

# Thank Gou

Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our community. As a Council, we want to let you know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do. You help us ensure that we are meeting our mission. You bring ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity to our Council and the Scouts we serve. You strive towards making a difference. Your passion and energy are unparalleled, and we respect your spirit of volunteerism immensely. Thank you for being so selfless with us and for so many in whose lives you make a tangible difference.

Thank you immensely from the Buffalo Trace Council and Staff

## Ol' Buzzard CALL OUT!

As we get into the season of being grateful and giving back, we know your time is valuable, but our Ol' Buzzard Patrol (Adult Maintenance Crew) is looking for registered adult Scouters to become Buzzards.

Ol' Buzzards meet at the Eykamp Scout Center on the second Thursday of the month from 9am-3pm (CT). In addition to needed projects to keep the office attractive and safe, fellowship with others and a meal are part of the day.

Both male and female registered Scouters are welcome to join. No special skills are required; however, knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, general mechanics, heating/AC, and grounds maintenance are desirable.

For more information contact Ken Steltenpohl at <a href="mailto:steltenpohl456@gmail.com">steltenpohl456@gmail.com</a>
812-482-5353 (Home)
812-630-0294 (Cell Phone)

#### One District, One Council, One Team, One Mission

This May, the Buffalo Trace Council announced our decision to eliminate the operation of three separate District Committees. The reactions included comments such as: "We agree with this decision" and "This was an unexpected decision". However, over 90% of feedback agreed that this is a step in the right direction in terms of efficiency and collaboration.

In January, we will begin our new operating Council structure, and are pleased to announce the recent appointment of several key leaders to support our Council this next year.

Within the Program Department:

Vice President of Program Mark Dicken
Activities & Civic Service Carmen Stoen

Advancement Mike Williams

Camping Brian Conner

Order of the Arrow Wayne Carter

Risk Management Joe Everitt

Training Keith Gehlhausen

Each of our committee leaders will be reaching out to current and potential volunteers over the next few weeks for the selection of their committee leadership; we trust you will answer their calls to support fellow volunteers and the youth we serve. We will also be forming additional Council committee positions to support operations with Finance, Marketing, Membership, Popcorn, and Unit Service.

Our transition will take place over the next several weeks and months to be fully effective as we kick off the Scouting Year of 2026. In the first quarter of 2026, the first priorities will be the review and potential revision of our Council calendar. We will continue to communicate any revised and updated events and functions over the next two years. In most cases, very little will change, but we will be reviewing the effectiveness of program events with surveys to leaders, Scouts, and parents for valuable feedback.

We trust you will continue your volunteer leadership as it is needed more than ever before, and we thank you for your past, current, and future service. We need you and all volunteer leaders to be part of helping to grow Scouting in the Buffalo Trace Council, and I hope we can count on your unwavering support. Sincerely,

Jønn G. Harding
Scout Executive

## VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

Do you know a Scouter who deserve to be recognized for their dedication, passion, and outstanding service to our Scouting Program? Nominate a volunteer!

## Nominations are due on December 31, 2025

**District Award of Merit** 



Do you know a Scouter who deserves 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.

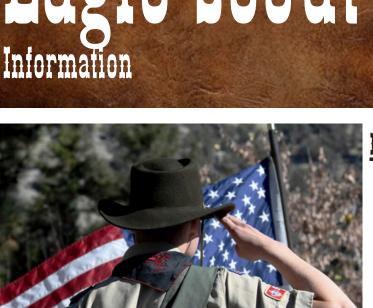
Silver Beaver Award

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!





# tagle Scout



#### EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW DISTRICT CONTACTS

#### **Native Trails**

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

#### Algonkian

Mike Werling 618-240-1850 mikemwerling@gmail.com Bill Marsh 812-882-2226 or 812-899-0188 billmarsh@sbcglobal.net

#### Lincoln Heritage

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

#### Native Trails

#### SEPTEMBER 2025

Stephanie Panayides - Troop 315 Jayden Zeller - Troop 397

#### OCTOBER 2025

Lukas Robinson - Troop 305 Joshua Baehl - Troop 393

#### Algonkian

SEPTEMBER 2025

n/a

#### OCTOBER 2025

n/a

#### Lincoln Heritage

#### SEPTEMBER 2025

Zachary Schmitt - Troop 185

#### OCTOBER 2025

Conner Fields - Troop 151 Andrew Tubbs - Troop 182 Mitchel Huebner - Troop 185 Benedict Mundy - Troop 186

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW Meet 2nd Thursday of every Month

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## **Eagle Scholarship Opportunities and Awards**







#### **ARE YOU PREPARED** TO APPLY?

All corresponding forms must be filled out and returned to the Buffalo Trace Council by or before December 31, 2025 at 4pm(CST) for consideration.

\*\*Application Requirements may vary. For further details, refer to the application\*\*



Visit Our Website www.buffalotracecouncil.org/eagle-scout-resources

www.buffalotracecouncil.org

812-423-5246





## BADGE SERIE Merit Badge University VINCENNES, IN

January 31, 2026

Vincennes University 1002 N. 1st St. Vincennes, IN 47591

#### **EVANSVILLE, IN**

February 21, 2026

University of Southern Indiana 8600 University Blvd. Evansville, IN 47712

#### JASPER, IN

March 14, 2026

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







## Order of the Arrow

2025 Kiondaga Lodge Calendar

#### November 2025

- November 8-9, 2025
  - Lodge Leadership Development Lock-In
- November 9, 2025
  - Lodge Monthly Meeting

#### December 2025

- December 7, 2025
  - Pre-LEC Adviser Meeting @1-2pm (CST)
  - Eykamp Scout Center
- December 7, 2025
  - Lodge Monthly Meeting @2-3:30pm (CST)
  - Eykamp Scout Center

#### January 2026

- January 3, 2025
  - Winter Banquet



#### Renew 2026 OA Dues

The most current calendar is available at kiondaga.org/events

General Lodge Contact: contact@kiondaga.org

## News from the Registrar



# RENEWALS

#### Unit Renewal

- Renews only the unit
- Due yearly in February
- Can be completed online or at the Council Office
- Completed by Key 3 Leader

### SAVE THE DATE

12/4/2025

Join us for a Council Virtual Roundtable for information about the Unit Renewal process. December 4, 2025 6:30 pm (CST)

#### <u>Individual Renewal</u>

- · Renews only the youth/adult
- Due yearly after 12-month term
- Can be completed online or at council
- Completed by Key 3 leader or individual



All registrations are for 12 months.

An email notification and renewal link will be sent, 60 days before your membership expires. To you and your unit leadership.

#### Self Pay Instructions

For Self-Pay Only

Key 3 Leaders will need to log in to my.scouting.org, go to Organization Manager > Roster, and select Membership Renewal Orders to approve renewals processed through family/self-pay.

#### Unit Pay Instructions

Click the button above to view the steps.



MY.SCOUTING

#### Membership Renewal

Scouting America provides an online process for member and unit



**Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America** 

Reminder 🖄



Is your membership about to expire? Renew your membership for another adventurous year!



#### Financial Assistance

Members needing Financial Assistance to renew their membership must manually submit an assistance form with the Council.

\*\*Cost should never be a barrier to Scouting

Assistance Form
Must be Completely Filled Out



Scouting safely is our top priority, and the Buffalo Trace Council and Scouting America are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all. To further our commitment to safety, Scouting America launched the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT), replacing Youth Protection Training (YPT). The enhanced training module is now live and available to complete.

This training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. This updated training reinforces a culture of active supervision, situational awareness, and safety, ensuring we are all equipped to help keep our Scouts safe.



## **SCOUT FAITH**

#### **Scout Sunday**

A Scout is Reverent Sunday, February 8, 2026

#### **Annual Cub Scout Faith Day**



February 28, 2026
Good Shepard Parish in Evansville

Bill Noll 812-431-9099 nbpknoll@aol.com

#### **Annual Scout/Venturer Retreat**

March 6-8, 2026 Catholic Center in Evansville, IN

Contact Information:

Joe Dickinson 812-550-6205

joerdickinson@gmail.com





**DECEMBER 02, 2025** 

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**SCOUTING.ORG** 



## SCOUTING GIVES BACK

#### Council - Wide Food Drive November 1-December 15, 2025

"Do a Good Turn Daily" - Put the official Scout Slogan into action by donating to our food drive.

Help our community in need. 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 with local food banks to collect food for Southern Indiana families in need. Let's help combat hunger in our communities.

#### **EXAMPLES**

- Can Goods (Fruit/Vegetables)
- Dried Rice
- Pasta Boxes
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Tuna/Chicken Packets



COLLECTION SITE: EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER
3501 E. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715

#### Giving Warmth for Winter November 1-December 15, 2025

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

The Buffalo Trace Council is collecting Socks, Gloves, Scarves, and Hats for Children, Women, and Men.

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



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3501 E. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715

#### Toys for Tots November 1-December 15, 2025



Eykamp Scout Center is a toy collection site for Southwestern Indiana Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army of Evansville. This toy drive will provide toys to Warrick, Vanderburgh, Posey, and Gibson Counties. Toys for Tots provides holiday gifts to children from low-income families, ensuring that all children 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!





**OPPORTURE OF A SELLER RECOGNITION** 

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ENJOY A FAMILY CAMPING OPPORTUNITY ON THE CONCOURSE



SCOUT/TROOP TICKETS:
GOAL ZONE - \$12

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICKLIP AT WILL CALL ONLY

For Questions, Contact Mangesh Pinge at mpinge@evansvillethunderbolts.com







10.25- CHAMPIONSNIGHT\* 10.28 - EDUCATIONDAY 10.31 - HALLOWEEN 11.1 - DISCO NIGHT 11.7 - MILITARY NIGHT\* 11.14 - FREE KIDS FRIDAY 11.21 - FIRST RESPONDERS 11.22 - TOY STORY NIGHT\* 12.5 - TEDDY BEAR TOSS 12.6 - MICKEY & FRIENDS\* 12.20 - HOCKEY HOLIDAYS 12.31 - NEW YEARS EVE\* 1.2 - REBRAND NIGHT 1 1.3 - REBRAND NIGHT 2\* 1.14 - WHITE OUT 1.23 - FAITH NIGHT

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**ALL HOME GAMES WILL** START AT 7:00 PM CST

(EXCLUDES 10/28 - 10:00 AM AND SUNDAY GAMES - 3:00 PM

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**HOME** 

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## John & Kay Gaither Scout Shop

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday
8:30am - 5pm (CST)
Office Hours may vary during the holidays

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

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

jennifer.carapia@scouting.org

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

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Cub Scout
String Bag

**\$19.99** 





#### **Pinewood Derby Car Sale!**

Instant Savings \$0.50 on each PWD Car

Place your order today. The coupon is only valid in-store. Large orders over 10 place in advance, thank you.

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 Council Events

Promo: November 15 - December 31, 2025





## Scoutreach Program

Our Scoutreach Program needs your help! The Scoutreach program offers a unique opportunity to Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, and Gibson County School and Community Partners. We strive to meet with youth in this program weekly to provide them the experience and lessons they would learn in a traditional Cub Scout Program.









Our Rockport Elementary School had fun participating in a Pine Wood Derby yesterday! Thanks to Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America for being so involved with our members and testing their creativity!

Be a part of the positive impact by donating your recyclables and gently used items to assist in the Scoutreach Program. We annually support 600 students in Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, and Gibson County. Donations can be made at the Buffalo Trace Council Office. Thank you for your support!

### Accepting Donations Materials Needed

- Glue Sticks
- Liquid Glue
- Crayons
- Markers
- Construction Paper Gallon Bags
- Duct Tape
- Rubber Bands
- Cups
- Spoons

- Jumbo Popsicle Sticks
- Aluminum Foil
- Paper Towels
- Sandwich Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Sanding Blocks/Paper

Check out our Amazon Wish List for other items we are looking to expand our afterschool scouting program.



We appreciate your donation and generosity! THANK YOU

#### FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2026

#### CHART YOUR COURSE. ADVENTURE ON.

Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can earn FREE badges during the 2026 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 rank and advancement 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 Professional today to schedule your Unit's presentation!

Scan to get to BTC Friends of Scouting page!



#### Level 1 (\$45 per Member)

Rank Patches Only

Packs
Lion
Bobcat
Tiger
Wolf
Bear
Webelos
Arrow of Light

First ( Secon Star Life Eagle

Troops Crews
Scout Venturing
Tenderfoot Discovery
First Class Pathfinder
Second Class Summit

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#### Level 2 (\$60 per Member)

Plus all of Level 1 Rank Patches

Packs
Belt Loops
Webelos Pin

Troops
Merit Badges

Crews Quest Trust Ranger



#### 2025 FREE RANK PROGRAM

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

#### PACK 301, TROOP 315

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

PACK 151, TROOP 102, TROOP 186G, TROOP 301, TROOP 305, TROOP 312, TROOP 335 TROOP 375, TROOP 211, PACK 362, PACK 385, PACK 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.

Ryan Abbott ryan.abbott@scouting.org 812-423-5246 ext. 2217

<u>Greg Hager</u> g<u>regory.hager@scouting.org</u> 812-423-5246 ext. 2214



JASPER DCA 2025

33rd Annual Dubois County Distinguished Citizen Award 2025

On behalf of the Buffalo Trace Council, we are pleased to extend our Congratulations to Dan Fritch! As a proud Eagle Scout, Dan has exemplified the core values of Scouting - leadership, service, and integrity. Over the years, Dan has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to his community. His dedication has earned him numerous honors for his dedication and service within his community. Whether through business leadership or community service, Dan remains committed to making Jasper a better place to live and work, something he considers both a responsibility and a privilege. Congratulations, Dan Fritch!

This year's event had nearly 400 people in attendance and was one of our biggest DCA Banquets yet. Guest speaker Justin Maust delivered a heartfelt and challenging speech, challenging those in attendance to reach a little farther.







Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scouts license plate in Indiana! Your additional support provides resources for our Scouts that would not be possible otherwise. 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!



#### LLINOIS

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.









# ANNUAL MEETING

We hope you can join us.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm (CT) Eykamp Scout Center 3501 E. Lloyd Expressway Evansville, IN 47715

> Email Erika Walter to Reserve Your Seat by January 7, 2026 erika.walter-mecum@scouting.org



Annual Meeting will be held at the Eykamp Scout Center on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6pm (CT).



This meeting will elect members at large, associate and honorary members of the local council, members of the Executive Board, and local council representatives to the National Council.

Reserve by 1/7/2026 to Erika Walter to Reserve your Seat.

<u>erika.walter-mecum@scouting.org</u>

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 Daylight Saving Time
- 3 Popcorn Take Order Forms Due
- 4 LH Eagle Board of Review
- **5** Range & Target Activities Committee Meeting
- 6 ALG Eagle Board of Review
- 8 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
- 8-9 OA Lodge Leadership & Development Woods of Webelos
- 9 OA LEC
- 10 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Staff Meeting
- 13 NT Eagle Board of Review
- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 LH District Committee Meeting NT District Committee Meeting
  - **ALG District Committee Meeting**
- 26 OFFICE CLOSED
- 27 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 28 OFFICE CLOSED

#### **DECEMBER**

- 1 Popcorn Payment DUE
- 2 LH Eagle Board of Review Giving Tuesday
- 4 ALG Eagle Board of Review Unit Renewal Training
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 8 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 10 Staff Meeting
- 11 NT Eagle Board of Review
- 12 Scout Reach Blue & Gold Ceremony
- 18 ALG District Committee Meeting
  NT District Committee Meeting
  - LH District Committee Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve OFFICE CLOSED
- 25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 26 Happy Holidays OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 New Year's Eve
  Scholarship/District Awards
  Nominations DUE!

#### JANUARY 2026

- 1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 2 Inventory Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 OA Winter Banquet University of Scouting
- 6 Dubois Eagle Board of Review
- 7 Staff Meeting
- 8 Evansville Eagle Board of Review Vincennes Eagle Board of Review
- 10 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
- 12 Commissioner's Cabinet Meeting Popcorn Evaluation
- 19 Martin Luther King Day OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Training Meeting
- 21 Staff Meeting
  - **Membership Meeting**
- 24 Popcorn Recognition & Overnight with The Thunderbolts at Ford Center
- 25 OA Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 27 Annual Board Meeting
- 31 Vincennes Merit Badge University



