

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

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September 2010

- 2 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 pm
- 7 Popcorn Kick-off Dinner, Vanderburgh 4-H Center
- 9 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 18 Show and Sell Popcorn Pick Up, ARC Industries, 8 am—11 am
- 16 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 16 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

October 2010

- 1-2 100th Anniversary Tree Pick Up, Combs Landscaping
- 7 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 pm
- 14 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 16 NT Field Day, Eykamp Scout Center
- 22-24 NT Fall Camporee, Posey County 4-H Fairground
- 21 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 21 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION

Show and Sell popcorn orders will be available for pick up at ARC Industries in Evansville on September 18 from 8—11 am. Orders will be distributed in order of arrival. (Don't forget, the last opportunity to place your Show and Sell order is at the Popcorn Kick-off Dinner on September 7.)

Take order popcorn distribution is Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6. Each unit has an assigned date and time to pick up their popcorn order. The date and time will be found on the front of your Popcorn Packet that you will receive at the Popcorn Kick-off Dinner. If your unit cannot make arrangements to pick up the popcorn at your assigned time, contact Popcorn Distribution Chair **David Brenner 812.768.6047** ASAP to reschedule.

Once again, our pick up location will be ARC Industries in Evansville. If you need directions or have questions regarding distribution, please contact **David Brenner or Erin**.

Don't Miss It!

2010 Native Trails Fall Camporee
"Beginning Our Second Century"
Friday, October 22-Sunday, October 24
Posey County 4-H Fairground
 (Webelos II must attend with a Boy Scout Troop)

Cub Scout Fall Field Day

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Eykamp Scout Center

Two Sessions: 7:00-11:45 am or 12:30-5:15 pm

New this year, Scouts are being asked to bring at **least** one canned food item with them to Field Day. All collected food will be donated to the Tri-State Food Bank which distributes food to pantries throughout the Native Trails District.

Field Day information and registration forms will be available online soon. Forms will also be available at Roundtable and at each Pack Round Up night. Please register all boys from your Pack at the same time. New Scouts joining this fall will receive a FREE pass to attend Field Day. Other Scouts will pay \$5 if they are registered by September 30, 2010. After September 30, the fee is \$7 per Scout. The final deadline is October 6, 2010.

Units are encouraged to register as early as possible. Registrations for each session will be limited to 500 Scouts. After the limit is reached, units will have to come to the other session or will not be able to attend.

Don't wait too long and miss this great event! Your boys will LOVE it!

If any Pack or Troop is interested in helping at this event, please contact Activities Chair **Michelle Land Harris 812.270.0046**.

Training, Training, Training!

Are you a new leader who has yet to be trained? Are you switching positions in your unit? If so, don't miss out on fall opportunities to be trained in your current Scouting position. All Cub Scout Leader Specific trainings will be offered at all sessions and Boy Scout Leader Specific trainings will be offered as listed below at four different locations this fall:

Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 6pm
 Good Shepherd Catholic Church: Scoutmaster 1

Monday, October 25, 2010, 6pm
 Methodist Temple: Scoutmaster 2

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 8am
 University of Evansville, Hyde Hall: Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3

Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 6pm
 Resurrection Catholic Church: Scoutmaster 3

All leaders must take "This is Scouting" in addition to the Leader Specific Training in order to be considered a trained leader. It can be taken online at www.myscouting.org. Leaders must show proof of "This is Scouting" at Leader Specific Training in order to receive a "trained" strip for their uniform.

Youth Protection Training is now mandatory for all leaders and proof of Youth Protection Training must be submitted with all adult leader applications.

2010 Centennial Quality Unit Award

It's already time to start scheduling meetings with your unit commissioner to review your unit's Centennial Quality Unit goals to determine if you have qualified for the 2010 Centennial Quality Unit Award. Please contact your unit commissioner, **Jennifer, or Erin** to set up a time after October 15 to review the 2010 goals and set your 2011 goals. All reviews must be completed before December 15.

Meetings take about 30 minutes to conduct and units are encouraged to invite the Committee Chair, Unit Leader, and Charter Organization Representative to the review.

Two evenings will be scheduled in late November and early December to meet with units for final reviews.

District Award of Merit and Scouting Spirit Awards

All Native Trails District registered adults may be nominated for the **District Award of Merit**. It can be presented for noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both. It can be for a single plan or decision that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time (pack, troop or crew). Presentation of the award to those selected will be at the District Recognition Dinner, Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Nominations must arrive at the Eykamp Scout Center, 3501 E. Lloyd Expressway, Evansville, IN 47715-8624, by close of business Friday, **December 17, 2010**. Nominations from past years will not be considered. Forms can be found at www.buffalotracedcouncil.org, under National Forms.

The **Scouting Spirit Award** is presented annually to **one** Native Trails District Scouter **in each unit** who is always there for the unit, shows commitment to Scouting's ideas and timeless values. It may be a new or veteran Scouter. Those selected will be honored at the District Recognition Dinner, Thursday, January 27, 2011, receive a certificate and be recognized in Compass Points.

The selection form must be signed by the unit Committee Chairman and arrive at the Eykamp Scout Center by close of business Friday, **January 7, 2011**. Forms are available at www.buffalotracedcouncil.org.

If you have questions or need help, contact **Bob Kapperman**, kappermanb@roadrunner.com, **812.853.5096 (Home)** or **812.453.5096 (cell)**.

www.myscouting.org

If you haven't taken the time to visit www.myscouting.org yet, you should put it on your to do list. The Scouting website has a number of useful tools for individuals and units.

First of all, this is the site for leaders to take online training. Training taken on the site should upload directly to the council data center when the leader uses his or her BSA membership number. (Leaders should print certificates as back up proof of training in case an error should occur.) This is also the site where unit leaders update their unit information that is listed on www.beascout.org, including contact information, meeting times, and locations. If you have not yet updated unit information for this site, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance, contact **Erin**.

Leaders can also use www.myscouting.org to track unit advancements. Again, using this site should automatically update council advancement records, reducing the chance for errors in advancement record keeping.

Units will access online rechartering through this site as well.

Training, advancement, unit profile information, online rechartering, and more are all available in one location. So when you find a few minutes, take the time to visit this site and explore, or update your Youth Protection Training.

If you do not currently receive district emails and would like to be added to the Cub Scout or Boy Scout Leader email lists in order to receive periodic information, email jennifer.whitaker@scouting.org or erin.emerson@scouting.org.

Be A Scout!

Help us put Scouting on the map with the new Be A Scout Campaign! Your unit now has the opportunity to recruit new members using the Web and Google Maps. The Website, **www.beascout.org**, helps potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their community with just a couple of easy clicks. After entering their address, potential members will be shown a Google Map displaying all of the nearby units. These units are represented by "pins" which can be customized by adding your unit's meeting time and location, unit Website address, and contact information. If you have not yet customized your pin, you are missing out on a great recruitment opportunity! You can do so through **www.myscouting.org**. Those given access to set up the pin include the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Committee Chairperson, and the Chartered Organization Representative. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact **Erin**.