

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

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**January 2012**

- 5 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 PM
- 6 NT Scouting Spirit Awards Due to Council (1 per unit)
- 12 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
- 21 District Retreat, Eykamp Scout Center, 8:30 AM-3 PM
- 26 District Dinner, Location TBA, 6 PM

**February 2012**

- 2 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 PM
- 9 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
- 11 Merit Badge University/Basic BS/V Training, USI, 8 AM
- 11 BALOO Training, USI Education Bldg, 7:30 AM
- 17 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 PM
- 17 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7 PM

**Unit Charter Renewals Due February 15**

Units received their recharter packets in November and December. Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to review your roster and contact ALL registered members to confirm renewal and invite those back whom you have not seen in a while.

The District will host an online re-chartering workshop on **Tuesday, January 10, at 6 PM at the Scout office**. We will review the packet, and basic online information and then break out and you will be able to access your information online. Please **RSVP to Jennifer** by January 9, because there is limited computer access.

**Attention ALL Leaders!**

Every month, on the first Thursday, your District offers you a special time to share, learn and meet other volunteers with Scouting in mind and heart. Roundtable offers program related training, and the latest Scouting news and announcements. **Order of the Arrow** has a chapter meeting for youth members EVERY month!

**January Topics**

**Cub Scouts:** Pack Recycling Projects, Gathering Activities, and Unit Leadership Enhancements

**Boy Scouts:** New Eagle Scout Workbook guidelines/rechartering questions

**February Topics**

**Cub Scouts:** Collections for Charities, Cub Scout Camping Program, and Den Displays at Pack Meetings

**Boy Scouts:** How to get the boys prepared for Summer Camp

**DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2012**  
**The Methodist Temple—Fellowship Hall**  
**\$12 per person**

6:00pm Mix & Mingle 6:30pm Dinner  
 7:00pm Presentation & Awards Ceremony

**Suggested Dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire**

We will recognize the 2011 District Award of Merit recipients along with those from previous years, 2011 Event Chairpersons, recipients of Adult Training Awards and Scouting Spirit Awards. (Each unit should be giving out one Scouting Spirit Award. Nomination—forms are available on the council website, under Districts-Native Trails. Nominations are due by January 6.)

Reservation forms will be sent to all units and must be received at the Eykamp Scout Center by Friday, January 20, as walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

For additional information, contact **Jennifer**.

**2012 Merit Badge University &  
 Basic and Supplemental Training**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2012**  
**University of Southern Indiana**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, January 12**  
**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 **Rhonda Nurrenbern at 812.985.0628 or Jennifer**.

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

- This is Scouting • Youth Protection • Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3
- Troop Committee • Charter Organization Representative
- Venturing Leader Basic • Life to Eagle 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. For additional information, please contact **Jennifer**.

**Native Trails Spring Camporee**  
**April 20-22, 2012**  
**Posey County 4-H Fairgrounds**

Mark your calendar for the Spring Camporee and 2nd Annual Troop Catapult Contest! The weekend has an Olympic theme, and Scouts will be trying their skills at a number of activities. Each Troop will select a country to represent (North American countries are not allowed.) Program will include a cooking contest with a dish from each Troop's chosen country, tomahawks, archery, knot-tying, catapults, and several other Scouting skills.

Registration paperwork with competition rules will be available at the Merit Badge University, and will be mailed to all units in early February. Start talking to your Scouts about this exciting Camporee now, because it is an event they won't want to miss!