

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT
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March 2011

- 3 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45pm
- 10 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 17 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 17 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

April 2011

- 7 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45pm
- 14 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 28 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 28 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

A Night of Celebration & Recognition

We would like to thank **Mark Miller** for putting together a great District Recognition Dinner and **Vince Bertram** for an inspiring keynote address. It was a wonderful night of fellowship among Scouters and a time to honor deserving leaders with the district awards for 2010.

District Award of Merit Recipients

Al Brenner, Gladys Reuter, and Morris Thomas

Scouting Spirit Award Recipients

Joe Minor, Judith Peters, Melissa Hinton, Kathleen Pettijohn, Michelle Hernandez, Sharon Sutton, Natasha Clark, Jeremy Gorman, Tania Hutchinson, Tim Titzer, Woody Probus, Peter Felt, Melanie Waters, John Payne, Kraig Hausmann, Vivian Taylor, Ed Hoffman, Greg Brown, Dave Winkleman, Brad Betsworth, Maria Schulz, Tom Slatts, Leanne Seibert, Dennis Carr, Jeff Hancock

Congratulations to all award winners! You deserve it!

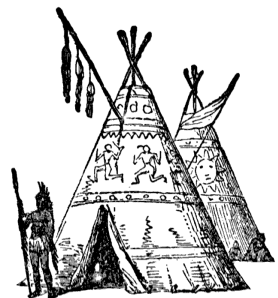


Native Trails Cub Scout Day Camp

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out!
 Day Camp is the highlight of the summer for many of our Scouts.

What? 3 Days of Native American themed Cub Scout Fun!
When? June 15 - 17, 2011
Where? Eykamp Scout Center, Evansville, IN
How much? \$35 before May 16; \$45 after May 16

Registration forms will be mailed in early March, and will also be available for download from the Buffalo Trace Council website at that time.



**Native Trails —
 A Centennial Quality District!**

We are proud to announce that the Native Trails District received the **Centennial Quality District Award** for 2010!



Out of the 102 units that were eligible, 76 qualified for the award. The district also increased membership by 1%, retained 72.6% of our youth and 93.3% of our units, and surpassed our fundraising goal. This would not have been possible without all of the helping hands of our wonderful volunteers!

Thank you and keep up the good work!

ROUNDTABLE NEWS

Roundtable offers program related training, the latest Scouting news and announcements, and time to meet and share with other Scouting volunteers across the District. We need you there to share your ideas and experience so that other units can improve their program.

Roundtables occur on the first Thursday of the month (unless otherwise publicized) at Salem United Methodist Church (6311 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710) from 6:45 PM until 8:30 PM.

Don't miss out on all the fun and knowledge!

March Topics

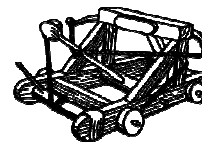
- Cub Scouts—Campfire Workshop
- Boy Scouts—Risk Management
- Order of the Arrow—Chapter Meeting

April Topics

- Cub Scouts—Summertime Pack Workshop
- Boy Scouts—To Be Announced
- Order of the Arrow—Chapter Meeting



Native Trails Boy Scout Spring Camporee
Posey County 4-H Fairgrounds
May 13th - 15th, 2011



The Details...

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming Spring Camporee! The theme will be Native Americans, and it will be an event to remember with special activities including the 1st Annual Native Trails Catapult Contest and an OA Call Out.

Webelos may attend as the guest of a Troop, but may only participate in certain activities.

Registration packets will be available at the March Roundtable and at the Scout Office.

If you have questions, please contact Camporee Chair **Tonya Binney** at (812) 629-3256 or **Erin**.

Catapult Contest Rules & Regulations...

- 1.) All catapults must be Scout/human powered for launching of the projectile.
 - 2.) No one can be in front of the catapult when the projectile is being launched. Scouts can be on the sides to hold it down, but no part of the body can be in the way of the throwing arm.
 - 3.) The maximum size of the catapult is 6' wide x 10' long x 8' tall, without the throwing arm.
 - 4.) The catapult must be brought in by no more than 4 Scouts. Trucks or trailers are not allowed.
 - 5.) The throwing arm must be powered by Scouts, with no assistance by other means (bands, springs or the like). You may use pulleys (the rope is attached to the throwing arm through the pulley held by the Scout or Scouts).
- Contest will be judged according to **distance, accuracy, and consistency**.

SPRING RECRUITING

Soon, birds will be chirping, the sun will be shining, flowers will be blooming, and school will be coming to an end. Summer is just around the corner. For our Scouts and leaders, this means summer camp plans are in full swing!

For Boy Scout Troops, this is the perfect season to host an open house to invite the friends of Scouts and other boys to a Troop meeting. Summer Camp is a great way to share the excitement of Scouting with new boys!

Cub Scout Packs can also use activities like Day Camp and Adventure Camp to help them recruit new Scouts and leaders. History has proven that getting new Scouts to Council sponsored activities like Day Camp, Adventure Camp, and Field Day are successful ways to keep the Scout in our program longer, improving unit retention, and more importantly, giving the Scout more time to learn the six critical elements of healthy youth development taught in the Scouting program: strong personal values and character, positive sense of self-worth, caring and nurturing relationships, a desire to learn, productive use of time, and social adeptness.

Cub Scout Packs are encouraged to do Spring recruiting if the Pack has an active summertime schedule, with at least two activities per month. If interested in recruiting, contact **Jennifer** or **Erin** at least two weeks prior to your recruitment date. The Council can assist with flyers and Boy Talks. The unit should be prepared with a calendar and contact information.

FAREWELL, MR. THOMPSON!

We extend our warmest farewells to **Jack Thompson** as he steps down from the position of Native Trails District Commissioner. For the last five years, Jack has served this district with all of his heart and soul. You will be missed, Jack!

Native Trails Merit Badge University & Basic and Supplemental Training

This year's Merit Badge University was held on February 12, 2011 at the University of Southern Indiana. Nearly 500 Scouts worked towards earning 24 merit badges, including first-time opportunities for Nuclear Science, Personal Management, Aviation, Chemistry, Dentistry, and Graphic Arts.

In addition, over 30 leaders completed trained in a variety of courses, including Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3, Commissioner Basic, Charter Organization Representative, Youth Protection, and BALOO. There were also two free sessions offered, Life to Eagle and Working with Special Needs Scouts.

We would like to say THANKS to **Paul Wagner** and his committee for all of their hard work on the Merit Badge University. We would also like to thank **Pat Brenner** and his training team for their dedication to Scouting.

2011 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



If your unit has not yet scheduled its presentation, please contact **Erin** or Family Friends of Scouting Chairman **Jon Keck** at (812) 431-0356. It is best to schedule your 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 in 2011!