

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

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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!