



# The Trailblazer Newsletter

## Youth Protection Training- Scouting Safe Program for our Youth

Youth protection is the most important program for our youth that the BSA has developed and is mandatory to be a Scouting leader no matter the registered position. Leadership commitment to the established BSA Youth Protection Program is essential in keeping youth safe and a part of a successful life changing program. Youth protection only works when EVERYONE in Scouting has been trained in the Youth Protection Program and then holds every peer accountable when delivering the program. MyScouting.org is an online resource to take online Youth Protection training. The Council also supplies Youth Protection DVD's to units for free and has computers at the Scout Service Center for use in taking the online training. Please make an appointment if you need these resources.

**Leadership selection:** chartered organizations must interview potential leaders, check references, and have the unit committee review the application as well to ensure only the best people are being selected, people who will follow the procedures and be FULLY TRAINED as leaders.

**Create barriers to child abuse:** leaders and unit committee members, as well as Council and district staff and volunteers, create barriers to abuse by enforcing the youth protection policies.

**Reporting** improper behavior is the next step in identifying offenders and removing them from the program and having the authorities investigate. Youth can be trained in how to report and respond to perpetrators through the Cub Scout video "A Time to Tell" and the Boy Scout and Venturing "It Happened to Me" videos. Go to Scouting.org for more information on these resources.

All incidences need to be reported to the Scout Service Center immediately so offenders can be reported to authorities and removed from Scouting. Again, shared involvement at all levels of our Scouting program will best achieve our number one mission, keeping youth safe.

## Propelling the New Cub Scout Program

### Membership Campaign at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Program Launch

With Cub Scout membership down nationwide for several years, the National BSA has recently developed and produced a new Cub Scout program. The new program is more active, has more resources in one location, and has a leader book to accompany the handbooks the Cub Scouts will be using. **An all new Council Fall Membership Campaign, with new incentives, will also be launched at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Program Launch at 6:30PM at the Preston Center, Camp Bucoco. To qualify for the new program incentives, a unit must attend the kick-off in June or the alternate in August.** Membership Campaign orientation begins at 7:30PM.

In addition to the new Membership Campaign, there will be booths promoting the council programs from September 2015 through the summer of 2016, such as the Technology Academy, Council Camporee, and Fall Family Camp, to name a few. There will also be sessions to help leaders with program planning that will begin at 7PM sharp. Last, but not least, position required training will be promoted and **key popcorn sale information including the new product line will be distributed.** Each unit attending will receive a Council packet including a DVD with information from each booth and a Council calendar.

## James E. West Fellowship

### An Opportunity to Leave a Lasting Legacy to Scouting

The Moraine Trails Council, BSA is one of the smallest Councils in America, but one of the top councils in the country who are not financially in the red. This has been partially accomplished through development of the endowment fund. The endowment fund investments live in perpetuity while just 4.5% of the interest the fund produces is used to help maintain operations annually, along with Council fundraisers. Development of the fund through annual donations to it allows the fund to keep up with inflation and grow the principal. The James E. West Recognition is a special recognition for a \$1,000 or more contribution to the endowment fund. A special knot can be worn on the uniform for James E. West members. The pledge can typically be paid for over a two year period. For an application and additional information contact the Moraine Trails Council at 724-287-6791.

**MORAIN TRAILS COUNCIL 2015 SPRING FAMILY CAMP  
85<sup>th</sup> Years of Cub Scouting  
5/15-17/2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
CAMP AGAWAM- NEW CASTLE, PA**

Friday May 15, 2015

6:30 – 8:30 PM	Registration (Unit Leaders ONLY, please.)	Steinbrink Lodge
Approx. 8:30 PM	Movie @ Walk-Up Theatre (Please bring blankets or lawn chairs.)	Mine

Saturday May 16, 2015

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration (Unit Leaders ONLY, please.)	Steinbrink Lodge
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremony (Flag Raising)	Fort Flagpole
9:00 AM – 12 NOON	Open Program	Program Area's
	BB, Archery	Shooting Sports Range
	1930's Cubmobile Racing	Mine Area
	1940's Plant a Seedling	Field Along Road
	1950's Pinewood Derby (Bring your own car)	Mess Hall
	1960's Balsa Wood Airplane	Castle
	1970's Tie Die T-Shirts <b>Bring Your Own Shirt</b>	Field Along Road
	2015 New Cub Scout Program Information	Field Along Road
	Corn Hole/Ladder Golf	Field Beside Fort
	Human Foosball	Parade Field
	Obstacle Course	Castle Area
	Atlant	Field Behind Fort
	Fishing Belt Loop	Lake, beside Pirate Ship
	Hiking Belt Loop	Meeting at the Fort on the Hour
	Outdoor Ethics Award 9-12:00	Hoyt Training Center
	Computers Belt Loop 1:00-4:00	Hoyt Training Center
	Paddle Boats	Boat Dock @ Lake
	Day Camp Games	Field Along Road
	Resident Camp Information Booth	Field Along Road
	Geocaching	Field Along Road
12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Please work on skits for closing campfire.)	Campsites
	Staff Lunch	Dining Hall
	Our Trading Post has Hot Sausage, Cheeses Fires, and Hot Dogs	
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Open Program (Same as above.)	Program Area's
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Dinner (Please work on skits for closing campfire.)	Campsites
7:00PM	Flag Retreat (Field Uniform Requested)	Fort Flagpole
7:15 PM	Evening Campfire and Crossover (Please bring blankets or lawn chairs.)	Mine

There will be an Interfaith Vespers Service at the beginning of Our Campfire

Sunday May 17, 2014

By 10:00 AM	Break Camp (Please make sure to police your campsites for litter.)	
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## Day Camp

It's time for everyone to have fun at Day Camp! Here is some important information to keep you up to date to have a wonderful day camp experience:

Leader/Site Walkthroughs/T-Shirt Distribution Meetings:

Alameda Day Camp	July 6, 2015	6:30 PM	Carousel Shelter @ Alameda Park
Zelienople Day Camp	July 19, 2015	6:30 PM	Rotary Shelter @ Zelienople Park
Gilpin/Leechburg Day Camp	July 20, 2015	6:30 PM	Shelter @ Gilpin – Leechburg Park
Lawrence County Day Camp	Aug. 2, 2015	6:30 PM	Trading Post @ Camp Agawam

Day Camp Staff/Walker/Den Leader Day Camp Training:

(Staff Handbooks, Volunteer Agreements, Emergency Procedures, Advancement Schedule walkthrough)

May 27, 2015 7:00 PM Council Service Center

Participant "What to Bring" list:

In a backpack, cinch pack, or equivalent bag (marked with the Scouts name) each Scout should bring the following:

- personal first aid kit
- water bottle (filled each day)
- flashlight
- brown bag lunch (*Please provide food for your Scout that doesn't need to be refrigerated.*)
- sun protection
- whistle
- rain gear
- hat
- proper swim wear and bathing towel
- closed toed shoes (must be worn at all times)
- medical form
- \$ for the trading post

Advancement Schedule:

<b>Day #1</b>	<b>Day #2</b>	<b>Day #3</b>	<b>Day #4</b>
<b><u>Wolf</u></b>	<b><u>Wolf</u></b>	<b><u>Wolf</u></b>	<b><u>Wolf</u></b>
Paws of Skill #4	Paws of Skill #7	Running w/ Pack #1,2 & 5	Running w/ Pack #4
Motor Away #1	Motor Away #2	Finding your Way #4	Finding your way #3 A&B
Paws of the Path #8	Paws of the Path #1 & #5	Paws of the Path #7	Digging in the Past #5
Howling at the Moon #2	Howling at the Moon #4		Motor Away #3
<b><u>Bear</u></b>	<b><u>Bear</u></b>	<b><u>Bear</u></b>	<b><u>Bear</u></b>
Grin & Bear It #1	Broom Ball	Soccer	Grin & Bear It #1
Make it Move #3	Make it Move #1	Make it Move #2	Fur, Feather, Fern #4
Fur, Feather, Fern #5 & #6	Fur, Feather, Furn #7	Fur, Feather, Furn #1	Forensics #3
Forensics #2, 5	Roaring Laughter #1 & #5	Roaring Laughter #2	

***Webelos Program will be announced in the mid- month newsletter!***

**Spring Family Camp**

**Theme: 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cub Scouts!**

Planning for Spring Family Camp is in full swing and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Camp Agawam May 15- May 17. Early arrivals may begin setting up camp at 12 noon Friday, the 15th. We will be honoring the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cub Scout Program by having activities relevant to time periods over the last 85 years. In honor of the first decade of Cub Scouting your Cub scouts will have the opportunity to race Cubmobiles and in recognition to the sacrifices made by our grandparents and great-grandparents in the 1940's, cubs will be planting Victory Gardens. For the 1950's cubs can bring their pinewood derby cars to race. We will also have a balsa wood airplane station, Tie Dye shirts, and the opportunity to earn multiple belt loops including Fishing, Hiking and Computers, as well as the online portion of the outdoor ethics award. For the Cubmobiles we will be supplying helmets (required) but feel free to bring your own helmet. Bring your own t-shirt to tie-dye as well as your pinewood derby cars to race for fun. We look forward to seeing you May 15-17 at Camp Agawam and if you're interested in helping out that day please contact Bob Seman at the Service Center.



**PA Act 153 Criminal Background  
Check Compliance Plan**

The Moraine Trails Council, BSA along with 22 Councils in PA are trying to implement the new criminal background check law. With over 1,000 volunteers to process, we are attempting to get ahead of the curve and are asking the committee chair of every unit to help collect the necessary clearances from their unit volunteers by July 1, 2015. Every unit that did not attend one of the two Council orientations offered last month was mailed a DVD with their unit committee members on it to track who needs to turn-in the clearances. For more information on the required clearances go to the Council website or the PA department of human services website. If you have questions on the Council instructions please contact your district

**SERVICE HOUR ENTRIES**

The National Office is requesting that our Council keep a listing of service hours for every pack, troop and crew project.

When your unit has completed a Service Hour Project, please have the Project Leader send Pat [pat.hanford@scouting.org](mailto:pat.hanford@scouting.org) the following information:

- The total number of scouts that worked on the project
- The total number of leaders that worked on the project
- A description of the project
- The total number of hours it took to complete the project
- If your unit did service hours for an organization please give the name of the organization.

**Summer Camp final payment due May 13th!**



Summer Camp 2015

As usual, Kuskitannee Lodge will be a major part of summer resident camps! We will begin to kick-off the summer season by performing "cheerful service" at Camp Bucoco Beaver Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kuskitannee Lodge will continue its tradition of summer camp call outs at Camp Bucoco every Wednesday night, followed by fellowship. Summer dates are June 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Make plans to come visit Camp Bucoco on OA Night!

In addition to summer camp programs in council, the Lodge will also be supporting the "Arrow Tour" at Camp Custaloga Town (French Creek Council) on July 27. Arrow Tour is a "road show" of sorts highlighting the Order of the Arrow in its 100<sup>th</sup> year with historical displays and interactive activities. All the routes to Arrow Tour will lead to the National Conference in Michigan. Don't miss out: <http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/>

BIG 3

August 14-16 will be BIG 3 at Camp Bucoco. Why is it called "BIG 3" you may ask? That is because we induct new ordeal members, brotherhood members, and vigil honors that weekend.

Big 3 is also the unofficial start of the new year for Kuskitannee Lodge. Come and meet the new officers and see what the next year of service has in store for you! More information will be coming, but please save the date and try to attend.


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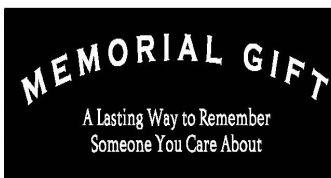


Memorial & Tribute Gifts

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Jason & Kristy Snyder  
And Families

Paul N. Colby  
Anthony A. Marino  
Dorothy Maley  
Marilu Yates  
Frank Victor Sylvester, Sr.  
The Bruce Family



A trust fund has been established to allow memorials to be contributed supporting the Scouting program annually. All memorial gifts will be kept local and placed in the Moraine Trails Council trust fund.

The Moraine Trails Council serves over 9,400 youth each year in Butler, Lawrence, Armstrong, and Westmoreland Counties.

Contact the Moraine Trails Council Office at 800-808-1099 or 724-287-6791 or visit us online at [www.morainetrails.org](http://www.morainetrails.org) for information about the fund and how to make a contribution.



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**MORAIN TRAILS COUNCIL SCOUT STORE NEWS**

The NEW 2015-2016 Cub Scout Leader printed materials, including: **TIGER, WOLF, BEAR, WE-BELOS** and **LEADER Handbooks**,

**Leader How-To Handbook** (same as last year), **Ceremonies for Dens and Packs** and **BALOO** are now available at the Scout Shop.

The NEW Cub Scout soft bound (\$12.99) and spiral bound (\$18.99) handbooks, advancement charts, belt loops and pins are also available.

In addition, the NEW TIGER belts, hats, neckerchiefs, slides, ranks, wallets and hiking staff medallions are in stock.

Since this is the first time the Cub Scout Program has been changed in many years and I know the demand is going to be great for the NEW merchandise, please call me in advance if you would like to purchase a large number of books for your Pack and I will gather them up for you to pick up. With everyone working together, I know we will be able to have a smooth transition to the NEW Program!

There will be a copy of all the new Cub Scout and Leader handbooks at the front counter of the office for you to look through.

I will have all the 2014-2015 belt loops, pins and other merchandise available in the store until JULY 1 and then they will be shipped back to NATIONAL SUPPLY.

As always, please feel free to either call me at 724/287-6791 or email me at [cindy.myers@scouting.org](mailto:cindy.myers@scouting.org) if you have any questions.

**Council Camporee**

**The Sustainability Summit**

Oct. 2-4, 2015



Stephen Loeffler, Scouting volunteer and Manufacturing Engineer at AGR, has been appointed Council Camporee Chairman for the ***Sustainability Summit*** to be held at Moraine State Park on October 2-4, 2015. The camporee will be a blend of promoting elements of the “Sustainability Merit Badge, “traditional fun scouting program, and a service project to benefit Moraine State Park. The steering committee is meeting this month and will have a registration flier and details available at the Council Program Kick-off on June 4, 2015 at the Preston Center at 6:30PM.



**Bucoco Corner**

Camp Bucoco Service Day will be held on June 6, 2015. Check-in begins at 8:00 am. Service will start promptly at 8:30. Lunch and dinner will be provided to everyone registering on time and working all day. Please call Moraine Trails Council by May 28, 2015 and volunteer to lead or follow as we prepare for another great summer camp. Projects will include setting canvas, cleaning buildings, painting, setting bunks, and a plethora of small jobs.

Many projects can be a challenge unless there are enough volunteers. We have accomplished many things over the past years. There is always room for more names on the list of “Thank You” for the multitude of hours of help. That’s what makes being a scout or leader so rewarding. Never ask what’s in it for me, ask who else will benefit from what I do?

Did you call 724-287-6791 and add your name to the list for Camp Service Day yet? Did I mention Service Day at Camp Bucoco is June 6, 2015?

**Kids Day America**



Its Pinewood Derby season for the Scoutreach program. The boy and girls in the program will be spending the next few weeks getting ready to race their cars the second week of May. Last week the kids selected their cars from pre-cut designs and used their sanding skills to get their cars to a smooth paint ready finish and this week put the first coat of paint on their cars and there are a lot of really cool cars taking shape. Over the next week they will finalize the details of their cars, making them shine like a new penny. All the kids are looking forward to race day with all eyes on first place.



**Visit Our Facebook Page!**

We are pleased to announce the creation of an enhanced Facebook page. So please visit the new Moraine Trails Council page soon and please be sure to LIKE us!!!! [www.facebook.com/morainetrails](http://www.facebook.com/morainetrails)

The [www.morainetrails.org](http://www.morainetrails.org) website still remains the primary source for news and information about Moraine Trails, but the new Facebook page, which will be updated with content from around the Council, will provide yet another avenue for those who wish to share experiences and ideas with others and stay connected to our events and programs.



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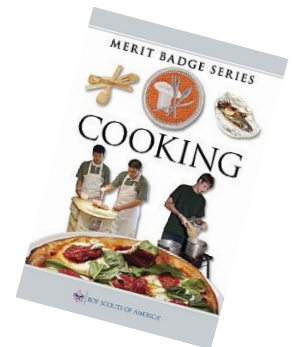


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**Eagle Scouts: Beyond the Merit Badge**

One hundred years after Arthur Eldred of New York earned this nation's first Eagle Scout Award, new, independent research demonstrates the significant, positive impact Eagle Scouts have on society every day. Since it was first awarded in 1912, more than 2 million young men have achieved the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank. The study conducted by Baylor University, Merit Beyond the Badges, found that Eagle Scouts are more likely than men who have never been in Scouting to:

- Have higher levels of planning and preparation skills, be goal-oriented, and network with others
- Be in a leadership position at their place of employment or local community
- Report having closer relationships with family and friends
- Volunteer for religious and nonreligious organizations



**Cooking Merit Badge**

New requirements for the Eagle-required Cooking merit badge become mandatory for Scouts who begin the badge on or after Jan. 1, 2015. Find requirements and plenty of details at [bit.ly/cookingreqs](http://bit.ly/cookingreqs).

**Nicholas Szwaczkowski**  
Troop 457  
English Lutheran Church

**John Relihan**  
Troop 380  
Harrisville United Methodist Church

**Robert Smith**  
Troop 565  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Alexander Klazon**  
Troop 554  
Slatelick Presbyterian Church

**Jared Burk**  
Troop 552  
Poke Run Presbyterian Church

**The Summit**

The Summit is now a part of the Triple Crown of National High Adventure, joining Northern Tier, Philmont and Florida Sea Base. For more information and a look at the certificate and patch, go to [holry.org/TripleCrownAward](http://holry.org/TripleCrownAward).

***Congratulations to these fine young men for attaining Scouting's Highest Rank !***

**[Where may an Eagle Scout \(youth or adult\) wear his Eagle Palms?](#)**

Until recently there were only two ways that Eagle Palms could be displayed – on the ribbon of the Eagle medal and, for adults, on the Eagle square knot. A third option has now been approved. As of Jan. 1, 2014, youth may also wear Eagle Palms on the Eagle Scout rank emblem (patch) which is sewn on the field uniforms.

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MORAIN TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA
Spring Family Camp Registration Form (May 15 - 17, 2015)
Camp Agawam, 3956 Frew Mill Road, New Castle, PA 16101

Registration Location: STEINBRINK CABIN (Nurse Station)

Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 and run through 8:30 p.m. that night. Registration will resume at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015 and run through 8:30 a.m.

The opening ceremony (flag raising) will take place at 8:45 a.m. at Fort Flagpole. The open programs will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

We ask that ONE representative from each Pack handle the registration process. If you are registering individually, please make sure to register as such.

Units should plan to arrive and camp together. Parking is along the far side of the parade field.

Camping is in the parade field and in campsites. NO VEHICLES are permitted to remain in ANY camping area. Campsites CAN be reserved in advance.

No ground fires are permitted on the parade field.

Pack: \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP by May 8, 2015

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\_\_\_\_\_ Current Cubs @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Current Cub Family @ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Per Person @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make all checks payable to: MTC)

Please send the completed registration form with payment to: Moraine Trails Council, BSA
ATTN: Cindy Myers
830 Morton Avenue Ext.
Butler, PA 16001

If you have any further questions, please call (724) 287-6791 or email

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