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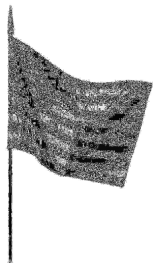
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America Keynote Speak Mrs. Laura W. Bush Sunday, February 8, 2010, 7 PM The Centre, Downtown Evansville

Join us for our 2010 Distinguished Citizen Celebration on February 8, 2010 in downtown Evansville at the Centre! The program will recognize all of the Buffalo Trace Council Distinguished Citizen Award recipients from the first century of Scouting and feature keynote speaker **Mrs. Laura W. Bush, former First Lady.**

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given annually to a leader in the community who exemplifies the values found in the Scout Oath and Law.

Tickets are available to our Scouts and families through the Buffalo Trace Council at a special \$10 rate. The council is using a lottery system due to limited availability of seats. Individuals who would like to attend should fill out the lottery entry below and return it to the Eykamp Scout Center no later than January 11. You can request up to 10 tickets on your form. Ticket winners will be drawn on January 12. If your name is drawn, you will be contacted by the Scout office to pick up your tickets and make payment by Monday, January 18. Scouts and leaders are asked to dress in full class A uniform for the event.

Display Your Unit flag at the Centre



The program team for the Distinguished Citizen Celebration needs your help to display the strength of Scouting in Buffalo Trace Council. Units can help by supplying their unit flag and an American flag for display at the Centre.

Flags will be used to line the stairs and hallway for guests as they enter, creating a patriotic, Scouting ambiance for those attending. To participate, simply contact your District Executive or the Eykamp Scout Center to make arrangements for flag pickup or delivery by January 29. Please mark your flags and flag stands so they can be returned to you promptly after the event.

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Clip out and return to Eykamp Scout Center
Distinguished Citizen Celebration
February 8, 2010—7 PM
Lottery Entry

Name _____

Unit type & # _____

Contact phone # _____

Email address _____

Number of tickets requested _____

JOHN & KAY GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

We accept MasterCard, Visa, and Discover
Scout Shop Hours (unless otherwise indicated):
MONDAY—FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M.—5 P.M.
SATURDAY 9 A.M. —1 P.M.

Eykamp Scout Center & Gaither Shop **CLOSED:**
December 31-January 4 New Year's Holiday and
 Shop Inventory
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
February 15 Presidents Day Holiday

To place an order: Phone 812.423.5246
Toll-free 800.264.5246 or Fax 812.423.4845

January Scout Themes:

Cub Scout: **Power Up!**
 Webelos Activity Badge: **Scientist**

February Scout Themes:

Cub Scout: **Happy Birthday, BSA**
 Webelos Activity Badges: **Scholar / Engineer**

Be on the lookout for the new additions to the Cub Scout Sports & Academics Program. The new additions are as follows:

- ▶ Disabilities Awareness
- ▶ Good Manners
- ▶ Pet Care
- ▶ Reading & Writing
- ▶ Hiking
- ▶ Horseback Riding
- ▶ Skateboarding
- ▶ Family Travel
- ▶ Nutrition
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Video Games
- ▶ Hockey
- ▶ Kickball

The book should be available by the end of January.

It's Time to Order...



- ▶ Order your **Pinewood Derby** cars NOW! **\$3.99 each**. PWD emblems are **\$1.19 each**. We also offer trophies & medals, engraving is included in the price.

- ▶ Don't forget **Scout Sunday, February 7**. Preorder participation patches (\$1.99 each) and program inserts.



- ▶ Call to order supplies for your **Blue and Gold Banquet**. (\$1.19 each)

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Neumann
 Erin and Jeff Berger

Toys for Tots



Thanks to those who helped support the Toys for Tots program at the Eykamp Scout Center. All the gifts were greatly appreciated.

COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

- ▶ Reservations canceled at least 30 days prior to the first day of an event will receive a 100% refund.
- ▶ Cancellations within the 30 days, but still prior to the first day, will receive a 50% refund.
- ▶ No refunds will be made for cancellations made the day of an event.

All cancellations must be made directly to the Eykamp Scout Center in writing or by calling (812) 423-5246 or toll-free (800) 264-5246 and then confirmed in writing.

NATIONAL EVENTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY.



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

100th Anniversary Celebration

Council Court of Honor

Guest Speaker Astronaut Story Musgrave

O'Day Discover Lodge—Burdette Park

Sunday, February 28, 2010

2:00-4:00pm (CST)

\$8 per person through February 15

\$12 per person after the 15th

**Make your reservations by contacting the
Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715
812.423.5246 or 800.264.5246**



DINING TO DONATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Evansville, Princeton, Vincennes, and Jasper

Applebee's Locations

To help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Buffalo Trace Council has teamed up with area Applebee's for a "dining to donate" night.

Enjoy a meal that's filling—and fulfilling.

Dine at Applebee's and 10% of your bill will be donated to

Support Local BSA 100th Anniversary Celebrations.

Present this flyer to your server all day on

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Applebee's in

Princeton, IN, Jasper, IN, Vincennes, IN, or

both Evansville, IN locations to contribute to this program.





2009 EAGLE SCOUTS



Lincoln Heritage

***Ryan Joseph Fierst, Troop 185
Shaun W Seifert, Troop 185
Aaron Gutgsel, Troop 185***

Algonkian

***Gregory Allen Blessinger, Troop 203
Joshua Ray Pheffer, Troop 203***

Native Trails

***Patrick Michael Houston Behnke, Crew 312
Corey Allan Buchanan, Troop 392
Sanjeev Ram Chilukuri, Troop 305
Adam James Ferrari, Troop 399
Edwin Michael Foose, Troop 383
Cory Mark Jochim, Troop 312
Matthew Stephen Koressel, Troop 368
Charles Joseph Phillips, Troop 322
Jeremy Carr Robinson, Troop 312
Derek E Ruder, Troop 358***

Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Association Eagle Scout Scholarship

2009 Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Scholarship applications are available at the Eykamp Scout Center and the council Web site. At least two scholarships of \$500 will be awarded at the Council Court of Honor on February 28, 2010. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors and undergraduates under the age of 20 by March 1, 2010. Applications are due into the Eykamp Scout Center by January 15.

The 2009 Council Eagle Scout shoulder strips are on sale in the Gaither Scout Shop for just \$10 each. The proceeds from the sale of these patches goes to fund the Eagle Scout scholarships.

For further information or questions, contact **Chad Sergesketter** at 812.421.0306 or **Anthony McGuire** 812.423.5246.

2010 National Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications are Online

Applications for Eagle Scout scholarships for 2010 are now available at www.nesa.org. Eagle Scouts who apply for college scholarships must use the correct application, which is a **mandatory** requirement. Incorrect applications from prior years will not be accepted.



2010 Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award & Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



The National Eagle Scout Association has established the **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each local council will choose a council-level winner, and from that pool each region will pick a region-level winner. From the four regional finalists, an overall winner will be selected.

By January 15, 2010 an Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed his Eagle board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1–December 31, 2009). The nomination shall be submitted to the Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. The submission must include the name of the project, the Eagle Scout's contact information, and a complete duplicate copy of his *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook* (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the nomination.

For questions, please contact **Chad Sergesketter** at blade1158@wowway.com or **Anthony McGuire** at anthony.mcguire@scouting.org.

IT'S JANUARY...
Do You Know Where Your Recharter Packet is?

Recharter packets have been distributed and should be in your hands by now. If you haven't seen yours yet, please call your district executive to determine the delivery status. In the meantime, there are things you can do now to help make your rechartering process a little easier.

1. **Talk to your adult members.** Determine who will be filling the required positions for your unit. Taking the time to do this now will ensure that you have adequate time to recruit the right person for the right job.
2. **Start looking at your youth membership.** If there is a boy who hasn't shown up for a meeting or two, look into it. Call him. Don't assume his absence is because he's dropped! Find out what's going on. If his name is dropped from the roster, you'll need to know a reason why for rechartering, so give yourself plenty of time to make those calls. Our goal is to keep Scouts in the program. Personal contact can make a world of difference so take the time to contact everyone.
3. **Be careful with your 2nd year Webelos!** If you have any 2nd year Webelos it is imperative that you talk to them and find out what troop they will be crossing over to. Likewise, if you are a Scoutmaster, please reach out to the packs that feed into your troop. Every year we come across boys who earn recognitions and achievements but are not registered. More often than not, this happens at rechartering when the pack crosses the 2nd year Webelos off thinking the troop will pick him up but the troop assumes that the pack has paid for him. Don't let this happen to any of your boys! Communication is the key to avoiding this serious problem.
4. **Don't wait to ask for help.** If you've read your packet instructions but still have questions, call for help and/or clarification! Your contacts for help are listed on the bottom of the Internet Rechartering instructions in your packet. Don't hesitate to call. Also, be on the lookout for rechartering help & training dates for your district.
5. **Be aware of the registration fee change for 2010.** Starting January 1, the registration fee for one year will be \$15.00. *Boy's Life* remains unchanged at \$12.00. This applies to both youth and adult registrations.
6. **Turn in your completed recharter early.** Give yourself the gift of time! Time to correct errors...time to obtain the required signatures...time to get your paperwork to the council. We want you to be successful and "on time" so start early. The deadline for charter turn-in is February 16.

Council Shooting Sports Event
Saturday April 24, 2010
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Who: Boy Scouts or Venturers (units must provide two-deep leadership & meals)

Cost: \$10.00 per person equipment fee, plus \$1.00 per person liability insurance

Overnight Camping available. More information will be in the next *Compass Points*.



2010 National Scout Jamboree
July 26-August 4, 2010
Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

The National Jamboree Committee is still accepting applications for a waiting list for the Buffalo Trace Council Contingent to the 2010 National Jamboree. If you know of any Scout interested in going to the Jamboree, please encourage him to apply online at www.bsajamboree.org!

Happenings at Old Ben & Elsewhere

Boy Scout Summer Resource Camp June 6-10, 2010

Calling all Boy Scout Troops! June is right around the corner. OBSR Resource Camp is a tailor made program experience designed for TWO TYPES of Scout troops:

1. Young Scouts working toward First Class rank and skill development / 2nd year Scouts working on merit badges.
2. OLDER SCOUTS (Star, Life, Eagle) who want to develop their leadership skills by serving as resource staff in "Service Patrols." We are looking for older Scouts who want to give back by serving as a volunteer staff member.

Cost for attending this exciting event is:

\$140* per Scout

\$ 60 per Adult leader

► **Subject to change depending on attendance**

Contact **Howard Dotterweich at 812.423.5246** for more information.

Campmaster Applications Now being Accepted

The Council Campmaster Corps is accepting applications through February 1, 2010, from registered Scouters interested in joining the elite corps of volunteers. You will be expected to work at least three weekends a year.

When you are serving as Campmaster, you are representing Buffalo Trace Council. The units are our customers and you will be expected to do everything possible to make their stay at OBSR pleasant. Your duties will be a combination of property supervisor, program resource and safety officer.

For specific requirements of a campmaster, contact Bob Kapperman, Chief Campmaster, at kappermanb@roadrunner.com with your name, email address, phone numbers (home & cell), mailing address, your current registered Scouting position and unit of assignment.

Future Campmaster Training Announced

Monday, February 22, 2010, 6:30-9:30pm

Eykamp Scout Center

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 9am-Noon

Old Ben Scout Reservation

More information to be published in the next

Compass Points.



Popcorn Sale Critique Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2010

Eykamp Scout Center

6:30-8:00pm

Your opinions and ideas are appreciated. Email Brenda at Brenda.wedding@scouting.org if you plan to attend.



Come & Meet BALOO

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's designed to introduce Cub Scout leaders to the opportunities for pack overnight camping.

This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnighter. It's more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack overnighter a fun, successful event!

You will have two opportunities to meet BALOO! His first appearance is in the Algonkian District on **Saturday, January 23, at Vincennes University, Shircliff Humanities Bldg # 15, Vincennes**, from 7:30am to 4pm (CST). His second appearance is in the Native Trails District on **Saturday, February 15 at the University of Southern Indiana, Evansville**. Lunch, snacks, handouts and goodies are included! Participants will receive a certificate of completion, resource CD, and a trained card.

It's very important that BALOO receives your registration in advance so he can prepare the correct number of meals and materials for everyone involved. Unfortunately, he can only meet with the first 50 paid participants, so be sure to sign up early! Cost to meet BALOO is only \$10! Deadline for Vincennes event is **January 11**. Deadline for USI event is **February 1**.

Registration forms are on the council web site and at the Eykamp Scout Center. Please refer any questions to BALOO's agents Algonkian District: **Myles Patterson at 618.456.8591** or **Michele Reynolds at 310.720.0927** and Native Trails agent: **Troy Burghard at 812.437.1376**.

**Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces
Cub Scout Faith Days**

**Saturday, March 6, 2010
8am to Noon**

Lincoln Heritage District

Location: to be announced

Algonkian District

Location: to be announced

Native Trails District

Location: Diocese of Evansville
Catholic Center

Information and registration forms will be mailed to pack leaders. It is not too early to plan on attending with your pack. All Scouts are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact **Morris Thomas @ cubmaster@buffalotracepack362.org** or **812.454.2113**.



2010 St. George Encampment

The Catholic Committee on Scouting will hold the St. George Encampment in September of 2010 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. The weekend encampment will be held **September 17-19, 2010** at Monte Cassino Shrine, St. Meinrad, Indiana. Activities will include a day-long pilgrimage to St. Meinrad Archabbey, a field mass with Bishop Gettelfinger and the St. George Encampment Banquet. Troops wishing to guarantee their participation may contact **Kevin Sergesketter** at **812.963.3633** or by email at **kcsERG@sit-co.net**.

St. George & Bronze Pelican Emblems

These recognitions are presented by the Catholic Committee on Scouting for adult Scouters and others who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of youth in Scouting.

Recommendations for the Bronze Pelican Emblem should be made for those who have fulfilled the above qualifications. Recommendations for the St. George Emblem should be for those who have received the Bronze Pelican.

Applications are available at the Eykamp Scout Center or from any member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Some type of Spiritual Formation the Scouter has taken in the past should be included in the applications.

All applications must have their Pastor's signature and be received by **January 15, 2010** to be considered by the selection committee. Send completed application to:

**The Catholic Diocese of Evansville
Attn: Diocesan Scout Chaplain/Chairman
P.O. Box 4169
Evansville, IN 47724**

For further information, contact:
Jim Schmitt 812.477.6565

**Boy Scout Retreat
March 12-14, 2010**

St. Meinrad Archabbey



Saint Meinrad

The annual Boy Scout Retreat, sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, will be held the weekend of March 12-14, 2010.

It is open to all Scouts, especially Catholic Scouts whether they are in church-sponsored units or not. For further information, contact **Joe Dickinson** at **812.853.3278** or **joerdickinson@gmail.com**.

During the time of the retreat, a course in Spiritual Formation for Scouters will be offered for interested adult leaders. The course helps leaders to understand their role in the Scouting ministry.

For further information contact **Tom Dieter** at **812.867.5616** or **tjdieter@sbcglobal.net**.

LINCOLN HERITAGE DISTRICT

Serving Dubois, Perry, Pike, Spencer, and Warrick (except Newburgh) Counties

District Chair: Bill Disinger 812.544.2951
District Commissioner: Victor Eckstein 812.482.2129
Sr. District Executive: Randy Craig 812.683.0516
E-mail: randy.craig@scouting.org

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

January 2010

- 3 District Recognition Dinner– Kringle Café, Holiday World, 4pm
- 7 Roundtable/OA/Eagle Board, St. James Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- 21 Annual Business Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, 6:30pm

February 2010

- 4 Roundtable/OA/Eagle Board, St. James Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- 18 District Committee Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- 19 Webelos Camporee– Chandler Community Center

New Boy Scout Troop

Welcome to new Troop 162, chartered by Main St. United Methodist Church in Boonville to the district.

2010 Friends of Scouting

A very important program conducted each year in the district is the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. We need your assistance to reach our goal, which in turn helps your Scouting experience and other youth and adults in this great program. We ask that your pack, troop, team & crew schedule a date where a presentation is made to the members and families giving them the opportunity to financially support Scouting. Every dollar is needed and appreciated.

Please contact Ed Boudreau at 812.660.1189 to schedule your presentation between now and April. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this worthy cause.

NOTE...Annual Business Meeting rescheduled to Thursday, January 21, 2010 at St James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30pm.

District Commissioner Corner

Unit commissioners are needed to cover existing units as well as new units as they are formed. At the present time we need commissioners to cover existing units at a ratio of 3-1. If you are interested or you know someone you think would make a good commissioner, contact District Commissioner Vic Eckstein at 812.482.2129.

Leader Training

Training is available for all leaders. Contact Gary Wittmann 812.482.5244 to set up training at your location. Also visit the Online Learning Center at www.scouting.org.

2010 Boy Scout Winter Event January 15-17, 2010

Troops 161, 187, & 189 are hosting this event. Contact Chairman Doug Thayer at 812.389.2730 for more information.

February Charter Renewal

How about trying online rechartering this year. Instructions are on the council web site under National Links – Internet Rechartering. You will need to submit a paper copy with your signatures and your fees. You can bring your charter to the February Roundtable or you can come to Vincennes University– Jasper Campus on Saturday, January 9 to do your charter online. If you have questions or need assistance contact Vic Eckstein at 812.482.2129.

Webelos Camporee

February 19–20, 2010

Chandler Community Center

Calling ALL Webelos! You now will have your own “Camporee”. There will be games, activities, and the opportunity to work on Webelos Activity Badges. Contact Pat Arterberry at 812.547.6833 or Carolyn Denton at 812.897.4610 for more info.

Merit Badge University

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Vincennes University– Jasper Campus

Information packets will be distributed in January with prerequisites. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Paul Messmer at 812.827.3100 or Paul.Messmer@kimball.com.

NOTE: Basic Leader Training will be offered in conjunction with the MBU. Training begins at 8am and ends approximately 2:30pm. The cost is \$5; please bring lunch, if you are staying all day. Sessions include: “This is Scouting”, Youth Protection, Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3, Cubmaster, Pack Committee, Tiger Den Leader, Wolf/Bear Den Leader and Webelos Leader specifics.

Cub Scout Religious Emblem Retreat

Mark your calendars: Saturday, April 24, 2010 will be the Cub Scout Religious Emblem Retreat. It will be held at Tell City United Methodist Church from 8am–3pm.

Contact Pat Arterberry at 812.547.6833 for more information.

Thanks

To ALL Lincoln Heritage District volunteers for making 2009 a very successful year!

ALGONKIAN DISTRICT

**Serving Edwards, Gibson, Knox, Lawrence,
Richland, and Wabash Counties**

District Chairperson: Charmaine Tinder 618.843.8736
District Commissioner: Larry Benson 812.882.6050
Sr. District Executive: Howard Dotterweich 800.264.5246
E-mail: algonkian@buffalotraccouncil.org

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

January 2010

- 7 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm
- 16 Algonkian District Dinner/Annual Business Meeting,
5:00pm, Free Methodist Church, Vincennes
- 21 Algonkian District Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
Free Methodist Church, Vincennes
- 23 Algonkian Winter Event, Vincennes University

February 2010

- 4 Winter Expo/OA Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm
- 18 District Committee/Commissioners Meeting, 6:30pm
Free Methodist Church, Vincennes

THANK YOU!!!

Peggy Watson for chairing yet another successful Popcorn Sale for the Algonkian District! Also, a special word of thanks to **David Ford** and **Ford Sawmills** for assisting us in our popcorn distribution. Finally, thanks goes to all unit popcorn chairpersons for doing such a great job with the sale this year! Great job everyone!

Algonkian Winter Event

January 23, 2010

Vincennes University

Polar Bear Classic information and registration forms were mailed out to all units. Please register all your boys from your troop at the same time.

Registration will begin at 7:30a.m. and classes will start at 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. Here are just a few of the badges that will be offered, Computer, Swimming, and American Cultures. The cost of the seminar will be \$2.00 per scout. Lunch will not be provided, so be sure to bring your own. Deadline for sign-up will be January 11, 2010.

If you have any questions, contact **Charmaine Tinder** at 618-843-8736 or ctinder6@hotmail.com.

Hope to see everyone there!

TRAINING DATES

Boy Scout Leader Training and BALOO Training
Saturday, January 23, 2010
Vincennes University

**District Recognition Dinner &
Annual Business Meeting**
Saturday, January 16, 2010
Free Methodist Church
1423 N 4th St, Vincennes
5pm (Central Time)

The meal and drinks will be provided courtesy of the Algonkian District Committee. This banquet is to honor all volunteers in the Algonkian District and also the 2009 Eagle Scouts. Presentations of the District Leader of the Year Awards and District Award of Merit will also be held that night.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family. Make your reservations by sending a check and the number of attendees to the Eykamp Scout Center (marked Algonkian District Dinner) postmarked no later than Friday, January 8, 2010. Otherwise, anyone arriving without making reservations will be charged \$7 per person or \$14 per family at the door. For questions, contact **Sharon Gelb** at 812.882.5131 or **Ryan Bloebaum** at 812.895.0792.

NOTE: The Algonkian District Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the district dinner. All Algonkian District Chartered Organization Reps are invited to attend and participate in both the dinner and business meeting.

Friends of Scouting

Please plan now to schedule a time for a representative to come and tell the "Scouting Story" during a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting. The support we receive from your unit helps to provide a quality program to the youth in our organization.

Remember that the free badges of rank are now connected to your unit's FOS contribution. Maximize your time of free badges of rank by scheduling your presentation soon!

If we do not hear from you, we will contact you for a date that works best for your unit. If you have questions, please contact FOS Chair **Juenell Owens** at 812.385.2628.

It's Rechartering Time

Don't forget that recharter packets were distributed in November. Use your time wisely to ensure you will be on time with your charter! If you have questions, contact your Unit Commissioner or anyone on the District Staff. Remember that the turn in day for the charter paperwork is the February 4 Roundtable.

Be Prepared!

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

**Serving Gallatin, Posey, Vanderburgh,
White Counties and the Newburgh Area**

District Chair: Ron Hagy 812.464.1574
District Commissioner: Jack Thompson 812.853.3273
District Director: Jennifer Whitaker 812.423.5246
Email: Jennifer.whitaker@scouting.org
District Executive: Anthony McGuire 812.423.5246
Email: Anthony.mcguire@scouting.org

January 2010

- 7 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45pm
- 14 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 16 Online Rechartering Assistance, USI, 9-11 am
- 21 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 5:45pm
- 21 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm
- 28 District Dinner, Old National Bank headquarters, 6:00 pm

February 2010

- 4 Roundtable/OA, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:45pm
- 7 Scout Sunday/Scout Family Dinners
- 12 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 13 Merit Badge University/Basic Training, USI, 8am
- 18 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 5:30pm
- 18 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

Thank you!

Thank you to all who worked to make the 2009 Popcorn Sale a success! Goals for the Native Trails District and Buffalo Trace Council were met, and we hope all individual and unit level goals were met as well.

Our Scouts were up against a tough economy but persevered with hard work and dedication. Details about the sale will be released shortly at the council level, so stay tuned!

Roundtables Are Just For You!

Every month, your District offers you a special time to share, to learn and to meet other volunteers with Scouting in mind and heart. Roundtable offers program related training, and the latest Scouting news and announcements.

January Topics

Boy Scouts: physical fitness with a speaker from Bob's Gym

Cub Scouts: Happy Birthday, BSA!

OA: Native Trails' chapter meeting

Scoutmasters should encourage and/or bring the OA members in their unit to the Roundtable Chapter meeting.

Roundtables always meet on the first Thursday of the month at Salem United Methodist Church, from 6:45 PM until 8:30 PM. Come join us!

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND the Native Trails District Recognition Dinner in the beautiful Wayne Henning Atrium at Old National Bank. Enjoy a sumptuous meal, Scouting fellowship and celebration of strong, spirited adult leadership – all for only \$12 per person.

Thursday, January 28, 2010
Old National Bank — The Atrium
\$12 per person

6:00pm – Mix & Mingle
6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Troop 352 Praise Band
7:15pm Awards Ceremony

Suggested Dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire

We will recognize the 2009 District Award of Merit recipients along with those from previous years, 2008 Event Chairpersons, recipients of Adult Training Awards and Scouting Spirit Awards. (Each unit should be giving out one Scouting Spirit Award. Nomination forms can be printed from the council website and are due by January 8.)

Reservation forms will be sent to all units and must be received at the Eykamp Scout Center by Friday, January 22, as walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

2010 Merit Badge University & Basic and Supplemental Training

Saturday, February 13, 2010

University of Southern Indiana

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 22

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

A listing of classes offered and other details are now available on the website and have been mailed to Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs. For further information, contact **Advancement Chairman, Paul Wagner at 853.2968 or Jennifer.**

In conjunction with the Merit Badge University, trainings will be offered. Trainings include:

- This is Scouting
- Youth Protection
- Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3
- Commissioner Basic
- Troop Committee
- Charter Organization Representative
- Venturing Leader Basic
- Life to Eagle Seminar (FREE)
- Risk Management Seminar (FREE)

The registration fee for Merit Badge classes and training is \$5 each. Please bring lunch if you are staying all day. For more details, please refer to the registration forms on the Council website, www.buffalotracedouncil.org. For additional training information, contact District Training Chairman **Pat Brenner at 812.867.4449**. To register for these training opportunities, please contact **Anthony**.

Native Trails Summer Camp Survey

The Native Trails District Camping Committee is conducting a survey to gather data on the long term camping experience of our Troops. The information is being collected for Council tracking purposes and may be shared with other units.

We ask that each unit fill out a survey form and return it to the Scout office no later than February 28, 2010. This information may be useful to encourage those units who may not have a traditional long term camping program to start one, to give insight into what programs other Troops offer, and to provide information on popular summer camps in the area for those seeking a new experience.

Survey forms have been sent electronically to all Scoutmasters and hard copies will be put in the Pony Express. If your unit has not received a form, please contact **Jennifer** at the Eykamp Scout Center.

Advancement Committee Update

The District Advancement Committee is a volunteer committee that aids Troops and Crews with advancement related needs. The committee is responsible for the monthly District level Eagle boards where each applicant must first get his Eagle project approved before starting the project. Then, when complete, the Scout must return for a final Eagle board where the applicant's Scouting history, references, and project completion is reviewed before his Eagle application is sent to the National Scout Office. The **District Eagle Board of Review** always takes place on the **second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm** at the Eykamp Scout Center. Scouts must sign up for the Eagle Board at least two weeks in advance.

Along with the Eagle boards, the advancement team presents a training session called "Life to Eagle" for any Troop or Crew who requests it. The training explains the expectations for Eagle projects, and reviews the paperwork requirements needed to reach the rank of Eagle.

The advancement committee also organizes the annual Merit Badge University at USI where any Boy Scout can fully or partially earn one merit badge of their choice from the 20+ offered, most of which are Eagle required merit badges. The past couple of years have seen over 500 boys participate in this one day event. If you would like to assist the Advancement Committee by teaching a Merit Badge at MBU, or sitting in on Eagle Boards, contact Chairman **Paul Wagner** at 853.2968.

Happy New Year!



Online Rechartering Assistance

January 16, 2010

9:00—11:00 a.m.

**University of Southern Indiana
Liberal Arts Building
Rm LA1009**

Units are encouraged to do online re-chartering in 2010. In order to assist the unit renewal processor with the online re-chartering process, Native Trails District has reserved a computer lab at the University of Southern Indiana on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9am—11am.

Those unit renewal processors who do not have access to a computer, are doing online re-chartering for the first time, or would simply like to have assistance from the Eykamp Scout Center, are encouraged to use this date as an opportunity to finish their re-chartering.

In order to complete the online re-chartering process, the responsible party will need to have completed a unit inventory, have applications for any new members for entry, and know each leaders current position. (HINT: If you review the yellow envelope in the re-charter packet ahead of time, you should be prepared for this step.)

After completing the online re-charter process, the unit renewal processor will need to print the completed re-charter paperwork and have it signed by the appropriate leadership. Then, the paperwork can be returned to the Eykamp Scout Center with the check for payment.

Completed charter paperwork can be turned in at the Eykamp Scout Center, at the February Roundtable meeting, or at Merit Badge University at USI on February 13, 2010. All charter paperwork and payment is due to the Eykamp Scout Center on or before Monday, February 16, 2010.

Native Trails Pirates Day Camp

June 16-18, 2010



Ahoy, Matey! Ye shan't want to miss the exciting District Cub Scout Day Camp coming June 16-18, 2010!

Registration forms will be coming out smartly, me lass, but go ahead and start talking it up to ye Scouts.

Leaders can pick up placemats for ye Blue & Gold banquets at the Eykamp Scout Center in mid January. Arrr!



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COUNCIL CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

- 1-4 **New Year's Holiday & Inventory: Shop & Center CLOSED**
- 9 OA Winter Banquet
- 12 Program Group & Council Commissioners
- 14 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 18 **Martin Luther King Jr Holiday: Shop & Center CLOSED**
- 19 Executive Board & Annual Business Meeting
- 23 BALOO Training @ Vincennes University

FEBRUARY 2010

- 7-13 Scout Anniversary Week
- 8 Council Distinguished Award Celebration
- 11 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 13 BALOO Training, USI, Evansville
- 15 **Presidents Day Holiday: Shop & Center CLOSED**
- 16 Executive Committee
- 22 Campmaster Training
- 23 Council Commissioners
- 28 100th Anniversary Celebration Council Court of Honor

MARCH 2010

- 11 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 14 Time Change
- 16 Council Commissioners
- 27 Council Work Day @ OBSR