

Native Trails Roundtable

October 4, 2018

Need to Know

Friday, October 5: Blitz Weekend Prize turn in deadline. The Blitz Weekend Prize is designed to be immediate recognition. Do not wait until the end of the sale to give these prizes to your Scouts.

Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Chairs, Crew Advisors, and Crew Committee

Chairs: The Council Camping Committee sent you an email about your unit's camping experiences this summer. Please complete this short survey ASAP. If you did not receive the survey please let us know, so we can confirm your email address. This survey helps us report how many of our Scouts camped to the National Boy Scout Council and gives us important feedback about our Troops and Crews. Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: October 19-21 at Old Ben Scout Reservation. Cost to attend \$21 (includes training materials and meals on Saturday and Sunday). Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-2018FallIOLS>

- What skills are needed for a Scout to advance from Tenderfoot to First Class? What are the basic skills any Scout needs to survive in the great outdoors? Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills teaches you these skills. A practical, hands-on approach to basic outdoor Scout craft skills is a must for a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venture Crew Advisor to be successful.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO): October 19-21 at Old Ben Scout Reservation. Cost to attend: \$21 (includes training materials and meals on Saturday and Sunday). Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-2018FallBALOO>

- This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnighter. It's more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout & Webelos cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack outdoor activity a fun, successful event!

Popcorn Orders Due: October 25 by 3:00pm. Popcorn Chairs who pick up their product on time, turn in the paperwork on time, and have all their Scouts registered will receive a special gift at the time popcorn paperwork is turned in.

November Roundtable: Salem United Methodist Church (6311 Kratzville Rd 47711) at 6:30pm. Pick up your unit's **Recharter Paperwork** and stay for training. How to recharter your unit, Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster Training, Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader Training, and Pack Committee Training.

- Online recharter opens December 1st.

Woods of Webelos: November 3-4 at Old Ben Scout Reservation. Make your reservation here: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-21774>. Registration deadline: October 15.

Leaders Guide: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/27aee5_df92936374fc45e89c76f586cb186a2e.pdf

- Woods of Webelos is an excellent opportunity for Webelos to interact with older Scouts and begin to understand what Boy Scouting (soon to be Scouts BSA) is all about. Webelos will camp, eat, play, learn,

and have fun with older Scouts the entire weekend. The weekend will be packed with activities led by Boy Scouts. Stations will include Wood Tools, Fire Building, a Campfire Program and more.

Take Order Popcorn Distribution: Friday, November 9 at Warehouse Services, INC. Be on time! Wear closed toed shoes. Children are not allowed in the warehouse. We will need help Thursday to sort popcorn and Friday to sort and distribute. If your unit helps sort on Thursday, you will get to take your product with you that evening.

University of Scouting: Saturday, November 17 at University of Southern Indiana. University of Scouting is an opportunity for leaders to take position-specific training and supplemental trainings. Twenty-four classes will be offered including Cubmaster, Den Leader, Leading Leaders, Working with Scouts with ADHD, Backpacking Adventure, Dutch oven and Foil Cooking, Year-Round Camping, Benefits of Order of the Arrow, and more. Register online here: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-21906>

Thunderbolts Game, Movie, Campout: Saturday, December 15 at the Ford Center. Find the registration form here: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/27aee5_2f5cea6bd11c4399b7e3dc8f13efb620.pdf

Are you a Merit Badge Counselor? Merit Badge Counselors must reregister every year. Angie Gore has sent communications to all past Merit Badge Counselor to reregister everyone who wants to teach merit badges. If you have not reregistered, please contact Angie at angela.gore@scouting.org.

Scoutbook will be FREE: January 1, 2019 the Boy Scouts of America will make Scoutbook free for everyone. Starting September 1, 2018, no unit currently using Scoutbook will be charged a renewal fee. Read more [here](#).

Save the Date:

- Friday, January 25: Volunteer Celebration Dinner. ALL Scouting volunteers are invited to celebrate a great year of Scouting and to thank you for your time, hard work, and passion for Scouting.
- Saturday, February 9: Lego movie premier for popcorn sellers who sold \$1,000 or more.
- Saturday, February 16: Merit Badge University at USI
- Saturday, February 23: Wood Badge Reunion Luncheon at Christian Fellowship Church
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- Friday April 5-Sunday April 7: Scout's Guide to the Apocalypse Spring Camporee

Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/buffalotrace.council/> and check out our webpage at <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/native-trails>

Have questions? Contact Jennifer Whitaker at jennifer.whitaker@scouting.org or Abby Roberts at abigail.roberts@scouting.org. You can also call us at 812-423-5246.

Do you have questions about Advancement, Webelos to Scout Transition, or would like to have someone speak to your Troop about the journey from Life to Eagle? Contact Fred Hassman at fhassman@gmail.com or 812-202-0838.