

# 2018 OSU FOOTBALL USHERING

## A Civic Service Opportunity for only Boy Scout troops & Venturing Units

### INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Game Themes</u>
September 1st	vs. Oregon State	Noon	Scarlet & Gray Game
September 8th	vs. Rutgers	3:30 PM	Hall of Fame game
September 22nd	vs. Tulane	TBA	Alumni Band day
October 6th	vs. Indiana	3:30 PM	Homecoming game
October 13th	vs. Minnesota	TBA	Buckeye Club game
November 3rd	vs. Nebraska	TBA	Military Appreciation Day
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>vs. Michigan *</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Senior day

**The Michigan game will NOT be listed on Sign ups**

\* - ***Bold indicates a minimum of two games of Boy Scout ushering***

Simon Kenton Council's football ushering civic service project is for Boy Scout and Venturing units **ONLY** (Cub Scouts are not permitted, even if accompanied by registered Boy Scout leader). This service has been in continuous service since when the Ohio Stadium was built.

This service project serves three purposes: (1) to be ambassadors for Scouting by providing service in a complete Class A uniform (2) to represent Scouting and build public goodwill (3) to provide the youth for the opportunity for service hours.

For these above reasons, the following rules apply:

- ❖ Youth Protection: Two deep BSA **registered** leadership is required, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all Units serving as ushers. All youth protection guidelines must be followed for this service project. Leaders are responsible for supervising the youth in their unit and are required to be with their youth always.
- ❖ All Unit members must wear a **complete** official Boy Scout uniform (Class A) always while on duty. This includes official BSA shirt, official BSA long pants or BSA shorts (if wearing shorts, official BSA socks). Ball caps are optional but must be BSA. Black or brown shoes are preferred but this service project requires long periods of standing. Venturers must wear the official green Venture Uniform shirt and grey pants. **If the uniform is not complete BSA Class A then the Scout or Scouter is not admitted and the Unit Leader must provide transportation plus supervision of those not admitted.**
- A pre- uniform inspection by the unit is recommended prior to leaving for the stadium. The unit leaders are responsible for their unit being fully BSA Class A complaint. Further the unit leaders are responsible for the well-being of those youths and adult who do **not** satisfy the Class A uniform requirement who not admitted to the stadium.
- ❖ DO NOT wear any other school or professional items, especially Ohio State logo items, as you represent Scouting not a high school, college or professional team. This includes jackets, hats and sun glasses.
- ❖ Other uniform requirements: 1. campaign or any other style hats are not permitted 2. Neckerchiefs or any neckwear of any kind may not be worn by adults or youth, due to safety concerns.
- ❖ Unit members serving as ushers must be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. It is a good idea to have a current physical with you, in case emergency treatment should become necessary. Ohio State does not provide seats for the ushers so "be prepared" to stand for long periods of time.
- ❖ Out of council units should have a representative at the pre-season rules meeting or have had an orientation session with the Scout Ushering coordinator or staff advisor for the Ushering program. Camping may be available at Camp Lazarus for a fee but reservations are required

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- ❖ Only those scouts and scouters that are listed on the official usher roster provided by Ohio State for the game will be admitted. On game day, no roster substitutions nor walk-ins are not permitted. Special restrictions apply to those games if **bolded** above and require prior service as an usher. Any changes to the game roster must be completed by Wednesday prior to the game.
- ❖ Units must enter the stadium at **Gate 14** (on the east side of the stadium) as a group, and shall arrive at the gate **three (3) hours** before game time. We will all be admitted as one group at the direction of OSU personnel and then subject to a uniform inspection. Those not passing the uniform inspection will not be admitted and must leave the stadium. Once gate 14 is closed, no Boy Scout ushers may enter; no exceptions per Ohio State policy.
- ❖ All ushers **must** provide an emergency phone number at the time of registration.
- ❖ Parking is the responsibility of the unit. Neither Ohio State nor the Simon Kenton Council provides parking. However, parking is available at the Simon Kenton Council Office 807 Kinnear Rd Columbus, OH 43212 for a fee with the proceeds to the local chapter for the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).
- ❖ Unit members will accept the ushering assignment that they are given, and will remain in their assigned aisle until the completion of the pre-game flag raising and the playing of the National Anthem. Often Simon Kenton Council staff will make assignments in the stadium.
- ❖ Unit members will give service to all patrons in their assigned aisle, as directed by portal chief & the ushering staff at the Ohio stadium, helping them locate their proper seats, take pictures and other duties.
- ❖ Unit members may bring a sandwich, snacks and plastic water bottle, no glass or cans are allowed. Food items must be carried in a waist-pack, or slim stringed nylon bag. **NO BACK PACKS** are permitted. Plastic bags or shopping bags may not be used for this purpose. All items are subject to search by Ohio State security staff.
- ❖ No cameras with attached lenses permitted. Umbrellas are not permitted inside the stadium. Ponchos or rain gear without logos is recommended and ponchos with logos cannot be displayed. BSA rain gear or red, tan or forest green or clear color ponchos or rain coats are preferred.
- ❖ Participants may **NOT** eat, drink (other than water) nor use electronic devices including cell phones while on duty.
- ❖ During the game, unit members will stand in the area designated by the university's ushering staff and maybe be told to move by the ushering staff. It is recommended to stand in groups for four. **Scouts and leaders should expect to stand all the time at this service project. No seats are provided by Ohio State nor by Simon Kenton Council.**
- ❖ Only fifty (50) total youth and adults may serve at any one game. **\*Eligibility for the Michigan** game requires prior service of **TWO** game in the current season. Sign up on the Simon Kenton web site (except for Michigan).
- ❖ **No shows:** If you register to usher and a conflict comes up where you cannot attend, you must notify either Derek Walden ([derek.walden@scouting.org](mailto:derek.walden@scouting.org)) or Mike Munsch ([buckeye@catlover.com](mailto:buckeye@catlover.com)) prior to Friday night before the game – otherwise the usher is considered a No Show. **No shows will not be allowed to usher for the remainder of the season.**
- ❖ **Cold-weather dress:** Since it is always relatively much colder in the stadium than when the Scout/Venturer/Leader leaves home, be sure to dress warmly and always carry a rain coat or poncho. Winter stocking caps, gloves, thermal or insulated underwear, overshoes and heavy coat are recommended in cold weather. **No** BSA Class A uniforms substitutions are permitted regardless of weather – a winter coat can be worn over the Class A shirt. You **MUST** look like a Scout as you represent Scouting.