Mission Statement

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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Congratulations to our Top Selling Units!

TOP POPCORN AWARDS

TOP PACK  Pack 270—Vincennes  $48,660
TOP TROOP  Troop 350—Evansville  $14,530
TOP CREW  Crew 301—Evansville  $830

Top Sellers and Top Families will not be final until December 31, 2016 and will be announced at that time.

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

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

Popcorn Sale Evaluation Meeting

We want to hear your feedback on the 2016 sale. We will have an Evaluation Meeting on Monday, January 23 at 6:00pm (CST) at the Eykamp Scout Center. Any Popcorn Chair or leader is welcome to attend. A representative from the prize company will be here as well. This is an opportunity for you to share your likes/dislikes on prizes and to give suggestions for 2017. Pizza and drinks will be served, so please RSVP to Theresa Keen at theresa.keen@scouting.org by January 20. Your feedback is important and helps us improve the sale for future years.
We Accept MasterCard, VISA, and Discover
*(All times are Central Time Zone)*

Scout Shop Hours (unless otherwise indicated):
**MONDAY—FRIDAY: 8:30AM—5:00PM**
**SATURDAY: 9:00AM—1:00PM**

**ALL FACILITIES CLOSED:**
December 31-January 3: New Year’s Holiday & Shop Inventory
January 16: Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
February 20: Presidents Day Holiday

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

To see what's new, go to www.buffalotracecouncil.org

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**Pre-Order Pinewood Derbies TODAY!!**

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

Order a quantity of 8+ for a special pre-order price of only $3.50 each, regularly priced at $3.99.

Contact ____________________________________________
Pack # ___________ Qty ____________
Phone ____________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________

Submit your order to the Scout Shop or email taylor.houchin@scouting.org.
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715

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

Just let us know ahead of time.

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**Indiana Boy Scout License Plates**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scout license plate in Indiana! Your additional support provides resources for our Scouts that we would not have otherwise.

If you have not purchased a Boy Scout license plate, but would like to do so, it is EASY! Just let the BMV know you want to purchase a Boy Scout plate when you renew your registration. It’s that simple!

*Thanks to your generosity in 2016, over $3000 was contributed to support Scouting programs!*

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**COUNCIL REFUND POLICY**

- Reservations canceled 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.*

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**Thank You**

Buffalo Trace Council would like to thank everyone who has designated gifts to the council through your local United Way. Each gift we receive helps ensure that all Scouts have an opportunity to join and enjoy all the activities provided by Scouting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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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@bsamail.org.

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**Amazon Smile**

You shop. Amazon gives.

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**www.buffalotracecouncil.org**
2016 Eagle Scout Information

Congratulations to 2016 EAGLE SCOUTS

Lincoln Heritage District
Matthew Michael Aders, Troop 192 (11/3/16)
Josh Joseph Buschkoetter, Troop 185 (12/1/16)
Evan Ray Hamilton, Crew 186 (11/3/16)
Quentin Robert Harmon, Troop 185 (12/1/16)
Nicholas Robert Hedinger, Troop 182 (11/3/16)
Quinn Christopher Highhouse, Troop 186 (10/6/16)
Emerich Grant Leinenbach, Troop 185 (10/6/16)
Anthony Nickolas Miller, Troop 192 (10/6/16)
Trey Austin Mundy, Troop 170 (11/3/16)
Luke Andrew Robling, Troop 185 (12/1/16)
Evan Reed Steinmetz, Crew 186 (12/1/16)

Algonkian District
Franco Felix Bowden, Troop 246 (11/3/16)
Payton Edmund Halbig, Troop 232 (11/3/16)
Kody Allen Merrell, Troop 248 (12/1/16)
Gabriel Levi Pfeffer, Troop 246 (11/3/16)
Zachary Paul Thompson, Troop 232 (10/6/16)
Bradyn Marshall Tucker, Troop 246 (11/3/16)

Native Trails District
Andrew Thomas Cook, Troop 387 (10/13/16)
Cody William Fenwick, Troop 383 (11/10/16)
Nikolas Allen Haggard, Troop 386 (10/13/16)
Cade Dominic Latshaw, Troop 386 (10/13/16)
Zachary James McClary, Troop 383 (12/8/16)
Noah Joseph Nellis, Troop 397 (11/10/16)
Daniel James Olsen, Troop 379 (12/8/16)
Kyle Anthony Probus, Troop 352 (11/10/16)
Jacob Edward Lee Schneider, Troop 397 (12/8/16)
Walker Selby, Troop 330 (12/8/16)
David Cole Stein, Troop 318 (12/8/16)
Chase Thomas Stiles, Troop 352 (10/13/16)

Congratulations to the 98 Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank in 2016!
Lincoln Heritage District: 35 Eagles
Algonkian District: 9 Eagles
Native Trails District: 54 Eagles

Eagle Board of Review

Lincoln Heritage District
James Schoenbachler
812.630.2026
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Algonkian District
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stonelc@mwl.wcbc.com

Native Trails District
Fred Hassman
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fhassman@gmail.com

National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

The National Eagle Scout Association has established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project. Projects must be completed in 2016 to be considered. Applications are available online at nesa.org and are due to the Eykamp Scout Center no later than January 31, 2017. For more information, contact Michael Richard at michael.richard@scouting.org.

Local Council Scholarship Opportunities

The Buffalo Trace Council Eagle Scout Scholarship application and the Mary E. Julian Scholarship application (for male/female) are available at www.buffalotracecouncil.org. These scholarships are for graduating seniors and undergraduates (under the age of 20 by January 31, 2017.) Applications are due to the Eykamp Scout Center postmarked no later than January 31, 2017. If you have questions, contact Michael Richard at 812.704.8441 or michael.richard@scouting.org.
Your pack, troop, or crew can earn FREE badges during the 2017 calendar year. How, you ask? Simply schedule and hold a Friends of Scouting presentation during a Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting and reach the established goal for your unit to achieve FREE badges.

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

If your families’ total contributions reach Level 1 (average $34 per active member), your unit will receive free rank patches for 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

Call or email today to set up your 2017 FOS Family Presentation

Lincoln Heritage Senior District Executive Michael Richard – (800) 264-5246 ext 217 michael.richard@scouting.org

Algonkian Senior District Executive Matthew Stratman – (800) 264-5246 ext 216 matthew.stratman@scouting.org

Native Trails District Executive Abby Roberts – (812) 423-5246 or (800) 264-5246 ext 214 abigail.roberts@scouting.org

2017 National Jamboree
Summit Bechtel Reserve
July 19 – 28, 2017

Sign up TODAY!
Reservations are limited.
Go to www.bsajamboree.org to sign up.

To find out about our council’s trip to the Jamboree, contact:

Jamboree Leader
Mike Summerlot
sumdayz@fullnet.com
812.631.0453

Jamboree Staff Advisor
Michael Richard
michael.richard@scouting.org
812.704.8441
**ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)**

It’s not too late to join us at the Winter Banquet on January 7, 2017 to celebrate the great year that we’ve had in the Kiondagaga Lodge. New officers will be installed, recognitions will be awarded, and there will also be a silent patch auction. The event will be held at First United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, IN (601 Main Street). Banquet check-in begins at 5:30 PM (CST).

The 2017 Lodge Membership Dues are past due. Please turn in your payment to the Eykamp Scout Center, along with the form that was included in the Arrow Points newsletter.

**Upcoming Fellowships in 2017:**
- May 19-21 Spring Fellowship @ OBSR
- July 14-15 Summer Fellowship @ OBSR

**Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting**

**Boy Scout and Venturer Retreat**
March 3-5, 2017
Catholic Center
4200 N Kentucky Ave
Evansville, IN 47711

The Boy Scout/Venturer Retreat is held annually each March. Activities include Presentations with Discussions, Spiritual Exercises, Liturgies, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Games, and Free Time. Meals and a “Cracker Barrel” are furnished. There is a closing Mass with the Bishop followed by the Youth and Adult Recognition Ceremony. The Scout Retreat will be open to all registered Scouts, Venturers and leaders. For questions contact: Dan or Michele Donovan at madonovan92@gmail.com or 812-431-6945.

**Cub Scout Faith Day**
Saturday, March 18, 2017
8:00am to Noon (CDT)
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Daylight

For more information, contact Cathy Egler at cathy.egler@gmail.com.

**Council Distinguished Awards Nominations**

The Silver Beaver is the highest award presented by the National Court of Honor to council volunteers for outstanding service to youth in a local council.

The Venturing Leadership Award is available to adults and youth who show exceptional dedication, and who give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and Venturers. There are medallions for Council, Area, Regional, and National recognitions of this award. Councils are limited to presenting the award to two adults and two youth per year.

The Young American Award is a council-level award given to college students ages 19 through 25 to highlight publicly the importance of their excellent achievements and service to their community, state and nation. Recipients are not required to be a member or a participant of a local council unit or program.

Nominations must be submitted to the Eykamp Scout Center by December 30, 2016. If you have questions, contact your district representative.

**Announcing Nominations for Catholic Adult Religious Emblems**

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) is encouraging nominations for the Adult Religious Emblems—Bronze Pelican and St. George—to be submitted by December 30, 2016. Further information can be found and nomination forms can be downloaded from www.evdccs.com.

**Hurry—Nominations listed below are DUE December 30**

**Leaving a Legacy with Scouting**

Have you ever considered how you can ensure Scouting in Buffalo Trace Council continues for many years to come? There are many ways you can help future Scouts! Gifts can be made through wills, as part of an estate, as an insurance policy, or as a direct contribution to Buffalo Trace Council.

While giving today is extremely important to our work, giving in the future will ensure that Scouting will be vibrant in our communities for many years to come.

For more information on how you can support Buffalo Trace Council for the future, please contact Jaime Wilder at 812.423.5246 or jwilder@bsamail.org.

**Upcoming Fellowships in 2017:**

- May 19-21 Spring Fellowship @ OBSR
- July 14-15 Summer Fellowship @ OBSR

Hurry—Nominations listed below are DUE December 30
Look What’s Happening in Special Needs Scouting and Scoutreach!

Scouts at Helfrich Park Middle School worked on assembling fall wreathes, focusing on their conservation badge.

Venturers at Central High School, in conjunction with the American Red Cross Emergency Pillowcase Project, completed requirements for their Emergency Preparedness Badge.

On November 5, Cub Scouts teamed up with Boy Scouts from Troop 102 for a service day at It Takes A Village Canine Rescue. Cub Scouts made dog toys and Boy Scouts built agility equipment.

Special Needs Scouts in all elementary schools worked on their American Flag Patriotic Badge.

On December 2, families of Cub Scouts in Scoutreach and leaders gathered for a Christmas Party and Awards Recognition at the YMCA. They were presented with pebble patches and Bobcat ranks that they earned.

Looking for a Great Summer Camp Experience?

The fun and adventure begins June 4-9, 2017. Resource Camp is a uniquely designed camping experience, serving all ages of Boy Scouts and Scouters. It is like no other summer camp, with the program rooted in Baden Powell’s desire to build young Scouts into strong leaders. Join us and be part of our own home camp tradition. Leader guides were mailed mid-November. For inquiries, please contact Resource Camp Program Director Jay Coy at 812.457.8216.

Do You Have What It Takes to Be a Buffalo Boy?

Buffalo Boys are the cream of the crop youth leaders who help run the day to day operations of the camp. We are looking for high school and college age Scouts to serve as Buffalo Boys. If you have a desire to serve and aren’t afraid of a little hard work, leadership and a lot of fun, then please give Jay Coy a call at 812.457.8216 or email at jcoy@fireandrain.com.

Recharter Packets DUE by January 27, 2017

Youth Protection Training is required when submitting ALL new adult applications

Please be sure to have the certificate or the date the new adult took the training.

Completed online recharter, printed out with leader signatures, fees and Journey to Excellence Score Cards, can all be turned in at the January Roundtables or to the Eykamp Scout Center.

Alaskan Klondike Derby

January 14, 2017

Old Ben Scout Reservation

Come and join us for a fun-filled, exciting day of challenges both physically and mentally. There will be several towns set up where you will put your Scouting skills to work. At the end of the day, there will be a sled race followed by a chili dinner.

Winter camping will be available at no additional fee. Go to the website for registration information.

For further information, contact Chair Lewis Wagner at 812.631.3481 or wagner.lewis@yahoo.com.
For more information and registration forms, go to www.buffalotracecouncil.org

**UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS)** & **Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL)**

- **Leave No Trace Training (LNT)**
  - April 21-23, 2017
  - Old Ben Scout Reservation

**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

- **June 11-17, 2017**
- **Old Ben Scout Reservation**

**Venturing Leader Training**

- **July 22, 2017**
- **To be determined**

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

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**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)**

- **Saturday, February 11, 2017**
- **University of Southern Indiana**
- **Check-in at 7:00am**
- **Class begins at 7:30am**

This one day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BALOO is an instructor-led course which is conducted at the Council level. BSA’s Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for at least one adult on a Pack overnighter.

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

- **January 28, 2017 — Noon-3pm**
  - Vincennes University
- **February 11, 2017 — Noon-3pm**
  - USI, Evansville

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

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**Shooting Sports Events**

- **Shooting Sports Weekend**
  - April 28-29, 2017
  - Old Ben Scout Reservation

**Cub Scout Range Master Training**

- **May 13, 2017**
  - Eykamp Scout Center

**Cub Scout Range Master Training**

- **May 20, 2017**
  - Old Ben Scout Reservation

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

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**WOOD BADGE TRAINING**

- **August 18-20 & September 16-18, 2017**
- **Old Ben Scout Reservation**

Wood Badge is Scouting’s premier training course for adult leaders. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting. Its purpose is to aid Scouters in providing a quality program that will enable Scouts to grow to their greatest potential. For questions contact Course Director David Hampton at 812.631.3962 or woodbadgebtc2017@gmail.com.
Lincoln Heritage District Planning Conference
Saturday, January 7, 2017, 8am-3pm (CST)
Mary Help of Christians Church, Mariah Hill

All Scouters are invited to attend to develop ideas and plans of implementation for all aspects of the 2017 Scouting year in accordance with council and district policies. Everyone should be prepared to discuss and offer suggestions. Registration not needed, but appreciated. Contact District Chair Tom Fierst for more information or Michael.

High Adventure Alaskan Klondike Derby

When: Saturday, January 14, 2017
Place: Old Ben Scout Reservation
Time: Check-in 8:00am—Campfire & Award Ceremony at 6:00pm (CST)
Cost: $10 per Scout/$5 per Adult if paid by December 30, 2016 (includes dinner & patch)

For all Council Boy Scouts & Venturers

Come and join us for a fun-filled exciting day at the 5th Annual Klondike Derby! There will be several locations set up where you will be putting your Scouting skills to work. At the end of the day, there will be a sled race followed by a chili dinner. The day will wrap up with a campfire and award ceremony. Each patrol will need to build and bring a Klondike Sled. Questions? Contact Michael or see leader guide on the council’s website.

Lincoln Heritage District Recognition Dinner
Sunday, January 22, 2017
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH HALL, DALE
5:00-7:00 PM (CST) $14 per person

Come join your fellow Scouters for an evening of friendship and celebration as units and peers are recognized for their accomplishments in 2016, including Eagle Scouts and the District Award of Merit recipients. All are invited to attend. For more information, see the registration form on the district page of the council website, or contact event chair Pat Arterberry at 812-547-6833 or Michael.

Recharters and Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms are due by January 27, 2017!

Spring Boy Scout Camporee
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Weird Science Coming to Cub Scout Day Camp
June 20-23, 2017

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

Friends of Scouting

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

District Chair: Tom Young 812.882.2343  
District Commissioner: Jonathan Yochum 812.890.4029  
District Executive: Matt Stratman 800.264.5246x216  
E-mail: matthew.stratman@scouting.org

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME**

**January 2017**
- 5 Roundtable/Eagle Board, Vincennes University Library, 6:30pm
- 19 District Committee Meeting, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vincennes, 6:30pm
- 28 Merit Badge University & Leader Training, Vincennes University

**February 2017**
- 2 Roundtable/Eagle Board, Vincennes University Library, 6:30pm
- 4 District Recognition Banquet, Community Methodist Church, Vincennes, 5:00pm
- 16 District Committee Meeting, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vincennes 6:30pm

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

**Klondike Derby**  
**January 14, 2017**  
**Old Ben Scout Reservation**

Klondike Derby allows patrols to put their Scouting skills to work. There will be competitions that each patrol will compete in along with a sled race. The event will wrap up with a chili dinner, campfire, and awards ceremony. The event registration and leader guide are available on the council website.

**Merit Badge University**  
**January 28, 2017**  
**Vincennes University**

The cost of the event is $10 per person. A buffet style lunch will be provided on campus. Please register all your Scouts from your troop at the same time. We will be offering Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, Life to Eagle, and Outdoor Ethics Orientation. Registration forms are available on our website. Please send payment and registration form to the Eykamp Scout Center by January 13.

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**District Recognition Banquet**  
**February 4, 2017**  
5pm-7pm (Central Time)  
**Community Methodist Church**  
1548 S Hart Street Rd, Vincennes, IN

**Invitation to all Scout Leaders & Families**

The district is hosting its annual recognition dinner for the adult leaders & families who volunteer their time and services to develop the skills, knowledge, and leadership of our Scouts. Dinner & drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a dessert. We will be honoring the 2016 Eagle Scouts, District Award of Merit recipients and recognizing the units who earned the District Excellence Awards. Please send registration to the Eykamp Scout Center by **January 27**. Registration forms are available on our district webpage.

**Spring Boy Scout Camporee**  
**April 29, 2017**  
**Old Ben Scout Reservation**

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

**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP**  
**June 20-23, 2017**  
**Vincennes, IN**

Start promoting “Weird Science” Cub Scout Day Camp now! It is the highlight of the Cub Scout year and is one of the only times Cubs will get to participate in shooting sports. If you are interested in volunteering for camp, please contact Day Camp Director Melissa Rusch at 812-890-0819.

**SOAP BOX DERBY**  
**June 23, 2017**

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

**Friends of Scouting (FOS)**

Please plan now to schedule a time for a representative to come and tell the “Scouting Story” during a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting. The support we receive from your unit will help to provide a quality program to the youth in our organization. If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact Matt.
Native Trails District Recognition Dinner
Friday, January 27, 2017
The Log Inn, Haubstadt, IN
$19 per person — Arrival 6:30pm

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

We will recognize the 2016 recipients of the District Award of Merit, the Scouting Spirit Award, and the Adult Training Awards. Each unit should be giving out one Scouting Spirit Award. Nomination forms are on buffalotracecouncil.org under the Native Trails page and must be turned in to Abby or Jennifer by January 6, 2017.

Invitations with sign up information were recently mailed to top unit leaders to be shared with all registered leaders in the unit and can be found on the district webpage. Suggested dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire.

UNIT CHARTER RENEWALS
DUE JANUARY 27, 2017

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

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

Don’t forget, after you complete your recharter paperwork online, you still need to print it out, get the appropriate signatures, and turn it in with payment to the Eykamp Scout Center.

No adult or Venturer 18 years of age or older can be renewed unless their Youth Protection Training is up to date. Don’t let this easy and quick training hold up your unit’s recharter.

2017 Merit Badge University & Leader Training
Saturday, February 11, 2017
8am-3pm
University of Southern Indiana

Registrations are accepted until classes are full

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

In conjunction with Merit Badge University, training will be offered to adult leaders. Training includes: Cub Scout Leader BALOO training, Scoutmaster Position Specific, Venturing Leader Specific, Leave No Trace 101, Troop Committee, and Life to Eagle Seminars.

New this year are the following youth trainings:
• Venturing Goal Setting & Time Management
• Mentoring for Venturing Crews
• NYLT Participation Requirement—Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops
• Philmont Preparation Discussion for Leaders and Scouts

Upcoming Dates to Remember
Spring Boy Scout Camporee
April 29, 2017
Cub Scout Day Camp
June 14-16, 2017
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.

January Topics
Cub Scouts: Rank Advancement
Boy Scouts: To be determined

February Topics
Cub Scouts: Pack Ceremonies
Boy Scouts: To be determined

Your Unit Could Earn Free Rank and Advancement for 2017

Thank you to Troop/Crew 301, Troop 335, Troop/Crew 352, Pack 360, and Troop 375 for holding your 2017 Friends of Scouting presentation in December! Your contributions will keep the local Scouting movement strong.

If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting Presentation, do so now by contacting Friends of Scouting Chairman Dave Anderson at 970-405-7358 or Abby at the Eykamp Scout Center. These presentations are about 10 minutes long and can happen at any well attended unit event.

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

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

If your unit holds a presentation and raises $34/active Scout you can earn free rank badges for the rest of the year. (Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Scout, Tenderfoot, Venturer, Pathfinder, etc.) If the unit raises $50/active Scout you can earn free rank badges AND free advancement for the rest of the year. Advancement includes belt loops, Webelos pins, merit badges, and Venturing awards.

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

Get Noticed by the Media

Congratulations to Pack 385 and Troop 375 for consistently sharing the Scouting story in the Mount Vernon Democrat!

We encourage you to share what your Scouts are doing. Whether it is an activity, service project, outing, or campout share the story with your local media! Roundtable will cover this topic soon.

Being visible in the media helps promote what our Scouts are doing for their communities and how Scouting impacts the lives of our youth. It also reminds parents why they should get their kids involved. Be sure to always let the media know that new Scouts are welcome at any time.

LOG YOUR UNIT SERVICE 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.

Once you get in the habit of logging your unit’s service hours after each project, it will only take you about 5 minutes to log it.

If you have questions contact Abby or Jennifer.
To Our Valued Volunteer

2017 COUNCIL CALENDAR

JANUARY
1-3 New Year’s Holiday & Inventory: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
10 Commissioners Cabinet
12 Ole Buzzards @ Eykamp
14 Klondike Derby @ OBSR
16 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
21 Trainer’s EDGE
21 National Jamboree Parent/Scout Meeting @ Eykamp
23 Popcorn Evaluation Meeting
24 Executive Board Meeting & Council Annual Business Meeting
27 CHARTERS DUE @ EYKAMP
31 Properties Committee @ Eykamp
31 Eagle & Julian Scholarships & Service Project of the Year DUE @ Eykamp

FEBRUARY
5 Scout Sunday
7 Program Group Meeting & Commissioners Cabinet
9 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
11 BALOO Leader Training @ USI
20 Presidents Day Holiday: ALL FACILITIES CLOSED
21 Executive Committee
25 Council Court of Honor & Wood Badge Reunion Luncheon

MARCH
9 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
14 Commissioners Cabinet
28 Properties Committee @ Eykamp

SAVE THE DATE
Council Court of Honor
February 25

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