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.

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.

As we reflect on what individuals have done in support of scouting the past year, we are once again humbled. It makes us feel good 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 still to do. Like many non-profits, several funding streams have flattened or even decreased, and yet, just like our business associates, costs of insurance, supplies, and many 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 review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments, please note:

• The encouraging start of the Council’s $4,000,000 Capital Campaign
• 1500+ Boy Scouts and 1000+ Cub Scouts participated in Summer activities throughout our territory
• Our Learning for Life programs grew by over 50% to a level not seen in over 10 years.
• We provided over $17,000 in direct support for camperships so youth throughout our territory got to experience summer camp.

The following pages provide much more detail of other results the Council has accomplished, and will continue to deliver to families and communities here in West Central and Northwestern Ohio.

We look forward to thanking you each in person at one of our upcoming events or social gatherings. And we look forward to once again sharing our next great achievements because of things people like you will do this year! We hope you will join us in helping Scouting succeed for the next generation of leaders!

Stan Doty                  Scott Gray                         Vic Pooler
Council President   Council Commissioner       Council Executive
KEY 3
Council President Stan Doty
Scout Executive Victor Pooler
Council Commissioner Scott Gray

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Vice President, Program Chris Crawford/Curt Brookhart
Vice President, Administration Mike Wolfe
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David Heppner
Doug Hiegel
Linda Hirschfeld
Dee Huston
Ed Ingold
Jason Kimmet
Paul Kramer
Black Swamp Area Councils 2012 Pinewood Derby Finals were held on Saturday, May 19th at St. Michaels Church. We would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped make it a great event.
2012 Silver Beavers

BRENDA SHINN– Great Oaks District
Currently, Brenda is registered as the United Commissioner and Troop Committee Member with Troop and Pack 176. She started her Scouting career in 2005 as a member of the Pack Committee and served two years as a Den Leader.
On a District level, Brenda serves as a Unit Commissioner starting in 2007. Brenda helped with the Scouting for Food Drive, Pinewood Derby and Day Camp where she served as a member of the committee (training chair) for five years. She has served in the district fish fry and helped with the August Kickoff for Scouting.
On the Council level, Brenda is a staff member of the University of Scouting and has also served as an instructor for six years. She holds a Doctoral Degree of Boy Scouts. She also helped with Resident Camp, Mom & Me, assisted in the Friends of Scouting and the United Way Fund Drive. She is now working on her Beads for Wood Badge in 2012-2013.

BILL CHESTER– Chinquapin District
Bill began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub Leader in 1996, and the Unit Commissioner. He was a Wolf, Bear, Webelos 1 and Webelos 2 Leader and attended Cub Day Camp and Dad and Lad each year with the Pack. During this time he received the Cub Scout Den Leader Award. Presently, Bill is registered as the Chinquapin District Commissioner and in 2001 he attended the Philmont Training Center for the Commissioner Service Training. He has also served as the Friends of Scouting Chair. Bill received his Wood Badge Beads in 2003, the District Award of Merit and the President’s Award. From 2005-2011, Bill was the Camp Lakota Staff Medical Officer. Bill is a Funeral Home Assistant at the Grisier Funeral Home in Stryker, and EMT/Firefighter on the Delta Fire Department, First Aid/CPR Instructor, and is the Red Cross Disaster Chair. Bill has done much for his District and is always there to help.

BOB SCHRINER– American Elm District
Bob’s unit involvement in Scouting began with Pack 388 as Cubmaster. He also served with Troop 388 at the same time, eventually becoming the Scoutmaster in 2003. During his tenure, 9 Boy Scouts received their Eagle rank. Bob has 2 Eagle Scout Mentor pins.
Presently, Bob is the Unit Commissioner for Troop and Crew 338 and is a member of the Council Endowment Committee. He has assisted with the Council web site development, and staffed Mom and Me.
During his Cub Scout years, achieved the Masters level at the University of Scouting, and has participated in 3 Black Swamp Area Golf Outings. His awards include the American Elm Cubmaster Award of Merit, earned in 2000; the Scoutmaster Award of Merit; and and the District Award of Merit, received in 2012. Bob has been active as a parent with the Findlay First Edition, Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Trojan Club, and was a youth soccer coach.

DAN VENNEKOTTER– Hawthorn District
Dan is currently registered as a Committee Member as well as the Hawthorn District Camping Chair. Dan has been a Unit Committee Member, Assistant Cub Master, Assistant Scout Master and a Merit Badge Counselor for over 15 years.
In his District, Dan has held positions such as the District Chairman, District Committee Member, District Commissioner and he has served the last 5 years as District Camping Chair.
Dan has been a member of the Council Board since 1988 and has served as Klondike Derby Mayor many times. He is an instructor of Leave No Trace and the University of Scouting. Dan helped start the Council golf outing. He received the Council President’s Award.
Dan is the Owner and Operations Manager of Hometown Mortgage Brokers, LLC and has Venneketter Farms. In his community, Dan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Ottawa’s Kiwanis, Kalida Lions Club, Kalida Fish and Game Club, and Kalida Pioneer Days.
MARK BADEN – Chinquapin District

Mark is currently the Chinquapin’s District Commissioner, Pack’s Charter Representative and Troop Committee Chairman. In 1978, Mark began his adult involvement in Scouting as a Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster. In 1983, he became the Scoutmaster Unit Commissioner, and the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, which he maintained until 1998 when he took on his current position. Mark has attended 3 years of Cub Camp, 20 years at Boy Scout Summer Camps, and countless District Camporees. His extensive awards consist of the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, National Lamb Award, Arrowhead Honor Award, Scouter’s Key, Scouter Training Award, Arrow of Light (1958) Order of the Arrow 1960, District Scoutmaster of the Year, Commissioner Key and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He received his first set of Wood Badge Beads in 1979 and he also received Beads in 2010.

NATHAN WEAKS– Chinquapin District

Nathan attained his Eagle Scout award in 1973. He began his adult Scouting career by starting a Cub Pack, serving as the Cubmaster for 2 years. He then started a Troop serving as the Scoutmaster and as a committee member. During that time, Nathan led his Troop to Isle Royale in Lake Superior for a week of High Adventure. Also, for 8 years he led his Troop to Kentucky for cave spelunking and served as a Cave Guide for other Troops. On the District level, Nathan organized a District Scout concert band, which became a Venturing Crew; he organized the District level Merit Badge component of the monthly Roundtables, and serves as a Merit Badge counselor. Nathan received the Distreict Award of Merit in 2008, the Fellowship of Boy Scouting at the University of Scouting in 2010; he received the Cubmaster Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and the Scoutmaster of the Year.

What is the Silver Beaver Award?

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.
Dr. Chris Crawford  
1940-2012

To say that Dr. Crawford had Scouting Spirit would be an understatement to his character. He truly cared and believed in the Scouting movement. Doc, as most Scouters called him, was a man with Scouting running through his veins. Scouting occupied a major part of his life from his days as a young Scout and camp staff member right up to his service as the President of two Councils!! He was an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He received the Silver Beaver recognition and was a James E. West Fellow. He proudly wore the Wood Badge beads that he earned as a participant in the 2001 Wood Badge course in our Council. Most recently, Doc was recognized by everyone as the Vice President of Program for the Council.

Doc had an unparalleled passion for the development of young people in all ways and even more so with making sure that they had access to the opportunity of Scouting! He had “the juice” as he would refer to it.

Although Chris lived a very busy and active life, he always found time to go the extra mile when it came to Scouting; whether it was showing up to an NYLT banquet, summer camp leader’s meeting, a Wood Badge course, a district event, or even just a phone call to check in on how things were coming along. He was passionately concerned that we, as a Council, were doing everything that we could to positively impact the lives of more young people.
Membership & Financial Reports

Membership as of 12/31/12
- Cub Scouts: 4381
- Boy Scouts: 1916
- Venturing: 602
- Venturing: 253
- Exploring: 500
- Learning for Life: 2480
Total: 10,132

Units as of 12/31/12
- Packs: 131
- Troops: 117
- Crews: 28
- LFL/Posts: 22
Total: 298

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**VENTURING AWARDS FOR ADVANCEMENT 2012**

**SILVER AWARD**
Katie Myers of Crew 35
Amaris Haley of Crew 164

**VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD**
Shelby Adkins of Crew 601

**HAWTHORN DISTRICT**
- Randell Collins, Troop 19
- Isaiah Ross, Troop 64
- Justin Vorst, Troop 229
- Ryan Smith, Troop 229
- Adam Sieker, Troop 229
- Logan Diemer, Troop 224
- Noah Edwards, Troop 31
- Jacob Young, Troop 230
- Jared Hoersten, Troop 230
- Luke Recker, Troop 229
- Colin Sickels, Troop 230
- Logan Sickels, Troop 230
- Ian Munger, Troop 315
- Caleb Mead, Troop 64
- Jacob Turnwald, Troop 229
- Zachary Gorsch, Troop 1125
- Hunter Clingman, Troop 79
- David Hench, Troop 8
- Kyle Zumfeld, Troop 46
- Austin Pickering, Troop 46
- Jonathon Frost, Troop 166
- Robert Lautar, Troop 46
- Noah Buchenberg, Troop 46
- Zachary Lockmiller, Troop 70

**OLD SYCAMORE DISTRICT**
- David DiGiovanni, Troop 4
- Jared Fox, Troop 9
- Joshua Sturgill, Troop 4
- Alexander Speelman, Troop 95
- Austin Drake, Troop 162
- Jonathan Eaton, Troop 14
- Aaren Hemmelgarn, Troop 95
- Mark Moeller, Troop 97
- Grant Garmann, Troop 97
- Nicholas Schnitz, Troop 97
- Bennett Staton, Troop 95
- Trent Severt, Troop 96
- Christopher Heitkamp, Troop 97
- Jordan Berry, Troop 98
- Jeffrey Brogan, Troop 1444
- Michael Greer, Troop 162
- Daniel Baughman, Troop 98
- Spencer Kramer, Troop 97
- Alexander Bowler, Troop 96
- Tyler Rose, Troop 360
- Nathan Heeb, Troop 69
- Christopher Cowdery, Troop 71
- Mason Haney, Troop 44
- Justin Pietrzak, Troop 360

**AMERICAN ELM DISTRICT**
- Daniel Baumgartner, Troop 319
- David Savino, Troop 124
- Chase Wilson, Troop 318
- Michael Loughman, Troop 335
- Rodney Park, Troop 319
- Mitchell Stahl, Troop 324
- Michael Ulrich, Troop 342
- David Van Atta, Troop 318
- Matthew Wehrly, Troop 412
- Michael Gardner II, Troop 319
- Jacob Rodenberger, Troop 318
- Kevin Keefe Jr., Troop 316
- Sean McDoo, Troop 338
- Jason Schaffner, Troop 338
- Luke Ruhle, Troop 318
- Austin Corey, Troop 319
- Benjamin Book, Troop 164
- Christopher Laswell, Troop 327
- Thomas Riley, Troop 308
- Noah Walter, Troop 342
- Eric Fintel, Troop 164
- Andrew Lotz, Troop 318
- Thomas Stennett, Troop 302
- Ryan Brauneller, Troop 338
- Grant Cole, Troop 164
- Philip Vance, Troop 319
- Brad Couchot, Troop 338
- Aaron Long, Troop 308

**BUCKEYE DISTRICT**
- Douglas McDonald, Troop 443
- Timothy Pariseau, Troop 450
- Scott Bryant, Troop 443
- Jacob Schalk, Troop 435
- Robert Parker, Troop 400
- David Smith, Troop 450
- Allister Philimore, Troop 447

**CHINQUAPIN DISTRICT**
- Colin Blosser, Troop 79
- Jack Wallace, Troop 70
- Joshua Flint, Troop 1222
- Nicholas Post, Troop 216
- Jarid Jones, Troop 87
- Seth Eitniear, Troop 75
- Brandon Gamber, Troop 1222
- Joseph Stough, Troop 13
- Nathan Lamore, Troop 1222
- Andrew Markley, Troop 167
- Luke Grisier, Troop 8
- Derek Healy, Troop 87
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- Noah Buchenberg, Troop 46
- Zachary Lockmiller, Troop 70

**GREAT OAKS DISTRICT**
- Ryan Harner, Troop 3
- Kyle Klausing, Troop 65
- Gilbert Campbell, Troop 82
- William Foster, Troop 49
- Jacob Violet, Troop 65
- Wesley Patton, Troop 82
- Austin Etzler, Troop 65
- Timothy Calderwood, Troop 106
- Eli Tucker, Troop 176
- Ian Dukehart, Troop 84
- Dakota Clark, Troop 11
- Benjamin Leis, Troop 11
- Lars Neu, Troop 106
- Jaeger Schlumpberger, Troop 103
- Jacob Hale, Troop 82
- Ethan Degen, Troop 82

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