



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BAY-LAKES COUNCIL

Kettle Country Guide

December 2017

Electronic Newsletter for Kettle Country District, Bay-Lakes Council

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/kettlecountry>

While we celebrate the holidays with friends and family, we all know it is considered the season of giving. What a great time to reinforce that idea with your unit by performing some community service.

You could visit residents of a retirement home or hospital, help those with shoveling who are not able to do it for themselves, or otherwise give to others.

Service to others is not only part Scouting's core, it makes you feel good giving to others. So go ahead, be a little selfish and enjoy the goodwill that giving to others brings you.

Happy Holidays to all of you and bless you for your service to our youth!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 19

Final Charter Renewal Turn In

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Culvers in Beaver Dam, Grafton, and West Bend

Thursday, January 4

Working with Scouts with Special Needs Training

Roundtable

OA Chapter Meeting

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
West Bend

Thursday, February 1

Charter Organization Representative Specific Training

Roundtable

OA Chapter Meeting

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
West Bend

Saturday, February 3

Klondike Derby

Saturday, February 10

Cub Scout Winterfest

Thursday, March 1

Cubmaster Specific Training

Roundtable

OA Chapter Meeting

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
West Bend

**Click the district link at the top of the page for the most current and updated information*

UPCOMING EVENTS

KLONDIKE DERBY

February 3, 2018

7:30 am to 4:30pm

Cub Scout Winterfest

February 10, 2018

Kettle Country District Banquet



April 15, 2018

ROUNDTABLE FOR FUN AND KNOW-HOW

Thursday, January 4, 7:00 pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
120 W Paradise Drive, West Bend

*COME FOR THE KNOWLEDGE, STAY
FOR THE FELLOWSHIP, LEAVE WITH
INSPIRATION*

Please note....

If you miss Roundtable due to staying home for childcare, please feel free to reach out to any of the Roundtable Commissioners to catch up on what you missed that evening. Children, other than Order of the Arrow Members, are not part of roundtable's intended audience. Please do not bring your children to attend Roundtable. There will be no exceptions allowed to this policy.



Anikwa Chapter meetings are held at the same time and location as Roundtable. All Arrow members are welcome to attend.

Please contact Brian Thiel, Chapter Advisor with any questions. He can be reached at
bthiel.scout@yahoo.com

RECENT EVENTS

November Roundtable



DISTRICT NEWS



Don't forget to record your Scouts' advancements!

Have you been using Internet Advancement to report your Scouts' rank advancements, belt loops or merit badges, and other awards? Let's make sure that their hard work is recognized in their permanent Scouting record.

As of the end of October, many of our Kettle Country packs had not reported any advancements for 2017. One of the Journey To Excellence objectives is to have a high percentage of youth earn their rank advancement. Now is a great time to get this information updated before year-end.

To log in, just go to www.baylakesbsa.org, click on "Resources," then "Advancement." Scroll down to find the "Internet Advancement" link. There is a council contact if you don't know your unit's ID number or have forgotten your password; I can also help you with these.

Please feel free to contact Tom Hemr, Kettle Country Internet Advancement Specialist with any questions or issues: tomhemr@gmail.com or (248) 877-0617.

Thanks for your attention to this important measure of Scouting performance!



Time is almost up to nominate an awesome Kettle Country District volunteer Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a Council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to both the Council, local community, and church through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest-level award the Bay-Lakes Council can bestow upon a registered, Council volunteer.

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter and submit a nomination to the Council by completing the application which can be found at <http://www.baylakesbsa.org/document/silver-beaver-nomination-form/167830>.

Please e-mail completed nomination forms to Laura Daigle at Laura.Daigle@scouting.org.

All nominations **MUST** be received at the no later than December 15, 2017.



Also, don't forget to consider nominating an awesome volunteer for the District Award of Merit. That nomination form is available online on the District website: [Kettle Country District Page](#), or you can ask/send Dan Meyer an e-mail to have one forwarded to you. The deadline for the District Award of Merit nomination submission is the February Roundtable. Both the Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit awards will be presented at the District Awards Banquet in April.



Friends of Scouting update

Thank you to all scouts, scouters, family, and friends for a good 2017 Friends of Scouting campaign. We are kicking off the 2018 campaign soon.

One of the themes for the upcoming year is ensuring the legacy of Scouting. The funds that we raise do not only maintain the excellence of our programming, camps, and training. It is to ensure that Scouting is available for youth in our communities for generations to come. If you are like me, you understand and appreciate the value that Scouting brings to our children, other youth, and our communities.

I would ask that you consider speaking on behalf of Bay-Lakes Council as a Friends of Scouting presenter. Please contact Nitish Bangalore if you are interested in continuing or starting as a presenter for the 2018 Friends of Scouting campaign. Training will begin in November 2017 for presentations starting in December 2017.

I would like to thank adult leaders that have provided unit Friends of Scouting contact information. For those of you that have not already done so, please input that information into the survey linked below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/IWA13fbEzIaxhpWC3>

Get preferential choice of dates for your unit's Friends of Scouting Presentation by registering online:

[Friends of Scouting Unit Reservation](#)



Are You TRAINED?

DISTRICT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Working with Scouts with Special Needs Training

January 4 6:15pm – 8:00pm
3200 Pleasant Valley Road
West Bend

Chartered Organization Representative Training

February 1 6:15pm – 8:00pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter=Day Saints, West Bend

Cubmaster Specific Training

March 1 6:15pm – 8:00pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter=Day Saints, West Bend



Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

March 24 8:00am – 1:00pm
Saint Frances Cabrini, West Bend



A Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster is considered trained upon completion of this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection Training.

[Leader Specific Training Registration](#)

Venturing Advisor/Assistant Advisor Specific Training

March 24 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Saint Frances Cabrini, West Bend
Venture Leader Training Registration
[Venture Advisor Training Registration](#)



Council Training Opportunities



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OKPIK TRAINING

January 13 and January 26-28

OKPIK is a cold weather camping skills training program intended to train Boy Scout and Venturing youth and adult leaders in proper winter camping techniques so they can take these skills back to their units and extend their unit's camping season to a 12 month program. The program is broken into two parts: Indoor training Saturday, January 13 and Outdoor training January 26-28. Click link for more info:

[OKPIK Registration](#)

To view the entire Council Calendar, click the link below:
[Bay-Lakes Council Calendar](#)



Do you ever find yourself wondering who to contact with training questions? How about advancement? Scouting for Food? District Banquet?

We have a dedicated group of experienced leaders volunteering their service to the district and willing to help you with your questions.

The Kettle Country Organizational Chart can be found at the bottom of the district webpage. Click below to go directly there:

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/kettlecountry>



Kettle Country District BSA Kettle Country District serves youth in Dodge, Washington and Ozaukee Counties. It is one of 8 Districts in the Bay-Lakes Council.

www.baylakesbsa.org/kettlecountry

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The Kettle Country Guide is a monthly electronic newsletter providing Kettle Country District information to adult leaders and parents. Please forward this newsletter onto all leaders and parents within your unit.

The Kettle Country Guide is always looking for stories to share. If you have a story please contact Kyle Richards at

<mailto:kylerrichards.bsa@gmail.com>

Contributions to the Guide need to be submitted to Kyle no later than the 25th of the preceding month to be included.