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Newsletter

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL  
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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Linda Schweickart



Linda Schweickart became involved in scouting when her son Luke crossed over into Troop 301. A little uneasy with letting her young scout travel to Yellowstone National Park, Linda volunteered to help with the trip. While on the multiday journey Linda started reading the Boy Scout handbook. Her initial assumptions were that scouts were all about outdoor skills like camping and building fires. Linda soon realized that the goal of the program is about leadership and how to be a good community member. Throughout that trip she became more interested in the program and started camping with the troop on a regular basis. She decided to become even more involved and became a committee member.

Not long after Linda became more involved with the troop, the current Scoutmaster unexpectedly resigned their position. Linda was asked to take on the role of the new scoutmaster, but initially said no because she didn't feel like she was the right person for the job. With the encouragement of her son Luke, Linda agreed to become Scoutmaster until someone else could take over the role.

Linda decided to be the best Scoutmaster she could be, taking every training opportunity that was offered. She took a number of classes at University of Scouting, Merit Badge University, completed IOLS and earned her Wood Badge beads.

Even though this was supposed to be a short term position, Linda served as Scoutmaster for 5 years averaging over 30 camping nights each of those years. Under her leadership, the troop grew from a handful of boys to 35 scouts when she handed over the reins.

Linda attributed her success to following the program exactly the way it is supposed to be implemented and working on things like the National Outdoor Challenge.

The skills Linda acquired and built on through courses like Wood Badge, not only helped her as a leader in scouting, but also helped her become a better leader in her profession as a Registered Nurse. Linda never viewed herself as a team leader, but more as a good reliable worker. She credits the skills she has learned as an adult leader in molding her into a leader at work and earning the Nurse of the year award.

Aside from her exemplary work as a Scoutmaster, Linda is a Vigil member and Associate Advisor for our Order of the Arrow Kiondaga Lodge and member of the Ole Buzzards. Linda was awarded The District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award in 2019.

When I posed the question, why have you given so much of your time to the program, Linda said, it's worth it. The program is not only about camping and building fires, it's about helping scouts become good people and leaders. It's about teaching them to be the 12 points of the scout law and being successful in whatever they decide to do. Watching the scouts change into young leaders and good citizens is worth all of the time she has given.

# EAGLE SCOUT

## INFORMATION



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#### **NATIVE TRAILS**

March 9, 2023

Caleb Kunkler Troop 393

Aidan Gordan Troop 352

Aleksander Gumula Troop 352

#### **ALGONKIAN**

March 2023

n/a

#### **LINCOLN HERITAGE**

March 7, 2023

Ayden Young Troop 151

April 13, 2023

Kyle Blandord Troop 397

Nathan Raben Troop 312

Grant McIntosh Troop 399

April 2023

n/a

April 2023

n/a

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

Meet 2nd Thursday of every Month

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Meet 1st Thursday of every Month

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Meet 1st Tuesday of every Month



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

## **2023 LODGE CALENDAR AND CONTACTS**

### **MAY 2023**

19TH-21ST - SPRING FELLOWSHIP AND ORDEAL  
21ST - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **JUNE 2023**

25TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **JULY 2023**

16TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **AUGUST 2023**

12TH - VIGIL REUNION  
12TH - 13TH - SUMMER FUN FELLOWSHIP  
13TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

8TH-10TH - FALL FELLOWSHIP AND  
ORDEAL  
10TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **OCTOBER 2023**

21ST - HALLOWEEN PARTY  
(SAME DAY AS SPOOKE-O-REE)  
21ST - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

11TH-12TH - LODGE LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT & LOCK-IN  
12TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **DECEMBER 2023**

10TH - MONTHLY LEC\*

### **JANUARY 2024**

6TH - WINTER BANQUET

\*Our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings, if on the same day of an event will generally be at the conclusion of the event at the same location.



The most up-to-date calendar is available at  
[kiondaga.org/events/](https://kiondaga.org/events/)



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**[VIEW A FULL LIST OF OUR OFFICERS AND ADVISERS ON OUR WEBSITE AT](#)**

**[KIONDAGA.ORG/LEADERSHIP:](https://kiondaga.org/leadership)**





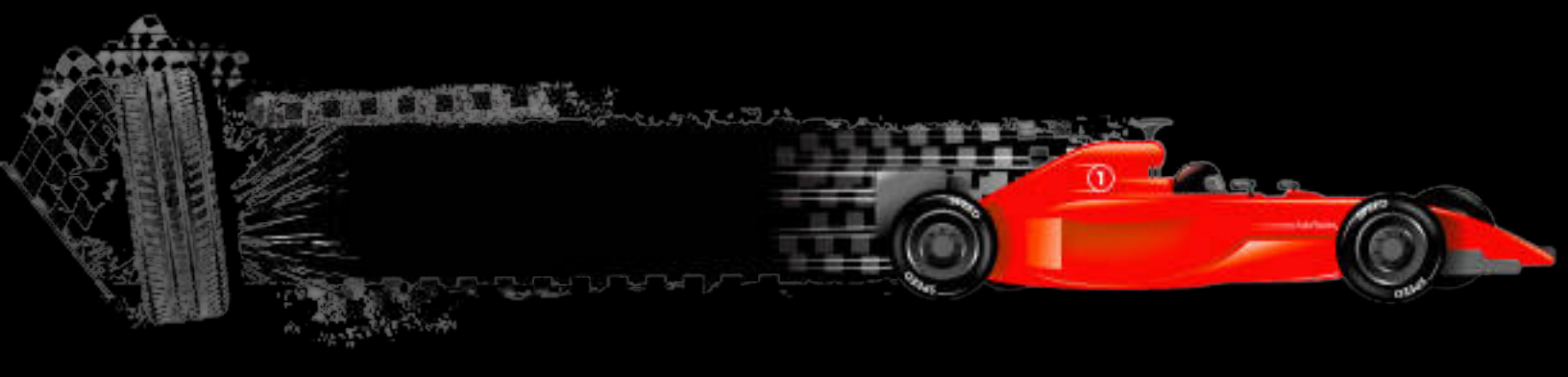
# **IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023  
5:30 PM CST**

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF IYOS?**

To share the tools, resources, and opportunities that provide the best possible programs for our Scouts in the coming year. There will be vendors on-site from various organizations, so don't miss this special time to learn about the resources available to our young people!

**Register @ <https://scoutingevent.com/156-IdealYear2023>**





**\$20 per Scout  
\$5 more for  
Adults**

May 13, 2023

Eykamp Scout Center  
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway  
Evansville, IN 47715  
Time: 9am - 4pm (CST)



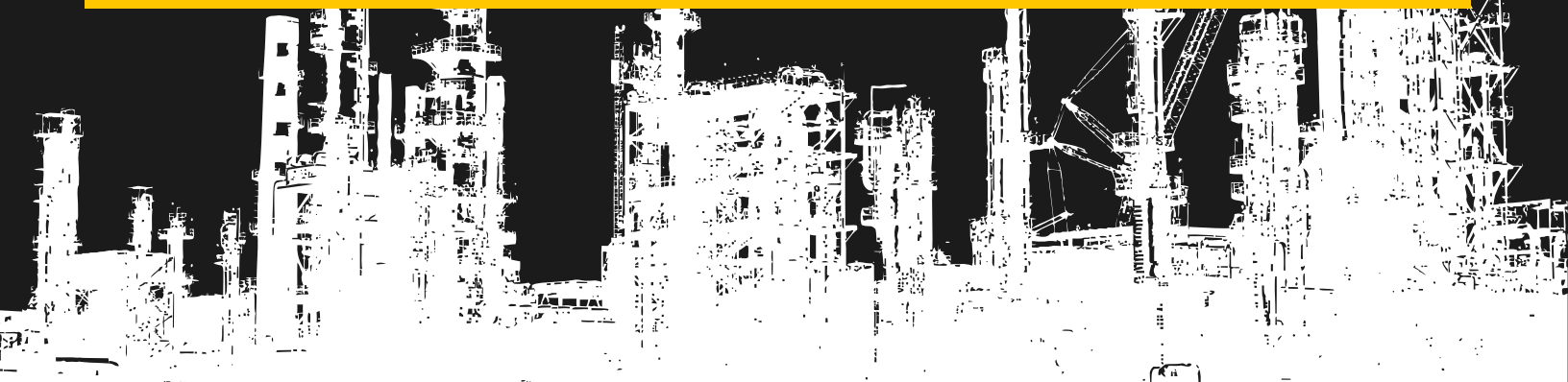
Buffalo Trace Council

# Parent-N-Pal

[REGISTER NOW >](#)



Event Director: Brian Conner - [scoutmaster301@gmail.com](mailto:scoutmaster301@gmail.com)  
Event Advisor - Adam White - [adambsa383@gmail.com](mailto:adambsa383@gmail.com)



# SCOUT NIGHT AT BOSSE FIELD

**Saturday,**

**May 20, 2023**

**6:35PM (CST)**



Payment and Registration DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 17

**KIDS: \$5**

**ADULTS: \$8**

**Includes:**

**Camping Guidelines:**

- General Admission Ticket to the Game
- Hot Dog, Chips and Water during Game
- O & A with the Otters
- Postgame Baseball Clinic
- Overnight Campout
- Commemorative Patch

- No Stakes Allowed for Tents
- No Bugspray Allowed on Tents
- Gates Lock at 10pm
- Lightout at Midnight

**If you need tickets and are not a Top Seller, please contact Keith Millikan at [kmillikan@evansvilleotters.com](mailto:kmillikan@evansvilleotters.com) or call 1-812-435-8686 and talk to Keith! Hope to see you there!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Spread the word, let's make this a GREAT NIGHT OF FUN!**

**FOR POPCORN TOP 100 AND TOP FAMILIES 2022, RESERVE YOUR TICKETS.**

**[Top Popcorn  
Registration Link](#)**

# Cub Scout Day Camps

## **NATIVE TRAILS**

June 7-9, 2023

### **EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER**

**3501 E. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715**

**REGISTER NOW >**

## **ALGONKIAN**

June 14-16, 2023

### **OUABACHE (WABASH)**

#### **TRAILS PARK**

**3500 N. LOWER FORT KNOX ROAD  
VINCENNES, IN 47591**

**REGISTER NOW >**

## **LINCOLN HERITAGE**

June 27-29 & 30 (Evening), 2023

### **4-H DUBOIS COUNTY**

#### **FAIRGROUNDS**

**4157 S. ST. RD #162  
HUNTINGBURG, IN 47542**

**REGISTER NOW >**



[www.buffalotracecouncil.org/day-camp](http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/day-camp)



# JOHN & KAY GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Friday  
8:30am - 5pm (CST)**

We accept Mastercard, VISA, Discover,  
Cash, and Checks

To Place an Order:  
Call: 812-423-5246 ext. 2202

or

Email: [jennifer.carapia@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.carapia@scouting.org)

To see what's new, go to:  
<https://www.scoutshop.org/>

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Craft Kit



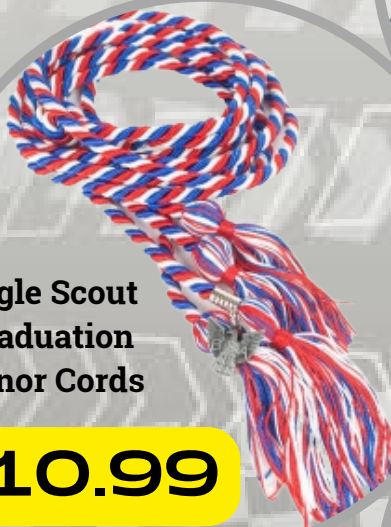
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"Once an Eagle  
Always an Eagle  
Cap



**\$17.99**

Eagle Scout  
Graduation  
Honor Cords



**\$10.99**

BSA Bonnie Hat



**\$29.99**



# RENT WITH US!

Planning your next event?

## Reservation Form



### Eykamp Scout Center

3501 E. Lloyd Expressway  
Evansville, IN 47715

Visit our Website

<https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/>

Monday - Friday  
8:30AM - 5PM (CST)



WELBORN ROOM

### EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

Buffalo Trace Council is headquartered in Evansville, IN at the Eykamp Scout Center. Named for Richard and Rita Eykamp, the Center was dedicated in February 2005, and serves as both an administrative headquarters, Scout Shop and a program center.

The spacious meeting rooms and 17-acres of outdoor space allow for a wide variety of events. The Eykamp Scout Center is available to all Scout units and community.



SHELTER HOUSE

Call our office  
812-423-5246

or

[adminstration@buffalotracecouncil.org](mailto:adminstration@buffalotracecouncil.org)

to check date availability and booking  
information



The Buffalo Trace Council is proud to introduce the Buffalo Trace Society as an annual recognition group for donors who give \$1,000 or more in a year.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers and donors who support our Scouts. For more information about giving opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 812-423-5246.

[BUFFALOTRACECOUNCIL.ORG/SUPPORT-SCOUTING](http://BUFFALOTRACECOUNCIL.ORG/SUPPORT-SCOUTING)



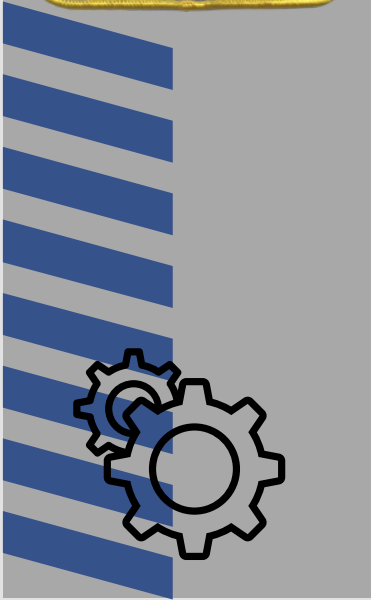


# Friends of Scouting

Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Leaders

It's hard to believe, but 2023 is here! Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can earn FREE badges during the 2023 calendar year. How you ask? Simply schedule and hold a Friends of Scouting presentation during a Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting and reach the established goal for your unit to achieve FREE badges.

The FOS presentation is a brief talk made to families at Pack meetings and the Court of Honor to give families the opportunity to make a pledge to Scouting. The badge program is good only for the calendar year. Don't delay! If you wait to have your presentation, you can only take advantage of the program for the remaining months of the year! 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, etc.



## Level 1 (\$45 per Member) Rank Patches Only

<u>Packs</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Lion	Scout	Venturing
Bobcat	Tenderfoot	Discovery
Tiger	First Class	Pathfinder
Wolf	Second Class	Summit
Bear	Star	
Webelos	Life	
Arrow of Light	Eagle	



## Level 2 (\$60 per Member) Plus all of Level 1 Rank Patches

<u>Packs</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Belt Loops	Merit Badges	Quest
Webelos Pin		Trust
		Ranger



## 2023 FREE RANK PROGRAM

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges:

**Troop 305**

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges and FREE merit badges/belt loops:

**Troop 211, Troop 315B, Troop 315G, Troop 301, Pack 333, Pack 292, Pack 362**

How can your unit earn free badges? WE can now visit your next meeting to hold a presentation and achieve your establish goal(s) to earn free rank and, or advancement for 2023. Contact your District Professional.

**CALL OR EMAIL YOUR DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL TODAY  
TO SET UP YOUR 2023 FOS FAMILY PRESENTATION**



**LINCOLN HERITAGE**

**NATIVE TRAILS**

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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

United Way of Southwestern Indiana

**UNITED WAY**



**INDIANA**

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



**ILLINOIS**

Did you know that you can support Buffalo Trace Council by purchasing an Eagle Scout license plate in Illinois? License plate registration application forms may be obtained in person at most Secretary of State facilities, by mail, by visiting [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://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.

**BECOME A FRIEND OF**

*Scouting*



**AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCOUTS**



**DONATE NOW**



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL

## Closed



**Memorial Day**  
May 29



**Happy Thanksgiving**  
November 22-24



**Staff Training**  
June 12



**Merry Christmas**  
December 22-25



**Independence Day**  
July 3-4



**New Year's Day**  
January 1-2



**Labor Day**  
September 9

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# MAY

- 2 LH - Eagle BOR
- 3 Staff Meeting
- 4 Ideal Year of Scouting
- 8 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 11 NT - Eagle BOR
- ALG - Eagle BOR
- LH - District Committee Meeting
- 13 Parent & Pal Event
- Scout Shop Open 9-Noon
- 14 Mother's Day
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 Staff Meeting
- 18 ALG - District Committee Meeting
- NT - District Committee Meeting
- 19-21 Spring Fellowship & Ordeal
- 20 Otter's Game - Popcorn Recognition
- 21 OA - LEC
- 23-25 Phonathon
- 29 Memorial Day - Office CLOSED
- 31 June Staff Meeting

# JUNE

- 1 ALG Roundtable
- 2 Staff Conference - OFFICE CLOSED
- 6 LH Eagle BOR
- 7-9 Evansville Cub Scout Day Camp
- 8 AG - District Committee Meeting
- 14 Membership Training @Log Inn Vincennes
- 14-16 Vincennes Cub Scout Day Camp
- 15 NT - District Committee Meeting
- NT - Eagle BOR
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 Membership Training @Log Inn Vincennes
- Juneteeth National Independence Day
- 20 Membership Training @ Mariah Hill
- 22 Membership Training @ Eykanp
- 25 OA - LEC
- 27-30 Dubois County Cub Scout Day Camp

# Council Calendar



# JULY

- 3-4 Independence Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 6 ALG - Roundtable
- 8 Scout Shop Open 9-NOON
- 10 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 11 LH - Eagle BOR
- 12 Staff Meeting
- Membership Meeting @ Albion
- 13 ALG - Eagle BOR
- 16 OA - LEC
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 NT - District Committee Meeting
- ALG - District Committee Meeting
- 29 Mining in Society MB Day

**Stay  up to Date**