

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

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January 2011

- 6 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 PM
- 13 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
- 21-22 District Retreat, OBSR, 5:30 PM
- 27 District Dinner, Old National Bank Headquarters, 6:00 PM

February 2011

- 3 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45 PM
- 10 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
- 12 Merit Badge University/Basic Training, USI, 8:00 AM
- 17 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 5:45 PM
- 17 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7:00 PM

Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all those who worked hard to ensure the success of the 2010 Popcorn Sale.

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, learn and meet other volunteers with Scouting in mind and heart. Roundtable offers program related training, and the latest Scouting news and announcements.

January Topics

Cub Scouts: Derby Workshop

Boy Scouts: "Why Scout Sunday during Scout Anniversary Month?"

Order of the Arrow: Native Trails Chapter Meeting

February Topics

Cub Scouts: Creating a First-Aid Night & "Ages & Stages"

Boy Scouts: "What does showing leadership mean to a Scout?"

Order of the Arrow: Native Trails Chapter Meeting

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND the Native Trails District Recognition Dinner in the beautiful Legacy Room on the eighth floor of Old National Bank. Enjoy a sumptuous meal, Scouting fellowship and celebration of strong, spirited adult leadership – all for only **\$12 per person**.

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Old National Bank — Legacy Room

\$12 per person

6:00pm – Mix & Mingle

6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Keynote Address

Dr. Vincent Bertram, EVSC Superintendent

7:15pm Awards Ceremony

Suggested Dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire

We will recognize the 2010 District Award of Merit recipients along with those from previous years, 2010 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 7.)

Reservation forms will be sent to all units and must be received at the Eykamp Scout Center by Friday, January 21, as walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

For additional information contact **Mark Miller**, mmiller@vectren.com, 812-491-4176 .

2011 Merit Badge University & Basic and Supplemental Training

Saturday, February 12, 2011

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 **Paul Wagner at 853.2968 or Jennifer**.

In conjunction with the Merit Badge University, training 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) • Working with Special Needs Scouts (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 training information, contact District Training Chairman **Pat Brenner at 812.867.4449**. To register for these training opportunities, please contact **Jennifer**.

**Native Trails Spring Camporee
May 13-15, 2011**

Mark your calendar now for this year's upcoming Native Trails Camporee! You don't want to miss out on the **1st Annual Native Trails Catapult Contest!** More details will be available in the coming months. If you have questions or would like to take part in the planning, please contact **Erin**.

**Journey to Excellence
The new road to quality**

What does it mean to be a quality unit? For more than 100 years, the BSA has worked to develop, and innovate programs that attract and retain youth in order to teach them American values and prepare them to be responsible, well-rounded adults. Volunteers who believe in the Scouting movement and run programs that follow Scouting principles and guidelines are the key to the success of Scouting. Through training, leaders learn how to plan activities that excite the youth in their programs and keep them coming back for more.

The new "Journey to Excellence" performance recognition program is changing the way we measure and recognize success in the BSA by moving away from measuring process and moving to measuring performance. It is based on many of the best practices used in corporate performance measurement today. Each program (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturing) have different standards to meet, however, all focus on training leaders, outdoor programming, practicing sound fundraising and fiscal management, future planning, and retaining youth. Each goal has a bronze, silver, and gold level that leads to success. Units that strive to meet the minimum bronze standard at each level will be building the foundation for a successful program now that will extend into the future.

This new quality measurement program runs in conjunction with your unit charter year (March 2011 to February 2012) and unit evaluations will be turned in with the charter paperwork in February 2012. Leaders are encouraged to meet with their district executive to obtain the detailed performance criteria for your program now so you can strive to be a quality unit in 2011.

Recharter Online in 2011!

Units are encouraged to do online re-chartering in 2011. In order to complete the online re-chartering process, the responsible unit leader will need to have completed a unit inventory, have applications for new members for entry, and know each leader's current position. (HINT: Review the yellow envelope in the re-charter packet ahead of time and you will be prepared).

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 Council office with the check for payment.

Completed charter paperwork may be turned in at the Eykamp Scout Center, at the February Roundtable meeting, or at Merit Badge University at USI on February 12, 2011. All charter paperwork and payment is due to the Council office on or before **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**.

If you need access to a computer, need assistance, or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Jennifer** or **Erin**.



2011 Friends of Scouting

If you have not scheduled a presentation date for your unit, please contact **Erin** or Family FOS Chairman **Jon Keck** at (812) 431-0356. It is best to hold your unit's presentation early in the year at a well-attended meeting, like a Blue and Gold Banquet or a Court of Honor. Don't miss out on the opportunity to receive Free Rank or Free Advancement for your unit!

**Native Trails Day Camp
June 15-17, 2011**



Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss out on all the fun and adventure of this year's Native American themed Cub Scout Day Camp!

Registration forms will be available soon. Leaders can order placemats for their Blue & Gold Banquets at the Eykamp Scout Center for pick up in mid-January.

Happy New Year!

