

August 2019 Newsletter Welcome back scouts!!

PACK 652 CONQUERS STIGWANDISH

Pack 652 came together this summer for camping fun at Camp Stingwandish in Madison, OH. About 8 scouts with their families enjoyed a campfire and then weathered the storms Friday night. Big thanks to Mr. Metyk for safely guiding us to shelter at 1AM!! Invigorated by the rain, we played "Would you Rather" until the storm passed. The Maher family gets the "Rip Van Winkle Award" for their reaction in the morning... "What storm? There was a storm?"

Saturday was filled with opening ceremonies, archery, swimming and fishing. The scouts experimented with "smoked cheetos" and "smoked pickles." Our master chef, Mr. Metyk, made sure everyone was well fed before we packed up and headed out early to avoid another night of thunder and lightning.

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ALSO...

Scouts who sell at least \$2,500 (online, face-to-face, or combination) in any calendar year will have 6% of their Qualified Product Sales count towards their own Trail's End Scholarship*. Once enrolled, 6% of their sales each year will go towards the scholarship. Reporting of sales is not automatic, and forms must be submitted to Trail's End each year following the guidelines below. Scouts only have to hit the \$2,500 minimum one time, and don't forget online sales count!

See trails-end.com/scholarship for more details

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFO

- Sept 21: Sandwich Saturday at St. Basil Family Life Center
- Sept 25: Pack Meeting Raingutter Regatta kits distributed. Costumes collected for Laura's Home.
- Sept 27 28: Tent camping
- Sept : Popcorn sales at various locations. Check ScoutBook for details
- Oct 23: Pack Meeting wear your costume! Bring Hot Wheels for children in Honduras
- Nov 20: Pack Meeting
- Nov 23: Raingutter Regatta!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The pack leadership voted to use ScoutBook for communication, calendar, advancement tracking. Watch your email for further information.
- The annual pack dues for 2019-2020 are \$75/Scout and \$65/Lion. The increase is necessary to support the activity of the Pack. The fee includes your book, council fees, all belt loops and other awards, Raingutter Regatta and Pinewood Derby kits.

BIG THANK YOU TO MS. DRAPER FOR

INTRODUCING SCOUT SWAP

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED UNIFORM PIECES

TO MS. DRAPER SO THEY CAN BE PASSED ON TO OTHER SCOUTS!

NEED A NECKERCHIEF OR SLIDE FOR YOUR NEW RANK?

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

September: Do you have costumes around the house that you don't use any more? Let's pass them on to kids who will enjoy them! Bring them to the Sept Pack meeting. Volunteers will deliver them to Laura's Home so the kids there can have them for Halloween. Laura's Home is a women's crisis center and they are expecting to have 65 kids at their Halloween Trunk or Treat. Our goal is to collect at least 65 costumes by Oct 12. https://www.thecitymission.org/lauras-home/

October: Race around the world! Fill the suitcase with Hot Wheels cars and tracks to send with Fr. Walt and team to Honduras. They will be distributed to the kids in the villages (aldeas) near San Francisco de la Paz.

Sandwich Saturdays! On Sept 21, consider participating in the Sandwich Saturday at St. Basil Family Life Center. Bring a loaf of bread, peanut butter, jelly, sandwich bags and a bag of fruit. Make PB&J's with your friends. Volunteers will deliver them to the homeless.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CHARITY YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SUPPORT? SHARE IT WITH MRS.

Books Never Written

- 'Under the Grand Stands' by Seymor Buts
- 'To the Outhouse' by Willie Maket, illustrated by Betty Wont
- 'How to Survive a Bear Attack' by Ben Eaton
- 'Walking to School' by Misty Bus
- 'How to Check a Pulse' by Izzy Dead
- 'Where Have All the Animals Gone?' by Darin Dabarn
- 'The Yellow River' by I.P. Daily

Introducing....

the Pack 652 Campfire Skit Award

Nominations will be accepted throughout the year.

Contestants will be voted on

by the Scouts before the Blue & Gold Banquet.

The den with the

BEST CAMPFIRE SKIT EVER

will be honored at the Banquet.

UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY LAKE ERIE COUNCIL

Fall Cub Fun Days

Come out to camp to spend the morning or afternoon with us. Activities include, archery, Bbs, fishing, water rockets, wrist rockets, and gaga!

When: Saturday, September 7, 2019

Where: Firelands Scout Reservation, Wakeman Ohio

When: Saturday, September 28, 2019 Where: Camp Stigwandish, Madison, Ohio

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Webelos Woods

Come join Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts from across Lake Erie Council as they get ready to become Scouts. Webelos attending Webelos Woods will work towards completing their adventures for the Webelos and Arrow of Light awards.

When: Saturday, September 14 - Sunday, September

15, 2019

Where: Camp Stigwandish, Madison, Ohio

Cub Haunted Weekends

Cub Haunted is open to all Cub Scouts, their families, and Packs. Camping is the best way to enjoy Cub Haunted Weekends. Both troop lodges & tent sites are available. There will be a variety of activities to take part in during the weekend.

When: Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13, 2019 Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Rock Creek, Ohio

When: Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20, 2019 Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Rock Creek, Ohio

When: Friday, October 25 - Sunday, October 27, 2019 Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation, Rock Creek, Ohio

SUMMER CAMP SHANANIGANS

In June many of our Scouts enjoyed 3 days of amazing fun at Camp Butler in Peninsula. They arrived at the day camp in the morning and did not rest until the ride home that evening. This was the first summer camp for most of them. The camp staff were happy to help them at each of the stations: Archery, BB's, Swimming, Crafts, Nature and Water Sports. We managed to squeeze in a couple games of Gaga Balls too! Tuesday evening the families joined the Scouts for a campfire program. Each pack presented a skit. How did Cheyanne wash those dishes so fast? With the help of Bubbles and Soap of course! Arf!

A special thanks to the parents and leaders who gave of their time to chaperone. This experience wouldn't have been possible for our Scouts without you.



Frankie aka Robin Hood







TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Pack 652 took a crowd to the Akron Rubber Ducks game on August 23rd. We had over 50 Scouts and family members present to cheer on the Ducks. Our home team quacked out a win in the 10th inning beating the Richmond Flying Squirrels 4 - 3. But the highlight of the evening was proudly watching our Scouts present the colors on the field during the National Anthem. They all looked sharp in their uniforms!



Eagle's Corner

Featuring our very own Cub Master... Mr. Sasala

When did you become an Eagle Scout?

➤ I became an Eagle Scout in March of 1998.

Which troop were you in?

➤ I was a member of Troop 652 out of St Basil the Great

What was your Eagle Scout Project?

Many people may have seen my project without even realizing it. I built a 14' bridge in the Brecksville Metropark. If you have ever hiked from the Brecksville Metropark known as The Meadows to the Nature Center you most likely have walked across the bridge. It is still used by hikers to this day. The bridge was completed in summer of 1997.

What was your favorite merit badge?

Wilderness Survival. Easily my most memorable merit badge. I think I was 13 years old when I completed this badge. The final part of this merit badge was to sleep outside in a shelter that you built. I had a couple hours to build a shelter out of tree branches, leaves, rocks or whatever I could find and stay the night in the shelter. The only things I had with me were a flash light and my sleeping bag. I will never forget that night. Excited. Scared. Anxious. Memorable.

Tell me about something you did as a scout that has had a lasting effect on your life.

> Swimming. Learning how to swim. I completed the swimming merit badge in Boy Scouts and my love for swimming took off. Swimming is more than just a fun activity. It is a lifesaving skill. I didn't really like to swim as a kid then suddenly swimming clicked with me after completing the merit badge. I joined the swim team in High School. I became a lifeguard at Camp Manatoc. I was able to teach hundreds of kids how to swim during the 3 summers I worked at camp. It was such a fulfilling feeling when a boy arrives at summer camp that was afraid of the water and then by the end of the week they had the fundamental skills of swimming. Now that I have two boys I was able to teach them how to swim. Swimming is easily my favorite activity to do with my boys. I give Boy Scouting credit for my love for swimming. It is something that you can do when you are 6, 16, and 76.

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