



Western Ohio Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



Scout's cookout at Riverscape

Scouting provides experiences for young boys that will impact their lives forever. Young men can achieve the core objectives of strengthening character, personal fitness and good citizenship. The greatest adventures of a Scout's life begin at Boy Scout camp. Where but in the great outdoors can a boy hear the midnight hush of the deep woods, breathe the sweetness of distant wood-smoke, glimpse the deer drinking at first light, look down where he's been, and look up in wonder at where he still must go. Scout Camp is a place where young people learn the values of a lifetime.

The Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of

America recently held the 9th Annual *Send a Scout to Camp Cookout* at RiverScape Park.



Boy Scouts serve up lunch...955 lunches!

Sixty five (65) Scouts from around the Miami Valley served up a record 955 sack lunches to downtown workers. This cookout benefits the Campership Fund of the Miami Valley Council. This

year's Cookout raised over \$18,000 for camperships for boys. The Scouts will attend either a week long adventure camp at Woodland Trails Camp in Camden or experience a five day camp of fun and learning in the great outdoors. The goal of the Council is that every Scout who wants to attend a camp will have the opportunity, regardless of their financial challenges.

This year's sponsor was the Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) of the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82 and the Western Ohio Chapter of the National Electrical Contractor's Association (NECA). These organizations are the leaders in the electrical construction industry in the Miami Valley. In addition to donating funds, both contractors and electricians volunteered their time to coordinate advertising, ticket distribution, and provided on-site assistance. CEO of Chapel-Romanoff Technologies, Dennis Quebe, is a Scout Executive Board member and was responsible for bringing the Boy Scouts together with the LMCC.

Along with the lunch, the Miami Valley Council displayed the great things that

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Better Choice Program

Remember when you were in high school and someone asked you, "What are you going to do when you graduate?" Many of us were at a loss for words. Finding a direction requires the assistance of teachers, parents and those organizations that reach out to the youth of our country with their expertise. The Miami Valley Alliance of Construction Professionals (MVACP) has done just that.

The MVACP has developed the *Better Choice Program* to develop a pool of workers to be used by any of the thirteen (13) different Building Trades' signatory

contractors to provide work experience and educational opportunities to prepare participants for entry into traditional apprenticeship programs. The MVACP has made a long-term commitment to the Dayton Public Schools to bring students and graduates into the program. The goal is to help students achieve a permanent career in the organized construction industry as journeymen and to develop an experienced base of highly skilled journeymen from which to foster new minority business enterprises in the construction industry.

On June 26, the *Better Choice Program* graduated its

first class to complete their preliminary training



Coordinator Eddie Jaudon (center) with the first working graduates of the Program.

requirements at the Iron Workers Local 290 Union Hall. Currently, five students are working in the electrical trade.

Structure

The *Better Choice Program* is a joint venture between local construction company owners and local labor organizations. As they have managed other successful training programs for over 100 years, this program will be overseen by a joint Labor and Management Sub-

Committee of the MVACP. The program is funded by the MVACP with help from State and Federal Grants.

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Program participants earn the wages of the classification they work under in the trade they are referred out by to a member contractor. At the end of the 1000 hour program, the *Better Choice* participant will choose an apprenticeship program and proceed under traditional apprenticeship procedures.

Recruitment

Dayton Public Schools. The *Better Choice Program*

focuses on increasing access to student classrooms for their recruiters and offers new and improved training for district guidance counselors on construction industry options.

Montgomery County Job Center. The *Better Choice* utilizes Job Mall space and aggressively partners with the Montgomery County Job Center to move underemployed city and county residents into well paying careers in the construction industry with true benefits and retirement security.

Community Outreach. The *Better Choice* Recruitment Team will take their message of new options and opportunities directly to the leaders and members of local church and fraternal organizations and the general

public through speaking engagements, exhibits and industry events, such as the Annual Construction Expo (to be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on October 7).

Training

Entry into the program requires:

- High School Diploma or GED

- 18 years of age or older

- Valid Drivers License

- Negative Drug Test Services of the Program include:

- OSHA 10 hour training

- 1000 hours of monitored work hours with record keeping on attendance, performance and experiences.

- Full placement service with local signatory contractors

across all thirteen (13) Building Trades

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Apprenticeship graduation

The Dayton Electrical Training Center Apprenticeship Graduation took place on May 21, graduating twelve students from the Inside Wireman program; one from the Inside +6 Accelerated Program; and two from the Teledata Program. This was the second graduating class from the Teledata program.

The Dayton Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) offers the best electrical worker training in the area. For

the past several years, the JATC has been working to improve the

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3rd Annual Miami Valley Construction Expo:
Tuesday, October 7. Montgomery County
Fairgrounds, 4-7pm.



The National Labor Management Cooperation Committee (NLMCC), a joint entity of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), is the sole sponsor of racing phenomena Alli Owens. A prominent feature of the sponsorship is the use of the URL www.ElectrifyingCareers.com emblazoned across the hood of Ms. Owens' race car. The site is aimed at getting young people charged up about careers in the electrical industry.

Alexandra "Alli" Owens grew up racing BMX bicycles and Quarter Midget cars in her home state of Florida. She's been racing ever since.

Several NECA and IBEW members recently attended an ARCA RE/MAX event at the Kentucky Speedway where Alli raced. The

"Kentucky 150" set a track record for most female competitors in a major race field. Alli Owens placed 15th, Gabi DiCarlo finished 17th, Angela Cope 29th and Amber Cope 38th.



NECA District II Vice President Dennis F. Quebe (CEO of Chapel) - left and Executive Director Western Ohio Chapter NECA Dan Neal pose with driver Alli Owens at the Kentucky Speedway.

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