

Compass Points



Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America
September/October 2026

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Honoring the many volunteers who give their time, energy, and heart to support our youth and strengthen Scouting.
Nicole Clifford with Pack 246 and Troop 246 (Haubstadt, IN)

Nicole Clifford began her Scouting journey in 2021, becoming involved alongside her son and daughter. What started as a way to support her children quickly grew into a passion for serving youth, families, and the Scouting community.

In 2022, Nicole expanded her involvement by assisting with Troop Committee meetings, giving her time and talents wherever they were needed. Her dedication continued to grow, and in July 2023, she stepped into the role of Cubmaster for Pack 246.

As Cubmaster, Nicole works alongside volunteers and parents to plan and prepare a wide variety of activities for her Cub Scouts, including the Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, campouts, Blue & Gold ceremonies, and many other Pack activities. Through these efforts, she helps provide Scouts with opportunities to participate, learn new skills, build friendships, and make lasting memories.



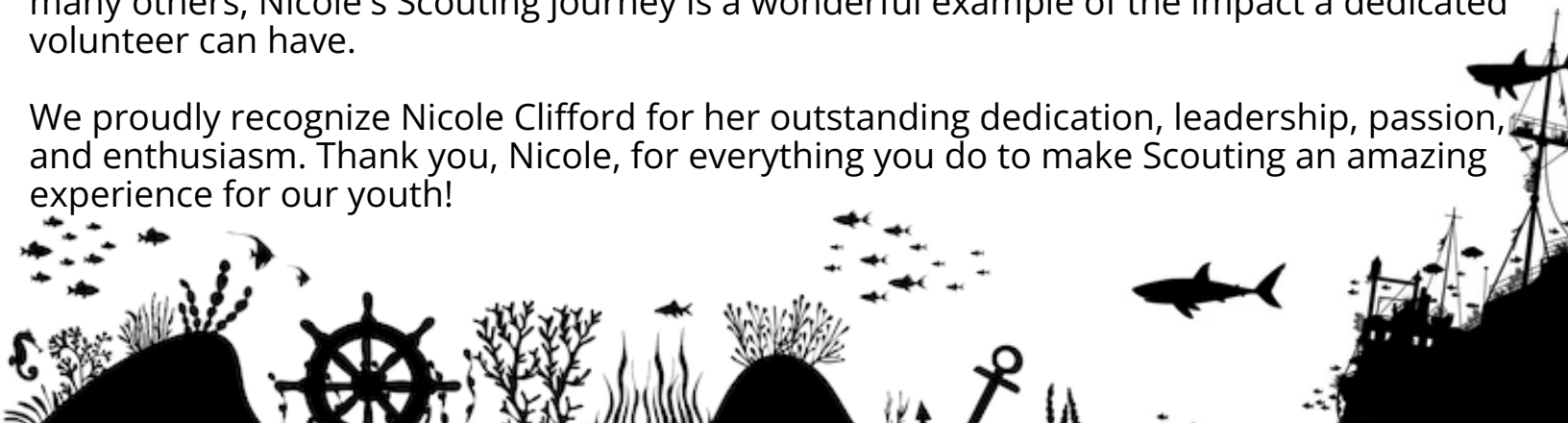
Nicole doesn't simply volunteer—she volunteers with passion and enthusiasm. Her energy and excitement are contagious, and she brings that same spirit to every activity, event, and project she takes on. She is always willing to lend a hand, take on another task, and do whatever is needed to make each experience special for the Scouts.

Her commitment extends beyond her Pack. Nicole has actively participated in Council programs and events, including Day Camp, Woods of Webelos, and Fall Fun Day.

Her dedication and hard work were recognized in 2026 when Nicole earned the Cubmaster Key Award, reflecting her outstanding commitment to leadership, service, and the success of the Cub Scouts in her care.

From becoming involved for her own children to becoming a leader and mentor for so many others, Nicole's Scouting journey is a wonderful example of the impact a dedicated volunteer can have.

We proudly recognize Nicole Clifford for her outstanding dedication, leadership, passion, and enthusiasm. Thank you, Nicole, for everything you do to make Scouting an amazing experience for our youth!





EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

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



JULY 2026 EAGLES

Denver H.	Troop 186	July 7, 2026
Kayden M.	Troop 350	July 9, 2026
Silas C.	Troop 350	July 9, 2026

AUGUST 2026 EAGLES

Brody B.	Troop 102	August 4, 2026
Noah K.	Troop 130	August 4, 2026
Benjamin N.	Troop 305	August 13, 2026
Brogan G.	Troop 399	August 13, 2026
James R.	Troop 399	August 13, 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 provided for consideration**



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Honor Society of Scouting America



SEPTEMBER 2026

Fall Conclave

- September 25-27, 2026

 **REGISTER NOW**

Monthly Lodge Meeting

- September 27, 2026

OCTOBER 2026

Halloween Party

- October 17, 2026

Monthly Lodge Meeting

- October 17, 2026

NOVEMBER 2026

Advisor Meeting

- November 15, 2026

Monthly Lodge Meeting

- November 15, 2026
- 2-3pm (CST)

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





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
October 17, 2026



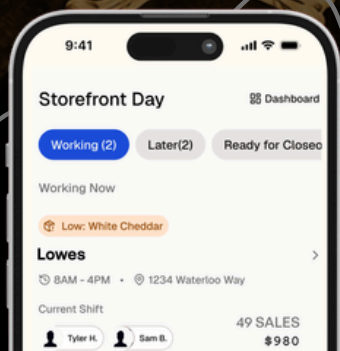
DROP OFF LOCATION:

Eykamp Scout Center
Evansville, IN 47715

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Buffalo Trace Council

2026 Popcorn Sale

Chart the Course to Popcorn Success!



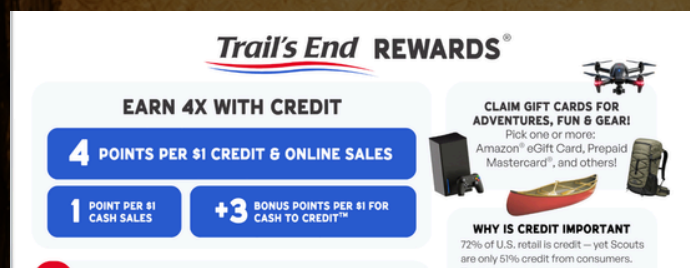
The new Leader Portal

- Simplified, easy-to-use platform
- Faster loading and responsiveness
- Storefront enhancements



Contest

- Blitz Weekend
- Weekly Contest (announced via email and facebook)
- Bingo Card Drawing
- Trail's End Promotions



Throughout the Sale

- Have Scouts use the Trail's End App
- Order and track inventory in the Portal
- Motivate your Scouts with Rewards



Finish Strong

- Submit Scout Rewards
- Request your Unit Payout
- Celebrate and enjoy your Scouting Year!



Storefronts

- View "Reserve Storefronts" for available hours
- Ensure all Storefronts hours are filled

Trail's End

support@trails-end.com

Useful Links

Need Help?

- Trail's End Support and FAQs
- Meet Fin - Trails End new Chatbot
- Facebook Kernel Page BTC



BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL

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2026 POPCORN

PRODUCT & PRICING

Thank you for supporting Scouting Adventures!



**White Cheddar
Popcorn**
\$20



**Salted Caramel
Popcorn**
\$20



**Sea Salt
Popcorn**
\$20



**Sweet & Salty
Kettle Corn**
\$20



**Microwave
Butter Popcorn**
\$25



**Honey Roasted
Peanuts**
\$25



**Chocolatey
Pretzels**
\$30

*Takeorder Only

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COUNCIL CONTACTS & WAREHOUSES



Popcorn Team

Staff Advisors:

Greg Hager	gregory.hager@scouting.org	812-423-5246 ext. 2214
Ryan Abbott	ryan.abbott@scouting.org	315-247-1180 (cellphone)
Liesl Disch	liesl.disch@scouting.org	812-423-5246 ext. 2213
Jennifer Carapia	jennifer.carapia@scouting.org	812-423-5246 ext. 2202
Grant Reigelman	grant.reigelman@scouting.org	812-423-5246

Council Popcorn Chair

Jack Pate jackpate88@gmail.com

WAREHOUSE LOCATIONS

Vincennes Location ("200" units):
Uebelhor & Sons GMC Vincennes
Vincennes, IN 47591

Dale Location ("100" units):
Thermwood Corporation
904 Buffaloville Road
Dale, IN 47523

Evansville Location ("300" units):
Warehouse Services
515 W. Tennessee
Evansville, IN 47710

If you have any questions about the location of your order or distribution site, don't hesitate to contact your District Professional.





WOODS OF WEBELOS

Calling all Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts!

DAY ONLY PASS

- \$25 Day Pass
- Program 8am – 8pm
- Lunch & Dinner Provided
- Activities including Archery, BB Guns, First Aid, Teambuilding, Evening Campfire, etc.

OVERNIGHT CAMP

- Everything included in Day Pass
- \$30 Overnight Camp Experience
- Meals includes Breakfast on Sunday

 **REGISTER NOW**

October 24–25, 2026

Scouting America
Buffalo Trace Council

**EVANSVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB FARM
3143 SCHENK RD.
EVANSVILLE, IN 47712**

SPOOK-O-REE

A SCOUTING HALLOWEEN EVENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

A SPOOKTACULAR MORNING
FUN - FRIENDS - AND SPOOKY ADVENTURES!

**SPOOK-O-REE
FOOD DRIVE**

Help us fill our collection
bins with non-perishable
food items.



SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 17, 2026

9am - 1pm (CST)

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



ADVENTURE IS CALLING. **BE PREPARED.**





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



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. Pack's leading a pack overnight must have a 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?



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

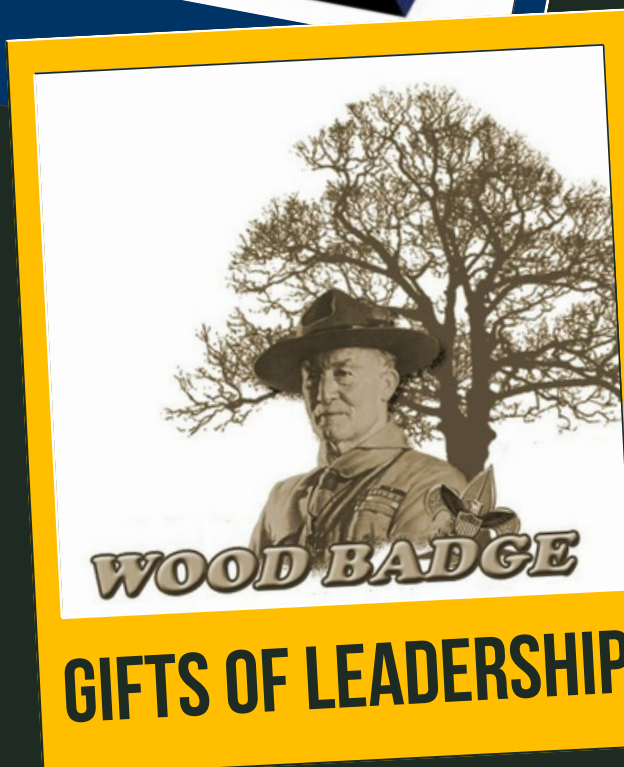
Weekend 1: April 2-3, 2027

Weekend 2: April 24-25, 2027

****MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS**



Course Director: Leisa Barber
Leisabarber2001@gmail.com



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

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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Membership Renewals

All registrations are for 12 months.

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

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.

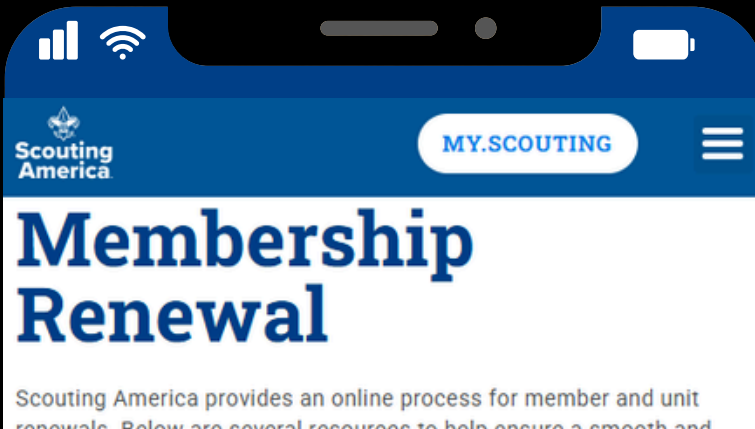
Assistance Form

Must be Completely Filled Out



Financial Assistance

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



Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America

Reminder 

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



Annual Membership Fees

NATIONAL **\$85/YR**

COUNCIL **\$80/YR**

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



NATIONAL **\$50/YR**

COUNCIL **\$80/YR**



For all Exploring youth and adults.

NATIONAL **\$65/YR**

COUNCIL **\$0/YR**



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

NATIONAL **\$25/YR**

COUNCIL **\$0/YR**



This fee is for
Merit Badge Counselors **who are not
already registered volunteers.**

Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.

Additional fees might be charged by local council and units.

ANNUAL UNIT FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and existing units.

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



\$15/YR



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.

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!



GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

Buffalo Trace Council Scout Shop

BUSINESS HOURS

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

—◆ **THANK YOU** ◆—

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

UPCOMING SATURDAY HOURS

9-NOON (CST)

- **OCTOBER 17, 2026**
- **NOVEMBER 14, 2026**



\$10.00



Cub Scouts
Nylon Daypack

\$29.99



Cub Scout
Sweater

\$29.99



Pinewood Derby Car Sale!

Instant Savings \$0.50 on each PWD Car

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

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

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

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Your Dollars Make a Difference!

Your support helps provide Scouting programs and experiences that build character, leadership and life skills.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING DOLLARS ARE USED FOR:



PROGRAMS
Quality programs
and adventures
for youth



**CAMPING &
OUTDOOR
ADVENTURES**
Memorable
outdoor
experiences



**TRAINED
LEADERS**
Recruiting,
training and
supporting
caring leaders



FACILITIES
Council
properties and
equipment



**FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE**
Making Scouting
available to
more families



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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COUNCIL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1 Dubois - Eagle Board of Review
- 2 Staff Meeting
- 3 Recruitment
Camping Committee Meeting
Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
- 5 Day at the Range
- 7 Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 9 Membership Meeting
- 10 Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
Ol' Buzzard Day
UE Day of Caring
- 11 9/11 Memorial
- 12 Cub Scout Field Day
Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
- 14 Commissioner's Cabinet
Popcorn Sorting at Warehouse
- 15 Popcorn Distribution
Training Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 16 Staff Meeting
- 17 Activities Committee Meeting
Advancement Committee Meeting
- 18-20 Popcorn Blitz Weekend
- 25-27 OA Fall Conclave and Ordeal
- 27 OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 30 Staff Meeting

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 Fall BALOO Training
Fall IOLS Training
Fall LNT Training
- 9 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 11 Staff Meeting
Veterans Day
- 12 Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
Ol' Buzzard Day
- 14 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
- 15 OA - Advisor Meeting
OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting

OCTOBER 2026

- 1 Camping Committee Meeting
Vincennes - Eagle Board of Review
- 2-4 Popcorn Challenge #1
- 6 Dubois - Eagle Board of Review
Program Meeting
- 7 Ferdianand DCA (Dinner)
- 8 Evansville - Eagle Board of Review
Ol' Buzzard Day
- 9-11 Popcorn Challenge #2
- 12 Columbus Day
Commissioner's Cabinet
- 14 Staff Meeting
- 15 Activities Committee Meeting
Advancement Committee Meeting
- 16-18 Popcorn Challenge #3
- 17 Spook-O-Ree
Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
OA - Halloween Party
OA - Monthly Lodge Meeting
- 19 Staff Training - OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting
Training Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 23-25 Popcorn Challenge #4
- 24-25 Woods of Webelos
- 28 Membership Meeting
Range & Target Activities Committee Meeting
Staff Meeting
- 30-1 Popcorn Challenge #5
- 31 Halloween Day

NOVEMBER 2026 CONT.

- 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

2026 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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