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.

Save the Date

Ideal Year of Scouting
Program Year Kick-Off Event
Thursday, May 3, 2018
National Guard Armory
3000 E. Division Street, Evansville, IN 47711

Plan, plan, plan! Planning is the best way to insure a successful Scouting program. Take the time to sit down, schedule it out, and PLAN your activities to create the IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING for the youth in your program.

If you look at the Journey to Excellence scorecard, you’ll find Planning and Budget is the first goal on your sheet. This is because a good plan, leads to a GREAT year, and when done right, you can easily achieve the necessary scores to attain a GOLD rating in Journey to Excellence.

That is where Ideal Year of Scouting comes in. At this annual program kick-off event held at the National Guard Armory in Evansville, right across the street from the Eykamp Scout Center, the Council reaches out to a number of organizations and agencies who can help you plan a great year. Visit booths and talk to other leaders, learn about unique activities, opportunities, and programs that can enhance your Scouting experiences, get pricing information to help you budget, and get new ideas that you haven’t really thought about before.

Each unit will receive a 2018-2019 Council Planning Calendar and additional information to help you plan your Ideal Year of Scouting. To encourage at LEAST two members of your unit to attend, we offer every unit 2 free meals. Additional meals can be purchased at cost (yet to be decided). More information will be announced soon on the Council website and Facebook.

Wilderness Survival Council Camporee
Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Imagine you are out on a hike with your Scout unit, in a remote wilderness setting. Something tragic happens, and you’ve lost most of your gear, and it’s just you and a couple of other Scouts having to make it out, and get help. Do you have what it takes to survive? Find out and practice your skills at the Wilderness Survival Camporee! Activities and competitions will include: Shelter building; fire starting; trapping, tracking, fishing; water purification; signaling and rescue; and primitive cooking. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to see if you have what it takes to survive!

Unit Registration Open online: https://scoutingevent.com/156-2018springcamporee
Open to all Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Webelos Scouts*
*(Webelos can sign up online with their unit, but must be partnered with a troop at camp)
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:
March 30—April 1:
Easter Holiday
May 26-28:
Memorial 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.

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.
2018 Eagle Scout Information

Congratulations to
2018 EAGLE SCOUTS

Lincoln Heritage District
Ethan Inklebarger, Troop 162 (1/4/18)
Clay Mitchell, Troop 192 (1/4/18)
Evan Wolfe, Troop 185 (1/4/18)
Michael Zachary, Troop 185 (1/4/18)
Nicholas Buechlein, Troop 185 (2/1/18)
Neil Schaad, Troop 192 (2/1/18)

Native Trails District
Garrett DiDomizio, Troop 358 (1/11/18)
Thomas Rapp, Troop 387 (1/11/18)
Maxwell Walker, Troop 352 (1/11/18)
Jackson Willem, Troop 312 (1/11/18)
Kade Klinghagen, Troop 399 (2/1/18)
Carson Pont, Troop 301 (2/8/18)
Trevor Skaggs, Troop 374 (2/8/18)
Preston Weis, Troop 399 (2/8/18)
Drake Winstead, Troop 327 (2/8/18)
Isaac Pearison, Troop 393 (2/10/18)

Eagle Board of Review
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Native Trails District
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IN MEMORY

Mac Verner
Sue Meny
Bill & Sandy Spice
Robert & Patricia Barsumian

William E. Krause
The Ole Buzzards
Bill & Sandy Spice

Bennie Grant
Vivian Grant

Jeffrey A. Elliott
Friends from OTIS Elevator

The Evansville Otters
Boy Scout Night
Saturday, June 30th
Gates open at 5:30 PM
Game starts at 6:35 PM
Dinner, Camping, Baseball Clinic, and more!
$5 ticket for scouts/youth
$8 ticket for adults
Venturing Crew Training and ILSC
Saturday, March 10, 2018
Vincennes University Jasper Campus, Jasper, IN
7:00 AM—3:00 PM (Central) (See schedule below)
$5 per participant (Does not include lunch)

7:00 - 7:45 AM  Registration
7:45 - 8:00 AM  Opening
8:00 - 11:00 AM Session 1
11:00 - 11:45 AM Lunch
12:00 - 3:00 PM  Session 2

Courses offered:
· Goal Setting & Time Management Training
· Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Lawson at K3jlaw@twc.com or 812-639-8418 (call or text).

National Youth Leadership Training
June 10-16, 2018
For Boy Scouts & Venturers (co-ed)

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

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

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION
♦ 13-years old by June 10, 2018
♦ First Class Scout by June 10, 2018
♦ Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troop/Crew
♦ Unit Leader’s recommendation to attend

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

Wilderness First Aid Course
With certification through the Emergency Care and Safety Institute

April 13, 2018 6:00 PM-10:00 PM &
April 14, 2018 8:00 AM—3:00 PM
(All times Central)
Eykamp Scout Center

Two adults on any high adventure base excursion MUST have the Wilderness First Aid training. Course covers required curricula and provides certification as required by ALL National high adventure bases. Youth ages 13 and older are also eligible to take the course. Look at our Council website: buffalotracecouncil.org to register.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course
Old Ben Scout Reservation

 Begins: April 21, 2018, check-in 7:30 AM
 Ends: April 22, 2018

This course is open to Venturers, Boy Scouts over the age of 14, and adult Scouter. 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 meet one of the requirements for Boy Scouts to serve in the troop’s Leave No Trace Trainer position and will also fulfill most of the Venturing Ranger Award Leave No Trace requirements. The cost for youth, 14-20, is only $10 due to a donation that promotes the training of youth in this course. Adult cost is $25 (Food and training materials included).

The Trainer Course assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills.

· Plan Ahead and Prepare
· Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
· Dispose of Waste Properly
· Leave What You Find
· Minimize Campfire Impacts
· Respect Wildlife
· Be Considerate of Other Visitors

If you have questions, contact Course Director, David Smith at 812.339.5578 or mukappa28@yahoo.com. Registration forms are available on the Council website or at the Eykamp Scout Center.
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)
April 21 - 22, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation
5735 E County Road 175N, Winslow IN 47598

What skills are needed for a Boy 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: $20 Deadline April 13, 2018
(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

BALOO and 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 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.

Those that 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 your 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.

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 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.

Upcoming BALOO Training
April 21 – 22, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation
5735 E County Road 175N, Winslow IN 47598
Check-in begins at 7:30 AM on April 21st
Course ends around Noon on April 22nd
All times are on 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 April 13, 2018
Course cost is $20 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 Jennifer Whitaker at 812.423.5246 or jennifer.whitaker@scouting.org

Cannot take BALOO and IOLS on same weekend
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!

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 812.423.5246 x213 or jwilder@bsamail.org.

**Indiana Boy Scout License Plates**

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

**2018 FREE Rank Program**

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges: **Pack 185 and Troop 352**. And congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges and FREE merit badges and belt loops: **Pack 203, Troop 232, Troop 301, Troop 305, Troop 315, Troop 342, 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. To find out more, please contact Jaime Wilder at jwilder@bsamail.org.

United Leasing, Inc. is proud to sponsor the United Leasing Championship at Victoria National, an official event of the PGA TOUR. The tournament will be at Victoria National from April 23-29, 2018. The PGA TOUR prides itself on giving back to the communities in which its events are held. Beginning NOW and continuing through April 22, 2018, Buffalo Trace Council will have the opportunity to raise money through the innovative **Old National Bank Golf Gives Back** program. All you need to do is visit www.ulcgolf.com to purchase your full-week pass and select Boy Scouts of America from the drop down menu of charitable options. The price of the ticket will be donated back to the Buffalo Trace Council. You print your own ticket and head to Victoria National to watch some great golf! It’s that simple! Thank you for your support!
Rank Up 2018
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation
Did you know that Scouts who achieve First Class in the first year are more likely to stay in Scouting?
Having trouble finding time to complete the rank requirements during troop meetings and camp outs? Then this is the event for you - Kiondaga Lodge Rank Up 2018!
Bring your troop for knots and lashings, orienteering, first-aid, nature, service projects, and more.
Online Registration will be coming soon!
Cost: $5
Please bring your own lunch.
The day will conclude with a campfire, showcasing the fun and fellowship of The Order of the Arrow.

God and Church Weekend Retreat
When: May 4-6, 2018
Where: Old Ben Scout Reservation
For: Scouts in grades 6, 7 and 8

The Buffalo Trace Council Religious Emblem Committee will be conducting a weekend retreat to work on the requirements for the God and Church Religious Emblem. This is for Boy Scouts in grades 6, 7 and 8. The cost of the weekend will be $25.00 per Scout and $20.00 per adult. Now is the time for Scouts to start working on the prerequisite requirements, so that the Scouts will not be overwhelmed if they wait until later to get started. We will be condensing the classroom portion of the emblem into one weekend instead of several weeks. The prerequisite requirements for this weekend are the same requirements that the Scout would have to do on his own while meeting with his counselor.

In order to complete the requirements for the emblem during the weekend, there are a number of prerequisite requirements that must be completed before attending the retreat. For a list of the prerequisite requirements, please email Jim Voelker at javcoent@aol.com. I will then email you the following: letter to their Pastor, list of prerequisite requirements, log sheet for service hours, 30 Day Bible Reading List. Registration for this event will be online when the event draws closer. For additional information, contact Jim Voelker by phone: 812.401.0953 or e-mail: javcoent@aol.com.

Resource Camp
Basic information so you can prepare to attend our great week at OBSR.

DATES OF CAMP
The 2018 Resource Camp will be held at Old Ben Scout Reservation June 3-7, 2018.

SCOUT FEES: This year’s fee for Boy Scouts and Venturers to attend Old Ben Scout Reservation is $190. There is an Early Bird price of $160 if fees are paid by MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018.

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who would not be able to attend camp otherwise. Campership applications are available on the Buffalo Trace Council website.

ADULT FEES: Bring 8 paid Scouts to camp and receive one FREE adult. The fee for each adult leader attending Old Ben Scout Reservation is $80. There is an Early Bird price of $65 if fees are paid by MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018.

Other information: Be sure to submit your application for your site very soon, we look forward to seeing you at OBSR. The leader guide, necessary forms about merit badges, and schedules for the week were mailed to Scoutmasters over a month ago. If you would like to review these documents, they will also be posted on the council website.

For more information please contact Jay Coy 812.457.8216 and by email via jcoy@fireandrain.com.
With all of the fantastic events that are coming up, now is a great time to plan for Spring recruitment!

For Boy Scout troops, this is the perfect season to host an open house to invite the friends of Scouts and other boys to a troop meeting. Summer Camp is a great way to share the excitement of Scouting with new boys! Cub Scout packs can also use activities like Day Camp and summertime pack activities to help them recruit new Scouts and leaders. Cub Scout packs are encouraged to do Spring recruiting ONLY if the pack has an active summertime schedule, with at least two activities per month. If interested in recruiting, contact Michael at least two weeks prior to your recruitment date. The Council can assist with flyers and Boy Talks. The unit should be prepared with a calendar and contact information.

Wilderness Survival Boy Scout Camporee

Will You Survive?

Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, 2018

Old Ben Scout Reservation

5735 E County Rd 175 N, Winslow, IN 47598

This Wilderness Survival Camporee will be a wilderness experience to last a lifetime. We will focus on basic skills and understanding of wilderness survival, all while having fun! Look at our Council website: buffalotracecouncil.org for the leader guide and how to register. Volunteers are always welcome!

Wilderness First Aid Course

April 13 & 14, 2018 Eykamp Scout Center

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Friends of Scouting

The Lincoln Heritage District thanks everyone again for their support with Friends of Scouting. We would like to give everyone the opportunity to support Scouting in our Council, so if you are a unit leader, please schedule your 2018 Friends of Scouting presentation as soon as you know the date. Your generous contributions from Friends of Scouting go directly to support units and youth in the local area. To schedule, contact Michael Richard at 812.704.8441.

Lincoln Heritage District JTE

We are very pleased to announce that Lincoln Heritage District is a Gold achiever for this past year for the fourth consecutive time! This would not be possible without all of the hard work of many volunteers at the district and unit level.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Course Dates: June 10-16, 2018 at Old Ben Scout Reservation

NYLT is a seven-day comprehensive, fun-filled, co-educational leadership experience for Boy Scouts and Venturers conducted in an outdoor camping environment. For more information, please contact Leisa Barber at 812.686.2583 or Michael Richard at 812.704.8441.

We Want to Talk to You About Cub Scout Day Camp!

June 19-22, 2018

Old Ben Scout Reservation

We are excited about this summer’s Day Camp, and we want to come to your pack and talk to your Scouts about it! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Day Camp Co-Director Michael Gudorf at 812.309.0443 or Michael Richard at 812.704.8441.
ALGONKIAN DISTRICT
Serving Edwards, Gibson, Knox, Lawrence, Richland, and Wabash Counties

District Chairperson:  District Commissioner:  David Smith  618.339.5578
District Associate:  Christopher Felton  219.477.7455
E-mail: Christopher.felton@scouting.org

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

March 2018
1  Roundtable/Eagle Board
   Vincennes University Library, Vincennes, 6:30 PM
15  District Committee Meeting
    Vincennes University Library, Vincennes, 6:30 PM

April 2018
5  Roundtable/Eagle Board
   Vincennes University Library, Vincennes, 6:30 PM
17  District Committee Meeting
    Vincennes University Library, Vincennes, 6:30 PM
21-22  IOLS/BALOO/LNT at OBSR
27-29  Council Wilderness Survival Camporee, OBSR

THANK YOU!
• District Scout volunteers who helped make the Recognition Dinner a success! It was a great night to honor deserving leaders and Scouts with the district recognitions for year 2017.
• David Smith, Tom Young & Vincennes University who organized the merit badge event. We had over 250 Scouts attend, along with another 100 adults. Thank you to all the counselors who helped teach our Scouts a new hobby or skill.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND ROUNDTABLE?
The latest Scouting news, announcements and program-related trainings are offered. It is also a time to meet and share ideas with other Scouting volunteers across the district. With new Roundtable commissioners Angela Baldwin and Rachel Lambert, we strive to provide a helpful experience. Come on the first Thursday of the month to the Vincennes University Library room 167 at 6:30 PM (CT) to share ideas.

CONGRATULATIONS!
• District Award of Merit 2017 recipients:
  Allen Clark & Cathy Lawson
• Scouting Spirit Award 2017 recipients:
  Angela Baldwin  Day Camp Program Director
  Rachel Lambert  District Popcorn Chair
  Melissa Rusch  Day Camp Director
  Jim Krouse  Pack & Troop 292 Leader

These awards are well deserved! Thank you to all the volunteers/Scouts for your success and keep up the good work.

SPRING RECRUITMENT
Now is a good time to host an open house to invite the friends of Scouts to a meeting or activity. It’s also a good time to invite them to Day Camp or Summer Camp. Camp is a tool to keep Scouts in our program and they will learn and develop skills that will last a lifetime. If interested in recruiting, contact Chris so we can assist you with flyers and boy talks. The unit will need to be prepared with a calendar and contact information.

SOAP BOX DERBY
Friday, June 22, 2018
Vincennes, IN
Ouabache Trails Park

All Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews are invited to participate in this racing event! The Scouts will need to build their cars prior to the event and then they will race against other Scouts in their division. This should be a great event for your Scouts and families to participate in. Please look for the leader guide on our district webpage for more information, including tools and plans needed to build a car. We will also be offering shooting sports at this event.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP
June 19-22, 2018
Ouabache Trails Park
Vincennes, Indiana

Theme: Everyday Heroes!

Cub Scouts will enjoy games, sports, crafts, BB guns, archery & much more. Our theme this year will focus on Everyday Heroes! We are looking for volunteers to help be a part of our staff this year. We are asking each unit to see if any of their leaders can be a member of staff at this fun-filled week! Please contact Camp Director Melissa Rusch at 812.890.0819 or Program Director Angela Baldwin 812.887.2970 if interested.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Don’t miss out on the opportunity for Free Rank and Free Advancements for your unit in 2018! If your unit has not scheduled a presentation, please contact Chris.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SPRING CAMPOREE
April 27-28, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Activities include Shelter Building, Fire Building, Trapping/Tracking/Fishing, Water Purification, Signaling and Rescue, and Primitive Cooking. The Order of the Arrow call out ceremony will be on Saturday evening after campfire. Look at our Council website: buffalotracecouncil.org for the leader guide and how to register.
**NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT**

Serving Gallatin, Posey, Vanderburgh, White counties and the Newburgh area

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

**March 2018**
1 Roundtable, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:30 PM
8 Eagle Board of Review, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
15 Commissioners/District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
30-4/1 All facilities closed-Good Friday/Easter

**April 2018**
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21-22 IOLS/BALOO/LNT at OBSR
27-29 Council Wilderness Survival Camporee, OBSR

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**A Journey to Excellence Silver Achiever!**

We are proud to announce that Native Trails District attained **SILVER** status for 2017 Journey to Excellence.

We would like to thank **Jon Keck**, District Chairman, and **Joe Holtz**, District Commissioner for leading us in this endeavor.

We would also like to thank our District Committee, Commissioners, and **ALL** unit level volunteers for your hard work and dedication to the Scouting movement in Native Trails District!

To help us achieve **GOLD** in 2018, make sure your unit has turned in your Journey to Excellence Score Card that was included in your recharter packet.

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**Native Trails District Awards**

Thank you to all who came out to Deaconess—Johnson Hall Friday, January 26, 2018 to celebrate the successes of 2017, have fun with other Scouters, and to honor our deserving leaders with the district awards. Thank you **Jacob Stoen** for starting our evening with a prayer and **Misty Counts** for ending it with a benediction.

**District Award of Merit Recipients**
Ronald Wayne Carter, Troop 342
Joseph Day, Pack 369
Ann Heathcott, Troop 305
Linda Schweickart, Troop 301

**Scouter’s Training Award for Boy Scouting**
Linda Schweickart, Troop 301
Greg Seibert, Troop 315
Phil Barclay, Troop 315

**Unit Leader Award of Merit**
Linda Schweickart, Troop 301

**Cubmaster’s Key**
Darren Childers, Pack 350

**Scoutmaster’s Key**
Greg Seibert, Troop 315

**District Committee Key**
Fred Hassman, District Advancement Chair

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Don’t miss out on the best leader event of the year!

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

Learn about the opportunities awaiting your Scouts and start planning your Ideal Year of Scouting!

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Roundtable

Join us for our monthly leaders meeting Roundtable, the 1st Thursday of every month at Salem United Methodist Church (6311 Kratzville Rd. Evansville, IN 47710). This is the best place to learn, share your experiences, and get new ideas. Registration forms for upcoming events are available at Roundtable first.

March Topic:
- Cub Scouts
  The Oath and Law
- Boy Scouts
  TBA

April Topics:
- Cub Scouts
  Summer Programs
- Boy Scouts
  TBA

Visit the Native Trails webpage on Buffalotracecouncil.org to see what topics we’ll cover next.

Unit Leaders:

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to earn FREE Rank and Advancement for your unit! Schedule your unit’s Friends of Scouting presentation now! Your generous contributions go directly to support local youth and units.

Thank you

Thank you to the following packs, troops, and crews for providing service to their communities and logging their service hours online in 2017.

Pack 301 Methodist Temple  49 hours
Pack 305 Newburgh Kiwanis  101 hours
Pack 346 Bethlehem UCC  14 hours
Pack 350 Bluegrass UMC  192 hours
Pack 358 Corpus Christ  20 hours
Pack 360 Olivet Presbyterian  17 hours
Pack 369 Castle Elementary  69 hours
Pack 374 St. Paul’s UCC  238 hours
Pack 383 Aldersgate UMC  330 hours
Troop 301 Methodist Temple  675 hours
Troop 305 Newburgh Kiwanis  351 hours
Troop 310 VFW Post 1114  139 hours
Troop 312 Holy Rosary  1,286 hours
Troop 315 First Christian  52 hours
Troop 318 St. Benedict  120 hours
Troop 330 St. John the Baptist  298 hours
Troop 335 Salem UMC  86 hours
Troop 350 Bluegrass UMC  404 hours
Troop 352 Newburgh UMC  527 hours
Troop 362 Good Shepherd  308 hours
Troop 374 St. Paul’s UCC  250 hours
Troop 379 LDS Newburgh Ward  188 hours
Troop 383 Aldersgate UMC  116 hours
Troop 386 New Harmony Kiwanis  66 hours
Troop 387 St. Paul’s UMC  274 hours
Troop 393 St. Wendel Catholic  142 hours
Troop 397 St. Peter’s UMC  746 hours
Troop 399 St. Boniface  708 hours
Crew 301 Methodist Temple  144 hours
Crew 318 St. Benedict  110 hours
Crew 399 St. Boniface  76 hours

Logging your unit service hours is quick and easy! Go to my.scouting.org—menu—legacy web tools—service hours reporting. Sign in and log your service hours.

If you have questions, contact Abby or Jennifer.

Save the Date:

Everyday Heroes Day Camp
When: June 13-15, 2018
Where: Eykamp Scout Center
Registration information coming soon.

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Sign up at buffalotracecouncil.org.
# To Our Valued Volunteer

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