

# THE HIGHLANDER

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## Scout Executive Minute



It's fall. Already? Wow. Real wet spring, real dry summer. GREAT summer camp programs! And with fall upon us and everyone heading back to school, our scout year begins again! Make

sure you get one of our new council calendars, they will help you plan a great scout year!

Let's make sure everyone in our communities knows scouting is a terrific character-building experience full of fun and excitement around every turn; and invite their kids to be a part of the greatest youth organization ever-your Pack, Troop, Crew, and Post! Spread the word – newspapers, church bulletins, newsletters, online with your own unit's web page, on the radio, on business marquis's in town, every way you can think, tell the story!

And thank you, for being a Friend of Scouting and supporting our annual campaign which is so important to our camps and operations ... if you haven't gotten one yet, the patriotic FOS council shoulder patch is in the hands of your district executive as a thank you for your annual pledge.

And we'll see you enthusiastic leaders at the Trails End Popcorn Seminar on September 21 at the Allegany Casino!

### It's School Night to Join Cub Scouting Time!



Make sure you get with your district executive right away if you haven't already, to make plans for your roundup of new members and new parents/leaders. Publicize your

event! Get it in the paper (we have a link on our web page to email your local paper), your school bulletin, in your local library, on the radio, tell the world about the great things your Pack has planned for this year! Get ready; Get set; Go for it!

[www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)



### IT'S POPCORN TIME!

Every unit is invited to send their unit leader and unit popcorn kernel to our "Coffee & Dessert" Trail's End Training Seminar on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00PM at the Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca (no scout uniforms, please). A signup form is in this Highlander, so fill it out and send it in NOW to save your space! We must plan for your attendance and get enough materials for every unit attending, so your reservation is real important to us. We can't promise your kit and free Zyclone if you don't RSVP, so do it! We promise you this evening will be informative, fun, and motivating. Don't even think of missing this one! We are looking forward to helping you plan your best popcorn sale ever! Trail's End has done a lot of new research, and has invested in this program like you have never seen before! It's exciting, and we can't wait to share it with you!

### Putting Scouting on the Map!

Have you heard? The BSA is using the Internet to build on our year-round recruiting efforts! And the recruiting campaign is called BeAScout.

BeAScout is for parents, unit leaders, and district executives. Everyone has a role to play that can help youth sign up for Scouting. All year - long.

Parents. On our council web page, top left is a link that says "Join Scouting".

When a prospective boy or parent click it, it takes them to [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)

That's where parents can select a Scouting program they want more information about, and they can also type their zip code to find units in their neighborhood.

The parent clicks "Go" and voila! A Google map appears with Scouting pins. Each pin has information about the unit, including a contact name. The parent simply clicks on the unit contact or More Info to send an e-mail to the leader with information about their youth; they can also ask questions of the leader.

**Unit Leaders.** Using their MyScouting accounts, unit leaders can personalize the pins that will appear on the Google map. The committee chairperson and the chartered organization representative can also do this.

It's important to assign a primary contact and two alternate contacts (registered adults in the unit) so that more than one person can monitor the e-mails from parents. By default, some information may be set from ScoutNET and may require updating.

Then, a leader will select the information that should appear on the Google bubble. For example, set a special announcement about an upcoming open house, an event, you name it! It can be updated regularly so when prospective scouts and their parents find your unit, they can see all the info you put up.

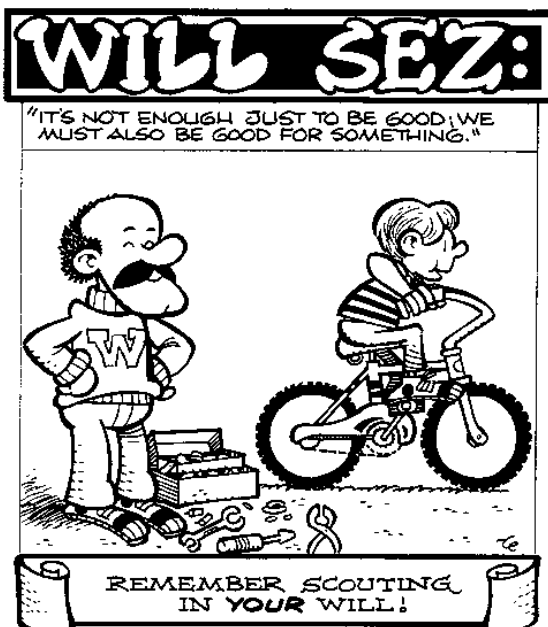
Here's what to do:

In order for the new dynamic system of BeAScout to work we each need to take an active role:

1. We are asking all Key unit volunteers to begin the process of setting up their pin
2. Cubmasters, Scoutmasters or Crew advisors along with Committee chairman & Charter Representatives need to sign on to their My Scouting account.
3. Begin the process of giving access and Google pin population to the registered adult members of your unit, this will ensure that the unit information is correct and highlighted and parents are contacted in a timely manner about Scouting in the community.

**Council Staff.** District executives will receive these notices so they can monitor the activity and make sure someone is following up. Or, if the unit leaders are out of town, the DEs can respond themselves.

So talk to your district executive today about making your unit contact information current on BeAScout, as well as current unit info posted. Neat Stuff!



## James E. West Fellowship Award



The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to the council's endowment fund. A payment plan can be set up for anyone wishing to be a James E. West Fellow. This gift must be above and beyond your normal Friends of Scouting gift. Once the full amount is received, the award will be made.

Organizations or individuals may contribute for an award in honor of someone, or in memory of a departed loved one. It is also appropriate for honoring a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster or other leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for so many years.

We also have a large James E. West plaque displayed at our service center with all of the recipients of this award. While it is a national recognition, the James E. West Fellowship Award is authorized and presented by the Local Council.

The award is named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America who exemplified Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." Scouting today is the "lengthened shadow" of more than three decades of the farseeing and dedicated leadership of Dr. James E. West.

Our two most recent James E. West Fellows are Richard Freer & Steve Stewart.

## The American Legion Camporee



The 27<sup>th</sup> annual American Legion Scouting Camporee will be held September 16 – 18, 2011 at Camp Merz in Mayville. Registration will be Friday evening beginning at 6:00 PM in the dining hall with a cracker barrel for leaders to be held later that evening.

The camp-wide potluck dinner and closing bonfire will conclude Saturday's activities. This event is open to any Scout troop, Explorer post and Venture crew within the Allegheny Highlands Council that is sponsored by an American Legion Post or other veterans' organization. Webelos dens that are sponsored by veterans groups are also welcome to attend and will be able to participate in Webelos-only activities. The price for this year's Camporee is \$8.00 per person with no reservations being accepted after September 1<sup>st</sup>. All registrants will receive the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Camporee commemorative patch, and if you attend you will be eligible to win a \$200 Campership towards your 2012 Summer Camp fees. A flyer was included in the last issue of the Highlander, as well as on our Council web page. Contact event chairman, Randy Hinsdale, at (716) 763-7738 for further event information.



To all commissioners: As your new Council Commissioner I would like to thank our District Commissioners Rick Price from Western Gate, Don Pool from Two Lakes, and Dale Carlson, our President and former Council Commissioner for all of their help in getting me started in the right direction. Our first Council Commissioner's meeting for this

Scouting year will be September 21, 2011 at the Salamanca Casino at the Trails End Popcorn kickoff. The second meeting will be at the Salamanca Holiday Inn Express on November 16 at 7pm. Remember: all unit commissioners should be recording their unit visits online and checking to make sure that each unit is working on achieving one of the three levels on the Journey to Excellence worksheets. This must be completed and turned in with their recharter paperwork in January for Two Lakes and February for Western Gate.

Have your Cub Packs planned their School Night to Join Scouting yet? If not, encourage them to get one scheduled, and talk with Todd or Wayne to coordinate boy talks, flyer distribution, and all the details. A special packet has been developed for every cub pack to do a bang up job this year.

Have you earned your Arrowhead honor yet? A picture of it is at the start of this article. Every commissioner should earn this and be sporting it on their shoulder! The requirements are on the council webpage under the leader recognition link. Click on the word Commissioner Arrowhead Award and your scorecard will appear with the requirements.

I enjoyed visiting with many of you this summer. If you need to follow up on any of our conversations, feel free to contact me at [rymorris@hotmail.com](mailto:rymorris@hotmail.com) and we can finish our discussion. If I did not have the opportunity to meet with you this summer and you would like to contact me, feel free to do so. We are still in need of more commissioners in both districts. If you or someone you know are interested in helping our Troops and Packs succeed, let me know!

Yours in Scouting,  
Robert L. Morris  
Council Commissioner



**DID YOU KNOW?**

That the Boy Scouts make a perfect attendance pin? It is a gold-colored pin that may be worn to recognize good attendance at den, pack, and troop meetings. Year bars are available to attach to the first year bar and pin. Worn centered above the left pocket by Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts. (Requirements for this recognition are determined by the troop & pack committee. This recognition is for boys only.) Call Bobbi in our Trading Post to recognize your faithful attendees with this special recognition!

**A Message from the Registrar:**



As the fall approaches and recruiting new boys and new leaders is at the forefront of our minds I would like to take a minute and let you know how we can make things go a little smoother when the applications come into the Service Center.

**Registration Forms:** Be sure to write the Unit # in the top right corner of the application. If the boy is a transfer, be sure to check the Transfer box.

**Turning 18:** Any youth that has turned 18 yrs old, is now an adult, therefore must fill out an Adult Registration form – just as any other adult, they must have Social Security number, signatures and Youth Protection Training.

**BSA Requirement:** It is now a requirement **for all new and existing adults** to complete the Youth Protection Training. So along with a new application **all** adults must also go on and complete the "Youth Protection Requirement".

The Youth Protection section can be found on our council website, [www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org) by scrolling down towards the bottom of the home page to the "Youth Protection Requirement" section. Click the red "HERE" to do online training, then scroll down to Youth Protection and click on that. If you have never done online training or are a new member you must create an account, follow the steps and complete the training. Print out a card at the end of the training. A copy of that is what you need to send to the Service Center as proof of your having completed the training. If it is a new adult it must accompany the application. If you do not know your ID number or do not have one yet you can go back and add it later to allow all of your training to be automatically attached to your personal record.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, taking an extra minute or two saves a great deal of back checking in the long run.

On another note, I would like to mention that Effective August 1, 2011 the National Office has changed the registration rule that currently requires a youth member in Venturing to pay a second registration fee if they want to be registered as an adult leader in a different unit. In these cases, the youth registration should be the person's primary paid registration in order to have the registration counted in youth membership totals. If you have any questions on this or any other registrations questions please contact Bobbi at [boames@bsa.mail.org](mailto:boames@bsa.mail.org) or by calling the Service Center.

Bobbi Ames,  
Registrar

## Welcome to the Eagle's Nest

Troop 402  
Matthew Cannon  
SM - Robert Ishman

Troop 131  
Maxwell Smith  
SM - Don Shriver

Troop 621  
Chad Monkhouse  
SM - Tom Scanlon

Troop 689  
Tyler Lawton  
SM - Rick Jozwiak

Troop 414  
Nathan Rice  
SM - James Rice

Troop 126  
Raymond Fortney  
SM - Andy Cesarz

Troop 103  
Kevyn Nelson  
SM - Jim Kenney

Troop 536  
Alexander Hutcheson  
SM - David Johnson

Troop 558  
Trevor Howard  
SM - Shawn Metcalf

Troop 103  
Richard Kenney  
SM - Jim Kenney

Troop 177  
Nolan O'Boyle  
SM - John Girts

Troop 621  
Matthew Gardner  
SM - Tom Scanlon

Troop 677  
Rahul Thandla  
SM - Tom Martin



## Step right up...

If you are not listed with the articles submitted to us since our last Highlander, you are losing out on the bucks, Bucko!

- Troop 267 Boy Scout T 267 embarks on 48th Annual Woodstock International Camporee
- Pack 219 It's Easy Being Green
- Troop 103 Caring Makes a Difference
- Pack 103 Cub Scouts Complete Good Deeds Challenge
- Pack 103 Cub Scouts Earn Awards Working for Panama's 150th Birthday Celebration
- Troop 141 Eagles Derek & Kyle Hosier
- Troop 141 Pack 219 Cub Scouts Hold Food Drive Scouts learn how to navigate the wilderness on hike Safety Help - Boy Scouts volunteer in sign project
- Troop 267 Pack 422 Scouting for Food - Scouts making a difference
- Pack 422 Scouting for Food - Scouts picking up donations
- Troop 536 Scouts Earning Communications Badge
- Troop 536 Scouts Attend School Board Meeting Helping the Hungry food collection for Brocton Portland Food Pantry
- Pack 217 Appetite for History - weekend camp out at Old Fort Niagara
- Troop 652 Troop 631 Brandon Austin becomes Eagle Scout Asheville Boy Scouts Help Prepare Cemetery for Memorial Day
- Troop 141 Troop 739 Bolivar Richburg Field Dedication
- Pack 219 Pack 219 Flag Raising at Veteran's Circle Placing Flags in Cassadaga Cemetery Cass. Cub Scouts hear Historian on Village History
- Pack 219 Pack 219 Cass. Cub Scouts learn Village History
- Troop 137 Troop 422 Lifetime of Scouting Accomplishments Cemetery Flag Distribution for VFW's
- Troop 427 Troop 427 Cemetery Flag Distribution for VFW's
- Pack 739 Pack 739 Richburg LL Field Dedication
- Pack 739 Pack 739 Bolivar Cub Scouts "Scouting for Food"
- Pack 126 Pack 126 VFW Post 8647
- Pack 126 Pack 126 VFW Post 8647
- Troop 133 American Legion Lodge Presents Juul Wagle Scout Award



*Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!* ... To all Cub Scout Packs and Dens, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews & Explorer Posts~ Send us (the service center) a copy of an **article with a photo** and a date that you had printed in the newspaper, school, newsletter, or any other local publication, and we will credit your unit account with \$5!

That's it it's easy money!

How much money can your unit earn for getting into print? We hope a lot!

The best way to take advantage of this opportunity is to recruit a parent or leader to do this for **all** your activities. We have all the info you need to make this happen. Just go to the Unit Publicity link on our web page, and the press contacts are all listed, emails, faxes, the works!

Newspapers nowadays PREFER emailed articles and attached pictures. It is EASY. Join us in telling your community, and the WORLD about the cool stuff you are doing. And you know what? Your boys and leaders are going to love being in the paper it's neat!

## CAMPING CORNER

### Camp Merz And Elk Lick Properties Committees & BEAVER DAY

How do we keep making our camps better for our scouts? We have a committee at each camp that works closely with our Rangers and the Service Center to make sure that we take good care of things. These two dedicated groups of scouters meet regularly to keep a running list of things to be done so when scouts come to camp any time of the year, things are shipshape. We are always in need of help and materials to get our projects done. Tom Kelly, Brian Bullard and Josh Mason at Merz, and Warren Semmel, Tommy Palz, and Robert Perrine at Elk Lick welcome you to be a part of the few, the proud, the diehard properties committees: HELP US HELP THE CAMPS.

#### Here is the schedule for the fall:

- ~ September 8, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge
- ~ September 20, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge
- ~ October 13, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge
- ~ October 18, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge
- ~ October 22, Saturday, both camps, **BEAVER DAY**. Lunch is on us!

Email us at [servicecenter@alleghenyhighlands.org](mailto:servicecenter@alleghenyhighlands.org) to let us know you are coming, with how many, and if any of your folks have skills, equipment, or materials. Our rangers or committee leadership is always ready to match you up with a needed project.

- ~ November 10, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge
- ~ November 8, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge
- ~ Then we take a breather for December & January – Back in February!



#### Great Summer Season at Merz

I would like to thank everyone for helping make 2011 one of the best summers that Camp Merz has ever had. Scouts and adults all had a wonderful time. The outdoor experience gained by our scouts was second to none. And don't forget the wonderful food! Who doesn't love Cowboy BBQ? We are already planning for 2012 and hope to make it even bigger and better (If that is possible!).

*Joe DeBiso*

Camp Merz Director

#### A Summer at Elk Lick

The weather cooperated with very little "R" and the pool was a wonderful place to be this summer. It was great to see so many leaders and adults again almost 1 to 2. Our Seneca storyteller, Brenda, was a truly awesome addition to our camp theme. All I can say is "Ne ow way". I hope everyone got a chance to wet a line, I know I did, and just relax and take in the day. See ya' all real soon.

*Chrispy*

Elk Lick Camp Director

## Allegheny Highlands Training Committee

### Fall 2011

I cannot believe that summer camp and summer are over and the new school year has begun. Where did the time go? I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the hot, lazy, hazy days of summer but are you ready for a new year of fun, activities, and challenges to help us grow.

The BSA offers leaders a progression of training opportunities to provide leadership to Scouting. Our scouts deserve well-trained adult leaders. The Council Training Committee is busy preparing for this year's council-wide training events to provide those opportunities to help you to succeed. Look in the 2011-2012 Allegheny Highlands Council calendar for the dates of each district's trainings as well as council-wide trainings: University of Scouting, BALOO, and Introduction to Outdoor Skills.

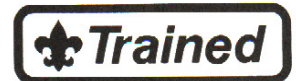
Every adult leader is required to take **Orientation & Fast Start as well as Youth Protection**. These can be easily achieved by going online and completing the course (as well as many other topics) at your leisure in your home. You can go to the council website ([www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org)) and click on the training link on the left panel.

Scouting is a great way to teach skills to our youth that will last a lifetime. To help you, each district will offer leader specific training, which provides in-depth information and skills to share with the youth. **Leader Specific Training** contains the nuts and bolts of the specific positions. The ideas you take back to your home units will help keep the spirit alive and interesting for our young scouts. If you're having fun, they're having fun. If they're having fun, they will stay with the program. Not only is it important that we recruit new members (both youth and adult) but, also, to retain them.

The Council Training Committee is requesting your assistance with **University of Scouting 2012**. To make the courses more appealing and interesting, we ask you to provide us with topics of interest to encourage your attendance but more importantly, help the program grow. Please contact any member of the council training committee, district training committee, or your District Executive with ideas or if you are interested in teaching (at any level). More information about University of Scouting will be available soon. You can always check the council website ([www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org)) for updated information on this and other training opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at the next training. Until then... Happy Scouting.

Kim Whitney,  
Training Chair



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