gender of the monarch on the throne at the time of its earning, the rank has alternated between King's Scout and Queen's Scout. With the accession of King Charles III, the award was renamed back to the King's Scout Award for new recipients.

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