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Cookout for Scouting at RiverScape

The Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America recently held the 13th annual Cookout for Scouting at RiverScape on Friday, June 8th in downtown Dayton. And the weather was on our side this year! Boy Scouts from around the Miami Valley served up lunch to hundreds of downtown workers. Along with lunch, the Miami Valley Council showed off the great things that Scouts are doing throughout the year to develop strong leadership skills and values.

The event benefits the Campership Fund of the Miami

ability to pay. The Cookout this year proved to be yet another successful fundraiser and the Council will be able to send over 200 boys to camp. The goal of these



Boy Scouts serving up lunch!

Valley Council which allows Boy Scouts to attend camp this summer, regardless of their

camps is to "instill values in young people to prepare them to make ethical choices over

their lifetime and achieve their full potential."

The primary sponsor for the cookout is the Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) of the Western Ohio Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (WOC NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. Both NECA contractors and members of IBEW Local 82 work together as a team to increase market share, oversee continuing education for Journeymen, and support community projects.

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School's out ... now what!

High School Counselors meet with Building Trades Apprenticeship Directors

High school graduates are in a particularly tough situation in today's economy. An often overlooked choice for continuing education is a career in the building trades. Apprenticeship programs consist of a combination of on-the-job training (earning while you learn) and classroom instruction, for which college credit is available.

Every year, the Miami Valley Building Trades Apprenticeship Group hosts a breakfast for area high-school counselors to showcase their programs. This year's event took place in April. Several of the trades had exhibitor tables set up and shared information

about their particular program with the attendees.

Danal Neal, Executive Director of the Western Ohio Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and Chair of the Miami Valley Alliance of Construction Professionals (MVACP) emceed

the event. He noted that like a Renaissance man, a good education includes both education and training, which is exactly what the Apprenticeship programs provide.

Chuck Morton, Executive Director of the Dayton Building and Construction



Counselors meet with apprenticeship directors.

Trades Council discussed the need for new trainees. "As experienced Journeymen retire, we depend on trained apprentices. It is the lifeline for our contractors and a great career," says Chuck. He continues, "A Journeyman

learns a skill that lasts a lifetime with a career that allows growth to a job superintendent, estimator, or to starting your own company."

Keynote speaker Andrew Maciejewski is the Executive Director of the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council. Apprentice programs in the U.S. were largely unregulated until 1937 when Congress passed the National Apprenticeship Act, also known as "the Fitzgerald Act." The Act established a national advisory committee whose task was to research and draft regulations to establish minimum standards for apprenticeship programs. The Act was later amended to permit the United States Department of Labor to issue regulations protecting the health, safety and general

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Boy Scouts *cont'd*

Jim Bucher of WDTN was the emcee for this year's event. Speakers included Nick Comstock, Business Manager IBEW Local 82; Dan Neal,



Boy Scouts construct Monkey Bridge.

Executive Director of WOC NECA and Neil Arthur, the newly elected President of the Board of Miami Valley Council BSA. He was also recognized this year with the Silver Beaver award, the Council's highest volunteer honor.

A special thanks to Meijer for contributing \$2500.00 toward the cost of

food; Orbit Outdoor Network HD, LLC who showcased the event on their new digital billboard on I-75; the Miami Valley Alliance of Construction

Professionals (MVACP) for their donation; and the event could not run smoothly without the assistance of Five Rivers Metro Parks.

In addition,

Chapel Electric, ESI Electrical Contractors and Studebaker Electric brought in bucket trucks for the event. Dozens of IBEW Local 82 workers were on hand to setup, cook, and work the event side by side with the Boy Scouts. A big thanks to all who pitched in to make this a great event!



Thanks to IBEW/NECA for helping to send boys to camp!



Dayton Mayor Gary Leitzell (center) enjoying the day with Scouts.



Apprenticeship Instructor Paul Lawrence (left) with hands-on robotics display.

Counselors *cont'd*

welfare of apprentices, and to encourage the use of contracts in the hiring and employment of them.

"Coming up through the ranks as an electrician under the watchful eye of a master craftsman led me down a pathway into a sustainable career with high wages," notes Andrew. The apprenticeship programs now also have a two year degree path to continue their education. And the best part..."these jobs cannot be shipped overseas."



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Articulation programs between community colleges and the apprenticeship programs and also four-year university programs, help apprentices transfer credits easily to further their education.

Dave Siravo, Director of the Skilled Trades and

Apprenticeship program at Owens College added that on average, two-thirds to three-

quarters of the credits needed to complete a two year degree are acquired during an apprenticeship program, which only leaves about 9 hours to complete an Associate's degree.

Teresa Moore, Council Representative from

Carpenters Local #136 discussed her personal challenges working in the building trades. When she started as an apprentice she



Miami Valley Building Trades Apprenticeship Council Director and Sheet Metal Local 24 Training Director Eugene Frazier (left) with Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Executive Director Andrew Maciejewski.

was a single mom, hoping for the best. "Then I started receiving monthly statements about our healthcare and pension programs," says Teresa, "and realized I had made the best decision of my life."

Each year the Miami Valley Building Trades Apprenticeship Group awards a \$500.00 scholarship for a student at a local high school. The recipient this year was Fairmont High School.

Fifty years ago there were 1150 sponsored apprenticeship programs with 19,000 apprentices. Today there are 965 sponsors, with 20,000 apprentices, with 75% in the construction trades. When it comes to the building trades, the best avenue for learning is an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are alive and well in the union building trades. These programs, which provide paid on-the-job training and classroom instruction, graduate quality craftsmen and women who build the infrastructure of our country.

Class of 2012

Graduation Day!

On May 23, the Dayton Ohio Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) held the Class of 2012 graduation banquet. Thirty five apprentices moved up the ranks to Journeymen, thirty Inside Wiremen and five Teledata Technicians.

The JATC offers the best electrical worker training in the area. For the last seven years, their grade point average of 90%, has been well above the national average. Training is sponsored by the Western Ohio Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. The state-of-the-art training facility is located in the IBEW Local 82 building on Poe Ave.

It's an arduous journey, but well worth it. The fifth year curriculum for an Inside

Wireman includes 216 hours of classroom training, 4 Saturday classes, 30-hour OSHA training, State of Ohio Fire



*Top Inside Wireman
Christian Tarkany*

Alarm certification, and Electrical Project Supervisor I Training. Instructors for the electrical Training Center include Journeymen, Contractors, and Electrical Inspectors.

The Training Center offers two programs. The Inside Wireman is a five-year training program and requires a

minimum of 8000 hours of on-the-job training in the electrical construction industry with the supervision of a Journeyman Wireman. In addition, 900 hours of classroom instruction are required. Upon completion of the 5-year program, the apprentice graduate has earned 45 free credit hours towards an Associate Degree. The graduate for the Inside Wireman program this year is Christian Tarkany.

The Teledata Installer Technician program is a three year training program. It requires a minimum of 4800 hours of on-the-job training and 480 hours of classroom related instruction. Teledata installers work on various systems including LANs, fire alarms, nurse call, HVAC control, and security systems.

The top graduate for the Teledata program, Kenneth Smith, entered the program when he was twenty five. "I was going to school at Sinclair and working on a Network Engineering degree for a company I was working for," says Kenneth. "Then they

moved to Cincinnati and everyone was laid off." Searching for a way to continue his education, Kenneth looked at a few of the apprenticeship programs in the building trades and was accepted into the Teledata program at IBEW Local 82. He has worked on several large projects in the area including the Ray and Joan Kroc facility; WPAFB; and Beavercreek



*Top Teledata Technician
Kenneth Smith, Jr.*

Hospital. "I couldn't have found a better program to further my career," says Kenneth, who works for Chapel-Romanoff Technologies.

Will I have a job tomorrow?

What Ohio employment will be like in the next ten years is a consequence of what the United States' future is going to be. Since 2003, Ohio's unemployment rate has been higher than the U.S. rate. Before that, Ohio's rate tended to be slightly lower. Because Ohio's population and income are expected to grow more slowly than is expected nationally, overall employment in Ohio is projected to grow at a slower rate than nationally.

On average, between 2008 and 2018 the Ohio economy is expected to have over 166,000 annual openings

(according to Job and Family Services 2012 Economic Report). Most job openings will result from the need to replace workers who leave the labor force, usually upon retirement or transfer to another occupation. Over three out of every four openings in Ohio are expected, due to replacement needs. Therefore, even declining occupations may provide substantial opportunities for employment.

Although service-providing industries will account for almost all of the job growth; construction is the only goods-producing industry expected to add jobs.

Education and health services will add 45 percent of the new jobs. But, it is important to remember that growth in education and health services also means new construction opportunities for hospitals, clinics, nursing care facilities, universities, and other schools.

One of the occupations listed with high employment prospects in Ohio in the category of "long-term on-the-job training" are electricians, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), www.bls.gov, reports that demand for electricians nationwide should increase seven percent

through 2016. New technologies as well as an increase in power plant construction are expected to continue to spur demand for Journeyman Electricians.

Green Jobs Forecast

Millions of U.S. workers already have the skills and experience to fill the jobs needed to build a green economy in the United States. For instance, constructing wind farms creates jobs for sheet metal workers, machinists and truck drivers, among others. Increasing the energy efficiency of buildings through retrofitting relies on roofers, insulators and electricians. And these are jobs that will not be exported! So, yes, you will have a job tomorrow!



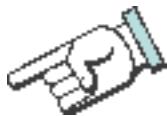
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Upcoming Events

SAFETY EXPO

The Safety Expo will be held on September 13, 3:00pm to 8:00pm at the IBEW Local 82 Union Hall, 6550 Poe Ave. Come and see the latest in Safety equipment! Certification for Powder Actuators will be offered by HILTI. Refreshments and door prizes!

Annual LMCC/IBEW/NECA Golf Outing will take place Monday, September 17 at Walnut Grove Country Club.

Construction Career Expo, Tuesday, October 9 at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds. High school students from the Miami Valley will attend to learn about available Apprenticeship programs in the Union Building Trades.

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