An exciting day has been planned for you and your family. It is designed to be fun and interactive. All of us have been stuck in our homes with limited access to our fellow scouts and scouting leaders. We want to provide all of you to interact with other scouts. All Scouts (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers) are encouraged to attend, we have activities for all ages.

- We will start off the morning with a Council Flag raising and a weather report from Evansville’s local celebrity, Byron Douglas from 14News.
- We breakout into different age groups to discuss internet safety using Cyber Chip program.
- Next Scouts will build their own campsite, either inside or outside. Take a picture of your campsite and send it in to the Council Campsite judge.
- A scavenger hunt is always fun, especially when you have to find stuff from around your home, inside and out.
- Adam White will demonstrate the “proper” way to make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich.
- Speaking of Lunch; you and your family will have time to have the lunch of your choice and play a game with them.
- All of us are encouraged to use face masks when we interact with our community. You will learn of a few ways to make face masks.
- Next, we will have a session on weird science experiments, by one of the council’s science experts.
- You will have the choice to breakout into one of two sessions: 1st aid and Scouting History
- A Scout is Reverent: We’ll have an online Interfaith Service. All scouts are encouraged to attend.
- Scouts are known for their service to others. Each scout is asked to pick up 2.2 pounds of trash from your neighborhood, remember to exercise social distancing when outside.
- We’ll end the day with a CAMPFIRE. Scouts are being asked to video skits and send them to our Campfire Masters of Ceremony.

Register NOW @ https://scoutingevent.com/156-CabinFeverCamporee

Ideal Year of Scouting
Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Ideal Year of Scouting is being adjusted for 2020. This year, leaders will be able to learn about council committees, BSA summer camps, and community organizations through BuffaloTraceCouncil.org. On May 7th everyone is invited to a Zoom call to learn about upcoming council activities and programs. Since only 100 people can be on a Zoom call we will also be streaming on Facebook.

Ideal Year of Scouting is an event designed to help Scouting leaders and senior youth leaders plan their unit calendar for the upcoming school year and summer. Information provided will be about programming, service, and camping opportunities.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information on this event.

RSVP to receive the Zoom Meeting ID and password and to get information directly to your inbox: https://scoutingevent.com/156-IYOS2020
Scouting doesn't have to be put on hold during this time of social distancing. There are many activities Scouts can do with their families or by themselves.

Leaders can take this time to assign rank work to their Scouts. Older Scouts can also work on merit badges (with their Scoutmaster's permission) by communicating with merit badge counselors over the phone, by email, or by videoconferencing.

**IMPORTANT Youth Protection policies still apply when conducting meetings or communicating with Scouts virtually. Parents must be copied on all emails and text messages. Phone calls or videoconferences with Scouts need to include at least two adults.**

Resources you can find:

- Invitations to Virtual Events hosted by other Boy Scout Councils
- 30-day challenges for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing
- Virtual merit badge classes
- Good Turn acts of service
- Virtual Field Trips
- National Park Virtual Tours
- Earn your Cyber Chip
- Activities to work on at home
- Scout Leader Resources including Digital Safety and Online Scouting and How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing.

For more information, go to [www.buffalotracecouncil.org](http://www.buffalotracecouncil.org) and select “Scouting at Home.” We have some great resources available for all Scout ages and we are updating the page regularly.

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**Buckeye Council** is inviting all Scouts from all councils to participate in their 6-week Home Scouting program. This program will give your Scouts the opportunity to learn skills, go on adventures, and earn advancements. The program is free! Once your Scouts complete the 6 weeks you can purchase a Spring BreakOut Award patch for $5.

**Scouting at Home Camprail hosted by Lake Erie Council.**
April 25, 2020
Activities include a 5K, virtual chili cook-off, service project, a gateway competition, campfire program and more!

**Abraham Lincoln Council invites you on 2020: The Digital Pilgrimage.**
Join Scouts from across the country April 1-26 on a Digital Pilgrimage honoring President Lincoln.

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:** www.buffalotracecouncil.org/scouting-at-home
Congratulations to 2020 Eagle Scouts

Lincoln Heritage District
Bennett Lang, Troop 185, 3/5/2020
Dalton Streicher, Troop 186, 3/5/2020
Elijah Cox, Troop 185, 3/5/2020
Parker Beckman, Troop 170, 3/5/2020

Algonkian District
Logan Butler, Troop 210, 3/5/2020
Ian Kyle, Troop 246, 3/5/2020

Native Trails District
Benjamin Peters, Troop 301, 4/13/2020

Please be aware we are still having Eagle Board of Reviews. If you have questions about your project or would just like to talk to someone, please refer to your District Contact listed below.

Eagle Board of Review District Contacts

Algonkian District
Bill Marsh
812-882-2226 or 812-899-0188
bilmarsh@sbcglobal.net

Lincoln Heritage District
Jadd Miller
812-639-1202
jaddmiller@gmail.com

Native Trails District
Doug Sprick
812-477-5217
wdsprick1@gmail.com

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@scouting.org.

The NRA foundation in Indiana has provided thousands of dollars in grant funding to the Buffalo Trace Council. These funds will provide us with targets, ammunition, and 2 new shotguns. These funds will provide Buffalo Trace Council with the ability to improve the program for our Scouts and offer a safe and enjoyable experience.

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

Thank you!
POPCORN UNIVERSITY
AND
POPCORN KICK OFF

For Popcorn Chairs, Leaders, Parents and Scouts
Saturday, August 15, 2020
Location to be determined, stay tuned!

2020 Popcorn Sale Coming Soon! We will be offering ONE training for Popcorn Chairs, Leaders, Parents, and Scouts this summer. Those attending will choose from several different sessions. Whether you are a brand new or seasoned Popcorn Chair, there will be important sessions for each of you to attend. We will also have a special guest speaker you don’t want to miss!

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

Prizes, products and key dates will all be shared at this event. Popcorn Chairs will be able to purchase sample popcorn to share at the unit kick off. These items will be ordered before Popcorn University and will be available to pick up at the Popcorn University/Kick Off.

The Popcorn Sale will begin on Saturday, September 26 and will end Saturday, October 24. The Popcorn E-Newsletters will begin soon. If you have any leaders that you would like to be added to the list, please email Jaime Wilder at jwilder@scouting.org.
Resource Camp Announcement

The safety of our participants, staff, and family members is our top priority. Because of this, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Resource Camp for the 2020 season. I hope it will be possible to see you all later this year at other events!

Stay Safe,

Linda Schweickart
Resource Camp Director

For information on fun summer programs be sure to visit buffalotracecouncil.org and follow us on Facebook. And don’t forget to sign up for Cabin Fever Virtual Camporee!
Buffalo Trace Council staff would like to let each of you know in this time of uncertainty, we are all here for you, our friends, our family, our Scouts. Stay healthy and be safe. We will get through this together.

Nova Awards

The Boy Scouts of America NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. The hope is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulates interest in STEM-related fields and how STEM applies to everyday living and the world around them. Counselors and mentors help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life for youth members.

Do you want to be a Nova Counselor? Do you want to learn more about the Nova Programs?

Visit www.Scouting.org/stem

National Youth Leadership Training

June 14-20, 2020 @ OBSR

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 14, 2020
♦ First Class Scout by June 14, 2020
♦ Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troop/Crew
♦ Unit Leader’s recommendation to attend

For more information, contact:
Course Director Chris Patterson
christopher.patterson@champlabs.com

Indiana Boy Scout License

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 otherwise not have. 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!

State of Illinois Eagle Scout License Plate

Did you know that you can support Buffalo Trace Council just by purchasing an Eagle Scout License Plate in ILLINOIS?

Here’s how:

License plate registration application forms may be obtained in person at most Secretary of State facilities, by mail, by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com, or by calling 800-252-8980. An applicant must provide a copy of his Eagle Scout Certificate or written proof of Eagle Scout rank from the local Boy Scout Council.

www.buffalotracecouncil.org
RESCHEDULED INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

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

What skills are needed for a Scout to advance from Tenderfoot Scout to First Class Scout? What are the basic skills any Scout needs to survive in the great outdoors? Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills teaches you those skills. A practical, hands-on approach to basic outdoor Scout craft skills is a must for a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venture Crew Advisor to be successful.

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

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

Cannot take BALOO and IOLS on same weekend.

uloo Training Information

BALOO training is comprised of two required components – an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. The online component contains introductory and basic information, and must be completed prior to the practical component. It is available around-the-clock on the BSA Learn Center by logging into My.Scouting.org.

If your Pack camps, Cub Scout leaders 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 overnighters. 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.

Rescheduled BALOO Training

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

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

All times are in Central Time Zone

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, (BALOO) is a fun, exciting and required training for all those in your Pack who are in charge of conducting a Pack family campout. It is recommended that each Pack have at least two BALOO trained adults.

Why do I need BALOO?

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

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

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

For more information, contact:
Adam White at 812.618.8234 or adambsa383@twc.com
Staff Advisor Michael Richard at 812.704.8441 or michael.richard@scouting.org

Cannot take BALOO and IOLS on same weekend.

Save the Date!

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

October 16-18, 2020
Old Ben Scout Reservation

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

University of Scouting

Join us on November 21, 2020 for the training event of the year! Come all day and take up to 7 classes for one price!

Adults $30, Youth $20; Lunch provided with paid registration.

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

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

The pandemic has caused financial hardship for many people. This means more families will need assistance to participate in Scouting programs. Your gift will help Buffalo Trace Council make sure that EVERY youth can have a Scouting experience no matter their socioeconomic position.

The money raised through Friends of Scouting supports Scouts in our community directly by providing funding for programs, financial assistance, recruitment supplies, insurance for all Scouting members, training and resources for adult leaders, and much more. It also allows us to keep activity fees low and provide outreach programs in our community.

If you have not scheduled a presentation, please contact your District Professional.

FALL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

The time is now for all Scouting units to start preparing for this fall. Buffalo Trace Council will be unveiling a new Cub Scout recruitment plan May 7 at the digital Ideal Year of Scouting. This new plan will affect every Pack in the council, and it’s critical you have this information and expectations.

In order to fully be prepared for our fall recruitment programs and new membership plan, every Scouting unit needs to attend one of our membership trainings in the summer. Membership Trainings will be held digitally and recorded in late May.

Topics will include best practices, sample sign up night locations, fall Cub Scout recruitment plan discussion and more. 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. RSVP not required, but greatly appreciated. Registration link coming soon.

For more information, contact your District Professional.

New and returning Scouts are invited to Rocket into Scouting at this year’s Cub Scout Fall Fun Day.

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Scouts will get to play games, learn outdoor skills, participate in archery, have fun, LAUNCH THEIR OWN ROCKET and more!

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

More information including locations and times coming soon!

2020 Wood Badge

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

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

Wood Badge is a premier training which is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and Members.

Additionally, Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge.

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change. Scouters will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader.

Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

To learn more and register, please go to: https://scoutingevent.com/156-WoodBadge2020
2021 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE
JULY 21-30, 2021
THE SUMMIT BECHTEL FAMILY
NATIONAL SCOUT RESERVE

The National Jamboree is open to any registered Scout who is at least a First Class Scout and 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree (July 21, 2021) but has not reached his/her 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree (July 30, 2021). Cost is expected to be $1950 per participant. Set up monthly electronic payments and have all fees paid by January 29, 2021 and save $150!

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

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

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

https://events.scouting.org/login
National Registration
https://scoutingevent.com/156-2021JAMBO
Buffalo Trace Council Registration

NYLT & WOOD BADGE
WANTS YOU!

Parents and fellow Scout leaders,

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

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

Dave Hampton
CAMPMASTER APPLICATIONS
NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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

If you are interested in becoming a Campmaster or would like additional Information, please email Mark Schweickart, Chief Campmaster at minspector@att.net with your name, phone numbers (home and cell), mailing address, current PRIMARY registered Scouting position and unit of assignment.
Be sure to read the 2020 JTE requirements available on scouting.org. **Is your unit recording their Service Hours?** We will begin posting each unit and their recorded service hours each month on the council website. Check out the site to view your unit!

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

**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 more information.

**2020 FREE Rank Program**

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges: **Pack 185, Troop 350.**

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

How can your unit earn free badges? 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 jwilder@scouting.org.
2020 COUNCIL CALENDAR & DISTRICT EVENTS

MAY
7  Ideal Year of Scouting
9  CS Rangemasters Training CANCELLED
12 Commissioners Cabinet
14 Virtual Eagle BOR all Districts
15 LH District Committee
15-17 OA Spring Conclave @ OBSR CANCELLED
16 CS Range Master Training @ OBSR CANCELLED
19 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
23-25 Memorial Day Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
31 Resource Camp CANCELLED

JUNE
1-5 Resource Camp @ OBSR CANCELLED
4  LH/ALG Eagle BOR
10-12 NT District Day Camp
11 LH District Committee
11 NT Eagle BOR
14-20 NYLT @ OBSR
17-19 ALG Day Camp
24-26 LH Day Camp
25 ALG District Committee & Commissioners
28 OA LEC @ Eykamp
30 NT Membership Training

JULY
2  ALG/LH Eagle BOR
3-4 Independence Day: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
7  Commissioners Cabinet
9  LH Membership Training
9  NT Eagle BOR
10-12 OA Summer Fun Fellowship @ OBSR
14 Executive Committee Meeting
15 ALG/LH Membership Training
16 ALG/NT District Committee
16 NT Commissioners
17-19 IOLS/BALOO Training
18 NT Membership Training & Venture Leadership Training
26 OA LEC

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STAY STRONG, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!

Scout On!

All Scouting units should continue to comply with their chartered organization’s policy on meetings and gatherings regarding unit-level activities. Many organizations have considered reopening their doors for meetings or functions. Our Scout’s safety is our number one priority. Please utilize guidance provided by the CDC, your local authorities, and chartered organizations in determining whether to restart your events.

If you do choose to have meetings, please follow all local guidelines and if anyone is sick STAY HOME. Please consider safe hygiene practices, as well as social distancing recommendations, learn more about it from the CDC website. Taking a hike outdoors may be great, but many restroom facilities in parks might be closed, so do your research before heading out. Please make sure all persons attending are wearing a mask, and have their own hand sanitizer for personal use.

Many of our units have already moved to virtual, web-based meetings and this is a recommended solution. Look for communications and resources to be provided to units on how to continue to serve their members and families during this challenging time. The national organization and our local council is working to develop these needed resources.

The 2020 summer camp season will be impacted by this pandemic. Please be sure to stay in communication with leadership, and note that some payments and reservation deadlines could change in the future if necessary. As is our practice in Scouting, our efforts are focused on preparation and responsiveness guided by official health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization. Remaining vigilant in hand hygiene and social distancing are some of the most important practices, especially in communities where there is confirmed community spread of the virus.

As Scouts and Scouters, I know we will all use the principals of the Scout Oath and Law, along with our Slogan and Motto to guide us though these challenging times. Please know that we look forward to resuming normal Scouting activities as quickly as possible!

A Scout is clean, wash your hands! Stay healthy.

Theodore J. Stransky
Council President

Kevin Aker
Council Commissioner

John G. Harding
Scout Executive