

Compass Points

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**Scouting
America.**

Buffalo Trace Council

SCOUT SPOTLIGHT

Farewell and Congratulations on your Retirement

A message to the Buffalo Trace Council Scouting family from John Harding, Scout Executive

Serving as Scout Executive of the Buffalo Trace Council since 2009, has been one of the greatest honors of my career. After careful reflection, I have decided to retire, with my final day being April 30, 2026.

I am grateful to have achieved many of my goals in this role. Now, for the sake of my health and family, it is time to embrace retirement. This timing also ensures a smooth leadership transition as the Council looks forward to a strong year.

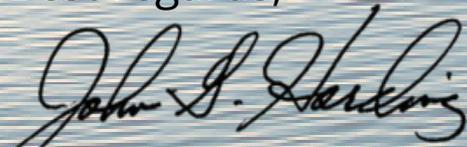
To every volunteer who has dedicated time, talent, and heart to Scouting in the Buffalo Trace Council: thank you. You are the foundation of this movement. Because of you, Scouting is stronger than ever.

Most importantly, we have worked together—volunteers, staff, board members, community partners, unit leaders, and parents—united by the belief that every young person deserves access to the values and opportunities Scouting offers.

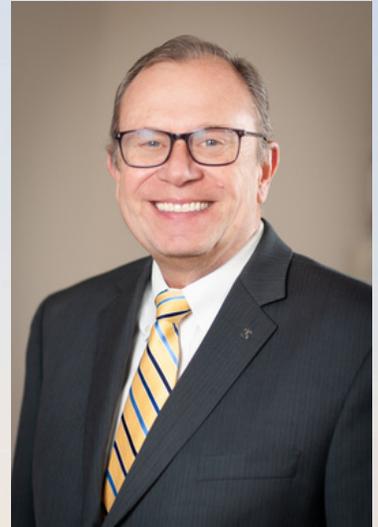
The Scout Oath and Law are more than words; they are the values that guide us. I carry them forward with deep gratitude and pride.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this Council and this movement.

Best regards,



John G. Harding
Scout Executive/CEO





EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

Highest level in Scouting America, earned by demonstrating leadership, community service, and mastery of skills through specific requirements.



EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW CONTACTS & LOCATIONS:

Must submit paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the Board Meeting to allow volunteers to review documents.

EVANSVILLE

Dan Nowakowski
708-227-4552
dnowakowski74@sbcglobal.net

Meet 2nd Thursday of Every Month
Doors open at 6:00pm (CST)

Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715



VINCENNES

Jonathan Yochum
812-890-4029
jyochum3@gmail.com

Meet 1st Thursday of Every Month
Doors open at 6:00pm (CST)

Vincennes University - Updike Hall
1002 N. 1st St.
Vincennes, IN 47591



JANUARY 2026 EAGLES

Izak Meyer	Troop 186	January 6, 2026
Aria Miley	Crew 2210	January 8, 2026
Cash Kiefer	Troop 350	January 8, 2026

FEBRUARY 2026 EAGLES

Benjamin Lamb	Troop 130	February 3, 2026
Levi Clauss	Troop 185	February 3, 2026
Nolan Barnett	Troop 318	February 12, 2026

FERDINAND

Jadd Miller
812-639-4300
jaddmiller@gmail.com

Meet 1st Tuesday of Every Month
Doors open at 6pm (CST)

Spiritual Life Center
341 E. 10th St.
Ferdinand, IN 47532

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Honor Society of Scouting America



MARCH 2026

22nd - Monthly Lodge Meeting
2-3:30pm (CST)

APRIL 2026

10th - 12th - Section Conclave

18th - OA Rank Up 
8am - Noon

26th - Monthly Lodge Meeting
2-3:30pm (CST)

MAY 2026

15th - 17th - Spring Conclave
17th - Monthly Lodge Meeting

General Lodge Contact:
contact@kiondaga.org

**Monthly Lodge Meeting, if on the same day of an event, will generally be at the conclusion of the event at the same location.

**Find us on the Band App:
@Kiondaga Lodge



RENEWAL PROCESS

Two processes that are completely separate and serve different purposes.

UNIT RENEWAL

The annual national process renews the unit's affiliation with Scouting America. Unit renewal does not involve the renewal of youth and adult leader memberships.

A unit can renew starting January 1, 2026 (two months prior to their expiration date). There is a two-month lapse period. Units expiring in February 2026 drop in April 2026.

The unit leader (Scoutmaster/ Cubmaster/ Advisor), Committee Chair, and Charter Organization Representative have access to the tools on my.scouting.org



Unit and Membership Renewal Resources

Contacts for Questions:

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Resources

- Membership Renewal Instructions
- Unit Renewal Instructions
- Council Website

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal process syncs with each member's annual enrollment date. Members (youth & adult) join Scouting year-round, and their membership fees are tied to the month of their enrollment.

A member is able to renew their membership starting two months prior to their expiration date. There is a two-month lapse period. Email notice is sent to the email associated with the member's account.

Renewals are encouraged to be completed prior to the expiration so there is no lapse in insurance coverage and access to Scoutbook+ is not interrupted.

NATIONAL \$85/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$80/YR	
NATIONAL \$50/YR	For all Exploring youth and adults.
COUNCIL \$80/YR	
NATIONAL \$65/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
COUNCIL \$0/YR	
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers .
COUNCIL \$0/YR	
<small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.</small>	
<small>Additional fees might be charged by local council and units.</small>	

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

Learn to recruit new members and plan for another year of scouting!



IT ALL STARTS HERE
RECRUITMENT RESOURCES

Recruiting and fishing share many similarities, often leading to analogies focused on using the right bait, finding the right spot, and having patience.

So let's maximize our Scouting Program with ideas, guidance, and best practices for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA 2026 Fall Recruitment.

SAVE THE DATES!

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 13
DALE, IN**

REGISTER NOW >

**MONDAY,
MAY 18
ALBION, IL**

REGISTER NOW >

**SATURDAY,
MAY 30
EVANSVILLE, IN**

REGISTER NOW >

****Choose a date that best fits your schedule****

Don't miss out on the chance to learn how to maximize your resources to help grow your unit.

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

Events designed to help Scouts earn merit badges. Prerequisites must be completed prior to attending.

2026 Merit Badge University

VINCENNES, IN

Thank you to all of the faculty and volunteers for assisting our Scouts in accomplishing a milestone closer to completing their Eagle Scout Rank. Until next year!

EVANSVILLE, IN

Thank you, USI, for hosting and providing our fellow Scouts with an amazing and welcoming experience on your campus! We extend our gratitude to your faculty for providing a great learning experience for our Scouts! Til next year!

JASPER, IN

March 14, 2026

St. Joseph Parish Center
1029 Kunderk St.
Jasper, IN 47546

 REGISTER NOW



**MERIT BADGE
UNIVERSITY**

Scouting America
Buffalo Trace Council

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance, prepare, and learn new ways support and expand our Scouts' scouting experiences!

Training Weekend

April 18-19, 2026

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BALOO is a fun, exciting, and required training for all those in your Pack who are in charge of conducting a Pack family campout. Packs conducting overnight campouts must have a person on site who has attended BALOO training. It is recommended that each Pack have at least two BALOO trained adults. This course is designed to introduce Cub Scout leaders to the opportunities for pack overnight camping. It's more than just camping overnight it's a fun, successful event!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

**REGISTER
NOW**

What skills are needed for a Scout to advance from Tenderfoot Scout to First Class Scout? What are the basic skills any Scout needs to survive in the great outdoors?

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills teaches those skills. A practical, hands-on approach to basic outdoor Scoutcraft skills is a must for a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venturing Crew Advisor to be successful.

Leave No Trace Training

REGISTER NOW

This course is open to Scouters over the age of 18 and Venturers. All participants who complete this course will be recognized as Leave No Trace Trainers by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. It will meet one of the requirements for Scouts BSA to serve in the troop's Leave No Trace Trainer position and will also fulfill most of the Venturing Ranger Award Leave No Trace requirements.

COUNCIL CAMPOREE

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CONSERVATION CAMPOREE

April 24-26, 2026

 REGISTER NOW

Prides Creek
1045 E. Co. Rd. 400 N.
Petersburgh, IN 47567



There will be a fishing derby, service projects that include building Wood Duck boxes and Bluebird houses. There is a chance to work on a merit badge, or work towards the Keep America Beautiful Award, the Complete Angler Award, or just be part of the Patrol/ Troop Competitions.

COUNCIL COURT OF HONOR

Celebration of Leadership

Please join us

in celebrating leadership,
commitment, character, citizenship, and grit at the

BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA

2026 COUNCIL COURT OF HONOR R

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 4:45 p.m.

*Oakland City University
Student Life Center*

720 West Sherman Street
Oakland City, Indiana

Tickets \$25

Honorees and Immediate Family are Complimentary

Kindly respond by

March 27, 2026

Advance Registration is Required

Register online →
Or call 812-423-5246



DAY CAMP

Cub Scouts participate in an assortment of activities while earning achievements and having fun!

NAUTICAL ADVENTURES

Ahoy mateys! Join us for a week of mystifying science, high seas crafts, scallywag friendships, and just an all-around swashbuckling good time!

Day Camp is filled with range and target activities, water fun, science experiments, crafts, and team building games!

EVANSVILLE

June 3-5, 2026

Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

HUNTINGBURG

June 9-12, 2026

Dubois County 4-H
4157 S. St. Rd. #162
Huntingburg, IN 47542

VINCENNES

June 19-20, 2026

Ouabache Trails Park
3500 Lower Fort Knox Rd.
Vincennes, IN 47591

COUNCIL POPCORN SALE



2026 Popcorn NEW Commission Rates



ALL UNITS BASE COMMISSIONS WILL INCREASE FROM 30% TO 40%

As follows, there is also the potential to receive up to a 5% Bonus Commission!

+2% Bonus Commission if, by **May 1, 2026**, the Unit has:

- Signed up in the Trail's End system and committed to sell in the 2026 sale
- Established a sales goal
- A designated Popcorn Kernel
- 80% of their registered Scouts with a Trail's End Account by **9/30/2026**

+1% Bonus Commission for having two adults attend Popcorn University on **July 18, 2026**. The two attending adults:

- Must not be from the same household
- At least one of the adults must be a registered adult leader in the Unit
- Must not represent more than one Unit; (i.e. 2 Units = 4 adults)

+2% Bonus Commission for Units that have an increase in Unit Sales by **11/15/2026**:

- If this is a new Unit (no sales in the prior year)—average sales of \$200 per registered Scout, (new, combined Family Troops are not considered "new" Units, if one Unit sold in the prior year)
- If the Unit sold less than \$10,000 in the prior year, total sales must increase 10% or more
- If the Unit sold more than \$10,000 in the prior year's sales, total sales must increase 5% or more

Individual Scouts. Higher Sales. Less Time.

Trail's End[®]

Trail's End is built for Scout success — helping Scouts raise more per hour while keeping fundraising simple for families and leaders.

Why it works

- Scouts average \$189 per hour; top sellers exceed \$300/hour
- Scout Sales reward effort, ownership, and determination
- Real-time app tracking keeps Scouts motivated while having fun selling

Easy by Design

- One app for Selling, Storefront shifts, tracking, and payouts
- High-traffic Storefronts™ secured — Scouts choose their shifts
- Free credit card processing — no fees, no card reader needed

Trail's End is about working smarter and building confident, capable Scouts.

Learn more or commit:

https://info.trailsend.com/units?utm_source=digital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news&utm_content=jan



All Units in the Buffalo Trace Council now have the potential to earn 45% Unit Sales Commissions when selling Trail's End Popcorn during 2026!

Commit to the Sale Today!

<https://login.trails-end.com/unit-registration>



POPCORN WITH THE OTTERS

Top 100 save the date to celebrate and cheer on the Otters!

2025 POPCORN TOP SELLER OTTERS GAME

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

A letter will soon be mailed to inform top seller families
about the game and to order their Top Seller T-shirts!



POPCORN SPOTLIGHTS

2025 Top Popcorn Sellers

1.	Owen Pym	Troop 374B	\$14,882.00	51.	Benjamin Zhen	Pack 246	\$2,124.51
2.	Jamie Cain	Troop 374G	\$10,796.00	52.	Luke Stevens	Pack 369	\$2,080.57
3.	Alexandria Pym	Troop 374G	\$10,210.00	53.	Maximilian Paulin	Troop 186	\$2,080.00
4.	Vincent Bell	Troop 375	\$9,742.00	54.	Foley Blanton	Pack 246	\$2,047.00
5.	Keyton Frick	Pack 186	\$7,225.18	55.	Roisin Wilson	Pack 369	\$2,041.25
6.	Aiden Brumley	Troop 315	\$7,028.00	56.	Matias Tay	Pack 369	\$2,040.30
7.	Michael Horn	Pack 369	\$6,433.65	57.	Colin Fleck	Pack 270	\$2,014.00
8.	Savannah Goins	Troop 374G	\$6,104.00	58.	Clayton Greenwell	Pack 369	\$1,945.69
9.	Logan Ranard	Pack 369	\$5,443.71	59.	Leon Quach	Pack 369	\$1,930.65
10.	Noah Krohn	Pack 301	\$5,250.83	60.	Theodore Kocher	Pack 245	\$1,890.00
11.	Carter Carey	Pack 369	\$5,184.46	61.	Corran McConnell	Pack 163	\$1,879.97
12.	EllaAnn Conley	Troop 374G	\$4,365.00	62.	Bentley Bannister	Pack 369	\$1,875.96
13.	Hunter Moore	Pack 325	\$3,793.56	63.	Jameson Clark	Pack 369	\$1,850.42
14.	Henry Carter	Pack 246	\$3,482.00	64.	Jonathan Field	Pack 246	\$1,850.00
15.	Castiel Bahr	Pack 325	\$3,447.13	65.	Arkin Seavey	Pack 369	\$1,841.79
16.	Ada Mitchell	Pack 211	\$3,358.90	66.	William Wallace	Troop 315	\$1,835.00
17.	Charles Halbig	Pack 246	\$3,348.16	67.	Alexavier Garcia	Pack 211	\$1,825.91
18.	Blake Elsner	Pack 369	\$3,307.44	68.	Rowan Decker	Pack 335	\$1,822.00
19.	Bennett Stone	Pack 369	\$3,168.15	69.	Jaxon Ingram	Pack 163	\$1,785.93
20.	Matthew Christmas	Pack 186	\$3,142.35	70.	William Boruff	Pack 246	\$1,783.00
21.	Tanner Young	Troop 186	\$2,946.00	71.	Xavier Arnold	Pack 325	\$1,769.86
22.	Christian Whipkey	Pack 270	\$2,850.00	72.	Brantley Arnold	Pack 325	\$1,769.86
23.	Oliver Conley	Troop 371	\$2,747.50	73.	Adam Scott	Troop 371	\$1,755.50
24.	Paul Collins	Pack 226	\$2,683.00	74.	Sudarshan Nair	Pack 369	\$1,751.88
25.	Jeremiah Smith	Troop 186	\$2,679.50	75.	Parker Lamb	Pack 246	\$1,738.00
26.	Chloe Petry	Pack 186	\$2,666.05	76.	Eddie Knivila	Pack 325	\$1,691.64
27.	Simon Moore	Pack 369	\$2,644.62	77.	Jayden Ingram	Pack 163	\$1,690.93
28.	Cora Tolliver	Pack 270	\$2,634.50	78.	Harper Robinson	Pack 369	\$1,690.50
29.	Mark Russell	Pack 369	\$2,611.19	79.	Nora Miles	Pack 369	\$1,688.98
30.	Brodie Miller	Pack 100	\$2,589.84	80.	Luke Crummley	Pack 293	\$1,682.00
31.	Liam Welch	Pack 369	\$2,587.17	81.	Apollo Corwin	Pack 240	\$1,672.00
32.	Aaron Cayton	Pack 335	\$2,562.00	82.	Hayden Miles	Pack 369	\$1,618.14
33.	William Mayer	Pack 246	\$2,473.00	83.	Asa Arbaugh	Pack 369	\$1,609.74
34.	Liam Capps	Pack 385	\$2,396.00	84.	Dorian Bahr	Pack 325	\$1,568.41
35.	Wesley Duran	Pack 312	\$2,365.00	85.	Isaiah Irvin	Pack 245	\$1,566.00
36.	Joshua Ball	Troop 211	\$2,307.10	86.	Gavin Zickefoose	Pack 246	\$1,565.00
37.	Landon Starkey	Pack 369	\$2,299.16	87.	Stephen Halsell	Pack 369	\$1,556.50
38.	Jadon Koranchie-Boah	Pack 369	\$2,291.48	88.	James Claybourn	Pack 369	\$1,541.17
39.	Miguel Trevino	Pack 369	\$2,274.08	89.	BrentLee Williams	Pack 100	\$1,540.00
40.	Jedidiah Koranchie	Pack 369	\$2,273.62	90.	Prudence Claybourn	Pack 369	\$1,535.17
41.	Emma Dieter	Pack 100	\$2,270.34	91.	Jaina McConnell	Pack 163	\$1,530.39
42.	Elliott Mosiman	Pack 163	\$2,258.27	92.	Brody Evans	Troop 371	\$1,530.00
43.	Oliver Mayer	Pack 246	\$2,253.65	93.	Phoenix Dixon	Pack 369	\$1,515.54
44.	Christopher Bengert	Pack 163	\$2,253.58	94.	Theodore Tindle	Pack 369	\$1,514.40
45.	Reid Madras	Pack 369	\$2,253.36	95.	Theo Dant	Pack 369	\$1,506.31
46.	Eli May	Pack 335	\$2,253.00	96.	Madeline Starkey	Pack 369	\$1,505.23
47.	Avery Goetz	Pack 369	\$2,240.75	97.	Blake Stricklen	Pack 369	\$1,503.04
48.	Seph Storey	Pack 325	\$2,177.97	98.	Landen McCoy	Troop 292	\$1,500.00
49.	Elliott Carlisle	Pack 369	\$2,176.25	99.	Riley Rayborn	Troop 292	\$1,500.00
50.	Fiona Lance	Troop 315	\$2,151.00	100.	Aiden Gehlhausen	Pack 325	\$1,486.46

POPCORN SPOTLIGHTS

2025 Top Family Sellers

1. PYM FAMILY \$25,092
Owen - Troop 374B
Alexandria - Troop 374G
2. GOINS FAMILY \$7,511
Savannah - Troop 374G
Raina - Pack 246
3. RANARD FAMILY \$6,556
Jack - Troop 352
Logan - Pack 369
4. BAHR FAMILY \$5,015
Castiel - Pack 325
Dorian - Pack 325
5. MAYER FAMILY \$4,726.65
William - Pack 246
Oliver - Pack 246
6. KORANCHIE FAMILY - \$4,565
Jadan - Pack 369
Jedidiah - Pack 369
7. LANCE FAMILY \$4,525
Evie - Troop 315G
Fiona - Troop 315G
Asher - Pack 325
8. GREENWELL FAMILY \$3,827
Bentley - Pack 369
Clayton - Pack 369
9. STARKEY FAMILY \$3,804
Landon - Pack 369
Madeline - Pack 369
10. PETRY FAMILY \$3,683
Chloe - Pack 186
Kristyn - Pack 186
11. PAULIN FAMILY \$3,490
Maximillian - Troop 186
Ezekiel - Pack 186
12. INGRAM FAMILY \$3,475
Jaxon - Pack 163
Jayden - Pack 163
13. DIXON FAMILY \$3,358
Arkin - Pack 369
Phoenix - Pack 369
14. MILES FAMILY \$3,307
Hayden - Pack 369
Nora - Pack 369
15. BLANTON FAMILY \$3,213
Foley - Pack 246
Eloise - Pack 246
16. CLAYBOURN FAMILY \$3,076
Prudence - Pack 369
James - Pack 369
17. MUNDY FAMILY \$2,858
Henry - Troop 186B
Elizabeth - Pack 186
Charles - Pack 186
Ada - Troop 186G
Max - Troop 186B
18. BIELECKI FAMILY \$2,527
Ian - Troop 211
Callen - Troop 211
19. HOUCHINS FAMILY \$2,184
Emily - Troop 186G
Samuel - Pack 186
Autumn - Pack 186
20. BRINKMAN FAMILY \$2,135
Audrie - Pack 186
Gwen - Pack 186
21. HALLETT FAMILY \$2,037
Denver - Troop 186B
Haley - Troop 186G

GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

Buffalo Trace Council Scout Shop

BUSINESS HOURS

MON. 8:30 -TO- 5:00

TUES. 8:30 -TO- 5:00

WED. 8:30 -TO- 5:00

THUR. 8:30 -TO- 5:00

FRI. 8:30 -TO- 5:00

SAT. CLOSED -TO- CLOSED

SUN. CLOSED -TO- CLOSED

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Portfolio

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When you invest in Scouting, you help create a better world by empowering future leaders.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting dollars are used to provide most of the services that come to you from the Council such as: Compass Points, School Flyers for Recruitment, Training, Program Planning Materials, Registration, Council Fee, Uniform and Campership Assistance, etc.



Friends of Scouting

The format of FOS Unit presentations has changed. Rather than a unit presentation, the Council office will gladly mail information to families interested in earning FREE rank and advancement. Contact any member of our Council staff to sign up!

FREE RANK AND ADVANCEMENT FOR YOUR UNIT*

If your Pack or Troop **averages \$50 per Scout** for FOS, then the Pack or Troop will receive free rank badges during the 2026 calendar year.

If your Pack or Troop **averages \$70 per Scout** for FOS, then the Pack or Troop will receive free rank badges plus Cub Scout belt loops and Webelos pins for Packs and merit badges for Troops during the 2026 calendar year.

*Up to December 15, 2026



Scan to get to
BTC Friends of
Scouting page!



UNITED WAY

Buffalo Trace Council would like to thank everyone who has designated gifts to the Council through your local United Way. Each gift we receive helps ensure that all Scouts have an opportunity to join and enjoy all the activities provided by Scouting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We would like to extend a special thank you to our United Way partners for their continued support of Scouting!

United Way of Gibson County
United Way of Knox County
United Way of Perry County
United Way of Pike County
United Way of Posey County

LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

INDIANA LICENSE

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Scouting America license plate in Indiana! Your additional support provides resources for our Scouts that we would not otherwise have. If you have not purchased a Scouting America license plate, you can do so by just letting the BMV know when you renew your registration. It's that simple!

ILLINOIS LICENSE

Did you know that you can support Buffalo Trace Council by purchasing an Eagle Scout license plate in Indiana/Illinois?

License plate registration application forms may be obtained in person at most Secretary of State facilities, by mail, by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com or by calling 800-252-8980. An applicant must provide a copy of their Eagle Scout Certificate or written proof of Eagle Scout rank from the Local BSA Council.

Complete details are on the BMV website or at a local licensing branch.



250TH ANNIVERSARY

The countdown to America's 250th Anniversary starts NOW!



Scouting America is proud to announce a national partnership with America250 to inspire Scouts everywhere to celebrate this historic milestone. From learning about our nation's history to participating in community service projects, this partnership is all about action, learning, and leadership.

**"By working together, we'll empower Scouts to reflect on our past and lead our future."
~Scouting America CEO, Roger Krone**

Read the press release here:

<https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/.../scouting-america.../>

Learn more about America250:

www.America250.org

COUNCIL CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

- 3 Ferdinand - Eagle Board of Review
- 4 Staff Meeting
- 5 Camping Committee Meeting
- Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
- 6-7 Wilderness First Aid Training
- 6-8 Catholic Retreat - Scouts BSA & Venturing
- 8 Daylight Savings
- 9 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 10 Program Meeting
- 12 Evansville Eagle Board of Review
- 14 Jasper MBU
- Scout Shop Open 9-Noon
- Zoobilee @Mesker Park Zoo *Cub Scouts
- 17 Training Committee Meeting
- 18 Staff Meeting
- 19 Activities Committee Meeting
- Advancement Committee Meeting
- 21 Scout Reach Pinewood Derby Race
- 22 OA Monthly Lodge Meeting

APRIL 2026

- 1 Membership Meeting
- Staff Meeting
- 3 Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 Easter Day
- 7 Ferdinand - Eagle Board of Review
- 8 Range & Target Activity Meeting
- 9 Camping Committee Meeting
- Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
- Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
- 10-12 OA Section Conclave
- 11 Council Court of Honor
- 13-16 Phone-a-thon
- 13 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 14 Program Meeting
- 15 Staff Meeting
- 16 Activities Committee Meeting
- Advancement Committee Meeting
- 18 OA Rank Up
- Scout Reach Field Day
- 18-19 Spring BALOO Training
- Spring IOLS Training
- Spring LNT Training
- 21 No Training Committee Meeting
- 22 Administration Professional Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 24-26 Conservation Spring Camporee
- 27 OA Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 28 Executive Board Meeting
- 29 Staff Meeting

MAY 2026

- 2 Fishing Derby
- NRA Range Safety Officer Course
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- Ferdinand - Eagle Board of Review
- 7 Camping Committee Meeting
- 9 Popcorn Otter's Game
- Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 13 Recruitment Training - Dale, IN
- Staff Meeting
- 14 Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
- Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
- 15-17 OA Spring Conclave and Ordeal
- 17 OA Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 18 Recruitment Training - Albion, IL
- 19 Training Committee Meeting
- 21 Activities Committee Meeting
- Advancement Committee Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 Staff Meeting
- 30 Recruitment Training - Evansville, IN

2026 COUNCIL CALENDAR



Stay Tuned

COUNCIL

Key 3 Members

Council President: David Hayhurst
Council Commissioner: Joe Holtz
Scout Executive: John Harding
Compass Points Editor: Jennifer Carapia

MISSION STATEMENT

Aims and values of the Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America.

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America is to prepare our young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



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