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Serving Youth in 15 counties of Southwestern Indiana and Southeastern Illinois

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, Boy Scouts of America is to prepare 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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POPCORN



2020 Popcorn Calendar

- November 13** Distribution of Take Order Product
- November 30** Final Payment Due to Council



Online Direct continues to remain strong. The Holiday Products Sale has continued to engage Scouts and consumers alike. Several of our families were not going to sell popcorn in 2020 due to Covid-19, but after seeing the opportunity offered through Online Direct, they jumped in and have been very successful.

Your units and Scouts still have a few weeks to maximize the use of this free shipping and net Return to Scouting this fall. **Free shipping has been extended until November 12th on all orders over \$30!**

Recharter Upcoming News

Recharterers are due February 19, 2021



As we move into the fall, we are excited for another year of Scouting with our Scouts!

Recharterers are just around the corner. Join us for the November 5th and December 3rd Virtual Roundtables for further information on the recharter process and membership fees. This years recharter packet information will be available on our council website. If you want a physical recharter packet they can be requested by emailing jennifer.carapia@scouting.org.

If you need any assistance regarding your unit's recharter, please contact your District Professional or Jennifer Carapia at 812-423-5246 x201.

1. Talk to your adult members.
2. Start looking at your youth membership.
3. Be careful with your 2nd Yr Webelos!
4. Don't wait to ask for help.
5. Be aware of the fee changes for 2021.
6. Turn in your completed recharter early.



<https://scoutingevent.com/156-recharter>

John & Kay Gaither Scout Shop

We Accept MasterCard, VISA, and Discover

(All times are Central Time Zone)

Scout Shop Hours

MONDAY—FRIDAY: 8:30AM—4:00PM

ALL Facilities CLOSED:

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 26-28

Christmas Holiday: December 24-26

New Year's Holiday & Shop Inventory:

January 1 - 4 , 2020

To place an order: phone 812-423-5246x203 or 800-264-5246x203 or fax 812-423-4845 or email administration@buffalotracecouncil.org



New Council Face Mask are HERE!
\$10



Buffalo Trace Council would like to thank each and every one of the Ole Buzzards for all the hard work and dedication you provide our council. We could not do it all without you!

Visit the Gaither Scout Shop for all of your Scouting and Camping needs for this Fall!



Pre-Order Pinewood Derby Cars TODAY!!!!

Order a quantity of 10 for special pre-order price of only \$3.99 each, regularly priced at \$4.49.

Contact _____

Pack # _____ Qty _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Submit your order to the Scout Shop or email administration@buffalotracecouncil.org
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715
Pick up may be made at the Scout Shop or Roundtables.
Please submit your orders 2 weeks in advance.



Buffalo Trace Council and the Scouting Community would like to say farewell to a long time dedicated volunteer, a wonderful man, father and Scout. Chuck Taylor we will miss you, Rest in

2019 Silver Beaver Recipient
Chuck Taylor



Non-profits across the nation have been hit hard by COVID-19. Through this all, Buffalo Trace Council is committed to serving youth in our communities. Below are different ways that you can help support local Scouting.

License Plates



Indiana:

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scout 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 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.

Leaving a Legacy with Scouting

Have you ever considered how you can ensure Scouting in Buffalo Trace Council continues for many years to come? There are many ways you can help future Scouts! Gifts can be made through wills, as part of an estate, as an insurance policy, or as a direct contribution to Buffalo Trace Council.

While giving today is extremely important to our work, giving in the future will ensure that Scouting will be vibrant in our communities for many years in the future. For more information, contact John Harding at 812-423-5246 x210 or john.harding@scouting.org.



Become a Friend of Scouting

Why Donate:

The pandemic has caused financial hardship for many people. This means more families will need assistance to participate in Scouting programs. Your gift will help Buffalo Trace Council make sure that EVERY youth can have a Scouting experience no matter their socio-economic position.

The money raised through Friends of Scouting supports Scouts in our community directly by providing funding for **programs, financial assistance, recruitment supplies, insurance** for all Scouting members, **training and resources** for adult leaders, and much more. It also allows us to keep activity fees low and provide outreach programs in our community.

How to Donate:

Mail in your donation to Eykamp Scout Center or give us a call and we can complete your gift over the phone.

Go to BuffaloTraceCouncil.org and select the button at the top of the website.

Donate

amazon smile

Did you know that just by shopping on Amazon you can help support Buffalo Trace Council?

Visit smile.amazon.com and select Buffalo Trace Council when making your purchases and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the council.

You can now also donate while shopping through the Amazon app. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device. Go into the main menu and tap 'settings' then select 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions.

If you have questions, please contact us at the **Eykamp Scout Center (812) 423-5246** or administration@buffalotracecouncil.org.

RECHARTER TIME

Do you know where to find your Recharter Access Code?

Recharter information was sent to every unit's primary members (Charter Rep., Committee Chair, and Scoutmaster/ Cubmaster). Talk amongst your members and double check your emails. If you haven't received your email by December, please call your District professional to receive your Access Code for your Recharter. In the meantime, there are things you can do now to help make your rechartering process a little easier.

1. **Talk to your adult members.** Determine who will be filling the required positions for your unit. Taking the time to do this now will ensure that you have adequate time to recruit the right person for the right job.
2. **Start looking at your youth membership.** If there is a Scout who hasn't shown up for a meeting or two, look into it. Call them. Find out what's going on. If the Scout drops, you'll need to know a reason why for rechartering, so give yourself plenty of time to make those calls. Personal contact can make a world of difference. Our goal is to keep our Scouts in the program, as long as possible, increasing the retention of every member. Don't take the easy way and assume that a member has dropped. Take the time to contact everyone.
3. **Be careful with your 2nd Yr Webelos!** If you have any 2nd Year Webelos it is imperative that you talk to them and find out what troop they will be crossing over to. Likewise, if you are a Scoutmaster, please reach out to the packs that feed your troop. Every year, we come across Scouts who earn recognitions and achievements but are not registered. More often than not, this happens at rechartering when the pack crosses the 2nd year Webelos off thinking the troop will pick them up, but the troop assumes that the pack has paid for them. Don't let this happen to any of your Scouts! Communication is the key to avoiding this serious problem.
4. **Don't wait to ask for help.** If you've read your packet instructions but still have questions, call for help and/or clarification! Your contacts for help are listed on the bottom of the Internet Rechartering Instructions in your packet. Don't hesitate to call. Also, be on the lookout for rechartering help & training dates for your district.
5. **Be aware of the joining fee.** There is a \$25 New Member joining fee for NEW youth member. This does not apply to those who previously registered in any BSA Program.
6. **Turn in your completed recharter early.** Give yourself the gift of time! Time to correct errors...time to obtain the required signatures...time to get your paperwork to the council. Our deadline/goal for turn in is February 19, 2021. We need your help to be successful and hope you are ready to request assistance when needed.



Merit Badge Counselors Renewal

A renewal notice will be emailed out to all current Merit Badge Counselors. Please reply to the email if you would like to be renewed in 2021 by 12/31/2020.

If you do not receive a renewal notice by 12/2/2020 please email or call Jennifer Carapia 812-423-5246 x201 or jennifer.carapia@scouting.org.

Thank you.

District/Council Member Renewal

A renewal notice will be mailed out to each member by 12/1/2020. Please complete the form, attach your payment and mail back to:

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

THANK YOU



BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



2020 Eagle Scout Information



**Congratulations to
2020 EAGLE SCOUTS**



Lincoln Heritage District

Ben Herzog, Troop 185
Jack Kelly, Troop 185
Dylan Niehaus, Troop 189
Hunter Marchand, Troop 161
Cameron Fuesler, Troop 181

Algonkian District

Zach Roberts, Troop 248
Eric Lewis, Troop 279

Native Trails District

Wilson Gorman, Troop 397
Aiden Stiles, Troop 352
Aaron Stiles, Troop 352

***Please be aware we are still having
Eagle Boards of Review.
Appointments are available and if you
have questions about your project or
would just like to talk to someone,
please refer to your District Contact.***

**BUFFALO TRACE
COUNCIL 2020**



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Earn Free Rank Badges and Advancement for 2021!

Save your unit money and support local Scouting by holding a Friends of Scouting presentation.

Packs, Troops, and Crews can earn free rank and advancement by holding a Friends of Scouting presentation AND reaching their goals. Raise an average of \$40 per active Scout to earn free rank badges (Bobcat, Tiger, Scout, Tenderfoot, etc.) Raise an average of \$55 per active Scout to earn free rank badges AND advancements (belt loops, Webelos pins, merit badges, Quest, etc.)

Reach your goal in November or December to benefit from free rank and/or advancement for all of 2021. Contact us to schedule your presentation: administration@buffalotracecouncil.org

BeAScout.org New Youth Leads

A steady flow of new Scout leads are coming in for Buffalo Trace Council units. When an interested family asks for more information on a local unit, an email is sent to the Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor, Committee Chair, the Chartered Organization Representative, and the council.

When you receive these notices please do the following things:

- Thank the family for their interest and give them information about the unit meeting dates and any upcoming activities.
- Invite them to your next meeting.
- Follow up the day before the meeting, letting the family know that the unit is excited to meet them and you hope they can make it.
- Do not send one email and walk away. Follow up with a phone call.

By continuously bringing in new members, you are ensuring the health and future of your Scouting unit—Scouting is always more fun with a friend!



Light Your Way to Success Saturday November 21, 2020

This one-day event is full of training opportunities to help YOU in your leadership position. Classes will run from 8:00am-4:00pm via Zoom. Participants can jump in and out throughout the day based on what classes they want to take.

We are excited to announce a special guest speaker, David Weyrick. Mr. Weyrick is a passionate Boy Scouts of America volunteer and an expert relationship-builder. Mr. Weyrick will be speaking during the University of Scouting lunch session.

Learn more and register: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-UniversityofScouting2020>

2020 Wood Badge
July 16 - 18 and July 31 - August 1, 2021
Old Ben Scout Reservation
Deadline to Register is June 14, 2021
Participant cost is \$230

Do you want to be a better Scouter? Come to Wood Badge in 2021!

Wood Badge is a premier training which is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and Members. Additionally, Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge. By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change. Scouters will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

To learn more and register, please go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-2021woodbadge>

COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

- ▶ Reservations canceled at least 30 days prior to the first day of an event will receive a 80% refund.
- ▶ Cancellations within 30 days, and no less than 48 hours prior, will receive a 50% refund.
- ▶ No refunds will be given for cancellations made the day of an event, and for those activities where promotion literature states "No refunds".
- ▶ Cancellations due to COVID-19 will receive a 100% refund.

All cancellations must be made directly to the Eykamp Scout Center in writing or by calling 812-423-5246 and then confirmed in writing.

NATIONAL EVENTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY.



WOODS OF WEBELOS NOVEMBER 7, 2020 OBSR



Greetings Cubmasters and Webelos Den Leaders

Welcome to the 2020 Woods of Webelos

This year's Webelos will be held at Old Ben Scout Reservation. This event is open to all Webelos in 4th and 5th grades in Buffalo Trace Council!

Address: Old Ben Scout Reservation Please use Google Maps for exact location. This address 53745 E. County Road 175N is sometimes incorrect on mapping programs. Winslow, IN 47598

The mission: Woods of Webelos is an excellent opportunity for Webelos to interact with Scouts from local troops and begin to understand what Scouting is about. The Webelos will eat, play, learn, and have fun with the Scouts. The day will be packed with activities including Into the Woods, Into the Wild, knot tying, cooking, first aid, archery, BB Gun, patrol games, flag ceremonies, and a campfire program. Many of the skills that will be taught can be used to fulfill adventure requirements. We are planning a day of fun and adventure and look forward to seeing you there.

Questions: Please contact event chair Samantha Taylor at 270-903-7753 or samantha.taylor@scouting.org



Annual Scout/Venturing Retreat

Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
(Ages 11 – 18)

March 5 - 7, 2021
Catholic Center
Evansville

“Arise! I have appointed you as a witness of what you have seen.” (Acts 26:16).

World Youth Day Theme

For information contact Joe Dickinson at 812-853-3278 or joerdickinson@gmail.com
(Assuming the Pandemic Allows)

Cub Scout Faith Day

Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
(ages 7 – 10)

February 20, 2021
Good Shepherd Parish
Evansville



“Arise! I have appointed you as a witness of what you have seen.” (Acts 26:16).

World Youth Day Theme

For information contact Bill Noll at 812-479-8605 or nbpknoll@aol.com
(Assuming the Pandemic Allows)

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) is encouraging applications for nominations for adult religious emblems (Bronze Pelican and St. George) to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through Scouting. Applications are due January 1, 2021.

For further information contact Jack Martin at 812-454-2502 or jackmartin2502@gmail.com.
Applications are available at www.evdccs.com.

Welcoming New Families Into Your Unit

A new school year has started and while it looks a little different from previous years, we are going to **keep on Scouting**. Now is the time when families are looking for activities for their children to participate in. What will recruitment look like this year?

This year there are two types of recruitment.

The council has held and will continue to hold virtual recruitments through Facebook Live. During these live events we are showing videos, talking about Scouting and letting parents ask questions in real time. To promote your Cub Scout Pack, we are asking schools to send out flyers, show a Scout Talk video, or include Scouting information in their school newsletter. We are also posting paid Facebook and Instagram promotions.

We ask that your unit (Pack, Troop, or Crew) hold a local recruitment event. This event can be a socially distanced outdoor meeting, a drive-thru recruitment, or something unique to your unit.

Need help planning a recruitment?

Contact your District Professional to discuss you options and ideas.



National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award and Eagle Scholarship

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout. The award recognizes the Scout for his/her Eagle Scout service project. Projects must be completed in 2020 to be considered. Applications are available online at nesa.org and are due to the Eykamp Scout Center no later than **December 31, 2020**. For more information, contact Abby Roberts at 812-423-5246 or email at abigail.roberts@scouting.org.

Local Council Scholarship Opportunities

Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Scholarship application and the **Mary E. Julian Scholarship** application are available at www.buffalotraccouncil.org. These scholarships are for graduating seniors and undergraduates (under the age of 20 by December 31, 2020.) Applications are due to Eykamp Scout Center postmarked no later than **December 31, 2020**. Applications can be found at <https://www.buffalotraccouncil.org/advancement>

For questions, contact **Abby Roberts** at 812-423-5246 or email at abigail.roberts@scouting.org.

Nominate a Worthy Leader!

All registered adults may be nominated for the **District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver**.

It can be presented for noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both. It can be for a single plan or decision that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

Celebrate your peers by nominating them for this award!

Nominations for these awards must arrive at the Eykamp Scout Center

Presentation of these awards to be presented at a later date.



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Thanks to all who participated and volunteered!



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2020 COUNCIL CALENDAR & DISTRICT EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 5 Roundtable all Districts
ALG/ LH Eagle BOR
- 7 Woods of Webelos
- 9 Commissioner Cabinet
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 NT Eagle BOR
LH District Committee Meeting
- 13 Popcorn Distribution
- 16 Additional Popcorn Orders Due
- 17 Executive Board Meeting
- 19 ALG/ NT District Committee Meeting
- 21 University of Scouting
- 26-29 Thanksgiving: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED**
- 30 Final Popcorn Payment DUE

DECEMBER

- 3 Roundtables all Districts
ALG/ LH Eagle BOR
- 10 NT Eagle BOR
LH District Committee Meeting
- 13 OA LEC
- 15 ALG/ NT District Committee Meeting
- 17 All districts Annual Business Meeting
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting
- 24-27 Christmas Holiday ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 31 District Awards, Silver Beaver, BTC Eagle
Scholarship, Julian Scholarship and Eagle
Project of the year ALL DUE TODAY

JANUARY 2021

- 1 New Year's Day ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 4 Inventory Day ALL FACILITIES CLOSED 7
- 7 Roundtables all Districts
ALG/ LH Eagle BOR
- 9 OA Winter Banquet / LH District Planning
Conference
- 11 Commissioners Cabinet
- 14 NT Eagle BOR
LH District Committee Meeting
- 16 ALG Merit Bade University
- 17 LH District Dinner
- 18 MLK Day ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 19 Executive Board & Annual Business Meeting
- 21 ALG District Committee Meeting
- 22 NT District Dinner
- 23 ALG District Dinner
- 24 OA LEC
- 25 POPCORN Evaluation Meeting
- 26 Properties Committee Meeting



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Buffalo Trace Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers that make our program what it is! We could not complete our mission without you! Your dedication to helping each child develop ethical values to make good moral choices over their lifetime is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough for your kind heart and generosity! It is times like the year 2020, we know we how much we need you to fulfill our mission! Please know we are humbled by you and look forward to ringing in 2021 with you by our side. May GOD bless you and your family!