



# The Lakewood Scouter

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Hello Friends,

Today is the United Methodist Church observation of Scout Sunday. Thank you for sharing in the celebration of Scouting and encouraging the Scouts “Duty to God”.

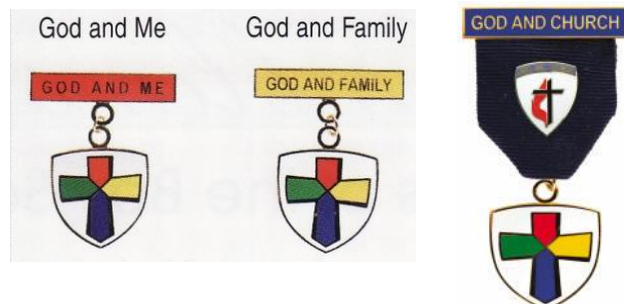
There are many Scouts working on their religious awards. Those awards are presented as medals and are above and beyond what is required in the Duty to God requirements in the Scouting program.

Richard Blatt, Kaleb Young, Ethan Simko, Ryan Matczak and Nicky Silkworth are working on the Lutheran God and Family award. Jabin Bull is working on the United Methodist God and Family award and Logan Dunmire is currently working on the God and Church award. There have never been so many Scouts at once working on their religious award.

As the Chartered Organization Representative for Lakewood it brings me great joy and spiritual gladness that these young men are seeking and growing in the understanding of their faith. I look forward to seeing their smiles upon completion of their studies and receiving their medal.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas Dunmire Jr.



## Cub Scout News

The Cub Scout Pack is busier than ever. There are currently over 50 Cub Scouts in the Pack. The Pack has seen a steady increase over the last 5 years. There are many fun and exciting things going on in the Pack. The Cubs are advancing and learning new skills while having fun.

The annual Blue & Gold celebration will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> this year. The Blue & Gold is the birthday celebration of Cub Scouting in the United States. It is also the time to celebrate Cubs earning the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light. There will be 5 Arrow of Light Scouts finishing their Cubbing careers as they prepare to move on to Boy Scouts. Richard Blatt and Ryan Matczak will be joining Lakewood’s Troop 104.

The Pack is excited to announce that it will be working on a new Hornady Award project this year that involves Monarch butterflies. The Pack will be working with a Conservationist, local experts and the Pennsylvania DCNR Rangers. The Cubs will lead the way in in 3 main topics; Habitat Restoration, Public Education and Monarch Population.

Lastly, the Pack has volunteered to participate in a spring pilot program to recruit young ladies from the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades to join the Pack. The Scouting program at Lakewood is ready to expand to a more family friendly mission.

The Scouting program and achievements will remain the same as it is not gender specific. The Scouting program challenges the individual Scout to do his or her best and to grow and learn at their pace. The Pack is ready for the transition and to “Do our best”.



## Troop News

The Troop is quickly moving forward, evolving and maturing through new leadership and proven Scouting principles. The Troop currently has 7 Scouts and will grow by 3 more at the end of the month.

The Troop has been aggressively fundraising to meet the operating costs involved with camping, awards and advancement, chartering, registration of Scouts, saving for a new trailer and much needed gear. There will be more fundraisers throughout the year and encourage you to support the Scouting program.

The Scouts have been busy camping. In December they stayed at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation for the weekend and worked on advancement and Introduction to Leadership Skills for youth. On their down time they enjoyed sledding and hiking the snow covered trails.

The January camping trip saw a different cabin at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation. The Scouts worked on advancement, Cyber Chip (computer, social media and online safety awareness) and enjoyed ice fishing. The Scouts cooked for the adults this time and did a great job.

The February campout will feature Camp Frontier in Pioneer, Ohio. The Scouts will take advantage of the long Presidents Day weekend and travel the 5 hours to see the amazing Ohio Scout camp. The Scouts planned to work on advancements, explore the camp with a 5 mile hike and play life size foosball.

The Boy Scouts planned 7 more campouts and a 3 night campout in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The goal of the Gettysburg trip will be to hike the required trails, learn Civil War history and enjoy the scenery while earning the Gettysburg Heritage Trails Medal and patch set.



The Troop Leaders are dedicated to prepare our Scouts to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Lakewood community is helping achieve this mission with its support of fundraisers, attending Scout sponsored events in Fellowship Hall and most importantly, your prayers.  
*Thank you!*

## The Scouts want you!

The Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop are always ready and able to accept new Scouts. Visit the Pack and Troop websites below for more information. Maybe you are an adult that has some free time and want to serve in the ministry of Scouting. We can use your help!

Being an adult volunteer Scouter is rewarding and gratifying. You will have the opportunity to help instill Scouting values, morals and ethics. Contact Tom Dunmire at [epd338@aol.com](mailto:epd338@aol.com) for more information on how *you* can be a Scouter!

### Boy Scout Website:

<https://www.lakewooderie.org/boy-scouts.html>

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