

Welcome

Pre Opening

6:45 – 7:00



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**I will...
Do My Best
To
Be Prepared
To
Lead The Adventure**



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Introductions & Important Messages

Please see the Roundtable Flash



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Important News

- Formal Roundtable will return in September
- Roundtable slides are posted on the LEC website under the Resources tab
- Thank you all for taking time out of your week to join the Roundtable family



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Invitation for Roundtable Fun

- **Who:** All LEC Roundtable participants
- **What:** Patrol Cooking and Games
- **Where:** Kirtland Church of Latter Day Saints
 - 8751 Kirtland Road, Kirtland, OH 44094
- **When:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7 pm
- **Why:** For the fun of it!
- ***Please bring 2 food items for cooking challenge; Kirtland will provide main item & Dutch ovens***
- Questions: mljark@sbcglobal.net or see flyer



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Volunteer Opportunity



Service hours count towards Stigwandish Triple Crown requirements!

Volunteers Needed for Debonne Vineyards Summer Event Series

Help Support Scouting by volunteering as a Parking Attendant.

100 percent of the proceeds from cost of each car parked is donated to the Lake Erie Council by Tony Debevc, owner of Debonne Vineyards.

******Volunteer Recognition******

Receive a weekend lodging rental at one of our three camps for every 36 hours of combined service given by your unit.
(Maximum of two rentals. Tent-site only.)

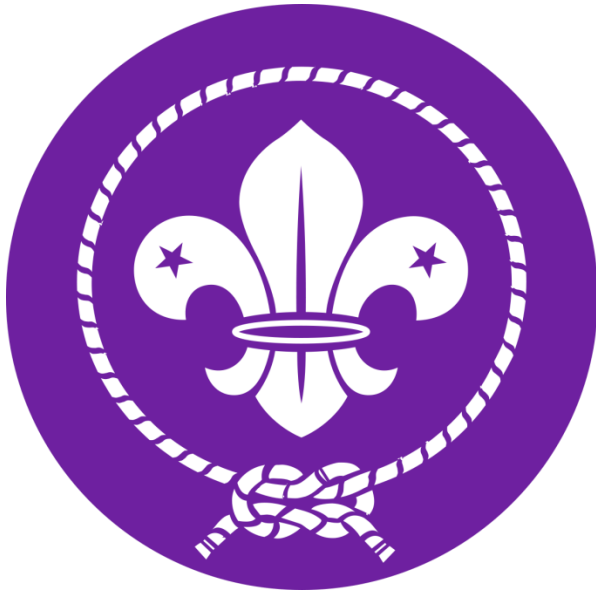
Please consider 4 hours of service for the day you volunteer.



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International Scouting in LEC

- Committee is Forming
 - Contact Us To Get Involved
 - Anna von Fahnstock
 - Anna.vonfahnstock@scouting.org
 - Michael Quintin
 - t150scouter@gmail.com
- World Friendship Fund

Training Session

Retention of Youth

What is the ONE thing that our units in the Boy Scouts of America cannot live without?

Cub Breakout:

How not to lose scouts over the summer. AKA: Making summer the best scouting time of the year

Scouts BSA Breakout:

Keeping the Eagle flying: Leadership roles for an Eagle who is under 18

Venturing Breakout:

Beyond Philmont and Sea Base; other high adventure opportunities.



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A Promise

Scouting will provide experiences that will help prepare our youth for their future.



If we do not deliver on the promise, will they stay?



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What is Retention

- Basically - keeping the youth already registered
- JTE Definition
 - Percentage of eligible youth rechartering (Bronze / Silver / Gold)
 - **Cubs** - 60% / 65% / 75%
 - **Scouts BSA** - 75% / 80% / 85%
 - **Venturing** - 50% / 60% / 75%
- Keep your membership inventory up to date
- NOTE: Eligible youth
 - does not include age-outs and must be registered at least a year



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Statistics

- Overall (prior to Feb 1, 2019)
 - 95% of Scouts BSA participated in Cub Scouts
 - However, only 55% of Cub Scouts join a troop
 - 50% of Tiger Cubs drop out within the first 3 months of joining
 - Only one chance at a first impression
- LEC Statistics – as of March 31, 2019
 - Cub Scouting – 61.28%
 - Scouts BSA – 83.80%
 - Venturing/Sea Scouts – 73.47%
 - Overall (Council) – 69.98% but trending to 73+%



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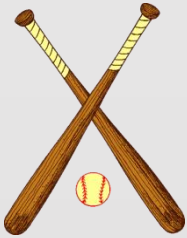
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Therefore, we need to keep the youth involved

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Why Youth Drop Out

- Sport/after-school activities
- The unit program is stale
- Lack of commitment from parents
- Poor fit between the Scout and his unit
- Scouting is too expensive
- It's hard to reach today's kids
- And many more...



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Why Youth Drop Out - Solutions



- Sport/after-school activities
 - Be accommodating
 - The Troop will still be there when band season, etc., is over
- The unit program is stale
 - Vary the activities – change at least 30% each year
 - Doing a bike trip every year is OK, but go to different trail each year—see the world!
- Lack of commitment from parents
 - Get parents invested from the start by using New Member Coordinator



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Why Youth Drop Out - Solutions

- Poor fit between the Scout and his unit
 - Help find another unit; your Unit Commissioner can help
- Scouting is too expensive
 - Find money earning projects and low-cost activities
- It's hard to reach today's kids
 - Leader training will give the leaders the tools they need
 - KISMIF year round



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Help Scouts stick around

MAKE

EACH SCOUTING FAMILY FEEL

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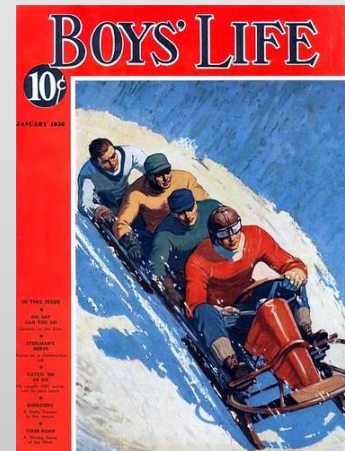
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Youth Retention Best Practices

- First impressions – Retention begins at joining
- Voice of the Scouts & other surveys
- Welcoming new families to the unit
- Roundtable attendance for networking
- Annual program planning and year-round budget
- Handbook is a guide to adventure and fun learning
- Boys' Life
 - Scouts who read *Boys Life* stay in Scouting 2-1/2 times longer



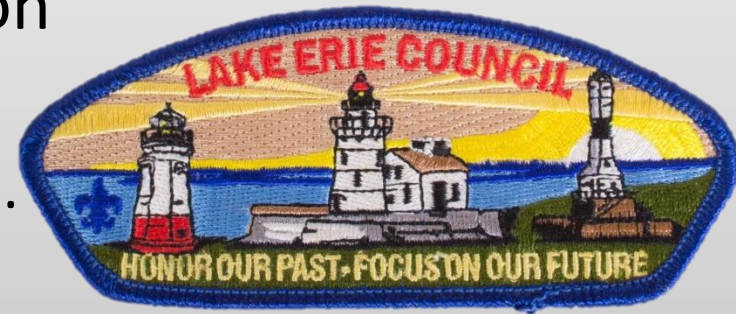
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Youth Retention Best Practices

- Good unit meetings; printed meeting schedule
- Den chiefs/mentors serves as role models
- Trained adult and youth leaders
- Select the best leader, not the first volunteer
- Summer activities beyond summer camp
- Advancement with recognition
- Communication to families
 - Newsletters, yearly calendar, ...



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Components of Successful Retention

Relationship to This year's RT Topics

- **Safe program** – new YPT (Sep)
- **Make them feel welcome** – New member engagement (Nov)
- **Assist with transition** – Pack to Troop Transition (Dec)
- **Affordable, fun program** – Fundraising, budget & calendar (Jan and Feb)
- **Role models** – Den chiefs (Mar)
- **Service to others** – Community Service (Apr)



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Summary

- Packs, Troops, Crews need youth to survive
 - Keep the youth already registered as well as adding new
- Identify why each youth chooses not to continue
- Develop plan to address the problems your unit identifies
- Loosing a youth member may mean also loosing an adult leader



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Unit Service Minute



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On to Breakouts

**Roundtable resumes in September
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