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Blue Water Council Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet is May 10, 2010

This year we are combining the District Awards Banquet with the Annual Dinner to make one great celebration of Scouting. We invite all Scouters to attend and celebrate 100 Years of Scouting and recognize all the great volunteers who have helped the Blue Water Council.

Date: Monday, May 10, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner

Location: Alexander's Banquet Center
1195 Gratiot Avenue, Marysville

Cost: \$17.00 per person buffet dinner

Featuring: Election of 2010-2011 board and officers, installation of 2010-2011 board, Scouting recognitions, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver presentations.

We look for a great turnout to recognize and show our appreciation for our wonderful volunteers who keep Scouting going.

Blue Water Council Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet Monday, May 10, 2010

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: (W) _____ (H) _____

Number Attending _____ x \$17.00 per person = _____

Please return form and payment to Scout Service Center, 924 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 by noon, Monday, May 3, 2010.

Make checks payable to: Blue Water Council.

100 • 100 • 100 Century Club of the Blue Water Council, BSA

Starting April 10th, the 100th day of 2010, you will have an opportunity to join the Century Club. The membership fee is only \$100 for the first 100 people to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. This \$100 donation will be placed in the Blue Water Council's Endowment Fund and the interest of the donation will support Scouting for the next 100 years. The one time gift should be made in addition to and not replace or diminish the donor's annual Friends of Scouting Support.



Legacy

Supporting the Blue Water Council's Endowment Fund is one of the best ways to ensure that our Council can continue to offer the outstanding programs it now has and also to meet the needs of future youth within the Scouting program.

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Recognition

There will be a Century Club Plaque at the Scout Service Center in the shape of an Eagle. Each donor's name will be on a feather of the Eagle for future Scouters to see your vision of the future for the Boy Scouts of America and the Blue Water Council.

These gifts may be made in someone else's name such as in honor of an Eagle Scout or Silver Beaver recipient, retirement, accomplishment, anniversary or in memory of a special individual.

Enclosed is my \$100 donation for the Century Club.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Name on Plaque: _____

Make checks payable to the Blue Water Council.

Thank you for supporting Scouting.

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For more information or to become a member of the Century Club, contact the Blue Water Council, BSA
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This newsletter is being mailed to the addresses of all registered adults.



Cub Scout News

Medieval Realm at Camp Holaka

Go back in time and experience Cub Scout Camping with Knights and Dragons. Swimming, paddle boats, archery, BB guns, crafts, nature, games & more await those who sign up. Tall Pines Council is inviting Blue Water Council Cub Scouts to join them for some summer fun. Registration forms and a CD on their camp are available at the Scout Service Center. Check out their website at: WWW.TPCBSA.ORG or call the Tall Pines Council Service Center at 810-235-2531 for more information.



BW Council Pinewood Derby Results

The 57th running of the Blue Water Council Pinewood Derby was held on a rainy March 13 at the Masonic Temple in Port Huron. Sixty-five Scouts participated in this event chaired by Dennis Young with able assistance from Dan Steinmetz, Joy Urbain, Terry Green and John Kukuk along with Kathy Richards and Scouts from the Jamboree Troop. Mike Vanover was the honorary chairman in recognition of his years of sponsoring the event at Vanover Chevrolet. The event sponsors were Pepsi, the Masonic Temple and St. Clair Chevrolet.

After a morning of racing, a trophy celebration was held at the Port Huron Museum. The top 3 finishers by class were:

Tiger Cubs:

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| 1st | Aedan Forbes | Pack 246 |
| 2nd | Josiah Keller | Pack 171 |
| 3rd | Jonah Wiegand | Pack 111 |

Wolves:

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| 1st | Tristan Hopkins | Pack 111 |
| 2nd | Anthony Robinson | Pack 226 |
| 3rd | Gunner Lonergan | Pack 222 |

Bears:

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| 1st | Tyler Chambers | Pack 201 |
| 2nd | Jared Ward | Pack 169 |
| 3rd | Dylan Hoyt | Pack 320 |

Webelos:

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| 1st | Andrew Robinson | Pack 226 |
| 2nd | Billy Birch | Pack 222 |
| 3rd | Jared Hubbard | Pack 226 |

Overall Championship:

- | | | |
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| 1st | Aedan Forbes | Pack 246 |
| 2nd | Anthony Robinson | Pack 222 |
| 3rd | Jared Ward | Pack 169 |



All participating boys received a patch and free admission to the Port Huron Museum which is housing the "100 Years of Scouting" exhibit. The families of the winning boys also received free admission to the museum.

Cub Scout Roundtables are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Scout Service Center at 7 pm. Encourage all your leaders to attend and gather information on how to have great programs. Next one is April 14th.

Space Invaders Land at Silver Trails

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, wait it's **SPACE INVADERS!** Yes, Silver Trails is being invaded with flying saucers, a space jump house, space games and space fun! Now is the time to complete your reservation for this premiere event. Your space journey is led by "Beam-Me-Up" Bobbie Rogers and Hy Burns, who have an exciting adventure planned. The two sessions will be:



Session 1- Friday, April 30 through Saturday, May 1

Session 2- Saturday, May 1 through Sunday, May 2

Each session begins at 6 pm on the first day and ends at 3 pm the next day. A campfire program will be held at 8 pm on the first day.

Registration is \$16 per person for early registration by April 16. Registration from April 17 through April 23, 2010 is \$20 per person. This fee includes evening cracker-barrel snack, breakfast, lunch, patch and program supplies. **No registrations will be accepted after Friday, April 23, 2010!**

T-shirts/sweatshirts are available only by pre-ordering by April 16! If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact John Houser at 810-982-9529 or jhouser@bsamail.org. The flyer is on the Blue Water Council website at: bwcbasa.org under Cub Scout Activities. **Register now for this event!**

Cub Scout "100 Years of Fun" Twilight Camp August 9-11, 2010

"100 Years of Fun!" is the theme for this year's Twilight Camp which will be held on Monday August 9 and Tuesday August 10 at Silver Trails from 4 pm to 9 pm. A model airplane demonstration, archery, BB guns, crafts and fun. Outdoor games will highlight the first two days. The popular family night will be on Wednesday at the home of Pete Cangemi. Campers will enjoy fishing, canoeing, swimming, a huge campfire and some games. All registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos can attend. Any graduated kindergartener going into first grade in the fall may also attend. The event costs \$30 and includes a T-shirt and patch. Registrations are due by Friday, July 23, 2010. See the event flyer on the website at www.bwcbasa.org. Contact John Houser at jhouser@bsamail.org if you are interested in staffing this event.



Boy Scout News

Boy Scouts Earn Polar Bear

A warm welcome to all campers who earned their Polar Bear awards during the past winter. Out in the harsh cold, 143 Scouts and 54 adult leaders camped in the outdoors for a minimum of 24 hours using shelters or tents. They prepared and cooked three meals outdoors in campsites from Algonac State Park to Silver Trails and beyond. Congratulations to all of the units who qualified: Troops: 132, 141, 146, 169, 178, 205, 216, 245, 282, 294, 296, 322, 331, 333; Crews: 106, 245. If your unit did the Polar Bear challenge and is not listed here, turn in your report and we will add you to the list of hardy campers.



Klondike North a Great Success

The Winter Games were a huge success with lots of snow for all the events! We had many new faces at the Klondike event this year including Venturing Crews and out-of-council troops. What a great team-building experience for everyone involved. Compliments to Chairman Mike Timm and Troop 104 for an outstanding job yet again! Don't forget those Polar Bear patches if you earned them! Good job to our hosts and all the participants! See you next year!



Order of the Arrow News

Order of the Arrow - Chickagami 180

The lodge is conducting unit elections for this year, during the summer to increase membership. If your troop has not had an election this year contact us as soon as possible. Our Spring Conclave is April 9-April 11 at Silver Trails Scout Reservation. Sign up for it at the Scout Service Center. The Section Conclave this year is on April 30-May 2 in Toledo. I encourage all arrowmen to attend these events. There are still opportunities for arrowmen to attend the National Scout Jamboree as Order of the Arrow staff for only a fraction of the price. There are still openings for High Adventure this year. *Matthew Allen, Lodge Chief*



Spring Camporee - Webelos-ree April 23-25, 2010

The Camporee Crusade will begin on Friday, April 23 at 5 pm with check-in, trebuchet building and a movie. Each patrol will build a trebuchet (Scouts, not leaders) for the competition on Saturday. Saturday's events will begin at 8:30 am and include archery, orienteering, blacksmithing, jousting, lashing and sword fighting! Saturday evening will host a campfire, songs and skits, so be ready!

Each troop is responsible for their own food (except cracker barrel Friday night), camp reservations and gear. Webelos can camp accompanied by their own adult leadership and need to register with a troop. They must supply their own food and gear also.

Cost: \$10 per Scout & Webelos if registered by April 12
\$15 per Scout & Webelos late registration April 13-16
\$3 per Adult

T-Shirts: \$8 for S,M,L,XL; 2X, 3X \$10 ordered by April 12
No registrations will be accepted after April 16, 2010.

Boy Scout Roundtables

The April Boy Scout Roundtable will be held at Silver Trails in conjunction with the Spring Camporee on April 23 beginning at 7 pm. Dave Lesinski will be discussing leadership. The May 12 meeting will be at Gander Mountain beginning at 7 pm. Commissioner Steve McPherson will have an informative program planned.

Canoeing Campmaster June 5, 2010

Calling all Boy Scouts wanting to earn the Canoeing Merit Badge. Mark Saturday, June 5 to participate in the "Canoe Campmaster" program. Registrations are due by Friday May 28, 2010 at a cost of \$6.00. A maximum of 32 Scouts will be accepted so get your registration in early. Requirement #3 (complete the swimmer's test) must be completed before the event. Sessions will begin on Saturday at 9 am and conclude around 4:30 pm. Scouts will alternate between lecture and practical sessions. Lunch will be provided for the Scouts and leaders. The Canoeing Campmaster flyer is on the website and will not be mailed.



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

Troop 282
Brian Fagan
James Preston

Troop 322
Ryan Schoettle

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.

Scouts... if you are looking for an Eagle Project, contact the Pine River Nature Center at 810-364-5477 for some ideas.

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Silver Trails Archery Shoots

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 three shoots are as follows:

Shoot #1 June 19 & 20, 2010

Shoot #2 August 7 & 8, 2010

Shoot #3 September 11 & 12, 2010

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 Diane Hazzard @ 810-304-0823. Register at Silver Trails on the day of the event.

Sixth Annual Support A Scout Luncheon

The Sixth Annual Support a Scout Luncheon is Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Fore Lakes Golf Club. This event is the biggest fundraiser the Blue Water Council will have this year. This event is open to anyone who is willing to donate a minimum of \$100 for the Support A Scout Luncheon. Your donation includes lunch with our guest speaker.

Our speaker this year is Rebecca Hagelin. Rebecca has championed the pro-family message in both Washington and around the nation for some 25 years, educating parents and civic organizations on how to understand the media culture and its affect on families. Rebecca and her husband, Andy, have two sons (who are both Eagle Scouts) and a daughter. They live in Arlington, VA.



If you are interested in attending, please contact the Scout Service Center at 810-982-9529 for details. Reservations for the luncheon must be made by May 10, 2010.

A special Thank You to Dawn Almstadt for all her help with the mailings and other projects at the Service Center. Dawn is also our Cub Scout Leader training coordinator. If your pack would like to do some leader training, contact Dawn at 810-392-2805

Free Camping During Silver Trails Spring Cleanup April 17, 2010



In exchange for your help at spring clean-up at Silver Trails, you will get to camp for free.

Bring your work clothes, gloves and any tools you think you will need. Remember Silver Trails is your camp, so we should all chip in and help. A special patch will be available to those who work! Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Reservations for cabins or campsites are on a first come first serve basis at Silver Trails. Work assignments will be given at registration beginning at 9 am. Work will continue until about 3 pm. Mark your calendar for April 17 and come on out to Silver Trails for the spring clean-up. Any questions call the Scout Service Center at 810-982-9529 or Diane Hazzard at 810-304-0823.

Annual Rotary International Day Parade

The Annual Rotary International Day Parade will help kick-off "Boat Week" on Wednesday, July 14 beginning at 6:30 pm. The parade participants will gather in front of the YMCA and follow a parade route through town.

There are usually 100 floats, bands and participants in the parade. This year we will have the Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Tour Van in the parade. The van will be escorted by the Blue Water Council Jamboree Troop led by Scoutmaster Kevin Koveck. The van has completed a trip to all 304 councils in the United States and made a stop in Port Huron last year. This parade is a major event in Port Huron. Come join the fun and cheer on our Scouts!

Boy Scout Leader Skills Training

Welcome to Boy Scout Leader Skills Training. This hand-on program gives adult leaders the practical skills they need to lead Scouts. The skills presented in this training closely follow the Boy Scout Handbook and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. By attending all sessions of this training, (This is Scouting, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster specific training, Youth Protection and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training) it completes the training requirements for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster.

When: Friday May 14 through Sunday May 16, 2010

Where: Silver Trails Scout Reservation

Cost: \$30 includes all program materials and food

What to bring: Tent, sleeping bag, rain gear, mess gear, pocket knife, compass, flashlight, Boy Scout handbook, toiletries and uniform. Deadline to register is Wednesday May 12, 2010. A registration form is available on our website: www.bwcbsa.org. Remember this is Michigan so be prepared for anything.

Cub Scout Outdoor Leader Training May 15, 2010 at Silver Trails

Learn all you need to know to take a pack camping, a requirement before packs head out into the woods. This training is for all Cub Scout leaders including Webelos Leaders. More information will be available soon, watch the website.



Memorials



Alvin Lane
Brenda & LeRoy Stevens

Adult Leader Award Recipients

Cub Scout Den Leader Award
Karen Stephens Pack 171



Commissioner Corner

Saturday March 6 was our annual Commissioner Conference at Silver Trails Scout Reservations. Many thanks to the staff and commissioners who made presentations. All present were certified in Venture Youth Protection. No one starved due to a fantastic potluck lunch!



All unit commissioners are reminded to stress leader training. In 2011, charter renewal will require Scoutmasters and Cubmasters to be field trained and all unit leaders to be for 2012. Our next Boy Scout Leader Skills Training is May 14-16 at Silver Trails and Cub Scout Outdoor Leader training is Saturday, May 15, 2010.

We thank unit commissioners Jane Barden and Mike Almanza for their years of service as they step down from this aspect of their Scouting life. Kudos to you both.

Please welcome our newest trained Unit Commissioners, Jim Kemp, Dean Powell and Mark Shaw, who are accepting at least two units each. Our commissioner corps is stronger than ever. Welcome gentlemen.

Florida Sea Base Adventure July 31 - August 6, 2011

Join us for an awesome aquatic adventure in the fabulous Florida Keys! For a full seven days we will go sailing, sea kayaking, deep sea fishing, snorkeling, and camping on primitive Big Munson Island, visiting Key West, and much, much more! We will participate in an action-packed program with many great adventures and opportunities to see very diverse marine life.



The Blue Water Council invites registered youth and adults to participate in the Florida Sea Base, Keys Adventure Program in 2011 at the Brinton Environmental Center on Islamorada Island, Florida Keys between the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. There are four (4) adult positions and twelve (12) youth positions available. All youth applying must be 14 by September 1, 2011 and not older than 20 years of age and registered in a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship. All adults must be at least 21 years old and registered through the Blue Water Council. Sign up today! Don't miss out on this Awesome Opportunity!

Applications are available at www.bwcbasa.org or at the Scout Service Center. Registration deadline is May 1, 2010. For more information, contact Cyndi Jagodzinski at 810-982-9529 or cyndi.jagodzinski@scouting.org.

Scout Shop News

Now that rechartering is done, make sure to update your pre-pay account at the Scout Shop. All of the leader handbooks have been moved into the Resource Room for your convenience. Several of the Cub Scout Leader materials are being revised and will be available early May. The new Sports and Academics Handbooks with the new belt loop and pin requirements are available now. 2010 Rank Emblems are now available and will be offered for this year only. Emblems without the 2010 are also available if you are replacing a uniform. For those Super Achieving Webelos that earn all 20 badges, we have a Super Achiever emblem and certificate.

Collectible 2010 Anniversary merchandise is available for a limited time. As always, check www.scoutstuff.org and make your list before coming in. If we don't have it in stock we can order and save you the shipping. The Scout Shop will be open April 14 until 7 pm when the Cub Scout Roundtable meeting begins.

Webelos Weekend is Coming Back

This summer we are having a weekend camp just for Webelos! All boys entering the 4th and 5th grade this fall are eligible to participate in a great program where they will have hands-on learning of the Scout skills needed to do overnight tent camping as a den! Everyone will enjoy a weekend of camping, skills instruction, games, advancements, cooking and campfires! Details for this event are in the planning process and flyers will be sent out as soon as everything is finalized. Mark your calendar for June 25-27, 2010!

Scout Mobile Race In Marysville

Mark your calendar for a fun, family event on Saturday, June 5, 2010. Have you ever wanted to not only build a derby type car but also drive it? Now you can. The 3-Rivers District is sponsoring a "Scout Mobile Race" during Marysville Days. The race will be open to all council packs, troops and crews and includes an open competition for non-Scouts. Prizes will be given for different categories and family picnics are encouraged. More details are being worked out so watch for flyers and announcements. In the next few weeks all specifications, rules and unit requirements will be posted on the Blue Water Council website: www.bwcbasa.org. For further information contact John Houser at jhouser@bsaemail.org or at 810-982-9529.



Venturing Age Change: Effective May 1, 2010, the Venturing age is being lowered to 13 and completion of eighth grade.



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Address Corrections:

Please check address and phone numbers for each person in your unit and forward any corrections to the office so their records can be updated. We want to make sure everyone receives their mailings in a timely fashion so they are able to participate in the events.

From Steve Down's Backpack . . .



Scouts passing out programs at the entrance to the auditorium gave me a sense that this would be a quality event. Not only were they passing out programs to the attendees, but they were helping folks with directions to exhibits, concessions, and restrooms. That's great, I thought, as I found a seat for the first lecture of the day at the "Quietwater Symposium" in East Lansing.

A gathering of folks interested in paddle sports, fishing, backpacking, and conservation, the symposium has developed an excellent reputation over the past ten or so years. What better way to get a little dose of "pre-breakup" canoeing and camping than to attend a show like that! Work would just have to wait for a day!

I had managed a front row seat for "Cliff Jacobson", a favorite lecturer at gatherings like this. Cliff is a "retired" teacher. Now in his seventies, he has been leading wilderness expeditions in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and Canada's Wilderness, longer than I have known which end of a canoe paddle to put in the water!

Cliff has written dozens of recognizable books, such as "Basic Essentials of Canoeing", "Basic Essentials of Map and Compass", and so on, and so on. Favorites also include "Expedition Canoeing", and "Camping's Top Secrets". Cliff is a contributing editor of Canoe and Kayak Magazine, and a recognized expert in his field.

Scout ushers closed the doors to the auditorium and Cliff began. He started by asking loudly, "How many of you use a drop cloth with your tent?" Most folks in the crowd of perhaps two hundred raised their hands.

Then Cliff asked, "How many of you put the drop cloth *under* their tent?" Many folks raised their hand, but only about a quarter of them. The remainder of the audience anxiously anticipated his next question.

Finally, Cliff asked, "How many of you put the drop cloth *inside* your tent, and have it cut big enough so that it runs up the walls about six inches?" With the same energy that the TV Infomercial crowd shouts, "Set it and forget it!" a huge majority of the audience raised their hands excitedly and many shouted, "I do!"

Cliff's response was to shout, "You finally learned! If you put your drop cloth inside your tent, and let it crawl up the sides a bit, you'll never get wet!" With that, he welcomed the audience and proceeded to bounce from one idea to another, in rapid fire fashion, dropping pearls of camping and canoeing wisdom like raindrops in a downpour.

Many of his suggestions were simple, but huge to the outdoorsman. Dental floss, one of my personal favorites, is also one of Cliff's. For stitching a shoe, a stake loop on a tent, or even flossing teeth, there is nothing better. Just keep a sewing needle with an appropriate sized eye right in the floss box.

Put a little bottle of sterile water in your first aid kit. When you need to cleanse a wound, you'll be glad you have it! A little thing that can mean a lot when you need it!

Cliff went on for almost two hours like that, spending little more than a minute or two on any single idea. The real beauty is that he spends enough time in the wilderness, testing these ideas, that his words have real credibility.

I suppose too, that part of his appeal to me is his constant reference to having discovered his love of the outdoors and canoeing at age 12 in a rustic Scout camp in Michigan. His introduction to canoeing came in an aluminum Grumman canoe. It doesn't get much more traditional than that!

Following Cliff's lecture, I wandered the various exhibits and vendor displays. The McGuffins had a collection of paintings done by several artists known as the "Group of Seven" that painted over six thousand Canadian wilderness landscapes in the 1920's. Other displays included hand made canoes and kayaks of all sorts. Dugouts, wood and canvas, and cedar strip. It was phenomenal.

Every so often a couple Scouts would emerge from the crowd, taking in the show while on a break from their duties. Several were learning to tie flies at a fly fishing exhibit. Still others were casting flies. "Ten and two,... ten and two,..." Some of the Scouts had deadly accuracy!

A Girl Scout exhibit caught my eye near the middle of the exhibition area. They had pictures, awards, and other informative materials on display. Of course, they were selling cookies.

I paid for a couple boxes of cookies, which I don't need, and suggested they keep the cookies and open them as "free samples" to stimulate sales. (I was secretly pleased for the girls when I walked by later and saw several people sampling cookies and buying their own private stock!)

What a grand way to spend a day. Surrounded by the things of the outdoors, folks who love the outdoors, and a smattering of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts working to help make it all a success, it sure beats going to work!

Remember to keep the "Outing" in Scouting. Take your Troop on a hike or a campout. Get out there yourself and test some of Cliff's tricks! The outdoors is a great place to be! Take a little time for it! You'll be glad you did!

Steve Down

Mackinac Island Service Troop Has Spots Available

The Mackinac Island Service Troop is heading to Mackinac Island on August 14, 2010 for a week of service, food, sports and fun. If you would like to join them, contact Kirk Siebert at 810-765-2892. Information and applications are available on our website. www.bwcbusa.org. (Under Boy Scouts, Mackinac)

Ideas for Field Trips

Ice Hawks Scout Night - Sunday, April 11, 5 pm

Goodells County Park - April 16-17 Earth Fair

Port Huron Museum 100 Years of Scouting - Until April 25

Adventure Base 100 - May 14-16 Ford Museum Grand Rapids (National BSA 100th Anniversary Tour) for more information check it out at: www.scouting.org/100years

Black River Basin District News

If your unit number starts with 100 or 300, you are part of the mighty Black River Basin District! As most of you are aware, we have been doing Friends of Scouting presentations at your Blue & Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor, and have I got good news for you! Our district is very close to reaching our goal of \$15,250! We're not there yet, but very close, and you can help put us over the top! If your unit has already had their presentation and you did not make a pledge or payment, you can still do it at the Scout Service Center any time! If your unit has not had one yet, get that pen ready and pledge or pay away! Every little bit helps! Remember, it takes \$172 to support one Scout for one year. That's just \$3.30 a week!

Guess what? There is even more good news! It's Spring Round-up time! Does your Pack have summertime events? Now is the perfect time to recruit new Tiger Cubs! As of June 1st, all those kindergarteners can be registered as Tiger Cubs! Call me for some flyers for your Boy Talk and schedule a Round-up and you can help Cub Scouts grow! If you need ideas for your summertime events, you can call for that too. Does your troop need some new Scouts? Let's do a Boy Talk for you too! Those 5th and 6th graders are just waiting to do some camping and shooting activities! Call so we can get it set up!

You make me proud to be a part of the Black River Basin District! Our membership numbers continue to grow and our Friends of Scouting donations continue to rise because of people like you and your belief in the Scouting program. Thank you so much for your dedication!

Cyndi Jagodzinski

We Need Your Help!

The Blue Water Council is always in need of volunteers to help run our events. We have many events such as Dad & Lad, Cub Scare Night, Twilight Camp, and Mom & Me for Cub Scouts and Klondikes, Camporees and Campmasters for Boy Scouts. All registered adults are invited to staff or even take the plunge and become an event chairperson! We cannot do it without you! Call the Scout Service Center to find out how you can get involved.

The Blue Water Council #277 is now on [Facebook](#). Events and other important information will be added to the page as it becomes available. Please feel free to post pictures from your unit events to share with the rest of the council. If your unit has their own Facebook page please let me know and I can add a link to your unit. You can email me at lthueme@bsamail.org or send me a message from Facebook. As always, all events will continue to be available on our website www.bwcbasa.org. Several of the National BSA forms are now being made available in PDF format and are being added to the website.

A special thought from Cyndi

*The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size,
but by the depth of the commitment
to make a difference in the lives of others.*

DeAnn Hollis

Hunter Education Course Sponsored by the DNR at Silver Trails

Date: Friday, May 21, 2010 from 6-9 pm-Introduction
Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9 am-5 pm-Classes on firearm and bow safety, black powder, wilderness survival and more
Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 1-5pm-Review, test and practice shooting

Must attend all three days to receive Hunter Safety Certificate.
Cost: \$10 per person includes book, lunch on Saturday and certificate.

Class will be held in the Nature Center at Silver Trails and class size is limited to 30 students. Pre-registration is required and anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

To register call Jerry Deeg at 810-327-6685.

Philmont Scout Ranch 2011 High Adventure Backpacking Expedition

Explore the high country in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico! Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high! Participate in activities such as archaeology, backpacking, camping, rock climbing, fishing, logging, mining, Indian Lore, conservation, forestry and so much more!

Registered youth and adults are invited to attend the Blue Water Council Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure Backpacking Expedition in 2011. If you are a youth and will turn 14 by September 1, 2011, you are eligible to apply. Boy Scouts may attend through the age of 17 but not yet turn 18 at the time of the expedition. Venturers may attend through the age of 20 but not yet turn 21. Adults must be at least 21 years old to apply. There are 4 adult positions and 20 youth positions available. The cost of the expedition is \$1425 which covers Philmont fees, travel to and from the Scout Ranch, trainings and materials and food. There will be fundraisers available to help cover the cost of the trip. The registration form and more information is available on our website: bwcbasa.org, or contact Terry Green at 810-385-7669

Are you up for the challenge? Get your registration in now!

BSA Scout Show 100th Anniversary Celebration

In observance of Scouting's 100th Anniversary, we are inviting all units to participate in a Scout Show this summer.

When: August 20 - 22, 2010

Where: Pine Grove Park in Port Huron

Who: All units and public invited

Help us show the community what our Scout program and Scout tradition is all about. It will also be an opportunity to have some fun! We would like all units to participate in some way such as: pictures, skits, songs, games, displays, demonstrations. Get your thinking cap on and get involved. Boy Scout units are invited to campout. For more information contact John Kukuk at 810-633-9190.





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Member Agency

April

- 2 Good Friday - SSC Closed**
- 8 FOS Family Report Meeting - 7 pm SSC
- 9-11 OA Spring Conclave - STSR
- 14 Cub Scout Roundtable - 7 pm SSC
- 14 Commissioner Meetings - 7 pm SSC
- 17 Silver Trails Camp Cleanup - STSR
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 District Committee Meetings - 7 pm
- 23-25 Spring Camporee Webelos-ree - STSR
- 27 Eagle Board of Review - 7 pm Westminster
- 28 Archery Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- 30 Dad & Lad - STSR

May

- 1-2 Dad & Lad - STSR
- 6 FOS Family Victory Celebration - 7 pm
- 10 BWC Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet
- 12 Commissioners Meetings - 7 pm SSC
- 12 Cub Scout Roundtable - 7 pm SSC
- 14-16 Boy Scout Leader Training - STSR
- 15 Cub Scout Outdoor Leader Training - STSR
- 24 Properties Committee Meeting - 7 pm SCC
- 25 Eagle Board of Review - 7 pm Westminster Church
- 26-28 National Annual Meeting
- 31 **Memorial Day—SSC Closed**

**Don't miss the "100 Years of Scouting"
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through April 25, 2010.**

**The Scout Service Center will be closed
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