Dear Friend,

My name is Brayden. I am a Wolf with Pack 274. Hamler. Thank you for helping me go to Day Camp. I had a lot of fun. My favorite thing was shooting. I also learned archery.

Yours in Scouting,
Brayden
It is the mission of the Black Swamp Area Council to be the leading youth organization in Northwest and West Central Ohio in developing positive values through leadership training and quality outdoor program opportunities.

Scout Oath:
On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

A note from the Black Swamp Area Council Key 3

As we reflect on what individuals have done in support of scouting this past year, we are continually impressed. It makes us feel great to see both families and our corporate friends realize how scouting is still valuable to our current and future generations of youth. And yet, we have so much yet to do. Like many non-profits, several funding streams have flattened or decreased, and yet, just like our business associates, costs of insurance, supplies, and many other items continue to go up.

Each year, many of you are at the forefront of helping us meet the increasing needs for programs like ours. As you read the information in our annual report, we hope you consider how vital our programs are in our local communities. We’d like to share just a few highlights of the Black Swamp Council last year:

- The tremendous increase in support of the Council’s Friends of Scouting, Black Swamp Golf Classic, and “Eagle Patrol”.
- 115 young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2011.
- Our ScoutReach programs reached new neglected neighborhoods in several communities.
- We have launched a Capital Campaign to help enable us to better serve our youth for years to come.

The next few pages provide much more detail of other results the Council achieved in 2011. We will continue to deliver quality programs and services to the families and communities we serve.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our many Scout functions or Eagle Patrol events and look forward to once again sharing our achievements. We hope you will continue to support us in helping us provide positive values through leadership training and quality outdoor program opportunities.

Stan Doty
Council President

Scot Gray
Council Commissioner

Vic Pooler
Scout Executive
Black Swamp Area Council

Key 3

Council President: Stan Doty
Scout Executive: Victor Pooler
Council Commissioner: Scott Gray

2011 Council Officers

Treasurer: John Pinski
Vice President, Properties: Lynn Radabaugh
Vice President, Program: Chris Crawford
Vice President, Administration: Mike Wolfe
Vice President, Membership: Cary Cox
Vice President, Endowment: Robert Chesebro
Vice President, Finance: Greg Allen
Vice President, Development: Doug Hiegel
Vice President, Marketing: Craig Burnside
Vice President, District Operations: Bill McCleave
Council Attorney: Jeff Whitman
Immediate Past President: Karl Heminger

2011 Executive Board Members:

Donald Alexander  Greg Allen  Mike Ayers  Curtis Brookhart  Craig Burnside
Larry Busdeker  Phillip Caris  Mark Cassin  Robert Chesebro  Lynn Child
Chuck Clapper  Cary Cox  Chris Crawford  Robert Cupp  Brian Dicken
Stan Doty  Cody Fenning*  Rich Flowers  Michael Gardner  Mike Grandillo
Scott Gray  Phil Havens  Doug Hiegel  Karl Heminger  Dee Huston
Ed Ingold  Jason Kimmet Paul Kramer  Dale Laws  Mark Line
Mark Malone  Craig Marks  Bill McCleave  Dan Michel  Brittany Muszynski*
Mark Miller  Chad Peter  John Pinski  Chris Press  Lynn Radabaugh
Paul Schmelzer  Robert Shrider Ralph Stelzer  Steve Walker  Jeff Whitman
Steve Wilder  Mike Wolfe  Paul Worstell  *Youth Representative
Black Swamp Area Councils 2011 Pinewood Derby Finals were held on Saturday May 21st at St. Michaels Church. Michael Gardner, Pack 319, and all the staff and families attended and it was a great event.
SHARON BRUBACK – Findlay, Ohio

Sharon started her Scouting career in 1996 as a den leader for her youngest son in Indianapolis. In 1998 she became the Cubmaster of the pack, then joined troop 308’s committee in 2002 and became the Committee Chairperson for 3 years. She is currently registered at the District level and has served as the District Membership Chairperson from 2009-2011, Nominating Committee, Roundtable Staff and has been instrumental in maintaining attendance and coordinating merit badge counselors for several years. She has served the Council as the assistant to the National Youth Leadership Training course from 2009-2011.

JOHN LUNZ – St. Mary’s, Ohio

John has been the Scoutmaster for 26 years for Troop 138 in Old Sycamore District. Over that time, the troop has produced 17 Eagle scouts, went to Philmont, attended Summer Camp at Lakota for 19 years, and regularly participated in District and Council events such as Camporees, Klondike’s, Popcorn sales and Scouting for Food. On the district level John continues to help with camporees, is a merit badge counselor and keeps the troop involved in different community events and service projects. John has been an instructor with The University of Scouting, taught Adult Leader training at Summer Camp Lakota and Council Training classes.

PAT NIEBERDING – Maria Stein, Ohio

Pat's adult service began as a Cub Scout Den Leader for Pack 97. In 1994 he became the Scoutmaster for the Troop, growing it to more than 40 boys when he stepped down in 2003. During this time he emphasized the outdoors with a large majority of the boys attending Camp Lakota for summer camps, Council and District camporees, Klondike Derbies and Polar Bear campouts. On the District level Pat was the Finance Chairman for 6 years and was largely responsible for the success of the fundraising for the Old Sycamore District from 2003 through 2009. As the current Advancement Chairman, Pat has been instrumental in advising and guiding over 30 boys on their trail to Eagle. He is also serving as the Old Sycamore District Popcorn Chairman which each year is one of the top performers in popcorn sales. Pat is a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Maria Stein, Ohio, Band and Athletic Booster, Industrial Arts Supporter and is a member of the CA Industries Board. Pat Recognitions include: “Outstanding District Person”, “District Award of Merit”, “Old Sycamore District Key Three Award”, and “President’s Award”.

BRADLEY BORER – Tiffin, Ohio

Brad has been involved in scouting for many years. He is an Eagle Scout, served as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor and currently is serving on Troop 444’s Committee. During these years he volunteered as an adult leader giving the scouts an opportunity on to participate in 6 high adventure trips. Brad’s has been instrumental in improvements at Camp Berry, Black Swamp Area Council. As a retiree from the City of Tiffin’s Waste Water Treatment plant Brad helped design and build the new sewer plant, does the monthly tests and handles all of the certifications with the EPA. He has donated equipment that has helped to cut utility costs adding to the quality of the camping experience for our scouts and Scouters. In his community, Brad is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, serving as a sponsor for the RCIA Program and helps with the Festival Committee. Brad is also involved in the Sandusky River Clean-up, Jazz Festival, Calvert Autumn Action, Tiffin Shade Tree Commission, Committee Chairman for the Sandusky Watershed Coalition, Northwest Ohio Water and Environmental Association and served on the Tiffin Area Safety Council. Brad and his wife, Jane have participated in Mission work in Jamaica by assisting in building a fish hatchery at a boy’s orphanage and have traveled to Central America with the church to help rehabilitate a school.
TAMMY COOPER – Findlay, Ohio
Tammy began her scouting career in 2001 as the Cubmaster for Pack 455 in the Buckeye District which she served until 2006. She served as the Buckeye District Day Camp Director from 2004-2007, District Training Chairperson, District Activities and Civic Service Chairperson, Coordinator of the Cub Scout Lockin’, Crew Advisor for Crew 408-203, Buckeye Cub Roundtable Chairperson, Super Saturday start up committee, Super Saturday Cub Roundtable Commissioner Camp, Fostoria Scouting for Food organizer, Director for the Mom and Me Camps from 2008-2011. She currently serves on the American Elms District Committee, Council Cub Camping committee since 2008, and American Elm Venturing Coordinator and training chairperson. Council level with the University of Scouting has included the Vice Chancellor role in 2006, and Chancellor from 2007-2009. She was an instructor for multiple years, has earned all degrees and is currently on the Board of Directors and Director of Advanced Studies. Tammy has always been willing to step in and help out where she is needed. She always puts the boys first and does an outstanding job of planning and organizing programs for them. Tammy is Wood Badge trained in 2006 and is a member of the Order of Arrow.

DAVID HIRSHFELD – New Bremen, Ohio
Dave’s years in scouting started as a Den Leader and Charter Organization Representative with Pack 61. When his son crossed over into Boy Scouts so did Dave. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and Committee Member for Troop 95. Dave’s son has completed his trail as a youth in scouts. However, Dave remains committed to the youth in our Council. As an OA Vigil Honor member he currently is the OA Advisor for Old Sycamore District. He has also served on a Wood Badge Staff. Paul’s U. C. C. Youth Ministry and Chaplain Sons of Legion Post 241. He has received the Boy Scout Leaders Training Award, District Outstanding Scoutmaster Award, the Scoutmasters Key, OA Vigil Award, the District Award of Merit and Wood Badge beads.

RICK TRESSLER – Delta, Ohio
Rick began his scouting career as an Assistant Webelos Den Leader for 2 years. After that he has been with Troop 72 for 13 years, including roles as the Scoutmaster for 6 years, Committee Chairman for 2 years and an Assistant Scoutmaster for 5 years. His love of the outdoors and working with youth led him to Venturing about 7 years ago and the starting of Venture Crew 72. He has been the Crew Advisor, Assistant Crew Advisor and the Committee Chairman. Rick was the District camping chairman for 4 years planning successful spring and fall camporees. He was also instrumental in starting an annual District Polar Bear Campout. For 2 years, Rick also served as an assistant OA Chapter Advisor, regularly participates in Eagle Board of Reviews giving advice on appropriate Eagle Projects. Rick has helped lead OKPIK Winter Camping training in the district. Rick served a 2 year term on the advisory committee for the Auto Mechanic’s program at Four County Career Center, actively involved at Shiloh Christian Union Church and is member of the Optimist Club. Rick’s awards include; the District Award of Merit, the Tamarak’s District Scoutmaster of the year and he has received his Wood Badge beads.

JEFFREY WHITMAN – Findlay, Ohio
Jeffrey is an attorney practicing in Findlay, Ohio. He owns Whitman Title Securities, Inc. and has practiced law in Findlay for more than thirty years. Jeffrey’s scouting experience began in his youth in troop 304 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. He has served over 20 years as legal Counsel for the previous Put-Han-Sen Council and the current Black Swamp Area Council. He has been on the Board of Directors for both Councils and is a member of the Executive Committee for the Black Swamp Area Council. He has also been involved in the Friends of Scouting Campaigns and is a current member of the Capital campaign cabinet. He is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Findlay and is its only 2 time president. He is a member of the Elks Lodge in Findlay, Business Networking International. He is a current member and past president of the Hancock County Bar Association and is also involved with Habitat for Humanity, Pheasants Forever, Hancock County Homebuilders and Heartland Board of Realtors. Jeff is a dedicated member and volunteer of St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church, having served on the board as their financial Chairperson and singing in the choir.
Congratulations!

DR. BILL FINERTY

2011 Silver Buffalo Award Recipient

For a quarter-century, Dr. Bill Finerty has served as camp physician for the Black Swamp Area Council. Dr. Finerty has been deeply involved in international Scouting since 1983, when he served as a world jamboree assistant Scoutmaster. He has attended each subsequent world jamboree, either as a troop leader or staff member, has been a delegate to multiple world and regional Scouting conferences, and has served on the Interamerican Scout Committee since 1999 and the International Committee since 2000. On three occasions, he took Scout training teams to Russia as part of the Siberian Scout Initiative.

Back home, Dr. Finerty has been equally busy and generous with his time. He has participated in six national jamborees, led eight contingents at Philmont Scout Ranch, and served on multiple council camp visitation teams, council camp staffs, and BSA National Camping School staffs. Beyond Scouting, Dr. Finerty participates in an annual medical mission trip to Cambodia. Other mission trips have taken him to Nepal, Peru, and Guatemala.

Dr. Finerty has received many honors for his service, including the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, and International Scouter’s awards. He is a James E. West Fellow, a Baden-Powell Fellow, and a member of The 1910 Society. Defiance College, where he is a board member and athletics team physician, presented him with its Humanitarian Award, while the Rotary Club named him a Paul Harris Fellow.

After completing his undergraduate education at Urbana University, Dr. Finerty earned his doctor of podiatric medicine degree at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Finerty lives in Defiance, Ohio.
**Membership as of 12/31/11**

Cub Scouts: 4678  
Boy Scouts: 2033  
Venturing: 588  
Learning for Life/Exploring: 467  
TOTAL: 7766  

**Units as of 12/31/11**

Packs: 136  
Troops: 121  
Crews: 31  
LFL/Posts: 19  
Total: 307  

**INCOME**

- Activities/Special Events: $689,237  
- Camping/Programs: $315,983  
- Investments: $236,987  
- Product Sales: $227,112  
- Annual Gifts: $207,363  
- United Ways: $114,544  
- Store Sales, other: $100,719  
- Foundations/Grants: $82,946  

**TOTAL:** $1,974,891  

**EXPENSES**

- Administration: $223,414  
- Programs: $1,746,692  
- Fundraising: $60,931  

**TOTAL:** $2,031,037  

**INCOME OVER EXPENSES:** ($56,146)
### Venturing Awards for Advancement 2011

#### SILVER AWARD

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#### VENTURING® BSA

### Class of 2011 Eagle Scouts

#### AMERICAN ELM

- Caleb Adkins: Troop 412
- Tyler Bailey: Troop 324
- Johnston Baird: Troop 316
- Nicholas Blackburn: Troop 312
- Shawn Burkmier: Troop 316
- Phillip Dindal: Troop 319
- Ryan Gilbert: Troop 122
- Seth Holliger: Troop 318
- Preston Hunteman: Troop 308
- Donavon Hunteman: Troop 308
- Lucas Karhoff: Troop 319
- Anthony Lemley: Troop 301
- Joshua Mangum: Troop 412
- Ethan Miller: Troop 338
- Dylan Sexton: Troop 313
- Andrew Short: Troop 308
- Tyler Smith: Troop 316
- Lucas Stump: Troop 302
- Garrett Wadsworth: Troop 304
- Jerry Waldman III: Troop 319
- Matthew Wilkins: Troop 342
- Macauley Williams: Troop 313

#### CHINQUAPIN

- Evan Allen: Troop 276
- Mitchell Bowling: Troop 13
- Eric Buckenmeyer: Troop 63
- Leighton Chambers: Troop 333
- Jared Elchinger: Troop 1222
- Gabriel Frederick: Troop 76
- Daniel Hill: Troop 167
- Thomas Lehmkuhl: Troop 77
- Brian Leu: Troop 177
- Zachary Lewis: Troop 70
- Matthew Lightle: Troop 76
- Jacob Michael: Troop 74
- Tyler Murrey: Troop 166
- Joseph Shively: Troop 262
- Devan Tilly: Troop 1125
- Benjamin Vasko: Troop 167
- Casey Wood: Troop 1222
- Tyler Zimmerman: Troop 141

#### GREAT OAKS

- Charles Arnett III: Troop 106
- Sean Davis: Troop 82
- Derrick Erman: Troop 65
- Andrew Hoffer: Troop 11
- Evan Kieffer: Troop 106
- Jacob Lowry: Troop 2
- William Madley: Troop 106
- Jonathon Miller: Troop 65
- Jonathon Reese: Troop 84
- Jordan Schimpf: Troop 84
- Nicholas Shawhan: Troop 65
- Zachary Siefker: Troop 65
- Matthew Tobe: Troop 106
- Sean Wagner: Troop 65
- Justin Weaver: Troop 256
- Isaiah Wick: Troop 103

#### HAWTHORN

- Levi Blank: Troop 221
- Brandon Bonnell: Troop 227
- Jeffrey Burgei: Troop 229
- Benjamin Cleemput: Troop 221
- Michael Davis: Troop 64
- Dustin Duling: Troop 227
- Andrew Ehlinger: Troop 143
- Nicholas Fenbert: Troop 224
- Logan Haughn: Troop 224
- Daniel Ketner: Troop 224
- Adam Klemme: Troop 230
- Adam Knueve: Troop 221
- Robert Laing: Troop 31
- Thomas Lichtensteiger: Troop 31
- Ryan Maas: Troop 224
- Travis Nienberg: Troop 224
- Kaleb O'Donnell: Troop 143
- Matthew Samuelson: Troop 224
- Luke Schaub: Troop 224
- Caleb Siefker: Troop 224
- Joseph Swager: Troop 19
- Jacob Taylor: Troop 19
- Jonah VonderEmbs: Troop 224
- Mark Vonderembse: Troop 229
- Grant Weinhrauch: Troop 224

#### OLD SYCAMORE

- Christopher Baker: Troop 44
- Jacob Barrett: Troop 360
- Aaron Brandewie: Troop 44
- Cody Fennig: Troop 69
- Jonathon Heuker: Troop 44
- Joseph Jacks: Troop 1444
- Jeffrey Knapschafer: Troop 97
- Ross Kohler: Troop 14
- Daniel Lette: Troop 97
- Kevin Miller: Troop 97
- Zachary Musselman: Troop 162
- Zachary Orchard: Troop 9
- Brennan Osterfeld: Troop 96
- Jacob Puthoff: Troop 98
- Jacob Rutschilling: Troop 95
- Christopher Schwartz: Troop 14
- Kody Seger: Troop 44
- Adam Wehrman: Troop 44
- Joshua Wendel: Troop 99
- Ryan Wendel: Troop 138
- Isaac Wilker: Troop 97
- Caleb Will: Troop 4
- Jacob Winner: Troop 44
Adventure & Excitement
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