

The BRIDGE

Blue Water Council, BSA

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From Our Scout Executive

In February 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years as an organization. The 100th Anniversary represents much more than a date on the calendar. It represents an important milestone to reintroduce Scouting to America – to celebrate our rich heritage and to reinforce the important role Scouting will play in shaping our country's future. Boy Scouting was founded as an outlet to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a participating citizen and leader. BSA has more than fulfilled its mission.

Help us celebrate! If you are or were a Scout, family member of a Scout, BSA volunteer, or someone who Scouting has positively impacted, you're invited. There are a number of local opportunities for you to take part in our once-in-a-lifetime celebration, from helping develop a museum display to planning a 100th Anniversary Camper-all, we need your help. To help, please contact myself or your District Executive and share your desire to help.

Soon we celebrate our first 100 years; we will not only reflect on our rich history, but lay the foundation for a strong future.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul W. Schwartz



Silver Trails Family Camp Canceled

Family Camp weekend scheduled for August 28-30, 2009 is canceled. We are in the process of reexamining this event and make changes to the procedure for a family camping weekend. Silver Trails Scout Camp will be open for normal Scout reservations during that period of time. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Program Kickoff is Wednesday, August 19, 2009

It's that time of year again for each unit to begin planning for the next Scouting season. Funding, coordinating and planning your unit's events and recruiting new Scouts are important. To facilitate your efforts, the Blue Water Council is once again hosting the **Annual Program Kickoff** which will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 beginning at 6 pm.

Important information to help you run an effective program will be shared at this event. As a result, your unit Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Committee Chairman and Committee Members should plan on attending. Check the Blue Water Council Webpage at www.bwbsa.org for any updates.

What: 2009 Program Kickoff

When: August 19, 2009

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

Where: First United Methodist Church, 828 Lapeer, PH

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

The e-mail address and phone number of all your unit leaders

Please RSVP to the Scout Service Center 810-982-9529 by Friday, August 14, 2009 with the names of those who will be representing your unit.

Mark Your Calendars....See you Wednesday, August 19, 2009!

Exciting New Vendor for the Popcorn Sale

Get ready for exciting changes to the annual Blue Water Council Popcorn Sale. A new vendor, more variety and other changes will be highlighted at the Popcorn Kickoff to be held Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Port Huron.



Bonus incentives, a new prize and product mix, and ways to make your sale fun, organized and profitable

will all be shared. The council will once again provide prizes for the best unit popcorn kickoff videos and you will be shown an all new way to earn additional commissions.

The Popcorn Sale is the easiest and most efficient way to raise money to support your unit activities and program. A quality program keeps your Scouts motivated and interested. EACH UNIT must have a representative at this meeting to meet at least one of the bonus requirements. Unit Kernels for sure should be in attendance.

What: 2009 Popcorn Kickoff

When: Thursday, September 3, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: First United Methodist Church
828 Lapeer in Port Huron

Please RSVP to the Scout Service Center 810-982-9529 by Tuesday, September 1, 2009 with the names and how many will be attending from your unit.





Cub Scout News

Voyager Days at Twilight Camp



Calling all Cub Scouts, come join us at Twilight Camp for fun, games and friendship at "Voyager Days" beginning Monday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 12, 2009. The camp hours are 4 pm to 9 pm on Monday and Tuesday at Silver Trails. Wednesday is Family Night at the Cangemi home from 4 pm until 9 pm.

Besides crafts, archery and BB shooting, Scouts will also be exposed to a demonstration of model airplane flying while at Silver Trails. On Wednesday, all campers and their families will travel to the home of Pete Cangemi (a few miles from Silver Trails) for swimming, canoeing, fishing and games. Licensed lifeguards and canoeist will be there to instruct. On Wednesday, you'll need to bring your own picnic food and place setting (drink provided), swimming suit and towel. Scoutmaster Don Kent and members of Troop 205 will supervise the fishing.

The cost is \$30 which includes supplies, drink, T-shirt and patch. (You must bring your own food each day). Adult supervision is required so get together with your den or pack and come as a group. The official flyer is on the BWC webpage, www.bwbsa.org. Registrations are due by July 29, 2009 at the Scout Service Center. Call John Houser at 810-982-9529 or jhouser@bsamail.org with questions.

Cub Scare Night Coming in October

Mark your calendar for a fall favorite, **CUB SCARE!** Once again Silver Trails will be host to a spooky hayride through the forest, games and good food. Saturday, October 24, 2009 will mark the occasion.

This event is open to all registered Cub Scouts, leaders, as well as family members. So bring mom, dad, sister, brother and relatives and join in on the fun. Wrist-bands will be given out at check-in and are required for participation. Please register early so supplies and food can be accurately ordered. **PLEASE NO COSTUMES!**



Early registration now until Friday, October 16, 2009 is \$5 per person. Registration after October 16, 2009 will be \$6 per person.

Registration forms are available at the Scout Office or on line at www.bwbsa.org. Contact John Houser at jhouser@bsamail.org or 810-982-9529 for further information.



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

A uniform makes a boy feels like he's 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**. (An \$8.11 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	\$24.99
Blue Cub Scout Web Belt	\$7.99 to \$9.99
Neckerchief - Tiger, Wolf, Bear	\$5.99
Neckerchief - Webelos	\$9.99
Neckerchief Slide	\$3.99
Cub Scout Hats—Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos	\$12.99
Tan Youth Short Sleeve Shirt	\$24.99

Mom & Me is Going Egyptian October 9-11

Fall is coming... and so is Mom & Me!!! As soon as you get the flyer, get your registration in so you don't miss it! We have an awesome time planned and need participation from all the Pharaohs in



the Blue Water land! Come to Egypt to shoot BB's and archery, carve your name in hieroglyphics, make your very own Pharaoh's collar and amulet, and race your canoe down Silver Creek. After all that and more, the Chariot race awaits..... **Don't miss it! Mark your calendar for October 9-11, 2009. All registrations must be received by October 2, 2009!**

Many volunteers are needed to staff this great event. Please contact Cyndi Jagodzinski at 810-982-9529 or

cyndi.jagodzinski@scouting.org as soon as possible to sign up. And don't forget we need bike tires, size 12-20 inch, preferably 20 inch. *Note the flyer is on our website: bwbsa.org under Cub Scout Activities.*





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Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtables September 9, 2009

Attention all unit leaders! Come join us September 9 for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtables beginning at 7 pm at the Scout Service Center.

Order of the Arrow News Chickagami Lodge 180

The Trading Post is looking for some members to staff the coming Archery Shoots. The next scheduled shoot is August 1-2. We are also looking for members to assist the Archery Committee in setting up on Thursday night. Most of the lodge leadership will be gone to NOAC during the shoot so it is imperative that we get your help. If you are able to help, contact me at alex-allen7@gmail.com, and we will get you more information.



We are also planning on having our Day of Service sometime in August. The next lodge meeting will be August 8th, 9 am at the Acheson Maritime Center in Port Huron. The location has been changed because of the event at Silver Trails. If you have not paid your 2009 dues yet, please do so soon.

Alex Allen
Vice Chief, Section C-2A
Lodge Chief, Chickagami 180

Indian Lore Campmaster is September 18-20, 2009

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.

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 18 beginning at 6 pm until 1:00 pm Sunday, September 20
- Where:** Silver Trails Scout Reservation
- Cost:** \$12.00 each participant

Register by Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Scout Service Center. Registration flyer will be on our website:
www.bwcbasa.org

52nd Jamboree on the Air

This year's Jamboree-On-the-Air (JOTA) will run from October 17-18, 2009 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 search [jota 2009](http://jota2009) and check out their website. The fall camporee will be including JOTA in their program.



FALL CAMPOREE FOR BOYS SCOUTS


"Wilderness Survival" is the theme for this year's Fall Camporee. The event will take place October 16 through 18, 2009 at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. Pre-registration will close on October 9.



- What:** Fall Camporee "Wilderness Survival"
- When:** October 16-18, 2009
- Where:** Silver Trails Scout Reservation
- Cost:** \$6.00 per person

Check in will be Friday, October 16, 2009 from 6 pm to 8 pm and activities will end at noon on Sunday, October 18.

A flyer will be available in the Scout Service Center and on the council web page www.bwcbasa.org in early August.



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

Troop 216 Matthew Allen David Wilson	Troop 328 Tyler Richardson
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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.

Scouting for Adventure Shows on Outdoor Channel

If you get the Outdoor Channel, check out some of the Scouting episodes. They showcase Northern Tier, Camp Emerald Bay and other high adventure trips. Check their website at <http://www.myoutdoorchannel.com/scouting>



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SILVER TRAILS ARCHERY SHOOTS 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 1 & 2, 2009

Shoot #3 September 5 & 6, 2009

The above dates represent weekends with the following times for each day. **Saturday 8 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

Don Johnston @ 810-987-7670

Register at Silver Trails on the day of the event.

Adventure Camp Weekend Full of Fun

What fun we had! Even storms can't stop us at Adventure Camp! Besides if you're playing on a slip-n-slide and swimming, you're already wet anyway! We enjoyed shooting BB's and Archery, learning about nature, doing crafts, and earning the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, along with five belt loops! Even with all those activities, we had lots of free time to relax and explore our favorite camp. Make sure to sign up next year and join us!



Thank you to Mary Minnis for running Adventure Camp and all of the staff who made the event a success.

Sporting Clays Shoot Sunday, August 23, 2009

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

When: Sunday, August 23, 2009

Where: Four Square Conservation Club
6779 Cline Road, Jeddo

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

There will be a live auction, door prizes and silent auction prior to and during dinner.

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

SUPPORT A SCOUT LUNCHEON UPDATE

Fore Lakes Golf Course was the site for the fifth annual "Support a Scout Luncheon." Despite a difficult economy, the event drew nearly 400 guests and raised nearly \$78,000! From the beginning, Citizens First Bank has been the sponsor of the event. All the proceeds go toward BWC Scout programs. Former Dallas TV journalist and Eagle Scout, Jeff Crilley, was the keynote speaker. John Adair served as master of ceremonies.

Special thanks to Don Fletcher who took the event to a higher level during his three years as chairman. He will be replaced by Scott Nill. Special thanks also go to the table hosts who recruited guests to the event and who have ultimately become a friend of the Blue Water Council and the Scouting movement. We are also pleased to announce next year's speaker, Rebecca Haeglin a noted author and commentator. More details of the 2010 luncheon will follow.

Leader Training for the Fall

Leader training for all Boy Scout Leaders will be offered on November 6-8 at Silver Trails.

New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position Specific, Outdoor Leader Skills, Youth Protection, and Troop Committee Challenge will be offered. Sign up your whole unit leadership to get trained or even take a refresher course.



Cub Scout Leader training will be offered on multiple dates at more than one location for your convenience. Every boy deserves a trained leader. Pack Administration, Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Den Leader, and Tiger Leader training will be available. Make sure your whole unit leadership is signed up.

We have awesome trainers who will make sure you are prepared to run a den, pack, patrol or troop with success. We are working toward 100% of our leaders being trained now so when it is a national requirement, we will already be there. All training information is available on our website at www.bwbsa.org and flyers will go to unit leadership.



Memorials

Frank Bohs

Murv & Kay Huston
Sharon Gramzow

William & Marjorie Patterson
Douglas & Barbara Montgomery

Harley & Jewell Green
Deanna & David French
Maurice & Norma Godwin

Dick & Betty Allen
Sally Delore

John & Laurie McNichol
Buster Leonard Family
Larry & Audrey Taylor
Fran Thomas

Charles Buck

Margaret Coddington

Duane Epp

Kathleen Epp

Shirley Brywig

Port Huron Hospital Customer Service Dept & Volunteers
Brian & Caroline Ferguson

Mrs. Granger Weil

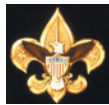
LeRoy & Brenda Stevens

Mrs. Doris Mortimer

LeRoy & Brenda Stevens

Franklin J. Mortimer

LeRoy & Brenda Stevens



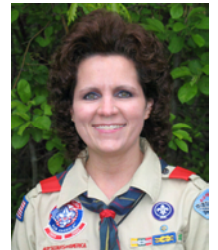
Scout Shop News.....

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 9 am-5pm and Saturdays beginning September 19 from 10 am-1pm.

We are always getting new items in the store, especially 100th Anniversary items. There is a new position emblem available for Boy Scouts "Webmaster". The new "Full Color" merit badge books are available; the older black and white versions are still available in some titles at a discount. The new 12th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook will be available August 1. Included is a Boy Scout Handbook Centennial Timeline.

Cyndi Jagodzinski Joins the Blue Water Council Staff

Hello Everyone! My name is Cyndi Jagodzinski and I have joined the Blue Water Council staff for the Black River Basin District. I have been a volunteer for the council for almost 12 years and love the Scouting program and all of the opportunities it offers our youth. I started as a Tiger Cub Leader and watched my boys grow and earn their Eagle Scout Awards. I have been or currently hold positions of a Den Leader, Cubmaster, Troop Committee member, Venturing Crew Committee member, Unit Commissioner, District Committee member, and an Executive Board member for the Blue Water Council. I am excited with all of the possibilities I have, with the help of my district, to grow the Scouting program in Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. I have been involved in the Three Rivers District up to this point and look forward to meeting and working with everyone from the Black River Basin District.



Adult Leader Award Recipient

Scoutmaster Award of Merit-John Colombo
Scoutmaster Key-John Colombo
Boy Scout Leader Training Award-John Colombo
District Committee Key-Cyndi Jagodzinski

Commissioner's Corner...

As our "cool" summer is winding down, this is also the time of year for our commissioner staff to gear up for our fall season of Scouting. Please get with your units and help them prepare their program.



Both Districts and Commissioner Staff will have a joint meeting on August 26th at Silver Trails starting with a potluck at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm. We will discuss and plan our joint approach to unit service. Your input and ideas are needed. (You will also receive your district commissioner and district committee membership cards there.)

Congratulation to Robin & Larry Yokom, commissioners in 3-Rivers, who completed their basic training. They are experienced in Scouting and are dedicated to helping others.

Kudos to Dan Conrad who, in June went to the Philmont National Training Center and took an advanced course in Administration of Commissioner Service. He will share his materials and learning at future events. *Yours in Scouting...Pete*

Blue Water League for the Blind Visit Silver Trails.

Thank you to all the wonderful people that made a two-day campout for the Blue Water League for the Blind lots of fun. We camped overnight at the Kane building where ropes were strung between buildings, stairways and other points of interest. We were a group of 9 who took the Blue Water Transit Bus out to camp for a close encounter with nature and a new camping experience without sight. We just wanted you to know how much that meant to our group. It is always nice to know that we have friends like the Boy Scouts.

Your Friends of the Blue Water League for the Blind
For a more detailed account of their visit we have a short story entitled "At The End Of Our Rope" by Mike Geno available to read at the Scout Service Center.

Wood Badge for the 21st. Century Course C-51-09

The Detroit Area Council will be holding a Wood Badge course at D-BAR-A Scout Ranch in Metamora September 11-13 and September 25-27, 2009. You must attend both weekends. A Class 3 physical is required of all participants. Registration forms are available at the SSC. Any questions contact Harry Price (Course Director) 313-237-3935 or hprice@nthconsultants.com.

Boy Scouts Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting

The Blue Water Council, BSA and the Port Huron Museum are teaming up to help celebrate the "100th Year of Scouting" in the United States. The Port Huron Museum is dedicating the whole main floor for this exhibit which runs from **January 22 through April 25, 2010. We need your help!!**



1. Do you have any Scout Memorabilia you can lend us? (We will photograph the items, list what you lend us and make sure you get everything back in good condition.)
2. We need a patch design for the 100th Anniversary BSA Museum Exhibit. The design must be submitted to the Scout Service Center by November 15, 2009. (This limited edition patch will be given to youth visiting the museum during this exhibit.)
3. We need 25 great Scout stories. (There will be stories around the campfire... we can record them or you can do them in person.)
4. We need 30 people to build Pinewood Derby Cars to be used during the museum display for anyone wanting to test a car. A Pinewood Derby Track will be set up during the display. (We will give away 30 cars for people to design, build and bring back to the Scout Service Center for use at the museum. These cars must be turned back in to the Scout Service Center by December 1, 2009.)
5. Pinewood Derby Car Design Competition – Theme 100th BSA Anniversary
Buy a Pinewood Derby Car at the Scout Shop, design and build a car and turn it in to the Port Huron Museum by January 6, 2010. There will be three divisions: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Adults. A \$50 prize will be awarded to the winner in each division. All entries will be in display cases at the museum during the exhibit. These cars will not be raced only displayed.
6. We are looking for local Eagle Scouts. Send us a picture with your name, address, phone and year you received your Eagle Award. (You can also email: jumccart@bsamail.org.)
7. We also need Scouts to volunteer to lead some demonstrations at the museum.

If you have any questions contact the Scout Service Center at 810-982-9529 or Suzette Bromley, Curator of Collections, at the museum 810-982-0891 ext. 116 or sbroley@phmuseum.org. We have a great opportunity to spotlight the "100 Years of Scouting" in the Blue Water Area and re-introduce Scouting to our community. **Help us make this happen!**

We are looking for units to have a flag retiring ceremony.

We have collected many old used flags at the Scout Service Center; please contact us to pick them up.



2010 National Scout Jamboree and You

Our Blue Water Council Contingent has several openings for youth interested in attending the 2010 National Jamboree. We will also be touring Gettysburg, Harley Davidson Assembly Plant, and the Washington DC area prior to attending the Jamboree. If you are interested, contact our local Scout Service Center and pick up your application. Don't pass up this opportunity!



One-hundred years of Scouting will come to life at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, July 26-August 4, 2010. Approximately 45,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff from all 50 states, territories, and foreign countries will have the opportunity to live, work and play together in an atmosphere of Scouting fellowship. The setting for the quadrennial jamboree is Fort A.P. Hill, near Bowling Green, VA. This will be the last Jamboree held at Fort A.P. Hill.



Yesterday merges with tomorrow at the greatest Scouting event of the century. It is the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. DON'T MISS OUT on this special moment in time! See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bike-a-thons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to try.

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brown Sea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The Jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

Boy Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. All Boy Scouts and Leaders must participate in a pre-jamboree training experience; file a complete Personal Health and Medical Record (67-34412), prior to the pre-jamboree training; have been active in a troop for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010; and be approved by the unit leader and local council.

Jamboree Troop & Parent Meetings

There is a pre-campout meeting from 7-8 pm at Silver Trails Scout Reservation on Thursday, August 27, 2009 for all youth and parents. Patrol leadership positions will be discussed and your ideas for a gateway. Bring a design for our Jamboree Council Strip. Please wear your field uniform/Class A. Fundraising ideas will also be discussed.

The first mandatory pre-jamboree campout is scheduled for September 11 arriving at 6 pm through Sunday September 13 departing camp at 10 am. Mark your calendars. More information will be given out at the August meeting.

From Steve Down's Backpack . . .



Riding aboard the dray (wagon), loaded with food and luggage, the view is always the same. I was looking at the east end of a west bound horse. The clip clop of horse hooves on the pavement quickly became common background noise. Everything seemed to move a little slower on Mackinac Island.

Island tourists (affectionately known as Fudgies) moved all too slowly as the driver hollered, "Horses coming through! Coming through now!" Many looked at us as though they weren't sure of why it would be a problem to walk in front of two draft horses and a wagon carrying at least ton of weight. (Darwin's theory in action!)

Half way up the hill, next to the Grand Hotel, it was time for a break. The driver pulled over and gave the horses a well deserved rest. After a few minutes, it was on up the hill, behind the golf course, past the Governor's residence, and on to the Scout Barracks.

A huge effort from the Scouts, and Scouters, had the luggage unloaded and food on the way to kitchen storage in less than an hour. Chip managed the storage of the food. Only occasionally did he have to ask any questions. He is well experienced in the Scout Barrack's kitchen. As the cook, I was thankful to have him on the kitchen team.

The sound of motorized carving tools began almost immediately. The sawdust was flying on the porch outside the kitchen. Boys were mesmerized as they watched Dave stripping bark from cedar poles that were to become walking sticks. No two are ever alike, and each one is produced with a certain recipient in mind. Each staff was truly a labor of love.

Paul, knife in hand, explained the "stop cuts" he was putting into a plank of wood, as several Scouts listened attentively. His efforts would produce the carved image of a bear on a camp chair. Paul delivered his instruction patiently and clearly. In no time at all, Scouts would be carving camp chairs of their own.

Clyde helped set up the volleyball net and horseshoe pits. At the same time, he kept "The Book", which contained the written record of each Scout's location, if not at the barracks. No small task with 54 Scouts to keep track of!

Rollin, likewise, was constantly busy. So many times, from the moment we assembled in Mackinaw City till the time we left the Island, I heard him say, "I'll do it!" Someone would say, "We need this or that", or "We need a tool", or whatever else, and there was Rollin, helping. He was a quiet blessing to all of us.

Don ran the laundry. In his spare time, he worked on the back porch with Paul and Dave, taught the Art Merit Badge, and anything else he could do to help make the week a success for the Scouts. Don and Paul together organized our Flag retirement ceremony in true military style. To Don and Paul, both Marines, I salute them with a hardy "Semper Fi!"

Scoutmaster Kirk had the pleasure of managing this unlikely group of Scouters as we carried out our mission. There was no way out for him this year, unlike last year when he broke his leg in the rescue of a runaway wagon, or was that falling down in the bathroom? He was there for the duration this year, and did a stellar job!

At the helm for the Troop was Tom, the SPL. All I can say is, "Wow! Great job, Tom!" Always on top of the situation, and an exemplary Eagle Scout, he was the key to the Troop's success. Our grades, delivered at the end of the week, verified the Troop's performance as excellent, a direct reflection of Tom's efforts.

The only major injury this year was a broken nose. As a Scout went after a ground ball in a softball game it took a bad hop into his nose. Dave went to work in his primary job as First Aid Officer. After a lot of blood, and a trip to the Island Hospital, the broken nose was confirmed. The Scout, one of my KPs, never missed a beat. He was up and scrubbing pots the next morning. I told him to take a break and lay down, and he just smiled and kept working. He's tougher than me!

So many other folks, behind the scenes, contributed to the Troop's successful stay on the Island. Jackie and Sy, who religiously donate their time to drive Scouts to Mackinaw City, Joe who donates chips, bread, and other baked goods to the Troop. Then there are all the other folks I haven't mentioned that helped in so many ways.

Thank you to everyone that contributed. You have helped to enrich the lives of 54 Scouts, allowing them to touch hundreds of other folks while doing service on the Island. They were truly ambassadors for Scouting and the Blue Water Council, carrying the message of the Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

Steve Down



Sloanlongway Museum, Planetarium & Automotive Gallery offering Cub Scout Programs

Several workshops or camp-ins are available for Cub Scouts at the Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium. For more information call 810-237-3409. The Scout Service Center has an informational form in the resource room.

A Free Field Trip Idea

Want to take your Scouts to someplace new? There are 40 acres of trees, trails and wildflowers to explore in Lynn Township between Capac and Yale on Turner Road. There is also a fire pit for your use. Contact Mrs. Jacklin Kinzer at 586-206-0118 for more information.



The Scout Shop will be open on Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm in September and October starting September 19, 2009.



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August

- 1-2 Silver Trails Archery Shoot
- 10-12 Twilight Camp - *STSR*
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting - *6:30 pm SSC*
- 19 Program Kickoff-6 pm First United Methodist Church**
- 25 Eagle Board of Review - *7 pm Westminster Church*
- 26 Joint Commissioner/District Committee - *6 pm STSR*

September

- 3 **Popcorn Kickoff 6:30pm First United Methodist Church**
- 5-6 Silver Trails Archery Shoot
- 7 **Labor Day - Scout Service Center Closed**
- 9 Commissioner Meetings - *7 pm SSC*
- 9 BS & CS Roundtables - *7 pm SSC*
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 16 District Committee Meetings - *7 pm SSC*
- 18-20 Indian Lore Campmaster - *STSR*
- 25-27 OA Fall Conclave - *STSR*
- 28 Properties Committee Meeting - *7 pm SSC*
- 29 Eagle Board of Review - *7 pm Westminster Church*

October

- 3 Cub Scout Leader Training - *STSR*
- 6 **Popcorn Sale Begins**
- 7 Cub Scout Leader Training - *Memphis*
- 9-11 Mom & Me - *STSR*
- 10 OA Leadership Meeting
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Cub Scout Roundtable - *7 pm SSC*
- 14 Boy Scout Roundtable - *7 pm SSC*
- 14 Commissioner Meetings - *7 pm SSC*
- 16-18 Fall Camporee - *STSR*
- 19 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 21 District Committee Meetings - *7 pm SSC*
- 24 Cub Scare Night - *STSR*
- 27 Eagle Board of Review - *7 pm Westminster Church*
- 28 Archery Committee Meeting - *7 pm SSC*
- 28 Cub Scout Leader Training - *Memphis*
- 31 Halloween

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