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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL

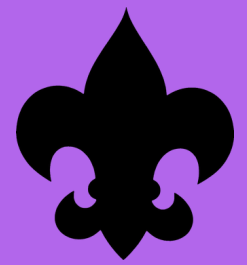


November/December 2023

www.buffalotraccouncil.org



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



ALL VOLUNTEERS



Words can never express how appreciative we are to have each volunteer as part of our team! We are blessed to have volunteers who are so passionate about helping and giving back to the community. Thank you each and every one for your service.

Thank you for your selfless dedication, your time and your efforts. Thank you for helping provide an energetic and exciting program to our youth of today and our future leaders! We literally can't do this without you!

Thank you for your dedication to the Buffalo Trace Council. Your compassion and kindness toward our Scouts are an inspiration to all members of our organization. Under your leadership we make our community a better place. We are incredibly grateful for and humbled by your efforts, and we want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you again for all that you do for Scouting.

On behalf of the Buffalo Trace Council, we want to thank you for your hardwork!

EAGLE SCOUT

INFORMATION

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW DISTRICT CONTACTS



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NATIVE TRAILS

September 14, 2023

Julian Hawkins Troop 301
Rowan O'Daniel Troop 312
Elijah Elsner Troop 318B
Adan Puga Troop 336B
Caleb Humphrey Troop 350B
Joshua Dill Troop 387
Caleb Vandendorpe Troop 397

October 2023

n/a

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

Meets 2nd Thursday of every Month

ALGONKIAN

September 2023

n/a

October 2023

n/a

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

Meets 1st Thursday of every Month

LINCOLN HERITAGE

September 5, 2023

Jacob Keller Troop 186B
Aiden Nord Troop 186B
Ty Hamlin Troop 185
Seth Striegel Troop 186B

October 3, 2023

Boston Schulte Troop 102

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

Meets 1st Tuesday of every Month



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2023 LODGE CALENDAR AND CONTACTS

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 current calendar is available at
kiondaga.org/events/



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LODGE ADVISER:

WAYNE CARTER

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VIEW A FULL LIST OF OUR
OFFICERS AND ADVISERS ON OUR
WEBSITE AT

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



Recharter and Renewal

Recharter due **February 17, 2024**



Annual Recharter Time!



Recharter is just around the corner! Join us for the **December 7th Virtual Roundtable** for further information on the new recharter process.

Recharter portal will open **December 1, 2023**. Please see the website for more details.

Register for December Roundtable!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Renewal: District/Council Member

District Committee members will be voted in on December 19, 2023.

Chartered Organization

Representatives, district members at large, and registered council members residing in the district are eligible to vote on the 2023 slate.

Council Board Members will be voted in on January 23, 2024. Chartered Organization Representatives and duly elected council members-at-large are eligible to vote and are strongly encouraged to attend. Renewal notices will be emailed to each member of the districts and council by December 18th. Please complete the form, attach your membership dues, and mail it back to:

Buffalo Trace Council.
3501 E Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715
Attn: Membership

Renewal: Merit Badge Counselors

[Renewal Membership Form](#)

All current merit badge counselors will need to renew their merit badge counselor status. If you are member in a Unit, District or Counselor Level you will be a multiple in this position. If you are ONLY a Merit Badge Counselor there is a \$25 membership fee. You can email ashlee.ryan@scouting.org for assistance or with questions about the process.

Recharter Key points

“What can we do to prepare our unit for Recharter?”

Please confirm you are up to date with Youth Protection Training (YPT).

Watch for Youth Protection Trainings at Merit Badge University (MBU).

Scouts Deserve A Trained Leader!



In-Person YPT Training
Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

December 14, 2023
9am (CST)

Register by December 7, 2023
by emailing John Harding:
john.harding@scouting.org



Follow up with inactive Scouts to evaluate and encourage engagement and verify your Unit Roster.

Assist your Webelos with finding their best-fit Troop.

UPDATE



Make sure the email associated with your account (and your scout's account!) is up to date. This will assist with your membership renewal reminders and keeping our Scout Family informed about upcoming events, etc. To change your email, click on "Edit Profile" and update the information. To change your scout's email you will need to click on "Youth Profile" then "Personal Info" to update the information.



Register for the
Annual Council Roundtable (via Zoom) for
Recharter Training and review of procedures.

December 7, 2023 @6:30pm (CST)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Link will be sent via email.



Print the Charter Agreement form.
This is an Annual Agreement that needs to be
reviewed with your Charter Partner and
Institutional Head.

[CLICK HERE](#)



DISTRICT DINNERS

NATIVE TRAILS

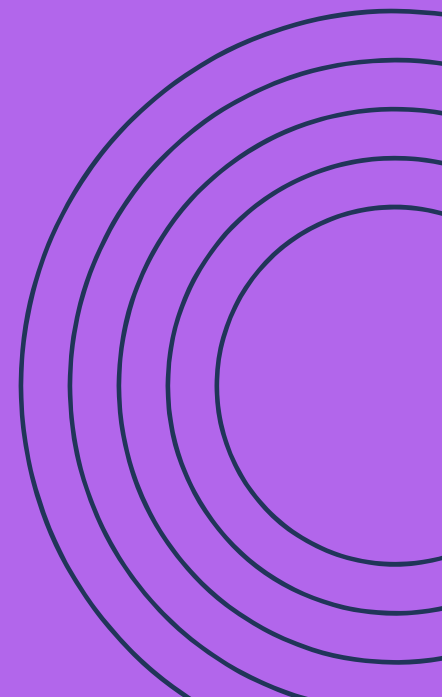
District Dinner
Friday, January 26, 2024
6pm (CST)
Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

ALGONKIAN

District Dinner
Saturday, February 3, 2024
@11am (CST) 10am (EST)
Community Church of Vincennes
1548 S. Hart Street Rd.
Vincennes, IN 47591

LINCOLN HERITAGE

District Dinner
Sunday, January 21, 2024
4pm (CST)
St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall
8 E. Maple St.
Dale, IN 47523



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY



ALGONKIAN

Saturday, January 20, 2024
Vincennes University
1002 N. 1st St.
Vincennes, IN 47591



NATIVE TRAILS

Saturday, February 24, 2024
University of Southern Indiana
8600 University Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47712



LINCOLN HERITAGE

Saturday, March 16, 2023
St. Joesph Catholic Church
1029 Kundeck St.
Jasper, IN 47546





WOOD BADGE

March 8-10, 2024 at Old Ben Campground
March 23-24, 2024 at Maumee Scout Reservation

Wood Badge is the BSA's premiere leadership training for adults.

It provides six days of hands-on experience in the theory & practice, of skills appropriate for leading others, both within Scouting and in environments beyond the BSA.

Wood Badge is designed to deliver immediate value to leaders involved throughout the Scouting Program.

Your course will be facilitated by the best of the best. Proven leaders and experienced trainers, your staff will consist of men and women from all parts of scouting and from all walks of life. They are a diverse group of seasoned scouts.

Upon successful completion of all course requirements, you will receive your certificate and Wood Badge beads, neckerchief and woggle.

The Wood Badge experience has served as a source of inspiration and a practical guide to tens of thousands, who have earned their beads.

Who can attend?

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.)
2. Have completed the basic training courses for your Scouting position. [Required Training by position.](#)
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form (available at www.scouting.org). Parts A, B, and C are required. Based on the stresses of the course, part C should always be used.

Cost: \$300 (Register and Pay in full by December 31, 2023, for a discount.)

REGISTER NOW >



SCOUTING GIVES BACK



Council - Wide Food Drive November 1-December 15, 2023

No one should have to go hungry in the richest country in the world - yet millions of Americans don't have enough to eat. Southern Indiana children, seniors, veterans, and active U.S. service members should never have to worry where their next meal will come from.

Through the month of November and December, Buffalo Trace Council is partnering up with local food banks to collect food for Southern Indiana families in need. Let's help fight hunger in our communities.



COLLECTION SITE: EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

Giving Warmth for Winter November 1-December 15, 2023

Join us in our goal of keeping Southern Indiana heads, hands, necks and feet warm this winter.

Collecting Socks, Gloves, Scarves, and Hats for Children, Women, and Men.

Donations will be given to several organizations, to be given to the homeless and families in need.



COLLECTION SITE: EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

Toys for Tots November 1-December 15, 2023

Eykamp Scout Center is a toy collection site for Southwestern Indiana Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army for Southern Indiana. This toy drive will provide toys to Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Gibson Counties. Toys for Tots provides holiday gifts to children in low-income families ensuring that all children get to experience the magic of the season. Bring your donations of new and unwrapped toys to the Eykamp Scout Center to help give back to our wonderful community!



COUNCIL NEWS

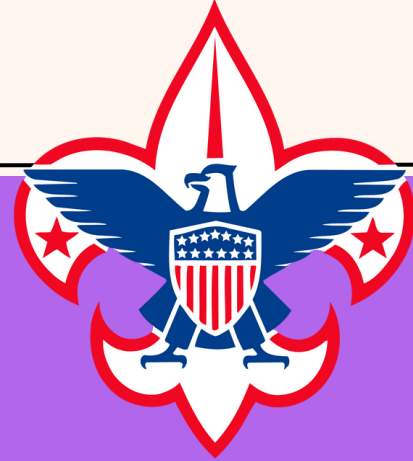


PERSONNEL



WELCOME
TO THE TEAM

Buffalo Trace Council



Algonkian District Associate:

Jessica Haase

I am originally from Elkton KY. I attended Murray State University where I acquired a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Communication and a Masters degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. I have been happily married to my husband, Eric, for 7 years. We have a 4 year old daughter and currently reside in Mt. Carmel IL. I enjoy cooking, painting, and watching movies. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and excited for this new role.

Program Specialist - Miesha Huebner

My wife and I have three wonderful boys together who are all active in Cub Scouts and play baseball. I am also a travel baseball coach for multiple teams, and I love working with kids in the community. I am big on outreach and volunteer work, and I am always looking for ways to give back to the community. Seeing so many kids in need and the wonderful leadership cub scouts offered for them led me to look into a job here at Buffalo Trace Council in the first place. Making our community a better place is a personal goal of mine.



Outreach Team

The Outreach division has added several new Program Leaders providing support in our afterschool programs: Tiffany Hall, Parker Boulet, Jenna Baker, Ayane Mundy, Steve Lythgoe, Miesha Huebner, and Quenton Moorhead.

2023 POPCORN SALE

Popcorn Checklist

- Submit Payment to Council on or before November 28, 2023
- Request Unit Payout & Scout Rewards
- Celebrate a GREAT SALE!



Payments received in Office after 11/28/2023 will be subject to a 5% late fee.

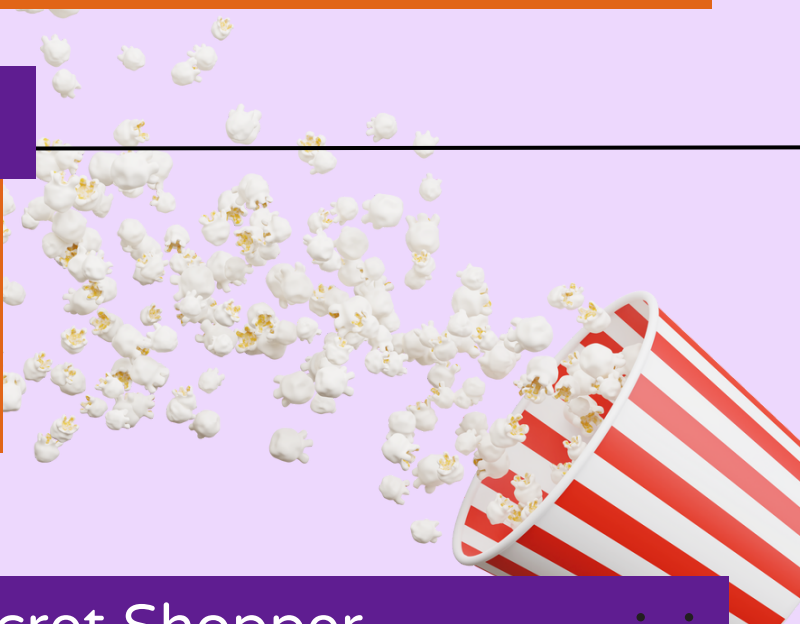
Challenge Accepted!

- Pack 246 - Stella P.
- Pack 100 - Oliver W.
- Pack 369 - Kingston W.
- Pack 317 - Logan S.



Embraced & Achieved!

- Pack 270 - Colin F.
- Pack 385 - Issac W.
- Pack 211 - Jovoni K.
- Pack 186 - Jeremiah S.



Secret Shopper

- Pack 270 - Christian W.
- Pack 325 - Christian H.
- Pack 270 - Raelynn M.
- Pack 369 - Mark R.



VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

The Glen A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year

Any Scout who earned the rank of Eagle in 2023 is eligible to apply for the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year. One project is chosen by a team of Buffalo Trace Council volunteers. The award is presented at the annual Council Court of Honor. The recipient's project will then be sent to the territory to compete against projects across the area. To apply, submit your nomination form along with your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to Council by December 31, 2023

[CLICK HERE](#)



EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS



District Award of Merit

Do you know a Scouter who needs to be recognized for their dedication, passion, and hard work? Nominate them for the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest honor a district can bestow upon a volunteer. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. It is presented annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units in the district. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting or both. The nature of noteworthy service may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or to a small group of youth over an extended period of time.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level distinguished service award. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. This is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer. This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters. Nominate a Scouter you feel is worthy!

[CLICK HERE](#)

ACCEPTING
NOMINATIONS FOR

*Silver Beaver
Award*



2023-2024 HOME SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – **FREE KIDS FRIDAY**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – **GAME SHOW NIGHT**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – **MILITARY NIGHT**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – **EDUCATION DAY GAME**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – **HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – **DOGS NIGHT OUT**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 – **TEDDY BEAR TOSS NIGHT & SCOUT NIGHT!**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 – **FREE KIDS FRIDAY**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 – **JURASSIC NIGHT**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – **NEW YEAR'S EVE W/ FIREWORKS**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 – **THUNDERBOLTS NIGHT**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 – **GAMER'S NIGHT**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – **STAR WARS NIGHT**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 – **FAITH NIGHT**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – **COLLEGE NIGHT**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – **WIZARDS NIGHT & SCOUT POPCORN GAME**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – **FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – **VALENTINE'S GAME**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – **90'S NIGHT**
FRIDAY – MARCH 1 – **DOGS NIGHT OUT 2**
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – **SUPER VILLAIN NIGHT**
SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – **SUNDAY FUNDAY**
FRIDAY, MARCH 22 – **PRINCESS & PIRATES NIGHT**
SATURDAY, MARCH 23 – **SPRING BREAK/ HAWAIIAN NIGHT**
FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – **COUNTRY NIGHT**
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – **FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Is your unit interested in presenting the colors at the next Thunderbolts games?

Contact:

Account Executive:

Jacob Vanmeter to get your unit added to the schedule!

jvanmeter@evansvillethunderbolts.com

ALL GAMES BEGIN
AT 7PM (CST)

EVANSVILLE
THUNDERBOLTS

Contact:

Jacob VanMeter

jvanmeter@evansvillethunderbolts.com

EVANSVILLE
THUNDERBOLTS



SCOUT NIGHT



DECEMBER 9, 2023

7PM (CST)

Order Here!



\$10 TICKETS

CAMP AT THE ARENA AFTER THE GAME!

CONTACT JACOB!

For any additional questions, please contact

Jacob Vanmeter at (812) 435-0870

jvanmeter@evansvillethunderbolts.com



John & Kay Gaither

Scout Shop



SCOUT SHOP

Official Retailer of the BSA

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm (CST)

Upcoming Saturday Hours

9-Noon (CST)
November 11, 2023
February 17, 2024
April 27, 2024

[Shop Now](#)



Boonie Hat



Pre-Order Pinewood Derby Cars TODAY!

Order a quantity of 10 for a special pre-order price of \$5.49 each, regularly priced at \$6.99!

Contact: _____

Pack # _____ Qty _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Submit your order to the Scout Shop or email jennifer.carapia@scouting.org
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715
Pickup may be made at the Scout Shop or Roundtables.



Cub Scout Hoodie

\$29.99

ORDER NOW

Call 812-423-5246 ext. 2202

Email: jennifer.carapia@scouting.org



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Exploring New Horizons



Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can earn FREE badges during the upcoming 2024 calendar year. How do 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.

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, Uniform and Campership Assistance, etc.

Contact your District Executive/Associate today to schedule your Unit's presentation in November 2023, December 2023, or in 2024!

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, Troop 375, Troop 399

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. Contact your District Professional.

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL TO SCHEDULE YOUR FOS PRESENTATION FOR YOUR UNIT.



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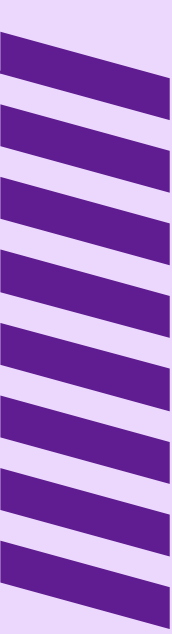




Buffalo Trace Council would like to thank everyone who has designated gifts to the Council through your local United Way. Each gift we receive helps ensure that all Scouts have an opportunity to join and enjoy all the activities provided by Scouting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We would like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

UNITED WAY

- 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



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 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.

On October 11, 2023, Buffalo Trace Council honored James (Jim) A. Huebner with the 2023 Distinguished Citizen Award. The banquet was held at Huntingburg Events Center with over 350 guests in attendance. Mr. Huebner serves as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at OFS Brands, a leading manufacturer in the commercial furniture industry.



The program highlighted Mr. Huebner's many accomplishments in the Dubois County community. Additionally, Kim "KC" Campbell, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired), served as keynote speaker and delivered a strong message on courage and leadership. We would like to say "thank you" to all of our sponsors, Scouts, volunteers, and DCA Executive Committee members for their support of this event.





BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®



ANNUAL MEETING

We hope you can join us.

Tuesday, January 23, 2023
at 6pm (CST)
Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

— *Email Erika Walter to Save your
Seat by January 9, 2024.
erika.walter-mecum@scouting.org*



The Council Annual Meeting will be held at the Eykamp Scout Center on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6pm (CST). This meeting will elect members at large, associate and honorary member of the local council, members of the Executive Board, and local council representatives to the National Council.

Council Calendar



NOVEMBER

- 1 Staff Meeting
- 2 ALG - Eagle BOR
ALG - Roundtable
- 4 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
Woods of Webelos
- 7 LH - Eagle BOR
- 9 NT - Eagle BOR
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11-12 OA Lock-In
- 12 OA - LEC
- 13 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 15 Staff Meeting
- 16 LH - District Committee Meeting
ALG - District Committee Meeting
NT - District Committee Meeting
- 17 Take Order Popcorn Distribution
- 17-18 Woodbadge - Staff Development @Maumee
- 22 Office Closed
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 24 Office Closed
- 28 Popcorn Payments Due to Council

DECEMBER

- 5 LH - Eagle BOR
- 6 Staff Meeting
- 7 Recharter Training
Council Roundtable
AG - Eagle BOR
- 8 Scout Reach Blue & Gold Ceremony
- 9 Thunderbolt Scout Night
- 10 OA - LEC
- 11 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 14 NT - Eagle BOR
- 19 NT - Annual District Committee Meeting
- 20 Staff Meeting
- 25 Office Closed - Christmas Day
- 26 Office Closed
- 29 Scholarships/ District Award
Nominations DUE!

