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COMPASS POINTS

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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May The Force Be With You

STAR WARS



Popcorn Chair Training Opportunities

2017 Popcorn Sale Coming Soon! Products and prizes will be introduced at the training opportunities in July as well as break-out sessions to help Popcorn Chairs prepare for the sale. Popcorn Chairs and adult leaders are encouraged to join us for the popcorn training opportunity of your choice. We will be recognizing our Top 100 Sellers and Top Families from 2016. Please make reservations as soon as possible so that we have plenty of materials available. You can email Truda at truda.hartmann@scouting.org.

Popcorn Chairs who attend one of the July training sessions will receive \$20 worth of prizes at no charge plus the opportunity to purchase additional prizes at a great price! Popcorn Chairs will also be able to purchase sample popcorn to share at the unit kick-off. These items must be ordered at the July training sessions and will be available at the Popcorn Kick Off in September.

The Popcorn Kick Off will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Atlas World Group. Mark your calendars now! The Popcorn Sale begins on Saturday, September 30 and ends Saturday, October 28.

Our theme this year will be Star Wars! More information coming on how you can use this theme in your unit.

The Popcorn E Newsletters will begin soon. If you have any leaders that you would like added to the list, please email Jaime at jwilder@bsaemail.org. Attend one of the following Popcorn Training Opportunities Below

Sunday, July 16, 2017
Community United Methodist
Church
1548 S Hart St.
Vincennes- 2:00PM CDT

Thursday, July 20, 2017
St. James Lutheran
204 W Main Street
Holland-6:00PM CDT

Monday, July 24, 2017
Aldersgate United Methodist
Church
5130 Lincoln Avenue
Evansville-6:00PM CDT

John & Kay Gaither Scout Shop

We Accept MasterCard, VISA, and Discover

(All times are Central Time Zone)

Scout Shop Hours (unless otherwise indicated):

MONDAY—FRIDAY: 8:30AM—5:00PM

SATURDAY: 9:00AM—1:00PM

ALL FACILITIES CLOSED:

Monday June 5th

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

Come in today to see the new council shoulder patches!



The new Eagle Scout and Wood Badge council shoulder patches are available in the Gaither Scout Shop for purchase. The unique shoulder patches are sold for \$10.00 each, and the proceeds go towards funding scholarships for both Wood Badge and Eagle Scouts.

There are only a limited number of each patch available, so do not delay!



Fond Farewell From the Council

"All good things must come to an end," as the saying goes. After 17 years of service to the council, it is now time for another life adventure-retirement! Missing the interaction with you will be the most difficult part of leaving. You not only have families, jobs, and responsibilities, but you also give your time, talent, and treasure to the youth in our communities by your dedicated service to Scouting. This will be quite a change for me, but I'm looking forward to the challenge.

Thanks to you and my co-workers for a good run!"

Nancy Moore

Thank you Nancy for your many wonderful years of service!

IN MEMORY

Rossiter A. Armstrong

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie G. Sutton

Neil Barnett

Carl Barnett

Phil Gerhart

Lois Sadler

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 on how you can support Buffalo Trace Council for the future, please contact Jaime Wilder 812-423-5246 or jwilder@bdsml.org.

COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

- ▶ Reservations canceled at least 30 days prior to the first day of an event will receive a 100% refund.
- ▶ Cancellations within the 30 days, but still prior to the first day, will receive a 50% refund.
- ▶ No refunds will be given for cancellations made the day of an event.

All cancellations must be made directly to the Eykamp Scout Center in writing or by calling 812.423.5246 or 800.264.5246 and then confirmed in writing.

NATIONAL EVENTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY.

2017 Eagle Scout Information



**Congratulations to
2017 EAGLE SCOUTS**



Lincoln Heritage District

Noah Michael Brumfield, Troop 192 (2/2/17)
Zachary Logan Flynn, Troop 185 (2/2/17)
Luke Aaron Schaefer, Troop 175 (2/2/17)
Benjamin Dale Scott, Troop 192 (2/2/17)

Algonkian District

Sampson Folsom-Margelin, Troop 232 (2/2/17)
Jeffrey Morgan Siegle, Troop 245 (2/2/17)

Native Trails District

Aaron Thomas Abell, Troop 397 (1/12/17)
Cameren Scott Day, Troop 390 (2/9/17)
David William Gansman, Troop 352 (2/9/17)
Luke Allen Pettijohn, Troop 310 (2/9/17)
Zachary Alexander Renshaw, Troop 352 (2/9/17)
Michael St. John Turpen, Troop 310 (2/9/17)
Thomas Leo Weber, Troop 305 (2/9/17)
Johnathan Robert Woodard, Troop 342 (2/9/17)

Eagle Board of Review

Lincoln Heritage District

James Schoenbachler
812.630.2026
jschoenbachler@twc.com

Algonkian District

Leon Stone
812.386.7272 or 812.385.8643
stonelc@mw.twcbc.com

Native Trails District

Fred Hassman
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fhassman@gmail.com

Save the Date



**Scout Night
with
the Otters
Saturday, July 22**

**Holiday World
& Splashin' SAFARI**

Scouts Go Behind the Scenes at Holiday World

**Purchase your Holiday World
ticket NOW to reserve your
limited edition custom shoul-
der patch featuring the Thun-
derbird roller coaster and
your entry to the Behind the
Scenes tour!**

**These DISCOUNTED tickets
(only \$32 per ticket) and
tours are only available to be
used during Memorial Day
Weekend, May 27-29, 2017.
Limited Edition Patches are
only available to the first 300
sales of tickets.**

Do Not Delay! Order Today!

***Forms and tickets available in the
Gaither Scout Shop***





ARCHERY & BB RANGE MASTER TRAINING

Archery & BB Range Master certification is needed for our Scout Day Camps and District events. You must be 18 years of age or older. Please consider taking one of the two upcoming sessions:

Saturday from 9:00AM-2:00PM (CT).
May 13 Eykamp Scout Center
May 20 Old Ben Scout Reservation

The training will allow students to set up a BB and Archery Range, serve as Range Master, and take part in live exercises. Attendees will be certified in both disciplines. Recertification is required every two years. Attendees should bring a sack lunch, beverage, paper, pen and dress accordingly. Please contact the Eykamp Scout Center to register for the event.



NRA Shotgun Instructor Course

August 11-13, 2017
Old Ben Scout Reservation

The course will run from 4:00PM Friday until 4:30PM Sunday. Certified instructors assist the council by running shotgun ranges and teaching merit badge classes. If you are a registered Boy Scout/ Venturing Leader the cost is \$150 and includes lodging, meals, conference material, and use of shotguns, ammunition and clays. Non-BSA registered individuals can attend for \$200. Training includes NRA Basic Instructor Training and NRA Shotgun Instructor Certification. Space is limited. This is an instructor level course, and basic firearms safety, shotgun knowledge, and marksmanship skills are required. Registration and a \$75 non-refundable deposit must be received by July 20 due to lead time required in obtaining NRA materials. A current NRA membership is highly encouraged prior to attending.

To register for any of these events, or if you have questions, contact **Steve Haggh: hagghs@twc.com** or **812-482-9013**.

THANK YOU! THE NRA FOUNDATION

TEACH FREEDOM

The NRA foundation in Indiana has provided thousands of dollars in grant funding to the Buffalo Trace Council. These funds will provide us with new BB guns, Rifles, Arrows and, shooting targets for the rifle and archery ranges. These funds will provide Buffalo Trace Council with the ability to improve the program for our Scouts and offer a safe and enjoyable experience.



OA UPDATE



The **Kiondaga Lodge Spring Fellowship** will be **May 19-21** at Old Ben. The ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies will be taking place along with activities for arrowmen.

We will have the trading post open with new shirts, patches and more! Please look at the last issue of Arrow Points or on the council web page for registration information.

The **Kiondaga Lodge Summer Fellowship** will be on **July 14-15** at Old Ben. This event is open to all lodge members and will be filled with games and activities. The event is only \$10 if you register by July 7.



Did You Know?

Tour and Activity Plan Terminated

A cross-functional team has completed an evaluation of the BSA's Tour and Activity Plan, resulting in the recommendation to terminate the plan effective April 1, 2017.

We recommend that you sign up for the weekly Scouting Wire Newsletter to ensure you receive updates directly to your inbox.

NOW through May 31, 2017

Free Boy Scout Handbook Program Sponsored by

When a new youth joins Boy Scouts or when a Webelos crosses over to Boy Scouts, Jasper Engines provides the youth with a free Handbook! Simply bring the completed/approved application with fees to the Registrar's office at the Eykamp Scout Center to receive the handbook. Please note this is not a retroactive offer.

NOTE: This program will end at the end in 2017. A new program is being developed to benefit and inspire recruitment of youth in all programs in 2018. Stay tuned for further details.

Compass Points Unit Spotlight



Compass Points Unit Spotlight shines on Troop 246 for their cleanup efforts at Old Ben Scout Reservation in March after a storm. Thank you Troop 246, Compass Points Spotlight shines on you!
If you would like to shine the spotlight on your unit, send an email to administration@buffalotracecouncil.org.

BOY SCOUT SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:00 am—2:00 pm (central time)
Gibson County 4-H Fair Grounds
709 N Embree St, Princeton, IN 47670
Cost \$5 per Scout (payable at the door)

Contact: Carrie Parmenter at
carrie.parmenter@in.nacd.net or
812.838.4191X3

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Did you know that just by shopping on Amazon you can help support Buffalo Trace Council? Thanks to those who already have chosen 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. If you have questions, contact **Jaime** at 812.423.5246x213 or jwilder@bsamail.org.

2017 FREE Rank Program

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges: **Pack301, Pack 383, Troop 336, Troop 350 and Troop 352**. And congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges and FREE merit badges and belt loops: **Pack 349, Troop 397, Troop 301, Troop 305, Troop 342, Troop 375 and Crew 312**.

How can your unit earn free badges? Simply hold a Friends of Scouting presentation in your unit at a Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting and achieve your established goal(s). To find out more, please contact **Jaime Wilder** at jwilder@bsamail.org.



Looking for a Great Summer Camp Experience?

The fun and adventure begins **June 4-9, 2017**. Resource Camp is a uniquely designed camping experience, serving all ages of Boy Scouts and Scouters. It is like no other summer camp, with the program rooted in Baden Powell's desire to build young Scouts into strong leaders. Join us and be part of our own home camp tradition. Leader guides were mailed mid-November. For inquiries, please contact Resource Camp Program Director **Jay Coy at 812.457.8216**.

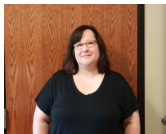
Be a Buffalo Boy

Perhaps one of the best opportunities for your older Scouts to complete their leadership development is working staff at OBSR Summer Resource Camp. This program has been designed especially for high school and college aged Scouts to provide them practical experience in leadership and service. There is no cost to the Scout and the experience is exactly what Baden Powell ordered. These Scouts serve for one week in early June and handle a variety of responsibilities, assisting with the running of the entire camp experience. If you have a Scout who will complete 9th grade or above interested in joining our team, please have him contact **Jay Coy at 812.457.8216**.



New Faces At the Council

Welcome to our newest staff members of the Council



Truda Hartmann
Executive Assitant



Camille Williams
Program Assistant

When you are in the neighborhood stop by the Ey-kamp Scout Center and say hello!



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 Bob Kapperman, Chief Campmaster at kappermanb@roadrunner.com with your name, phone numbers (home and cell), mailing address, current registered Scouting position and unit of assignment.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

YMHFA

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 8:00 – 4:30pm (Central)

Place: Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5130 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville IN

Cost: The cost of the training is provided by Project AWARE grant, Deaconess Cross Pointe, and the Buffalo Trace Council.

Bring your sack lunch and snacks to share if you like.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and most importantly – teaches individuals how to help a youth in crisis or experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

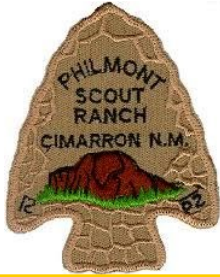
Go to the website for registration information or contact the council at 812.423.5246.

Indiana Boy Scout License Plates

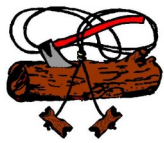


Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scout license plate in Indiana! Your additional support provides resources for our Scouts that we would not have otherwise. If you have not purchased a Boy Scout license plate, but would like to do so, it is EASY! Just let the BMV know you want to purchase a Boy Scout plate when you renew your registration. It's that simple! Also, available in Illinois to Eagle Scouts.

2018 Philmont Trek



Buffalo Trace Council Contingent
June 9-23, 2018
3 Crews (20 youth and 6 adults)
\$150 deposit holds your spot!



2017 WOOD BADGE TRAINING
August 18-20 & September 16-18, 2017
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course for adult leaders. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting. Its purpose is to aid Scouters in providing a quality program that will enable Scouts to grow to their greatest potential. For questions contact Course Director **David Hampton** at **812.631.3962** or **wood-badgebtc2017@gmail.com**.

THANK YOU



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

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

June 11-17, 2017

Old Ben Scout Reservation

Venturing Leader Training

July 22, 2017

To be determined

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

August 12, 2017

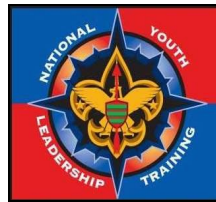
Vincennes

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

National Youth Leadership Training

June 11-17, 2017

For Boy Scouts & Venturers (co-ed)



PURPOSE: To support the unit's responsibility for training junior leaders by enhancing their leadership skills.

OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ Provide participants with the skills and confidence to run a program.
- ◆ Offer an opportunity to share experiences and exchange ideas with others.
- ◆ Create an atmosphere for participants to experience Scouting at its best.
- ◆ To enhance the relationship between the participant and his/her unit leader.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Youth leaders in a position of responsibility in their home unit...senior patrol leader, president, assistant senior patrol leader, vice president, troop guide or patrol leader and Scouts/Venturers likely to assume one of these positions in the near future.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- ◆ 13-years old by June 11, 2017
- ◆ First Class Scout by June 11, 2017
- ◆ Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troop/Crew
- ◆ Unit Leader's recommendation to attend

For more information, contact:
Course Director **Leisa Barber**
812.686.2583 or
leisabarber2001@gmail.com

LINCOLN HERITAGE DISTRICT

Serving Dubois, Perry, Pike, Spencer, and
Warrick (except Newburgh) Counties

District Chairperson: Tom Fierst 812.634.9236
District Commissioner: Richard Corman 812.455.4990
Sr. District Executive: Michael Richard 812.704.8441
Email: michael.richard@scouting.org

All Activities are on Central Time May 2017

- 4 Ideal Year of Scouting Program Kick Off, National Guard Armory, Evansville, 5:00 pm NO ROUNDTABLE
- 18 District Committee Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30pm CT
- 20 Cub Scout Range Master Training, OBSR
- 27-29 Memorial Day Holiday. All facilities closed.

June 2017

- 1 Eagle Review, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, NO ROUNDTABLE
- 4-9 Resource camp
- 8 District Committee Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30pm
- 11-17 National Youth Leadership Training, OBSR
- 20-23 Cub Scout Day Camp, OBSR

Unit Popcorn Training

Thursday July 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM Central
St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, IN

Are you a new Popcorn Kernel who needs to learn the basics of the sale? Do you want to learn about new ways to sell popcorn? Do you want to make your sale the best one ever? If so, you will want to attend this training to help your unit succeed with the 2017 Popcorn Sale.

During this event on July 20, we will honor the top 100 sellers from the 2016 Popcorn Sale. Every Pack and Troop will need to send a representative. If you cannot attend the training on July 20, you can attend the other earlier districts trainings. Please let your District Popcorn Chair or Michael know who will be the Popcorn Kernel in your Pack or Troop ASAP. There are going to be e-newsletters starting in May that are very important for the popcorn sale.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to attend, contact **Michael**.

SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO...

- Jim Schoenbachler and the merit badge counselors for helping our Scouts earn advancements.
Over 130 Scouts attend the merit badge sessions.
- Ben Vonderschmidt for organizing and conducting the district Pinewood Derby. We had two classes of Scouts race, and it was a great time for all.

2017 Cub Scout Day Camp

What?
When?
Where?

Weird Science
June 20-23, 2017
Old Ben Scout Reservation, Cato, IN

Prepare for an adventure! This year's Cub Scout Day Camp theme is "Weird Science" and promises plenty of fun and exciting activities. Scouts will also learn while having fun with this year's events complemented with a focus on S.T.E.M. Registration forms have been mailed, and are also available on the council website. Cost is \$45 if paid before May 6th and \$55 if paid after May 6th

All units attending Day Camp *must* attend one of two Pack Orientation Sessions prior to the beginning of camp on June 20th, 2017. The pack orientation Sessions are 5-7 PM CDT on Friday June 16, 2017 or Monday June 19, 2017 at 5-7 PM CDT. The orientation will go over guidelines for camp and show parents and leaders what their Scouts will be working on.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions please contact **Day Camp Director Betsy Travelstead at 812-664-6680** or **Day Camp Program Director David Gramelspacher at 812-827-7055** or **Michael**.



Save the date:

BALOO Training: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Cub Scout Sign Up Night: August 29, 2017

Sky's the Limit Cub Scout Day: September 23, 2017

Outdoor Leader Skills Training: October 20-22, 2017

Boy Scout Merit Badge Weekend: October 13-15, 2017

FALL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING



Lincoln Heritage District had a good year with fall recruitment last year, including two major new initiatives. The time is now for all Scouting units to start preparing for this fall.

To encourage each Troop/Crew, as well as Pack, to host an open house or social event where new families can see what Scouting is all about, we will be unveiling a new Scouting campaign at the Ideal Year of Scouting May 4 to assist in direct Troop and Crew youth membership recruitment,

In order to fully be prepared for our fall recruitment programs and new membership tools, every Scouting unit needs to attend one of our membership trainings in the summer. Membership Trainings July 27 @ 6 PM at the Oakland City Fire Department in Oakland City, Indiana or August 1 @ 6 PM at the Mary's Help of Christians Church in Mariah Hill, Indiana. Membership Chairs, Committee Chairs, and Unit Leaders should attend the training. Leaders are invited to share success stories and new ideas that have proved successful recruiting tools. To RSVP, contact **Michael**.

ALGONKIAN DISTRICT

Serving Edwards, Gibson, Knox, Lawrence,
Richland, and Wabash Counties

District Chair: Tom Young 812.882.2343
District Commissioner: Jonathan Yochum 812.890.4029
District Executive: VACANT 800.264.5246x216
E-mail: administration@scouting.org

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

May 2017

- 4 Ideal Year of Scouting, Evansville, 5:00pm
- 11 Eagle Board/Commissioner Meeting, Vincennes University Library, 6:30pm
- 18 District Committee Meeting, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vincennes, 6:30pm

June 2017

- 1 NO ROUNDTABLE
- 1 Eagle Board/Commissioner Meeting
Vincennes University Library, 6:30pm
- 22 District Committee Meeting, @ Day Camp
Ouabache Trails Park, Vincennes, 6:00pm



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

June 20-23, 2017
8:00am-3:00pm (CDT)
Ouabache Trails Park
Vincennes, IN



Cub Scouts will enjoy games, sports, crafts, bb-guns, archery & much more. Our theme will focus on Weird Science! We will have many fun events including STEM activities and water games! We will have special guests that create an atmosphere that is both interesting, educational, and most importantly, FUN!

The \$45 registration and t-shirt order is due to the Eykamp Scout Center by May 13, 2017. After May 13th the cost goes up to \$55.

Your pack MUST provide leadership for the week in the form of adult chaperones. Make sure every day is covered. You will need at least one parent for every five boys, the more the better! Please look at the parent mailer and leader guide for more information.

Our Day Camp Director is looking for volunteers to help be a part of our staff this year. Please contact Day Camp Director **Melissa Rusch @ 812.890.0819** or Program Director **Angela Baldwin @ 812.887.2970**

RECRUITING

We encourage each Pack/Troop/Crew to host an open house or social event where new families can see what Scouting is all about. With fun engaging activities such as Summer Camp, there is no better time to get new families active and engaged. If you are interested in recruiting, or need flyers please contact the Eykamp Scout Center.



UNIT POPCORN TRAINING

Sunday, July 16, 2017
@ 2:00pm (CDT)
Community Methodist Church
Vincennes, IN

Are you a new Popcorn Kernel who needs to learn the basics of the sale? Do you want to learn about new ways to sell popcorn? Do you want to make your sale the best one ever? If so, you will want to attend this training to help your unit succeed with the 2017 Popcorn Sale. During this event we will honor the top 100 sellers and top families from the 2016 Popcorn Sale.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to attend, contact District Popcorn Chair: **Rachel Lambert** at **812.887.5712** or **Jaime** at the Scout Center.

Exploring



WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Exploring is a career education program for young men and women in sixth grade through 20 years old. The purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between the youth and the organization. Local community organizations initiate an Exploring program by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop. Exploring programs can specialize in a variety of career skills: Arts, Aviation, Business, Communications, Engineering & Technology, Fire & EMS, Health, Law Enforcement, Law & Government, Science, Skilled Trades and Social Services. Please visit exploring.org for

IS YOUR UNIT ON TRACK FOR 2017 JTE GOALS?

Be sure to read the 2017 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, look under our district page. Check out the site to view your unit!

The service hours are reported through my.scouting.org under **legacy web tools**. You will need your unit ID # to report the hours. Please contact **Scout Center** for ID.

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

Serving Gallatin, Posey, Vanderburgh,
White Counties and the Newburgh Area

District Chair: Jon Keck 812.431.0356
 District Commissioner: Joe Holtz 812.499.9520
 District Director: Jennifer Whitaker 812.423.5246x212
 Email: jennifer.whitaker@scouting.org
 District Executive: Abby Roberts 812.423.5246x214
 Email: abigail.roberts@scouting.org

May 2017

- 4 Ideal Year of Scouting
- 11 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 18 District Commissioners Meeting; Eykamp, 6:30pm
- 18 District Committee Meeting; Eykamp, 6:30pm

June 2017

- 1 **No Roundtable**
- 8 Eagle Board; Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 14-16 Cub Scout Day Camp; Eykamp
- 15 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp, 6:30pm
- 15 District Committee Meeting; Eykamp, 6:30pm
- 20 Membership Training, Poseyville, IN



Thank you to those units who have scheduled a Friends of Scouting presentation.

We are halfway to our goal!

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.

If you have not scheduled a presentation, please contact **Abby**.

Thank you!

Thank you **Francis Brickey** and **Phil Barclay** for your service as Roundtable Commissioners. We would also like to thank **Joe Minor** and **Leonard Seibert** for their support of the Roundtable facility. You are exemplary examples of the Scouting spirit.

Native Trails Cub Scout Day Camp

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DUE MAY 6!!

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out! Cub Scout Day Camp is the highlight of the summer for many Scouts.

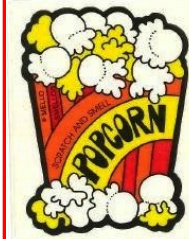
What: Weird Science Day Camp
When: June 14-16
Where: Eykamp Scout Center
How Much? \$45 on or before May 6;
 \$55 after May 6

Registration information has been mailed to all registered Cub Scouts and is available at the Eykamp Scout Center. Visit the Day Camp 2017 page on buffalotracecouncil.org for up-to-date information on camp.

Remember: Bring all your health forms on the first day of camp.



Unit Popcorn Kernel Training Coming Soon!



Do you want to make your sale the best one ever? Do you want to learn about new ways to sell popcorn? Are you a new Popcorn Kernel who needs to learn the basics? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, you will want to attend the Popcorn Kernel Training Monday, July 24, 2017 in Evansville.

Training will include: Product Samples, Product Lineup, Best Practices, and Frequently Asked Questions. If you have questions or would like to sign up to attend, contact **Jaime or Truda at the Scout office 812-423-5246**.

WE ARE RECRUITING!

**Cub Scout Recruitment
ALL ON ONE NIGHT
August 29, 2017 from 6:30-7:30pm**

For Cub Scout Leaders & Membership Chairs

Last year's One Night Join Scouting Night was a success. Across the council's 15 county territory 950 new youth signed up for Cub Scouting on that single night, and more came in through out September and October! We're now preparing to do it again!

The recruitment will take place at EVERY SCHOOL in our service territory. Council staff began meeting with principals in April to communicate the plan and to secure school support. Schools are a great place for the sign up location because it is a familiar place for the family. Leaders will not need a long-winded presentation. They just need to have the items needed to sign up for Scouting: applications, pens, change, a calendar with the next meeting highlighted, and contact information. Parent Guide handouts will also be available at the Eykamp Scout Center for distribution.

This night is strictly for new families to sign up for Scouting. There should not be a presentation, a Pack meeting, or a program. We recommend a scheduled new family orientation meeting within a week to introduce parents to the unit leaders, talk about the budget and activities for the year, explain the popcorn sale and its purpose and share any other Pack related information. Use this time to get to know your new parents and identify potential leaders down the road.

Every UNIT needs to attend one of our membership trainings in the summer to learn about the NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION process, and

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Unit Membership Chairs, Committee Chairs, and Leaders should attend the training. Leaders are invited to share success stories and new ideas that have proved successful recruiting tools. **We will also be talking about the NEW online registration application that will be available this fall.**

To RSVP, contact Jennifer at 423-5246 ext. 212 or Abby at ext. 214.

Adventures in Scouting A Fall Boy Scout Recruitment Plan

Currently the Native Trails District Committee includes three volunteer adult Eagle Scouts... who were NEVER CUB SCOUTS! Can you believe it? Some boys WILL join Boy Scouts if they are asked, even when they have NEVER been in a Cub Scout program, but they need to know it is an option.

This fall, we are encouraging TROOPS & CREWS to assist with an activity in their local community called, "Adventures in Scouting" on Saturday, October 21, from 9am—Noon. The plan is for Troops and Venturing Crews to set up stations with activities that share a little about what they LIKE to do on their outings. The Native Trails District is hoping to be able to offer this program in three locations: at the Boy Scout office for Vanderburgh County and Newburgh units, in Posey County for all Posey County Troops, and in Carmi for our Illinois Troops. We will invite Webelos & unregistered, Scout age youth to attend.

We are asking Troops to attend a summer membership training to learn more about this plan AND the NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION option.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Sky is the Limit

Fall Cub Scout Event

Saturday, September 23

Build your own rocket & launch it!
BB guns, Archery...all things that fly!





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2017 COUNCIL CALENDAR

MAY

- 4 Ideal Year of Scouting
- 9 Commissioners Cabinet
- 11 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 13 CS Range Master Training @ Eykamp
- 14 Youth Mental Health First Aid @ Aldersgate UMC
- 16 Executive Committee
- 19-21 OA Spring Fellowship @ OBSR
- 23 Properties Committee
- 24-29 **Memorial Day Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED**

JUNE

- 4-9 Resource Camp @ OBSR
- 5 **Eykamp Scout Center Closed: Staff Development and Training**
- 11-17 NYLT @ OBSR
- 25 OA LEC @ Eykamp

JULY

- 1-4 **Independence Day: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED**
- 6 No Roundtables
- 11 Commissioners Cabinet
- 13 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 14-15 OA Summer Fellowship @ OBSR
- 16 Popcorn Training @ Vincennes
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19-26 National Scout Jamboree
- 20 Popcorn Training @ Holland
- 22 Scout Night with the Otters
- 24 Popcorn Training @ Evansville
- 30 OA LEC @ Eykamp



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