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## From the Scout Executive



There's lots going on around the Simon Kenton Council as we turn the page on a new year. Here's just a sampling:

Leadership changes – our council's nominating committee and district nominating committees have been busy reviewing leadership rosters, enlisting help from new Scouters and community leaders and slating many returning folks for similar or new roles at the council and district levels. There is plenty of room for additional help. Please reach out to the leadership of our district and council committees if you want to help in a new area of Scouting.

Membership/Charter Renewal – along the same vein, all of our packs, troops, crews and posts are due to update their rosters and renew membership. We had great success through December moving up our timing on this important task, but some units have yet to complete this important task. If you haven't started yet or need assistance, please be sure to reach out to a member of your district's commissioner team, or to a staff member to help complete your membership/charter renewal as soon as possible.

Summer Camps – we're making plans and recruiting or hiring staff for our summer camps. Camp Falling Rock employs a team of over 50 people, starting at age 15 for counselors in training (CIT's). It's a perfect opportunity for a Scout to learn additional leadership skills in a great environment while earning money. Do you know a Scout or young adult who would make a good camp staff member? Encourage them to apply!

In addition, our Cub Scout day camp teams are recruiting volunteer staff members. If you are interested in helping, contact your day camp director or an SKC staff member to find out more.

Camp Property Improvements – several projects are underway at our camps. A new pavilion at lower camp at Camp Falling Rock is planned, Messer Lodge will open in the spring of 2023 at Camp Lazarus, and new roofs are coming to the shower building and Boyd Lodge. We have great camp property committees and staff alumni associations who make many of these improvements happen and help take care of our camps.

Units are also making plans to make 2023 another great Scouting year. Thanks to everyone who helps provide the Scouting program to over 9,000 young people across our council. Have a great year!

**Jeff Moe**  
Scout Executive

# Meet our CFR Admin Team

**Camp Director**  
Shannon Langer



**Program Director**  
Jaren Lee



**Head Commissioner**  
Jayce Phillips





# Eagle Scout Project has Global Impact



John Laing, a scout in Troop 166 in Bexley, led an Eagle Scout service project to construct 40 beds to help refugee families resettling in Ohio after fleeing violence, poverty and religious persecution abroad.

“This project has been about helping families,” said John. “Their stories are crazy. A family spent 15 years in a refugee camp in Uganda with their five kids. One of their children has lived his entire life in a camp.” Families who have received beds so far have come from Afghanistan, Rwanda, Congo, and Honduras. Due to the war in Ukraine and conflicts around the globe, the number of people forced to flee their homes in the last year is at the highest level since records began, according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

John’s passion to help refugees began a few years ago when his family brought food for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner in a local church that was housing a refugee family. After that, he was one of the founders of the Immigrant and Refugee Service Club at Bexley High School. “I knew this was an issue I could impact at my school with a group of students,” said John. “We bring in immigrants, immigration lawyers and other speakers over lunch to talk about their experiences.”

John, a senior at Bexley, has a variety of interests. He is an athlete who runs cross country and plays baseball. He is a musician who plays piano and trumpet. Scouting is also a major part of John’s life. He joined Cub Scouts while in kindergarten for fun and outdoor adventure. “I really enjoyed being outdoors, camping and being with friends,” said John. After crossing over into Scouts BSA as a fifth grader, he participated in more outdoor adventures. His favorite trips included learning how to water ski, having a camping trip on horseback, and going on high adventure trips to the BSA Sea Base in the Caribbean and BSA Northern Tier canoe base in the Boundary Waters region of Minnesota. “It’s hard work, canoeing all day and portaging,” said John. “It was quite the journey.”

Scouting also helped John develop leadership skills. He currently serves a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and held leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Troop Bugler. “Boy Scouts is more about learning skills in younger ranks and teaching them in older ranks,” said John. His father, Nathan Laing, sees how scouting has helped his son grow. “Scouting is a safe place to learn. I love the scout-led model. It’s not just running things at a camp out, but also planning the events,” said Nathan. “I saw that play a formative role for John – having the confidence to speak publicly, to teach, to learn how to lead others.” John’s Eagle Scout project involved raising over \$4,500 to cover costs and leading 16 youth plus several adults in building the bed frames. The project also provided mattresses, sheets, pillows and blankets along with the beds. John is also providing stuffed animals for families with young children to welcome them to their new home.

**Do you have a scouting story to share?**

We love the opportunity to highlight stories happening in our Scouting community.  
Visit [skcscouting.org](https://skcscouting.org) to submit your story!



# Around the Council



## WOOD BADGE

Spring Course  
April 21-23  
&  
May 20-21

Fall Course  
August 11-13  
&  
September 9-10



**Green Bar**  
Weekend 1: August 25-27  
Weekend 2: September 15-17



**Camp Falling Rock**  
Simon Kenton Council

**Summer Camp**  
Webelos Summer Camp: June 12-15  
Scouts BSA: June 18 - July 29



Course 1  
April 14-16 & April 21-23  
Camp Lazarus

Course 2  
June 4-10  
Camp Oyo

Course 3  
June 11-17  
Camp Oyo

Registration open now!



★ OFF TO THE ★  
2023  
**RACES**  
SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

Day camp starts June 5!



SIMON KENTON COUNCIL  
**STEM CAMP**  
JULY 24 - 28, 2023



## Popcorn Wrap Up

Congratulations to all the hard working Scouts and Scouters who made this year a great success!  
Scouting is great because of people like you!

### Top 10 Online Unit Sales

1. Gateway Pack 3672 \$8,680.00
2. Daybreak Pack 4003 \$7,075.00
3. Gateway Pack 3041 \$6,785.00
4. Gateway Pack 3432 \$5,260.00
5. Polaris Pack 3843 \$4,315.00
6. Daybreak Pack 3103 \$4,260.00
7. Gateway Troop 418 \$4,130.00
8. Polaris Pack 3888 \$4,005.00
9. Polaris Pack 3489 \$3,730.00
10. Polaris Pack 3210 \$3,650.00

### Top 10 Total Unit Sales

1. Polaris Pack 3843 \$48,730.00
2. Polaris Pack 3192 \$41,455.00
3. Daybreak Pack 3103 \$36,120.00
4. Polaris Pack 3348 \$35,730.00
5. Polaris Pack 3489 \$31,219.00
6. Gateway Pack 3672 \$30,855.00
7. Gateway Pack 3417 \$30,077.00
8. Gateway Pack 3011 \$29,133.00
9. Gateway Troop 418 \$29,040.00
10. Gateway Pack 3789 \$28,322.00

### Top 10 Selling Scouts

1. Pack 6044 Boston S \$9,272
2. Pack 3843 Logan K \$6,350
3. Pack 3017 Colt M \$6,285
4. Troop 418 Roger B \$6,200
5. Pack 3192 Jacob B \$6,135
6. Pack 3192 Jude B \$6,134
7. Pack 3197 Maddox D \$6,025
8. Troop 418 Marianna B \$6,000
9. Pack 3192 Amber W \$5,597
10. Troop 507 Lucas E \$5,023

## Building Our Future Leaders, Today!

Leadership development is a core purpose of Scouting. Young people lead their peers, plan events, and provide community service while they grow personally through Scouting. We are proud to be associated with great companies and selfless leaders who make our community a better place to live and work.

The Simon Kenton Council Leadership Luncheon is the premier community awareness and fundraising event for Scouting. The luncheon recognizes a local company with the Community Leadership Award and a community leader who serves underserved communities with the Whitney M. Young Service Award. In 2022, the Gilbane Building Company and Alonzo Ali were honored with these distinguished awards for their service to Central Ohio.

The 2023 Leadership Luncheon will honor Miles-McClellan Construction with the Community Leadership Award. Miles-McClellan Construction is committed to improving our community and the lives of Central Ohio residents. The Whitney M. Young Service Award will be presented to Ralph Smithers, Assistant Vice President at Encova Insurance. Mr. Smithers has tirelessly supported underserved youth participating in Scouting. The luncheon will take place on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 12:00-1:15pm at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel.

Visit [skcscouts.org/leadership](https://skcscouts.org/leadership) for information about sponsorship opportunities and tickets.



**Community Leadership  
Award Honoree**  
*Miles-McClellan Construction*



**Whitney M. Young Jr. Service  
Award Honoree**  
*Ralph Smithers, Jr.*



## Celebrating the Eagle Scout Class of 2022

Stephen Markovich, M.D., President and CEO of OhioHealth will be recognized as the Class Honoree for the 277 newest Eagle Scouts in the Simon Kenton Council. Eagle Scouts show incredible determination and persistence on their path to this prestigious award. Each Eagle Scout will have earned at least 21 merit badges and lead a service project that engages their peers for the betterment of the community. Scouts on the path to Eagle are leading by example, growing in confidence, learning specific skills, and becoming great teammates.

The Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner started in 1984 to honor the young men and women in the Simon Kenton Council Eagle Scout Class for their significant accomplishment. This year, Dr. Markovich, a long time scout and BSA volunteer, shares the importance of Scouting in preparing young people for life. The dinner is scheduled for Monday May 22, 2023.

Go to [skcscouts.org/eagle](https://skcscouts.org/eagle) for more information on sponsorships and how to attend.



## Congratulations Silver Beaver Recipients

Grant Blasco | Daybreak District  
Debra Carey | Polaris District  
Richard Craycraft | Frontier District  
Wesley Davey Sr. | Polaris District  
Nathan Ericson | Polaris District  
Joseph Faga | Daybreak District  
Robert Fann | Gateway District  
Matthew McConnell | Polaris District  
Donald Rostofer | Daybreak District



## Congratulations District Award of Merit Recipients

Brandon Boos | Gateway District  
Wesley Davey Jr. | Polaris District  
Tim Forshey | Frontier District  
John Guegold | Gateway District  
Ginger Hardy | Frontier District  
Christianna Heberline | Daybreak District  
Tami Kraynek | Frontier District  
Lee Peters | Polaris District  
Virgil Reisinger III | Polaris District  
Craig Stewart | Gateway District  
Mary Tekaucic | Gateway District  
John Trouten | Polaris District



## Camp Update

### Camp Lazarus

Welcome Gary!

Gary worked for 26 years in the home building and remodeling field. He is an experienced Scouter, having served as a den leader and pack leader before moving into Troop 318 in Delaware, where he is an Assistant Scoutmaster. Gary is married and has a daughter and two Eagle Scout sons.



### Camp Falling Rock

- Storage for Wood Badge has been completed in the compound.
- The kitchen has been cleaned, painted, and organized.
- A group of volunteers is diligently working to get the repeater up and running
- The bathrooms at the dining hall are being worked on diligently.



### Camp Oyo

- New metals roofs and gutters on the Gerald F. Boyd Training Center and the shower house
- Working on building new picnic tables out of heavy duty, commercial frames
- Leaf guards on all the gutters
- Looking for the new camp truck



### Camp Otter Run

- Council fire ring received new benches
- The parking lot was extended from clearing out brush.
- The new Learning Lab in the Woods is set to open in the spring
- Working to build a mini amphitheater to help support future training courses







## New BSA Camping Policy

As we prepare for the warmer months and plan for the camping season, there are two updates to the National BSA's camping policies.

The first update, or reminder, concerns Cub Scout Packs. Cub Scout Packs are only permitted to camp a single night per unit-coordinated experience. This means Pack can only camp one night as a unit. For all District or Council planned events, Packs can camp for two nights.

The second update concerns the "72-hour Rule" for Scouts BSA units. **Effective September 1, 2023**, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouts BSA activity must be currently registered in an adult fee-required position as listed or as an adult program participant, and current with Youth Protection Training. This eliminates the "72-hour rule."

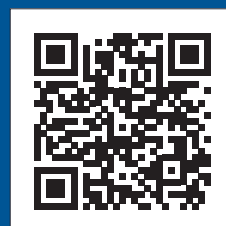
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our camping department.

### \* Cub Scout Overnight Exception

Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders.



Need to become a registered leader?  
Scan the QR code to register.



# 2023 Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, March 29**

***CFR Summer Camp Spring Leader Meeting***

Join us for our Spring Leader Meeting to get all the important information regarding summer camp! **Free**

**Saturday, April 1-2, April 29-30**

***Blackfoot Training - Session 2 and 3***

Blackfoot is an enhanced training program that combines the contents of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific training and Introduction into Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) into one cohesive experience. **\$120**

**Saturday, March 31 - April 2**

***Leave No Trace Trainer Course***

16-hour Leave No Trace Trainer course provides instruction on how to teach the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace and to help inspire others to minimize impacts while recreating outdoors. **\$55**

**Saturday, April 1 - April 2**

***Wilderness First Aid***

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. **\$75**

**April 14-16 & April 21-23**

***National Youth Leadership Training Course 1***

NYLT is a 6-day experience based on activities of a typical unit during a month of program. **\$225**

**Friday, April 14 - Sunday, April 16**

***OA Spring Fellowship***

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship at Camp Falling Rock! **\$25**

**April 21-23 & May 20-21**

***Wood Badge Spring***

This Wood Badge Course consists of two weekends in camp and at least one meeting in-between. **\$240**

**Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**

***Cub Scout Wilderness Survival Weekend***

Learn about basic survival skills and compete in our Cub Scout Survival Challenge! District Pinewood Derby starts at 6 PM! **\$25 until 4/1. \$30 after.**

**Saturday, April 22 - April 23**

***Polaris District BALOO***

BALOO is a fun, exciting and required training for all those in your Pack who are in charge of conducting a Pack family campout. **\$25**

**Monday, April 24**

***2023 Leadership Luncheon***

Join us as we honor this year's Whitney M. Young Service Award recipient and the 2023 Community Leadership Award.

**Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30**

***Frontier District Spring Camporee***

You have been selected to compete in Oyo's Amazing Race! **\$15**

**Saturday, April 29 - Sunday, April 30**

***Gateway District Spring Camporee - The Turtle's Back***

This program is a backpacking trip. The hike will follow township roads (dirt and gravel) with the final section cross-country **\$50**

**Thursday, May 4**

***Polaris District Awards Dinner***

We will be honoring both our youth and adult scouters for their achievements, hard work and dedication throughout the year. **\$20**

**Saturday, May 5 - May 6**

***Wilderness First Aid***

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. **\$75**

**Saturday, May 13 & May 20**

***Level I BSA Climbing Instructor Training***

Training to enable adults to assist with rappelling outings and/or events, with maximum of 16 participants for the training. **\$20**

**Monday, May 22**

***2023 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner***

Join us as we recognize our Class Honoree and the 2022 Eagle Scout class!

**Sunday, June 4 - Saturday, June 10**

***National Youth Leadership Training Course 2***

NYLT is a 6-day experience based on activities of a typical unit during a month of program. **\$225**

**Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9**

***Daybreak District Day Camp***

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

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**Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10**

**2023 BSA Surveying Merit Badge**

Scouts will learn all the basics of Surveying! \$10

**Saturday, June 10 - June 11**

**Wilderness First Aid**

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. \$75

**Sunday, June 11 - Saturday, June 17**

**National Youth Leadership Training Course 2**

NYLT is a 6-day experience based on activities of a typical unit during a month of program. \$225

**Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16**

**Red Arrow Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! \$120

**Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15**

**Webelos Summer Camp**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a pack's year-round program. \$200

**Sunday, June 18 - Saturday, June 24**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 1**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Sunday, June 25 - Saturday, July 1**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 2**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30**

**Frontier District Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! \$120

**Sunday, July 2 - Saturday, July 8**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 3**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Sunday, July 9 - Saturday, July 15**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 4**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14**

**Polaris District Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! \$120

**Sunday, July 16 - Saturday, July 22**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 5**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21**

**Gateway District Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! \$120

**Wednesday, July 19 - Friday, July 28**

**SKC Jamboree Contingent 2023**

National Jamborees occur once every four years and are your opportunity to see the Scouting movement on the National and International stage \$1,800

**Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, July 29**

**2023 Summer Camp: Week 6**

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a troop's program. \$350

**Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28**

**Rocky Fork Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! \$120

**Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28**

**STEM Day Camp**

Then have your Cub Scout grab their lab coat and goggles and join us for a week of science and fun! \$120

**Friday, July 28 - July 29**

**Frontier District BALOO**

BALOO is a fun, exciting and required training for all those in your Pack who are in charge of conducting a Pack family campout. \$25

**Looking for more events?**

<https://skcscouts.org/calendar/>

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