

Compass Points

Scouting America
Buffalo Trace Council

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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH SCOUTS!

We want to take a moment to recognize and thank our fellow Scouts for their dedication, hard work, and outstanding Scout spirit. Your willingness to step up, serve others, and lead by example makes a meaningful difference throughout our Scouting family.

We see this leadership in action at events like Woods of Webelos, where our Scout patrols step up to help prepare for the event and provide guidance and encouragement to Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts as they learn more about the next chapter of their Scouting journey and prepare to cross over into a Scouts BSA troop. By sharing your experiences, offering advice, and demonstrating what it means to be a Scout, you help make that transition exciting and welcoming.

We also saw this same spirit at Day Camp, where our youth stepped up to assist our Cub Scouts during activities, learning exercises, and obstacle courses. Your patience, encouragement, and willingness to lend a hand helped our younger Scouts try new things, build confidence, and enjoy their Scouting adventures.

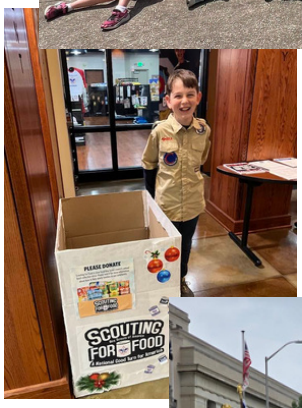
These moments remind us that leadership isn't just about wearing a patch or holding a position. It's about being willing to help, sharing what you've learned, encouraging others, and making sure no Scout feels left behind.

Thank you for stepping up, leading the way, and showing your fellow Scouts what Scouting is all about! Your time, effort, and commitment do not go unnoticed. You are helping build confidence in younger Scouts, strengthen our Scouting community, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

We are proud of the example you set and grateful for everything you do. Keep leading, keep learning, and keep making a difference—because the impact you have on your fellow Scouts will last far beyond any one event or camp.

With appreciation and Scout spirit,
Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America












EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

Highest level in Scouting America, earned by demonstrating leadership, community service, and mastery of skills through specific requirements.



SEPTEMBER 2026 EAGLES

Sammuel S.	Troop 185	September 1, 2026
William T.	Troop 185	September 1, 2026
Korden F.	Troop 186	September 1, 2026
Haley H.	Troop 186	September 1, 2026
Simon C.	Troop 301	September 10, 2026
Ryan M.	Troop 301	September 10, 2026
Mason A.	Troop 350	September 10, 2026
Pablo C.	Troop 305	September 10, 2026
Talon S.	Troop 387	September 10, 2026
Ezekiel F.	Troop 399	September 10, 2026

OCTOBER 2026 EAGLES

Corde L.	Troop 130	October 6, 2026
Alexander S.	Troop 305	October 8, 2026

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW CONTACTS & LOCATIONS:

Must submit paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the Board Meeting to allow volunteers to review documents.

EVANSVILLE

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

Meet 2nd Thursday of Every Month
Doors open at 6:00pm (CST)

Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

VINCENNES

Jonathan Yochum
812-890-4029
jyochum3@gmail.com

Meet 1st Thursday of Every Month
Doors open at 6:00pm (CST)

Vincennes University - Updike Hall
1002 N. 1st St.
Vincennes, IN 47591

FERDINAND

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

Meet 1st Tuesday of Every Month
Doors open at 6pm (CST)

Spiritual Life Center
341 E. 10th St.
Ferdinand, IN 47532

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARD

2026 Eagles are eligible to apply for our annual eagle scholarship opportunities and awards.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



MARY E. JULIAN SCHOLARSHIP

FORM

- The Mary E. Julian Scholarship recognizes outstanding Scouts who exemplify the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law through leadership, service, academic achievement, and commitment to their communities. This scholarship is intended to assist deserving Scouts as they pursue higher education and continue a lifetime of service.

BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP

FORM



- The Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Association is proud to recognize an Eagle Scout who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, character, and academic achievement. Through this scholarship program, the Association seeks to support Eagle Scouts as they continue their education and prepare to become the next generation of leaders.

AWARD OPPORTUNITY

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

FORM



- The Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award honors Eagle Scouts whose service projects demonstrate outstanding planning, leadership, impact, and lasting benefit to their communities. This award celebrates projects that embody the highest ideals of Scouting America and the spirit of servant leadership.

DUE: December 31, 2026

****All proper forms must be completed and and provided for consideration**

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Honor Society of Scouting America

NOVEMBER 2026

Lodge Leadership Development Lock-In
- November 14-15, 2026

Monthly Lodge Meeting
- November 15, 2026
- 2-3pm (CST)



DECEMBER 2026

Monthly Lodge Meeting
- December 6, 2026
- 2-3pm (CST)



JANUARY 2027

Winter Banquet
- January 9, 2027



JULY 26-31, 2027

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

KUNAMOKST LODGE

General Lodge Contact:
contact@kiondaga.org

**Monthly Lodge Meeting, if on the same day of an event, will generally be at the conclusion of the event at the same location.

**Find us on the Band App: @Kiondaga Lodge

VOLUNTEER NOMINATION

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

Nominations are due on December 31, 2026

District Award of Merit



Do you know a Scouter who needs to be recognized for their dedication, passion, and hard work? Nominate them for the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest honor a district can bestow upon a volunteer. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the Council Level (One District). A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting or both. The nature of noteworthy service may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or to a small group of youth over an extended period of time.

FORM

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level distinguished service award. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. This is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer. This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters. Nominate a Scouter you feel is worthy!



FORM

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

These courses help equip volunteers with the knowledge and confidence to provide safe, meaningful, and adventure-filled Scouting experiences for youth.

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. Packs Camping overnight must have at least one person on site who has attended BALOO training. We recommend that each Pack have at least two BALOO-trained adults. This course is designed to introduce Cub Scout leaders to the opportunities for pack overnight camping. It's more than just camping - it's everything you need to know to make your pack overnight a fun, successful event!



INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

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?

REGISTER NOW

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills teaches those skills. A practical, hands-on approach to basic outdoor Scout craft skills is a must for a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venturing Crew Advisor to be successful!

LEAVE NO TRACE

This course is open to Scouts over the age of 18, and adult Scouters. All participants who complete this course will be recognized as Leave No Trace Trainers by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. It will fulfill most of the Venturing Range Award Leave No Trace requirement.





WOOD BADGE 2027

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Explorers, and Council Scouters all are welcome and belong here!



Mark Your Calendar

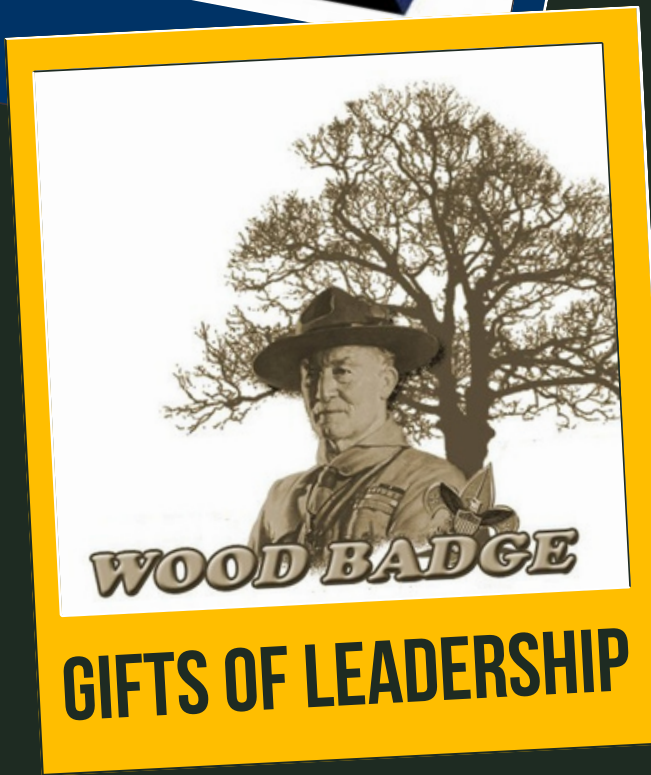
Weekend 1: April 2-3, 2027

Weekend 2: April 24-25, 2027

**MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS

REGISTER NOW

Course Director: Leisa Barber
Leisabarber2001@gmail.com



Registration is Open NOW! Don’t miss this amazing opportunity!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

A SIMPLE WAY TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Help local families in need by donating non-perishable food items.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta & Rice
- Cereal
- Soup
- Mac & Cheese
- Granola Bars

Your donation fuels hope in our community!





Small acts. Big impact. Stronger together.

DONATE TODAY.
Together, we can feed more families!

COLLECTION DATES:
Now until November 30, 2026

DROP OFF LOCATION:
Eykamp Scout Center
Evansville, IN 47715

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WHERE FAITH MEETS ADVENTURE



Scout Sunday

A Scout is Reverent
Sunday, February 5, 2027



Cub Scout Faith Day

February 13, 2027
Good Shepherd Parish
Evansville, IN

Contact Information:
Bill Noll
812-431-9099



Annual Scout/Venturer Retreat

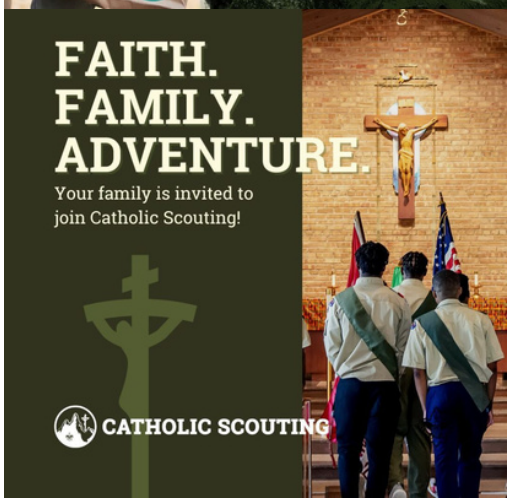
February 26-28, 2027
Catholic Center
Evansville, IN

Contact Information:
Joe Dickinson
812-550-6205
joerdickinson@gmail.com











SCOUT NIGHT
WITH THE THUNDERBOLTS

So why not lace up your skates and join us for a day of fun, competition, and camaraderie on the ice? We can't wait to see you there! Then enjoy a family camping after the game on the concourse!



SATURDAY, JAN 23
@7PM (CST) AT FORD CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM (CST)

TOP 100 POPCORN SELLERS
Receive a FREE Scout and One Parent Ticket CLICK HERE

BUY TICKET

SCOUT/TROOP TICKETS:
CENTER ICE - $18
GOAL ZONE - $13

Tickets will be available for pickup at Will Call OR UPLOADED TO YOUR TICKETMASTER ACCOUNT

EVANSVILLE THUNDERBOLTS

For questions: Contact Mangesh Pinge at mpinge@evansvillethundebolts.com

2027 Merit Badge University





VINCENNES, IN

January 30, 2027

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

EVANSVILLE, IN

February 20, 2027

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

JASPER, IN

March 20, 2027

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

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Aviation Camporee

April 30 - May 2, 2027
Huntingburgh Airport
Huntingburgh, IN

Take your troop to new heights with a weekend of aviation-themed challenges, scouting skills, teamwork, leadership, and flight-inspired adventure.

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MEMBERSHIP & UNIT RENEWAL

2027 FEE UPDATE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

NATIONAL FEES

National fees only
Council fees and Unit dues are additional

Youth Members Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing	**$96** annualized
Exploring Youth Ages 14-20	**$60** annualized
Adults All Programs	**$72** annualized
Unit Charter All Programs	**$120** annualized
Buffalo Trace Council Youth members only (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Explores)	**$80** annualized *no change in 2027*

RENEW BEFORE YEAR-END

Membership expires on or before December 31, 2026?
Renew by year-end to lock in current national rates.

VIEW COMPLETE FEE DETAILS
buffalotracecouncil.org/membersip-resources

Unit Leaders

Charter Renewal Season is Here

Key Dates every Unit needs to know:

45 days Prior

Charter Renewal Meeting
Setup a meeting with Charter Partner (sign Charter Agreement)

30 days Prior

Review Roster
Review and Prep Roster 30 days before February 2027

Feb. 27

Saturday Hours
Available to assist with Unit and Membership Renewals 9-Noon (CST)

Feb. 28

Charter is Due
Renewal, Charter Agreement, and Fees

Further Details Coming Soon...

2027 - 2028 Membership Transition Plan

Unit Charter and Membership Cycle

Beginning in September 2026, Scouting America is shifting all unit renewals to February. Starting in 2027, member (adult and youth) renewals will also shift to February. This strategic shift will create a true 'renewal season.' Improve retention. Better capture those who join in peak recruitng season and most importanly puts leaders in control of the renewal process. In addition, these shifts lower the inital fee to join, eliminate the 2-moth lapse period and aligns safeguard training to renewal dates. These changes directly support membership and retention.

Jan 2027
New Members begin to register through February 2028 using a pro=rated monthly fee schedule

Mar 2027
Renewing members begin transitioning on monthly pro-rated fee schedule to February 2028

Sept 2027
All exisitng unit will have a transitioned to a February renewal month.
*Only effects a few units

Nov 2027
Last month of short-term pro-rated membership fees to February 2028

Dec 2027
All New and Renewing Members will be pro-rated to February 2029

Jan 2028
First Cycle of renewal begins for units and members. Members will be officially tied back to the unit renewal process and all renewal is single month focused and puts unit leader back in control of the process

Feb 2028
All members and units are on a single month cycle, pro-ration schedule continues for all new units and members

Membership Renewals

We know that Scouting is, and continues to be, an incredible value for families. Scouting is an investment in your child's future and it's an investment in a better tomorrow for the communities we serve. In addition to expanded fundraising opportunities, our council is committed to ensuring that all youth have the opportunity to experience the character-building benefits that Scouting provides regardless of their financial situation.

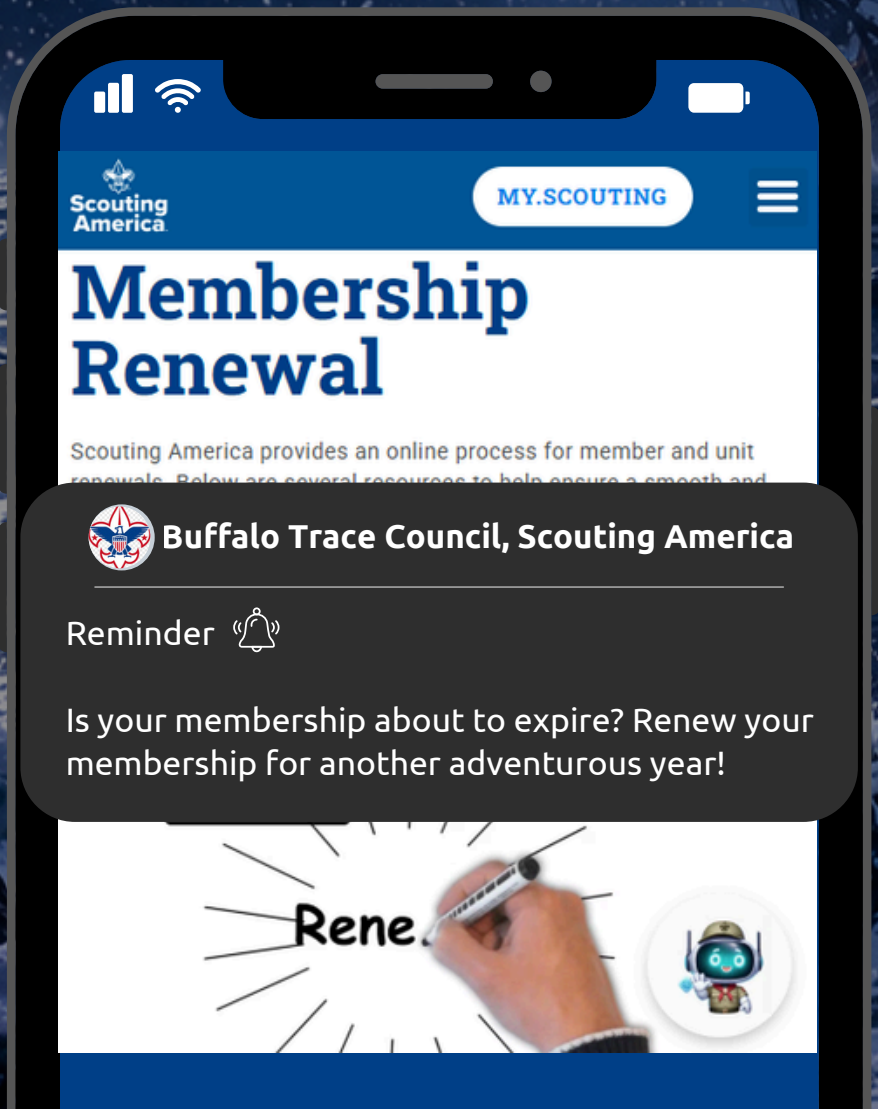
We thank you for your continued commitment to Scouting in the Buffalo Trace Council and urge you to continue to be an advocate for Scouting and how our programs are preparing thousands of youths across Tri-State Area for life.

Unit Pay Instructions

Unit Pay
Click the button above to view the steps.

Self Pay Instructions

For Self-Pay Only
A Key 3 member will need to log in to my.scouting.org and go into Organization Manager to the roster and select Membership Renewal Orders to approve renewals that have been processed through family/self pay.



Assistance Form

Must be Completely Filled Out

Financial Assistance

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

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GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

Buffalo Trace Council Scout Shop

NEW STORE HOURS

BUSINESS HOURS

MON.	8:30	TO	5:00
TUES.	CLOSED	TO	CLOSED
WED.	8:30	TO	5:00
THUR.	CLOSED	TO	CLOSED
FRI.	8:30	TO	5:00
SAT.	CLOSED	TO	CLOSED
SUN.	CLOSED	TO	CLOSED

THANK YOU



Cub Scouts Nylon Daypack

$29.99



Cub Scout Sweater

$29.99

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

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

To Place an Order:
Call: 812-423-5246 ext. 2202
or Email:
jennifer.carapia@scouting.org



$10.00





Pinewood Derby Car Sale!

Instant Savings $0.50 on each PWD Car

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

Contact:_____

Pack #_____Qty _____

Phone _____ _____

Email _____

Submit your order to the Scout Shop or email
jennifer.carapia@scouting.org
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715
Pickup may be made at the Scout Shop or Council Events

Promo: November 1 - December 31, 2026

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

When you invest in Scouting, you help create a better world by empowering future leaders.



SCAN TO GIVE TODAY!

INVEST IN TODAY. SHAPE TOMORROW.

Every dollar stays local to support Scouting in our community!

Thank you for supporting Scouting!

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THE GIFT OF GIVING

This season, let us remember that the greatest gifts aren't always wrapped in a box—they come from the heart!

THE GIFT FOR THE ONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING

THIS GIVING SEASON, GIVE THE GIFT OF LEADERSHIP, MEMORY MAKING, VALUES, ETHICS, AND BRIGHT FUTURES.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SCOUTING.

Better than a Jelly of the Month Club,
Scouting will keep on giving the whole year and far into the future.

If you would like to include Buffalo Trace Council as part of your gift giving this year, you will receive a certificate to present to your loved one.
Please contact us at 812-423-5246 or email Liesl.Disch@scouting.org.

YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION WILL CHANGE LIVES

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT SCOUTING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Monetary Gifts (Give Online) | Gifts of Stock | IRA Gifts - Qualified Charitable Distribution | Planned Giving - Wills, Trusts, DAFs, etc. | Employer Matching Gifts | Gifts-In-Kind | Purchase Popcorn and Other Products | Volunteer | Purchase Indiana or Illinois Special Scouting License Plates | Invite others to join you in supporting Scouts

FREE RANK AND ADVANCEMENT IS AVAILABLE WITH GIFTS TO FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL IS A 501(C)3 AND CAN ACCEPT QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD).

COUNCIL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Daylight Savings
2	Take Order Due in Trail's End System
3	Dubois - Eagle Board of Review
5	Camping Committee Meeting
	Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
7-8	Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
	Fall BALOO Training
	Fall IOLS Training
9	Fall LNT Training
11	Commissioner's Cabinet
	Staff Meeting
12	Veterans Day
	Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
14	Ol'Buzzard Day
15	OA - Advisor Meeting
	OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
17	Executive Board Meeting
	Training Committee Meeting via Zoom
19	Activities Committee Meeting
	Advancement Committee Meeting
25	OFFICE CLOSED
26	Thanksgiving Day - OFFICE CLOSED
27	OFFICE CLOSED
30	Popcorn Payment Due

DECEMBER 2026

1	Dubois - Eagle Board of Review
	Gratitude Tuesday
2	Staff Meeting
3	Camping Committee Meeting
	Unit Renewal Training
	Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
6	OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
7	Commissioner's Cabinet
	Pearl Harbor Remembrance
10	Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
	Ol' Buzzard Day
11	Scout Reach Blue & Gold Ceremony
14	Top Family Forms Due to Council
15	Training Committee Meeting via Zoom
16	Staff Meeting
17	Activities Committee Meeting
	Advancement Committee Meeting
24	Christmas Eve - OFFICE CLOSED
25	Christmas Day - OFFICE CLOSED
31	Scholarship/ Nominations Due
	New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2027

1	New Year's Day - OFFICE CLOSED
4	Inventory Day - OFFICE CLOSED
5	Dubois - Eagle Board of Review
7	Camping Committee Meeting
	Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
9	OA - Winter Banquert
	Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
11	Popcorn Evaluation
13	Staff Meeting
14	Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
	Ol'Buzzard Day
18	MLK - OFFICE CLOSED
19	Training Committee Meeting
	Annual Board Meeting
20	Membership Meeting
21	Advancement Committee Meeting
	Activitiy Meeting
23	Thunderbolts - Popcorn Recognition
24	OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
30	Vincennes MBU
31	National Eagle Scout Service - DUE

2026 COUNCIL CALENDAR & 2027 COUNCIL CALENDAR

Stay Tuned

COUNCIL

Key 3 Members

Scout Executive: Grant Reigelman
Council President: David Hayhurst
Council Commissioner: Joe Holtz
Compass Points Editor: Jennifer Carapia

MISSION STATEMENT

Aims and values of the Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America.

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America is to prepare our 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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