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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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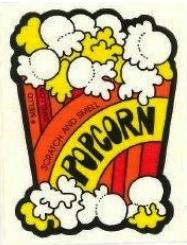
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POPCORN UNIVERSITY AND POPCORN KICK OFF



For Popcorn Chairs, Leaders, Parents and Scouts

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Stay tuned for Details!

2020 Popcorn Sale Coming Soon! We will be offering ONE training for Popcorn Chairs, Leaders, Parents, and Scouts this summer. Whether you are a brand new or seasoned Popcorn Chair, there will be important sessions for each of you to attend.

Our Popcorn Kick Off will take place as the last session of the day. We will go over some key information for the sale, pass out forms, etc.

Prizes, products and key dates will all be shared at this event.

The Popcorn E-Newsletters will begin soon. If you have any leaders that would like to be added to the list, please email us and we will get you added, administration@buffalotracecouncil.org.

Our 2020 POPCORN sale STARTS ONLINE on July 1. EARN 35% unit commissions for online sales!

Our Council was given the opportunity to open on July 1 our online system, with others across the country, to offer popcorn products in the new Trail's End online direct program. This online system has minimal actions asked of the Unit Popcorn Kernels.

This new system provides higher rewards for the Scout than compared to door to door sales, plus this has no personal contact! 35% commissions and FREE shipping for July 4th weekend!

Be sure to make sure your unit is confirmed in the Trail's End system to start selling and tell your Scouts about this major change in the sale.

Trail's End has also announced several product line up changes for the fall campaign: more ready to eat products will be available, microwave Butter and chocolate products are only available online; due to production issues.

Our Council has also made several changes and will share them as they are confirmed and final. Be sure your unit is committed to sell in the Trail's End system and we will be starting our regular newsletters in the next few weeks.

Scouting At Home

Adventures To Work On At Home

Lion: Animal Kingdom, Build it Up, Knock it Down, Gizmos and Gadgets, I'll Do it Myself, Pick My Path, Ready Set Grow

Tiger: Backyard Jungle, My Family's Duty to God, Tiger Bites, Curiosity, Intrigue, and Magical Mysteries, Family Stories, Sky is the Limit, Stories in Shapes, Tiger Safe and Smart,

Wolf: Paws on the Path, Adventures in Coins, Code of the Wolf, Digging in the Past, Findng Your Way, Germs Alive, Grow Something, Motor Away, Paws of Skill

Bear: BALOO the Builder, Bear Claws, Fellowship and Duty to God, Paws of Action, Bear Picnic Basket, Make it Move, Roaring Laughter, Robotics, Super Science, A World of Sound

Webelos/Arrow of Light: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Adventures in Science, Art Explosion, Aware and Care, Build My Own Hero, Engineer, Fix It, Game Design, Looking Back, Looking Forward, Maestro, Moviemaking, Project Family

CUB SCOUT RESOURCES

Lion 30 Day Challenge
Tiger 30 Day Challenge
Wolf 30 Day Challenge
Bear 30 Day Challenge
Webelos 30 Day Challenge

6-Week Challenge

Flat Cubbie

Earn a Hiking Stick

Cub Scout Remote Workshop

Cub Scout Activity Sheets

Cyber Chip

SCOUTS BSA RESOURCES

Virtual Merit Badge Classes from Across the Country

Scouts BSA 30 Day Challenge

Work on Merit Badges while Home

Scouting and the Fun of Science

Cyber Chip

6-Week Challenge

Activities to do:

- Plan and cook a meal for your family
- Hold a virtual game meet
- Volunteer to help the needy
- Visit a National Park virtual tour
- Go on a virtual field trip

For more ideas visit online @ buffalotracecouncil.org



2020 Eagle Scout Information



**Congratulations to
2020 EAGLE SCOUTS**



Lincoln Heritage District

Carter Joseph Beckman, Troop 170, 5/5/2020

Algonkian District

Native Trails District

Owen Hollander, Troop 399, 5/19/2020

Ben Dugan, Troop 301, 5/20/2020

Tanner Lowery, Troop 352, 5/19/2020

Mason Anthony Eickhoff, Troop 397, 6/2/2020

Please be aware we are still having Eagle Board of Reviews. 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.

Revisions to PRAY guidebooks due out this fall.

There are some exciting changes for the new God and Me booklets coming out this Fall in time for the new program year. P.R.A.Y. assembled a Team of writers to put a fresh look and feel to the God and Me program. Response to a P.R.A.Y. survey indicated overwhelming support for the core curriculum. While the primary outline and GAMEBox remained intact, all lessons were fine-tuned with new artwork to give the Student Workbook the feel of an activity book (rather than homework). Emphasis was placed on the Counselor Manual and making it easier for adults to deliver the program, reduce preparation time, and get the learners out of their chairs and engaged in fun learning activities.

Be sure to stop by the Scout Shop this fall to find the new booklets when they arrive.

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2020 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE

OCTOBER

1
2020

FOR ALL
RENEWING
MEMBERS
(RECHARTER)

\$66/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$42/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$42/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

ONE-TIME

\$25
TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for Exploring participants or for any youth previously registered in any BSA program. No joining fee for transfers from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.



Cub Scout Day Camp Travel Through Time

Cancelled



After much deliberation with BTC staff, the Cub Scout Day Camp team has decided that we cannot safely hold Cub Scout Day Camp in-person this summer. Our number one goal is always the safety of our Scouts and volunteers. We will continue to look at ways to provide programming from a distance. Stay up to date by following us on Facebook and visit BuffaloTraceCouncil.org/Scouting-At-Home.

We hope you can join us for a fun day of outdoor programming at Cub Scout Fall Fun Day Saturday, September 19.

Plan Your Ideal Year of Scouting



Now is the time to plan your unit's calendar for the coming school year and summer 2021. Get started by visiting www.buffalotracecouncil.org/ideal-year-of-scouting to learn about council activities, community organizations with programs for Scouts, and other BSA councils' outdoor programs.

The First Step to a Successful Scout Recruitment Night

**Join
Cub Scouts!**



As the new school year approaches, it is time to start thinking about inviting new families to join your Scouting unit. We have found year after year that the units who are most successful in recruiting new youth are the ones who go to their school's Open House/Back to School Night/Meet the Teacher Night/Back to School Picnic.

These units don't just show up and sit in a corner. They wear their uniforms. They hand out a calendar and contact sheet. They plan something fun to do to get the attention of families walking by. They talk to everyone. They share their amazing Scouting experiences.

In 2019, Cub Scout Pack 335 brought in 29 new Scouts. How did they do it? They brought a Pinewood Derby track to their school's Open House (with permission of the principal) and let everyone build a Lego car and send it down the track. Was it a lot of work? Yes. Was it successful? YES!

If you need assistance contact your district professional.



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 following the on-screen instructions

If you have questions, contact **Beth Render @ 812-423-5246x207** or beth.render@scouting.org.

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 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.

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.

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.

Or

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

[Support Scouting: Donate](#)

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.

Online Adult Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader and you deserve to be comfortable and knowledgeable in your Scouting position.

Take adult training at www.my.scouting.org. On My.Scouting.org you will find Youth Protection Training, position specific training such as Cubmaster, Troop Committee, and Venturing Crew Advisor, Hazardous Weather Training, and more.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Join us on November 21, 2020 for the training event of the year! Come all day and take up to 7 classes for one price! Adults \$30, Youth \$20; Lunch provided with paid registration.

For more information, please contact Adam White at 812-618-8234. Online registration coming soon!

RESCHEDULED INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)



July 17 - 19, 2020
Old Ben Scout Reservation
5735 E County Road 175N, Winslow IN 47598

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 you those skills. A practical, hands-on approach to basic outdoor Scout craft skills is a must for a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venture Crew Advisor to be successful.

Cost: \$30 Deadline July 10, 2020
(includes meals on Saturday & Sunday)

To register, go to <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/training> and select Register for IOLS

Cannot take BALOO and IOLS on same weekend.



Rescheduled BALOO Training

July 18 – 19, 2020
Old Ben Scout Reservation
5735 E County Road 175N
Winslow IN 47598

Check-in begins at 7:30 AM on April 21
Course ends Around Noon on April 22

All times are in Central Time Zone

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. It is recommended that each Pack have at least two BALOO trained adults.

Why do I need BALOO?

It's designed to introduce Cub Scout leaders to the opportunities for pack overnight camping. This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnighter. It's more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout & Webelos cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack overnighter a fun, successful event! Adults leading a pack overnighter must attend BALOO training.

Registration is due July 10, 2020
Course cost is \$25 and includes training materials and meals on Saturday & Sunday

To register, go to <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/training> and select register for BALOO.

For more information, contact:
Adam White at 812.618.8234 or adamsba383@twc.com
or administration@buffalotracecouncil.org

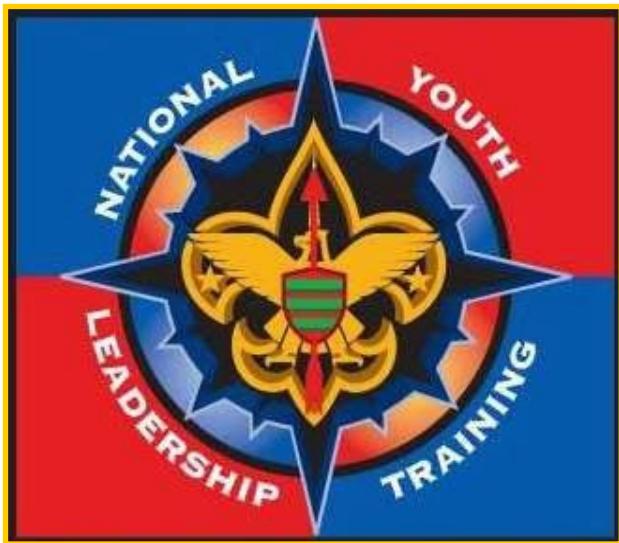
Cannot take BALOO and IOLS on same weekend.

Save the Date!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
&
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

October 16-18, 2020
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Further information will be posted in the future on www.buffalotracecouncil.org.



National Youth Leadership Training

August 7-9, 14-16, 2020

Old Ben Scout Reservation

Patrols, Troops, and Crews run smoothly and effectively when Scouts understand how to communicate and lead well. That's where NYLT comes in.

Cost: \$225

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a week long comprehensive, fun-filled co-educational leadership experience conducted in an outdoor camping environment. This course...

Provides youth leaders with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while living by the Scout Oath and Law.

Uses contemporary leadership training methods aimed at strengthening the skills of young leaders of the Boy Scout of America.

Offers tools and techniques that participants can immediately use in their home troops/crews.



New and returning Scouts are invited to join in the FUN at this year's Cub Scout Fall Fun Day.

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Scouts will get to play games, learn outdoor skills, participate in archery, have fun and much more!

New Scouts who get engaged with fun and exciting activities immediately after joining are more likely to be satisfied with Scouting and to stay in the program. Don't let your Scouts miss out!

More information including locations and times coming soon!



2020 Wood Badge

**August 21-23 and September 5-6, 2020
Old Ben Scout Reservation**

**Deadline to Register is July 17, 2020
Participant cost is \$230.**

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-WoodBadge2020>



2021 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

JULY 21-30, 2021

THE SUMMIT BECHTEL FAMILY NATIONAL SCOUT RESERVE

The National Jamboree is open to any registered Scout who is at least a First Class Scout and 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree (July 21, 2021) but has not reached his/her 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree (July 30, 2021). Cost is expected to be \$1,950 per participant. Set up monthly electronic payments and have all fees paid by January 29, 2021 to save \$150!

The Buffalo Trace Council will have one troop consisting of 32 youth and eight adults. To submit a NEW application, Scouts and Scouters will need a my.scouting username and password. If you do not have a my.scouting account, please go to my.scouting.org and follow the directions to create an account. Your member ID number will be needed to set up the account.

Additionally, youth participants must submit a reservation with the Buffalo Trace Council, complete the Buffalo Trace Council 2021 National Jamboree Payment Policy form and send it with a nonrefundable deposit of \$150 to the Eykamp Scout Center. Buffalo Trace Council online registration is available below!

Important: You must sign up at both registration links below. One is for the Jamboree itself and will not ask for fees. The other is our Council registration and will ask for fees.

<https://events.scouting.org/login>
<https://scoutingevent.com/156-2021JAMBO>

National Registration
 Buffalo Trace Council Registration

NYLT & WOOD BADGE WANTS YOU!



Parents and fellow Scout leaders,

One day soon, all the turmoil that is affecting our programs will settle into the past. Scouting will continue, and the skills and programs that teach our youth will be needed more than ever in those days. Give your child one of the best tools they can get out of Scouting. Sign them up for National Youth Leadership Training, commonly known as NYLT. This program focuses on leadership training and skills that can help those youth present themselves and their ideas with better clarity, understand people they work to communicate with at deeper levels and challenge them to become leaders who work at leading by serving others. All these lessons are taught by other youth who have been through the program and are selected because they practice those skills every day. As a parent, we all want our children challenged to become better than we are ourselves. This experience is one of those that gives them the tools to do that for themselves. Give them a gift that will give to them every day the rest of their life. NYLT for life.

While you're thinking about a gift for the kids, one you can give yourselves is Wood Badge. This is a similar experience, but for adults. These 5 days are spent experiencing the life of a young Scout in a Scout troop. You are formed into a patrol of other leaders, given challenges and problems you must solve together. Listen to presentations about problem solving, communicating and listening, project planning and making your own legacy. You use those skills as you work your ticket to earn your beads. Make no mistake, the 5 days of Wood Badge can change your life, they did for me. Make an investment in yourself! Attend Wood Badge, it's the most fun you can have.

We will be taking precautions during the course to protect participants and staff members from the coronavirus. The staff is working hard to prepare for a fun and safe course.

Dave Hampton

John & Kay Gaither Scout Shop

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Scout Shop Hours (unless otherwise indicated):

**MONDAY—FRIDAY: 8:30AM—5:00PM
CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
(All times are Central Time)

We are OPEN by appointment only, call today to schedule your time to SHOP!

To place an order, call 812-423-5246x203 or 800-264-5246x203 or fax 812-423-4845

To see what's new, go to:

www.buffalotracecouncil.org/Scout-Shop

We would love to hear from you, email us at administration@buffalotracecouncil.org.

Stay healthy and Be safe!



CAMPMASTER APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Council Campmaster Corps is accepting applications from registered Scouters interested in joining the elite corps of volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a Campmaster or would like additional information, please email Mark Schweickart, Chief Campmaster at minspector@att.net with your name, phone numbers (home and cell), mailing address, current PRIMARY registered Scouting position and unit of assignment.

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.

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



I SUPPORT



Join Cub Scouts!

Membership Recruitment Training

Jon Keck, our new Council Membership Chariman, would like to offer a very special training for Cub Scout Packs in preparation of a challenging recruitment ahead.

**Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, July 28
6:00pm central time.**

Due to the variety of reopening for most schools we will modify our typical fall recruitment campaign. We hope you can join us for this meeting to learn more about recruiting in this challenging time. Please send us an email to request the invitation for participation:

administration@buffalotracecouncil.org



Kiondaga Lodge Summer Fun Fellowship July 10-11 @ OCSR

This event is open to all lodge members and will be filled with games and activities.

The event is only \$11 if you register by July 6.



Journey to Excellence

Be sure to read the 2020 JTE requirements available on scouting.org. Is your unit recording their Service Hours? We will begin posting each unit and their recorded service hours each month on the council website. Check out the site to view your unit!

Service hours reporting is now located in Advancement 2.0 through Scoutbook. Please contact your district professional if you have questions.

2020 FREE Rank Program

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges: Pack 185, Troop 350. And congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges and FREE merit badges and belt loops: Crew 312, Pack 203, Pack 325, Pack 333, Pack 336, Pack 349, Pack 385, Troop 102, Troop 181, Troop 186G, Troop 211, Troop 301, Troop 305, Troop 312, Troop 315, Troop 335 and Troop 375.

How can your unit earn free badges? We can now visit your next meeting, in person or virtually, to hold a presentation and achieve your established goal(s) and earn free rank and or advancement for 2020. To find out more, please contact administration@buffalotracecouncil.org.



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2020 COUNCIL CALENDAR & DISTRICT EVENTS

JULY

- 3-4 Independence Day: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 6 Commissioners Cabinet
- 9 LH District Committee
- 10-12 OA Summer Fun Fellowship @ OBSR
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 ALG/NT District Committee
- 17-19 IOLS/BALOO/Leave No Trace Training
- 28 Membership Training via ZOOM



AUGUST

- 6 Roundtables all Districts
- 7-9 NYLT Training
- 11 Program Group & Commissioners Cabinet
- 13 ALG/LH/NT District Committee Meetings
- 14-16 NYLT Training
- 15 Popcorn University
- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Cub Scout Recruitment
- 21-23 Woodbadge 2020
- 27 Cub Scout Recruitment
- 30 OA LEC



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Popcorn Show n Sell Orders Due
- 3 NT Roundtables
- 3 Cub Scout Recruitment
- 5-6 Woodbadge 2020
- 5-7 Labor Day: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED**
- 10 ALG/LH Roundtable
- 11-13 OA Fall Fellowship
- 14 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 17 District Committee Meeting all Districts
- 19 Cub Scout Fall Fun Day all Districts
- 22 Popcorn Distribution
- 26 Popcorn Sale Begins
- 27 OA LEC
- 29 Properties Committee Meeting

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our TOP priority. These documents outline several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders and volunteers MUST consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If is it not practical to meet these MINIMAL protocols, DO NOT RESTART in person activities!

You can checkout each of these on our council website at:
buffalotracecouncil.org

RESTART SCOUTING CHECKLIST

Pre-Event Medical Checklist

OBSR Reservation Protocol

Re-Opening Unit Meetings Protocol