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 369—Newburgh  $44,490
TOP TROOP  Troop 185—Jasper  $17,270
TOP CREW  Crew 181—Jasper  $905

TOP SELLER  Dennis Wright, Pack 387—Poseyville  $6,435
TOP FAMILY  The Turpens, Luke & Peter, Pack/Troop 310  $5,065

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 Marissa Worster and John Weil at Warehouse Services, Rachel and Josh Lambert at Knox County ARC, and Dean Fehrbach 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 2017 sale. We will have an evaluation meeting on Monday, January 29 at 6:00 PM (CST) at the Eykamp Scout Center. Any Popcorn Chair or leader is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for you to share your likes/dislikes on prizes and to give suggestions for 2018. Pizza and drinks will be served, so please RSVP to Truda Hartmann at truda.hartmann@scouting.org by January 26. Your feedback is important and helps us improve the sale for future years.

Make your reservation today!
Join us in celebration of 2017 Council achievements! Scholarship recipients, the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year and other awards will be presented. All youth earning their Eagle Scout Rank or Summit Award in 2017 are invited to be recognized with their peers, and outstanding volunteers who have given unselfishly to Scouting will be honored with the Silver Beaver Award (the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer). Don’t miss this wonderful recognition of leadership and service! A reception with cookies, cake, punch, and of course coffee, will follow. Register online at www.buffalotracecouncil.org.

You are cordially invited to attend the

Council Court of Honor
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Christian Fellowship Church
4100 Millersburg Rd. Evansville, IN 47725
1 PM (CST)
Check-in begins at 12:30 PM
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 10+ for a special pre-order price of only $3.99 each, regularly priced at $4.49.

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.

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.
Congratulations EAGLE SCOUTS

Lincoln Heritage District
Kolten Jenkins, Troop 100 (10/5/17)
Ryan Woodard, Troop 130 (11/2/17)
Colwin Mondor, Troop 162 (10/5/17)
Cameron Schoenbachler, Crew 181 (10/5/17)
Carson Vaal, Troop 185 (10/5/17)
Samuel Kluemper, Troop 185 (11/2/17)
Kole Terwiske, Troop 185 (11/2/17)
Beckett Fehrribach, Troop 186 (10/5/17)
Elijah Horton, Troop 186 (11/2/17)

Algonkian District
Jacob King, Troop 203 (10/5/17)
Michael Quinett, Troop 210 (11/1/17)
Jaydon Edwards, Troop 232 (10/5/17)
Adam Robinson, Troop 232 (10/5/17)
Caleb Shoultz, Troop 246 (10/5/17)
William Mast, Troop 246 (10/20/17)

Native Trails District
Parker Cullum, Troop 305 (11/9/17)
Jacob Conrad, Troop 305 (11/9/17)
Dakota Winters, Troop 350 (10/12/17)
Conner Highwood, Troop 379 (11/9/17)
Grant Gensic, Troop 383 (10/12/17)
Jacob Greulich, Troop 397 (10/12/17)
Zain Dillon, Troop 399 (10/12/17)

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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, 2018.) Applications are due to Eykamp Scout Center postmarked no later than January 5, 2018. 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 2018 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 $35 per active member), your unit will receive free rank patches for 2018.
- 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 2018 FOS Family Presentation

Lincoln Heritage Senior District Executive Michael Richard – 800.264.5246 x217
michael.richard@scouting.org

Algonkian District Associate Chris Felton – 800.264.5246 x216
christopher.felton@scouting.org

Native Trails District Executive Abby Roberts – 812.423.5246 or 800.264.5246 x214
abigail.roberts@scouting.org

Sign up TODAY!
Reservations are limited.
See buffalotracecouncil.org for more information.

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

Volunteer Expert
Tom Neeley
tsn@kochll.com
812.480.1076

Philmont Staff Advisor
Abby Roberts
abigail.roberts@scouting.org
812.423.5246 x214
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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Cub Scout Campout
Eykamp Scout Center
May 5-6, 2018
NEW event for Cub Scouts coming this spring! Open to Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. More details coming soon.

Council Staff Contacts
812.423.5246 or 800.264.5246

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Shannon Lake, Exceptional Needs Program Manager, is continuing the work initiated by Jo Adams. Shannon will be taking the Scouting experience to Warrick County special needs classrooms where students will participate monthly in activities that introduce and reinforce the principles of Scouting. She earned her Bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in Recreation Therapy and her Master’s degree from the University of Evansville in Public Service Administration. She enjoys working with children and hopes to help the program grow. Shannon and her three children live in Princeton.
Look What’s Happening in Special Needs Scouting!

Boy Scout Night at the Thunderbolts Game
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

February 10, 2018
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.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) & Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (OWL) & Leave No Trace Training (LNT) & Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

April 20-22, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation
Please note: only one training per person can be taken over the weekend.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
June 10-16, 2018
Old Ben Scout Reservation

Venturing Leader Training
July 21, 2018
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) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (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 components — an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a “Trained” Cub Scout outdoor leader, and to receive the BALOO recognition patch. The online component contains introductory and basic information, and must be completed prior to the practical component. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training. The online portion of BALOO is available around-the-clock on the BSA Learn Center by logging into My.Scouting.org.

Those who 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 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.

Cub Scout leaders interested in adding a camping component to their pack activities 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. BALOO training sets a unit up to carry out a successful camping experience for Scouts. Successful completion of BALOO training has a positive impact on the confidence level of a Cub Scout leader, and promotes a willingness to plan a pack overnighter. Camping activities and outings that are fun, based on the purposes of Cub Scouting, and successful, often whet the appetite for Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders to desire more of the outdoors.
Lincoln Heritage District Recognition Dinner
Sunday, January 28, 2018
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH HALL, DALE
5:00-7:00 PM (CST) $15 per person

Come join your fellow Scouters for an evening of friendship and celebration as units and peers are recognized for their accomplishments in 2017, including Eagle Scouts and the District Award of Merit recipients. All are invited to attend. For more information and to register, see the registration link on the calendar page of the council website, or contact Michael.

Re-charters and Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms are due by January 26, 2018!

Lincoln Heritage District Merit Badge University
Saturday, March 10, 2018
Vincennes University Jasper Campus

Your help is needed! If you or someone you know is qualified and would like to teach a merit badge course, or if you have suggestions for merit badges and training, contact James Schoenbachler at jschoenbachler@twc.com or Michael.

Everyday Heroes Coming to Cub Scout Day Camp
June 19-22, 2018

Start promoting Everyday Heroes 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 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.
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON CENTRAL TIME

January 2018
4 Roundtable/Eagle Board, 6:30 PM,
Vincennes University Library
5 Award nominations due
18 District Committee Meeting, Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, Vincennes, 6:30 PM
20 Merit Badge University, Vincennes University
27 District Recognition Banquet, 5:00 PM,
Community Methodist Church, Vincennes

February 2018
1 Roundtable/Eagle Board, 6:30 PM,
Vincennes University Library
10 Native Trails MBU and BALOO Training at Eykamp
Scout Center
15 District Committee Meeting, Vincennes University
RM 167 at 6:30 PM
24 Council Court of Honor

SPRING CAMPOREE
April 27-28, 2018
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 19-22, 2018
Vincennes, IN
Start promoting 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 Chris Felton at 219.477.7455.

SOAP BOX DERBY
June 22, 2018
We are having the soap box derby race the last day of
Cub Scout Day Camp this year! Racers will compete
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.

District Recognition Banquet
January 27, 2018
5 PM—7 PM (Central Time)
Community Methodist Church
1548 S Hart Street Rd, Vincennes, IN
Invitation to all Scout Leaders & Families

Our district will be 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 2017 Eagle Scouts, District
Award of Merit recipients and recognizing the units
who earned the District Excellence Awards.

Register online by end of the day Monday, January
22nd. Registration forms are available on our dis-

Merit Badge University
January 20, 2018
Vincennes University

The cost of the event is $10 per person. A buffet-
style lunch will be provided on campus. Please reg-
ister all Scouts from your troop at the same time.

We will be offering Scoutmaster Position Specific
Training, Life to Eagle, LNT101, and a few others.
Online registration is available on the Algonkian
district page on the Buffalo Trace Council website.
All registrations due by January 4th.

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

Friends of Scouting

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sentative to come and tell the “Scouting Story” dur-
ing a Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or
other parent meeting. The support we receive from
your unit will help provide a quality program to the
youth in our organization. If you have questions or
would like to schedule a presentation, please con-
tact Chris.
NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT
Serving Gallatin, Posey, Vanderburgh, White Counties and the Newburgh Area

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  Email: abigail.roberts@scouting.org

January 2018
4 Roundtable/Cub Scout Leader Training,
Salem United Methodist Church, 6:30 PM
11 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
18 Commissioners/Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center,
6:30 PM
26 District Recognition Dinner, Deaconess Johnson Hall
  6:30 PM—All volunteers are invited!

February 2018
1 Roundtable/OA, Salem UMC, 6:30 PM
8 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30 PM
10 Merit Badge University and Adult Training, USI
15 Commissioners/Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center,
6:00 PM
24 Council Court of Honor

UNIT CHARTER RENEWALS
DUE JANUARY 26, 2018

Units received their re-charter 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 re-chartering, please contact your Unit Commissioner, Jen-
nifer, or Abby ASAP. We have computers (and help) available at Eykamp Scout Center by
appointment.

After you complete your paperwork online, you will either have the Charter Organization Repre-
sentative sign electronically or you will print the paperwork and have them sign the physical
copy.

No adult or Venturer 18 years of age or older can be renewed unless their Youth Protection
Training is up to date. Youth Protection must now be renewed annually.

Native Trails District Recognition Dinner
Friday, January 26, 2018
Deaconess Johnson Hall
520 Edgar St. Evansville, IN 47710
$17 per person — Arrival 6:00 PM

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 2017 recipients of the District
Award of Merit, Unit Journey to Excellence earners,
units who recorded service hours online, and those
who earned training awards.

You can now RSVP online by visiting
buffalotracecouncil.org and going to the event on
the interactive council calendar or by visiting the
Native Trails page on the website.

Suggested dress: Scout Uniform or Business Attire

2018 Native Trails Merit Badge University
& Leader Training
Saturday, February 10, 2018
8 AM—3 PM
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-three merit badges will be offered at
this event.

In conjunction with Merit Badge University,
training will be offered to adult leaders.

Adult Trainings: Cub Scout Leader Position
Training, Scoutmaster Position Specific,
Venturing Leader Specific, Troop Committee
Training, CPR training.

Youth Trainings: Venturing Goal Setting &
Time Management, Mentoring for Venturing
Crews, Introduction to Leadership Skills for
Crews.
Your Unit Could Earn Free Rank and Advancement for 2018

Thank you to Troop 301, Troop 305, Pack 335, Troop 352, Pack 360, and Pack 383 for holding your 2018 Friends of Scouting presentation in November or 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 812.604.2535 or Abby at the Eykamp Scout Center. These presentations are about 10 minutes long and can happen at any well attended unit event/meeting.

The funds raised through Friends of Scouting presentations help keep local Scouting alive and help 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 trainings to adult leaders
- Maintain Old Ben Scout Reservation and Eykamp Scout Center
- AND MUCH MORE!

If your unit holds a presentation and raises $35/active Scout you can earn free rank badges for the rest of the year. (Bobcat, Lion, 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.

Roundtable
Calling all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders

Join us for Roundtable

When: the first Thursday of the month (August-April) 6:30 PM

Where: Salem United Methodist Church
6311 Kratzville Rd. Evansville, IN 47710

Why: Roundtable is a special meeting for leaders. We have a topic each month to discuss. You get to learn from other leaders, share your experiences, and meet other people working toward the same objectives you are.

Want new ideas for pack ceremonies? Is your troop going winter camping for the first time? Come to Roundtable to learn, share ideas, and meet other Scouters.

See the Native Trails District page on buffalotracecouncil.org for a list of the monthly topics.

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

WILL YOU SURVIVE?

- Shelter building
- Fire building
- Trapping/Tracking/Fishing
- Water Purification
- Signaling & Rescue
- Primitive Cooking

Save the Date:

Ideal Year of Scouting:
Thursday, May 3, 2018

Cub Scout Overnight:
Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 6, 2018

Everyday Heroes Cub Scout Day Camp:
Wednesday, June 13—Friday, June 15, 2018

Log Your Unit Service Hours: Go to my.scouting.org—menu—legacy web tools—service hours reporting. Sign in and log your service hours.
To Our Valued Volunteer

2018 COUNCIL CALENDAR

JANUARY
1-2 New Year’s Holiday & Inventory: ALL
   FACILITIES CLOSED
5 Eagle & Julian Scholarships & Service Project
   of the Year DUE @ Eykamp
9 Commissioners Cabinet
11 Ole Buzzards @ Eykamp
13 Trainer’s EDGE
14 Klondike Derby @ OBSR
15 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday: ALL
   FACILITIES CLOSED
23 Executive Board Meeting & Council Annual
   Business Meeting
26 CHARTERS DUE @ EYKAMP
29 Popcorn Evaluation Meeting
30 Properties Committee @ Eykamp

FEBRUARY
4 Scout Sunday
8 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
10 BALOO Leader Training @ USI
13 Program Group Meeting & Commissioners
   Cabinet
19 Presidents Day Holiday: ALL FACILITIES
   CLOSED
20 Executive Committee Meeting
24 Council Court of Honor & Wood Badge
   Reunion Luncheon

MARCH
8 Ole Buzzards @ OBSR
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
13 Commissioners Cabinet
27 Properties Committee @ Eykamp

SAVE THE DATE
Council Court of Honor
February 24