



# 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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*You are cordially invited to attend the*

## *Council Court of Honor*

*Saturday, February 24, 2018*  
*Christian Fellowship Church*  
*4100 Millersburg Rd. Evansville, IN 47725*  
*1 PM (CST)*  
*Check-in begins at 12:30 PM*

### Make your reservation today!

Join us in celebration of 2017 Council achievements! Scholarship recipients, the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year and other awards will be presented. All youth earning their **Eagle Scout Rank** or **Summit Award** in 2017 are invited to be recognized with their peers, and outstanding volunteers who have given unselfishly to Scouting will be honored with the **Silver Beaver Award (the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer)**. Don't miss this wonderful recognition of leadership and service! A reception with cookies, cake, punch, and of course coffee, will follow. Register online at [www.buffalotracecouncil.org](http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org).

## Congratulations to our Top Selling Units!

### TOP POPCORN AWARDS

TOP PACK	Pack 369—Newburgh	\$44,490
TOP TROOP	Troop 185—Jasper	\$17,270
TOP CREW	Crew 181—Jasper	\$905
TOP SELLER	Dennis Wright, Pack 387—Poseyville	\$6,435
TOP FAMILY	The Turpens, Luke & Peter, Pack/Troop 310	\$5,065

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our distribution sites and teams! **Warehouse Services** in Evansville, **Knox County ARC** in Vincennes, and **Thermwood Corporation** in Dale are wonderful hosts, and we appreciate all the support they provide! Thank you to **Marissa Worster** and **John Weil** at Warehouse Services, **Rachel and Josh Lambert** at Knox County ARC, and **Dean Fehribach** at Thermwood Corporation. We could not do it without your help and support!

A special THANK YOU goes to **Jim Griese at Walt's Drive-A-Way** for your help and support with our popcorn sale!

### Popcorn Sale Evaluation Meeting

We want to hear your feedback on the 2017 sale. We will have an evaluation meeting on Monday, **January 29 at 6:00 PM (CST) at the Eykamp Scout Center**. Any Popcorn Chair or leader is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for you to share your likes/dislikes on prizes and to give suggestions for 2018. Pizza and drinks will be served, so please RSVP to Truda Hartmann at [truda.hartmann@scouting.org](mailto:truda.hartmann@scouting.org) by **January 26**. Your feedback is important and helps us improve the sale for future years.

## 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: 8:30 AM—5:00 PM**

**SATURDAY: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**ALL FACILITIES CLOSED:**

**January 1- January 2:**

**New Year's Holiday & Shop Inventory**

**January 15:**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**February 19:**

**Presidents Day Holiday**

To place an order, call 812.423.5246 x203 or  
800.264.5246 x203 or fax 812.423.4845

To see what's new, go to  
[www.buffalotracecouncil.org](http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org)



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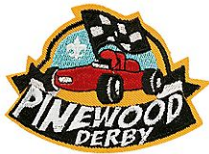
Thanks to those who have already participated!

### 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!

*Thanks to your generosity in 2017 over \$3,000 was contributed to support Scouting programs!*



Don't let your Pinewood Derby sneak up on you... *"Be Prepared"* by clipping out this coupon and submitting it to the Scout Shop to pre-order your derbies.

Order a quantity of 10+ for a 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 [taylor.houchin@scouting.org](mailto:taylor.houchin@scouting.org).  
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715

Pick up may be made at the Scout Shop or District Roundtables.

Just let us know ahead of time.

## 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!

### COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

- ▶ Reservations cancelled 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 EAGLE SCOUTS



#### Lincoln Heritage District

Kolten Jenkins, Troop 100 (10/5/17)  
 Ryan Woodard, Troop 130 (11/2/17)  
 Colwin Mondor, Troop 162 (10/5/17)  
 Cameron Schoenbachler, Crew 181 (10/5/17)  
 Carson Vaal, Troop 185 (10/5/17)  
 Samuel Kluemper, Troop 185 (11/2/17)  
 Kole Terwiske, Troop 185 (11/2/17)  
 Beckett Fehribach, Troop 186 (10/5/17)  
 Elijah Horton, Troop 186 (11/2/17)

#### Algonkian District

Jacob King, Troop 203 (10/5/17)  
 Michael Quinett, Troop 210 (11/1/17)  
 Jaydon Edwards, Troop 232 (10/5/17)  
 Adam Robinson, Troop 232 (10/5/17)  
 Caleb Shoultz, Troop 246 (10/5/17)  
 William Mast, Troop 246 (10/20/17)

#### Native Trails District

Parker Cullum, Troop 305 (11/9/17)  
 Jacob Conrad, Troop 305 (11/9/17)  
 Dakota Winters, Troop 350 (10/12/17)  
 Conner Highwood, Troop 379 (11/9/17)  
 Grant Gensic, Troop 383 (10/12/17)  
 Jacob Greulich, Troop 397 (10/12/17)  
 Zain Dillon, Troop 399 (10/12/17)



### Eagle Board of Review

#### Lincoln Heritage District

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#### Algonkian District

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#### Native Trails District

Fred Hassman  
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### National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

The National Eagle Scout Association has 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 Eagle Scout service project. Projects must be completed in 2017 to be considered. Applications are available online at [nesa.org](http://nesa.org) and are due to the Eykamp Scout Center no later than **January 5, 2018**. For more information, contact **Michael Richard** at [michael.richard@scouting.org](mailto:michael.richard@scouting.org).

### Local Council Scholarship Opportunities

The Buffalo Trace Council **Eagle Scout Scholarship** application and the **Mary E. Julian Scholarship** application (**for male/female**) are available at [www.buffalotracecouncil.org](http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org). These scholarships are for graduating seniors and undergraduates (under the age of 20 by January 31, 2018.) Applications are due to Eykamp Scout Center postmarked no later than **January 5, 2018**. If you have questions, contact **Michael Richard** at **812.704.8441** or [michael.richard@scouting.org](mailto:michael.richard@scouting.org).



Your pack, troop, or crew can earn FREE badges during the 2018 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 badges.

The FOS presentation is a brief talk made to families at pack meetings and Courts of Honor to give them the opportunity to make a pledge to Scouting.

If your families' total contributions reach Level 1 (average \$35 per active member), your unit will receive free rank patches for 2018.

- ◆ Lion, Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light for packs
- ◆ Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle (cloth badge) for troops
- ◆ Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit for Crews

When those gifts reach Level 2 (\$50 per active member), you will receive the free rank patches **PLUS:**

- ◆ Webelos Pins and Belt Loops for Cub Scout Packs
- ◆ Merit Badges for Boy Scout Troops
- ◆ Quest, Trust, and Ranger Awards for Venturing Crews

The badge program is good only for the calendar year. If you wait until February to have a presentation, you can only take advantage of the program for 10 months.

Friends of Scouting dollars are used to provide most of the services that come to you from the council, such as the Compass Points, school flyers, maintenance of Old Ben Scout Reservation, training and program planning materials, etc.

**Call or email today to set up your 2018 FOS Family Presentation**

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Native Trails District Executive **Abby Roberts** – 812.423.5246 or 800.264.5246 x214

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Sign up TODAY!  
Reservations are limited.  
See [buffalotracecouncil.org](http://buffalotracecouncil.org)  
for more information.

**2018 Philmont Trek  
Buffalo Trace Council Contingent  
June 9-23, 2018**

**To find out about our council's trip to Philmont, contact:**

**Volunteer Expert**

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**Philmont Staff Advisor**

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Shannon Lake, Exceptional Needs Program Manager, is continuing the work initiated by Jo Adams. Shannon will be taking the Scouting experience to Warrick County special needs classrooms where students will participate monthly in activities that introduce and reinforce the principles of Scouting. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Recreation Therapy and her Master's degree from the University of Evansville in Public Service Administration. She enjoys working with children and hopes to help the program grow. Shannon and her three children live in Princeton.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Cub Scout Campout  
Eykamp Scout Center  
May 5-6, 2018

NEW event for Cub Scouts coming this spring!  
Open to Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. More  
details coming soon.

### 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 to come.

For more information on how you can support Buffalo Trace Council for the future, please contact **Jaime Wilder** at **812.423.5246** or [jwilder@bsamail.org](mailto:jwilder@bsamail.org).

# Look What's Happening in Special Needs Scouting!



# Boy Scout Night at the Thunderbolts Game



## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS)**  
&  
**Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL)**  
&  
**Leave No Trace Training (LNT)**  
&  
**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)**

**April 20-22, 2018**

**Old Ben Scout Reservation**

Please note: only one training per person can be taken over the weekend.

**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**  
**June 10-16, 2018**

**Old Ben Scout Reservation**

**Venturing Leader Training**  
**July 21, 2018**

**To be determined**

Further information will be posted in the future on [www.buffalotraccouncil.org](http://www.buffalotraccouncil.org).

### **Trainer's EDGE**

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (CST)**

**Eykamp Scout Center**

While the Trainer's EDGE is a required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and NYLT staffs, it is also for any Scouters wishing to enhance their training and presentation skills.

## **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)**

**February 10, 2018**

**USI, Evansville**

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Boy Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. ILST is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Boy Scouts and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Boy Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). It is also required to participate in a Kodiak Challenge Trek.

## **Shooting Sports Events**

Cub Scout Range Master Training

May 12, 2018

Eykamp Scout Center

Cub Scout Range Master Training

May 19, 2018

Old Ben Scout Reservation

Further information will be posted in the future on [www.buffalotraccouncil.org](http://www.buffalotraccouncil.org).

## **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL) Changes**

There have been a few important changes to the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL). These two courses have been combined and revised and are now simply referred to as BALOO.

BALOO training is comprised of two components – an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader, and to receive the BALOO recognition patch. The online component contains introductory and basic information, and must be completed prior to the practical component. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training. The online portion of BALOO is available around-the-clock on the BSA Learn Center by logging into [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org).

Those who have completed BALOO in the past will not need to retake this new training and can take your pack camping. If you have taken BALOO and OWL in the past, you can take Webelos camping. However, if you have not completed OWL in the past, you must retake the new BALOO course in its entirety to take Webelos camping.

Cub Scout leaders interested in adding a camping component to their pack activities are required to have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout Den or Pack overnight outdoor event - including Pack Camping and Webelos Den overnights. If your pack has an overnight activity without a BALOO-trained adult, you are in violation of National BSA policy and will not be covered under the BSA Insurance protections. BALOO training sets a unit up to carry out a successful camping experience for Scouts. Successful completion of BALOO training has a positive impact on the confidence level of a Cub Scout leader, and promotes a willingness to plan a pack overnights. Camping activities and outings that are fun, based on the purposes of Cub Scouting, and successful, often whet the appetite for Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders to desire more of the outdoors.

## LINCOLN HERITAGE DISTRICT

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

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**Sr. District Executive:** Michael Richard 812.704.8441  
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**All Activities are on Central Time**

### January 2018

- 4 Roundtable/OA/Eagle Review, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30 PM
- 6 District Planning Conference
- 11 District Committee Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30 PM
- 26-28 Winter Boy Scout Event, OBSR
- 28 District Recognition Dinner

### February 2018

- 1 Roundtable/OA/Eagle Review, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30 PM
- 8 District Committee Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, 6:30 PM

### Lincoln Heritage District Planning Conference

**Saturday, January 6, 2018, 8 AM—3 PM (CST)**

**Mary Help of Christians Church, Mariah Hill**

All Scouters are invited to attend to develop ideas and plans of implementation for all aspects of the 2018 Scouting year in accordance with council and district policies. Everyone should be prepared to discuss and offer suggestions. Registration not needed, but appreciated. Contact District Chair **Tom Fierst** or **Michael Richard** for more information.

## 2018 It's a Wooden Winter Camporee

When: January 26-28, 2018  
 Place: Old Ben Scout Reservation  
 Cost: \$10 per Scout/Adult

### FOR ALL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS & VENTURERS

This event is open to all Troops and Crews in Buffalo Trace Council! WEBELOS will be allowed if units have required training. Each patrol will need to build a wagon before the event and bring it to the camporee. This event is being planned and ran by the youth members of Troop and Crew 186.

The TRAVELING AXE will be awarded for Lincoln Heritage District. There will also be a cooking contest with winners receiving prizes. Questions? Contact Dick Lange at 812.309.4043 or [DICKL186@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DICKL186@GMAIL.COM) and register on the council's website.

### Lincoln Heritage District Recognition Dinner

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH HALL, DALE**

**5:00-7:00 PM (CST) \$15 per person**

Come join your fellow Scouters for an evening of friendship and celebration as units and peers are recognized for their accomplishments in 2017, including Eagle Scouts and the District Award of Merit recipients. All are invited to attend. For more information and to register, see the registration link on the calendar page of the council website, or contact **Michael**.

*Re-charters and Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms are due by January 26, 2018!*

### Lincoln Heritage District Merit Badge University

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**Vincennes University Jasper Campus**

Your help is needed! If you or someone you know is qualified and would like to teach a merit badge course, or if you have suggestions for merit badges and training, contact **James Schoenbachler** at [jschoenbachler@twc.com](mailto:jschoenbachler@twc.com) or **Michael**.

**Save the Date!**

**Wilderness Survival Scout Camporee**

**Saturday, April 27-28, 2018**

**Old Ben Scout Reservation**

### Everyday Heroes Coming to Cub Scout Day Camp

**June 19-22, 2018**

Start promoting Everyday Heroes Cub Scout Day Camp now! Day Camp is the highlight of the Cub Scout year and is one of the only times Cubs get to participate in shooting sports. At this year's Day Camp, Scouts will get to create science experiments, as well as do shooting sports, crafts, play games and more! **DON'T LET YOUR SCOUTS MISS OUT!** Free placemats will be available soon.

### Friends of Scouting

Lincoln Heritage District thanks everyone for supporting Scouting. Please plan now to schedule a time for a representative to come and tell the "Scouting Story" during a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting. The support we receive from your unit will help provide a quality program to the youth in our organization. We encourage every unit to participate in Friends of Scouting. Remember that the free badges of rank are connected to your unit's FOS contribution. Maximize your time of free badges of rank by scheduling your presentation soon! If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact **Michael**.



## ALGONKIAN DISTRICT

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

**District Chairperson:** Tom Young 812.882.2343  
**District Commissioner:** David Smith 618.339.5578  
**District Associate:** Chris Felton 219.477.7455  
**E-mail:** christopher.felton@scouting.org

### ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

#### January 2018

- 4 Roundtable/Eagle Board, 6:30 PM,  
Vincennes University Library
- 5 Award nominations due
- 18 District Committee Meeting, Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints, Vincennes, 6:30 PM
- 20 Merit Badge University, Vincennes University
- 27 District Recognition Banquet, 5:00 PM,  
Community Methodist Church, Vincennes

#### February 2018

- 1 Roundtable/Eagle Board, 6:30 PM,  
Vincennes University Library
- 10 Native Trails MBU and BALOO Training at Eykamp  
Scout Center
- 15 District Committee Meeting, Vincennes University  
RM 167 at 6:30 PM
- 24 Council Court of Honor



## District Recognition Banquet

January 27, 2018  
5 PM—7 PM (Central Time)  
Community Methodist Church  
1548 S Hart Street Rd, Vincennes, IN  
Invitation to all Scout Leaders & Families



Our district will be hosting its annual recognition dinner for the adult leaders & families who volunteer their time and services to develop the skills, knowledge, and leadership of our Scouts. Dinner & drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a dessert.

We will be honoring the 2017 Eagle Scouts, District Award of Merit recipients and recognizing the units who earned the District Excellence Awards.

Register online by end of the day Monday, January 22nd. Registration forms are available on our district webpage.



## Merit Badge University

January 20, 2018  
Vincennes University



The cost of the event is \$10 per person. A buffet-style lunch will be provided on campus. Please register all Scouts from your troop at the same time. We will be offering Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, Life to Eagle, LNT101, and a few others. Online registration is available on the Algonkian district page on the Buffalo Trace Council website. All registrations due by January 4th.



## SPRING CAMPOREE

April 27-28, 2018  
Old Ben Scout Reservation



Algonkian District is teaming up with Lincoln Heritage and Native Trails Districts to provide a fun-filled Spring Camporee your Scouts won't want to miss! Look for registration forms to be posted early in the year, but add the event to your calendar now.

# Thank You!

Thank you **Rachel Lambert** for chairing another successful Popcorn Sale in our district! Also, thanks to **KCARC** in Vincennes for assisting us in our popcorn distribution. Finally, thanks to all the leaders, Scouts, and families for doing a great job!



## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

June 19-22, 2018  
Vincennes, IN

Start promoting Cub Scout Day Camp now! It is the highlight of the Cub Scout year and is one of the only times Cubs will get to participate in shooting sports. If you are interested in volunteering for camp, please contact **Chris Felton at 219.477.7455**.

## SOAP BOX DERBY

June 22, 2018



We are having the soap box derby race the last day of Cub Scout Day Camp this year! Racers will compete against others in their division and prizes will be awarded for each division. Please plan to build a race car with your den or pack prior to the event.

## Friends of Scouting

Please plan now to schedule a time for a representative to come and tell the "Scouting Story" during a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting. The support we receive from your unit will help provide a quality program to the youth in our organization. If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact **Chris**.



# NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

Serving Gallatin, Posey, Vanderburgh, White  
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 District Executive: Abby Roberts 812.423.5246 x214  
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## January 2018

- 4 Roundtable/Cub Scout Leader Training,  
Salem United Methodist Church, 6:30 PM
- 11 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center; 6:30 PM
- 18 Commissioners/Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center,  
6:30 PM
- 26 District Recognition Dinner, Deaconess Johnson Hall  
6:30 PM—**All volunteers are invited!**

## February 2018

- 1 Roundtable/OA, Salem UMC, 6:30 PM
- 8 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
- 10 Merit Badge University and Adult Training, USI
- 15 Commissioners/Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout  
Center, 6:00 PM
- 24 Council Court of Honor

### Native Trails District Recognition Dinner

Friday, January 26, 2018  
 Deaconess Johnson Hall  
 520 Edgar St. Evansville, IN 47710  
 \$17 per person — Arrival 6:00 PM

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization that cannot function without volunteers. To thank you and the other volunteers that make the Native Trails District successful for all our Scouts, we invite you to our annual recognition dinner.

We will recognize the 2017 recipients of the District Award of Merit, Unit Journey to Excellence earners, units who recorded service hours online, and those who earned training awards.

You can now RSVP online by visiting [buffalotraccouncil.org](http://buffalotraccouncil.org) and going to the event on the interactive council calendar or by visiting the Native Trails page on the website.

Suggested dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire

### UNIT CHARTER RENEWALS

**DUE JANUARY 26, 2018**

Units received their re-charter packets in November and December. Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to review your roster and contact ALL registered members to confirm renewal and invite back the Scouts you haven't seen in a while.

If you need help with online re-chartering, please contact your **Unit Commissioner, Jennifer, or Abby ASAP**. We have computers (and help) available at Eykamp Scout Center by appointment.

After you complete your paperwork online, you will either have the Charter Organization Representative sign electronically or you will print the paperwork and have them sign the physical copy.

No adult or Venturer 18 years of age or older can be renewed unless their Youth Protection Training is up to date. **Youth Protection must now be renewed annually.**

### 2018 Native Trails Merit Badge University & Leader Training

Saturday, February 10, 2018  
 8 AM—3 PM

University of Southern Indiana

**Registrations are accepted until classes are full**

Native Trails' annual Merit Badge University will offer great opportunities for Scouts to earn merit badges and learn from professionals. A listing of classes offered and other details are now available on the council website. Twenty-three merit badges will be offered at this event.

In conjunction with Merit Badge University, training will be offered to adult leaders.

**Adult Trainings:** Cub Scout Leader Position Training, Scoutmaster Position Specific, Venturing Leader Specific, Troop Committee Training, CPR training.

**Youth Trainings:** Venturing Goal Setting & Time Management, Mentoring for Venturing Crews, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews.

**Your Unit Could Earn Free Rank and Advancement for 2018**

Thank you to Troop 301, Troop 305, Pack 335, Troop 352, Pack 360, and Pack 383 for holding your 2018 Friends of Scouting presentation in November or December! Your contributions will keep the local Scouting movement strong.

If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting Presentation, do so now by contacting Friends of Scouting Chairman **Dave Anderson at 812.604.2535** or **Abby** at the Eykamp Scout Center. These presentations are about 10 minutes long and can happen at any well attended unit event/meeting.

The funds raised through Friends of Scouting presentations help keep local Scouting alive and help us provide quality programming to youth of all social, economic, and cultural backgrounds.

Funds are used to:

- ◆ Provide financial assistance, uniform assistance, and camp scholarships to Scouts with need
- ◆ Keep fees low for district and council events like Day Camp and Merit Badge University
- ◆ Purchase and distribute membership recruiting materials
- ◆ Provide resources and trainings to adult leaders
- ◆ Maintain Old Ben Scout Reservation and Eykamp Scout Center
- ◆ AND MUCH MORE!

If your unit holds a presentation and raises \$35/active Scout you can earn free rank badges for the rest of the year. (Bobcat, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Scout, Tenderfoot, Venturer, Pathfinder, etc.) If the unit raises \$50/active Scout, you can earn free rank badges AND free advancement for the rest of the year. Advancement includes belt loops, Webelos pins, merit badges, and Venturing awards.

The sooner you hold your presentation the more your unit can save! Schedule now.

**LOG YOUR UNIT SERVICE HOURS:** Go to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)—menu—legacy web tools—service hours reporting. Sign in and log your service hours.

**Roundtable**

**Calling all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders**

Join us for Roundtable

**When:** the first Thursday of the month (August-April) 6:30 PM

**Where:** Salem United Methodist Church 6311 Kratzville Rd. Evansville, IN 47710

**Why:** Roundtable is a special meeting for leaders. We have a topic each month to discuss. You get to learn from other leaders, share your experiences, and meet other people working toward the same objectives you are.

Want new ideas for pack ceremonies? Is your troop going winter camping for the first time? Come to Roundtable to learn, share ideas, and meet other Scouters.

See the Native Trails District page on [buffalotraccouncil.org](http://buffalotraccouncil.org) for a list of the monthly topics.

**Wilderness Survival Camporee  
April 27-29, 2018  
Old Ben Scout Reservation**

**WILL YOU SURVIVE?**

- Shelter building
- Fire building
- Trapping/Tracking/  
Fishing
- Water Purification
- Signaling & Rescue
- Primitive Cooking

**Save the Date:**

**Ideal Year of Scouting:**  
Thursday, May 3, 2018

**Cub Scout Overnight:**  
Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 6, 2018

**Everyday Heroes Cub Scout Day Camp:**  
Wednesday, June 13—Friday, June 15, 2018



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## 2018 COUNCIL CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 1-2 New Year's Holiday & Inventory: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 5 Eagle & Julian Scholarships & Service Project of the Year DUE @ Eykamp
- 9 Commissioners Cabinet
- 11 Ole Buzzards @ Eykamp
- 13 Trainer's EDGE
- 14 Klondike Derby @ OBSR
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 23 Executive Board Meeting & Council Annual Business Meeting
- 26 CHARTERS DUE @ EYKAMP
- 29 Popcorn Evaluation Meeting
- 30 Properties Committee @ Eykamp

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Scout Sunday
- 8 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 10 BALOO Leader Training @ USI
- 13 Program Group Meeting & Commissioners Cabinet
- 19 Presidents Day Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 Council Court of Honor & Wood Badge Reunion Luncheon

### MARCH

- 8 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 Commissioners Cabinet
- 27 Properties Committee @ Eykamp



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