Submit 2013 Silver Beaver Award Nominations

It is time to nominate Scouters from your area for the 2013 Silver Beaver Award! These awards will be presented at the annual Council Dinner / Business Meeting on May 16th (Please note date change). Deadline for submissions is March 21, 2013. Access Nomination Form & instructions via the forms page at: www.sagamorebsa.org.

Updated Merit Badge Counselor Application

A new, updated Merit Badge Counselor Application is available via the link on the Forms page of the council website, www.sagamorebsa.org. Please use this updated 2013 version form.

2013 Day Camp Information

The Sagamore Council will offer five Day Camps for 2013. This means there will be one close to you. This year the Cub Scouts and their guides will be taking a “Galactic Adventure to Space”.

The programs contain various activities that might include the following depending on location: crafts, archery, BB gun shooting, sports, physical fitness, swimming and other fun activities. Because each camp is planned and run by local volunteers, each camp will be different and unique but still will have that Cub Scout Spirit that leads to a great experience for your boys. Each camp is either four or five days and ends with a meaningful closing program. Day Camp exposes Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos to a fun way of looking at space.

Watch your weekly email blasts, Sagamore Signals and website for further information. You will be able to register for day camp via campmaster soon!

Interstate Batteries Fundraising to Help your Families Raise Money for Camp!

The Sagamore Council is pleased to announce a new spring sale opportunity. We are partnering with Interstate Batteries Fundraising to offer an opportunity for every Scout to attend camp this year. The Council will use all proceeds from the program to fund sending kids to camp.

Interstate Batteries is an approved BSA vendor and offers a high quality program that many Councils across the country are taking advantage of to help their units and Scouts raise more money.

The individual Take Order forms will be distributed at your Roundtables. The battery sale will run from February 27th to March 28th. The unit order (spreadsheet provided) with full payment (one check) are due to the Council no later than noon on March 28th. There will be no late orders or additions accepted. The units’ 40% commission will be deposited in the unit accounts on or by April 15th.

The unit’s order will be shipped directly to each unit so there will not be a need to come to a distribution site. Any Scout that sells one item will receive a patch that will be shipped to the unit with the batteries.

If you have further questions, contact Chuck Bossert at 765-452-8253/765-447-8407 or email cbossert@bsamail.org
COUNCIL CALENDAR

March 2013
5 Property Committee
9 Scouting for Food
11 Finance Committee
16 Scouting for Food
15-17 Webelos Woods
18 Executive Board
23 Scouting for Food
23 Council Commissioners Mtg
29 Office Closed - Good Friday
31 Easter

April 2013
2 Property Committee
8 Finance Committee
15 Executive Committee
19-21 OA Section Conclave - Camp Maumee
20-21 Wilderness First Aid Training

News from Cary Camp Trading Post!

We are pleased to announce that Cary Camp is now carrying advancement awards in the Trading Post for your convenience. The Cary Trading Post will be opening one hour prior to scheduled monthly Roundtables at camp so that you may shop or pick up advancements before these meetings. Payments may be made with cash, check or credit card. You may contact Chuck Turner to make special arrangements if you need assistance on other dates or at other times.

Call or Email Chuck Turner at Cary Camp
Phone: 765-447-1990
Email: cztturner@bsamail.org

TRAINING CORNER

THANK YOU DALE! After many years of serving as the Sagamore Council Training Chairman, Dale Landis stepped down from that position to seek other life opportunities. During Dale’s tenure, he has been instrumental in the success of nearly every adult training course including Wood Badge, National Youth Leadership Training, and University of Scouting. The Sagamore Council Training team will certainly miss your leadership and dedication to the continued education of our adult volunteers in Scouting! We wish you well, and thank you for your service!

As the Sagamore Council training team looks into 2013, we are actively seeking youth and adult volunteer staff members to serve on the 2013 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) staff. The 2013 NYLT will occur during June 22 – June 28 and be held at Camp Buffalo. If you are interested in serving on volunteer staff and helping youth how to become better leaders, please contact Matt Bender at matt.bender@scouting.org.

Boy Scout Specifics - May 4, 2013 - Camp Buffalo
Contact: Stu Sullivan at stu.sullivan@zimmer.com

Cub Scout Shooting Sports - March 9, 2013 - Camp Buffalo
BB Gun Instructors - Must be 21 years or older
Archery Instructors - Must be 18 years or older
The course will begin at 10:00 AM sharp. Each certification is valid for two (2) years from the date of completion. Participants should bring a sack lunch, water bottle, a class B uniform, and dress according to the weather. Cost: $5.00 per person.
Contact: Mike Nieterland - 574-626-0201

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - April 19-21, 2013 - Camp Buffalo
- August 2-4, 2013 - Camp Buffalo
Contact: Matt Bender at matt.bender@scouting.org

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Sagamore Council, in cooperation with Kroger, will collect nonperishable food items to support needy families in North Central Indiana from March 9-30, 2013. During the first weekend Scouts will deliver food collection bags in local neighborhoods, and the second weekend the bags will be collected and taken to a local food pantry or designated collection point. Kroger will provide bags, stickers for the bags, and patches and will support our efforts in their eleven locations in Sagamore Council. Bags will be available at the Scout Service Center in Kokomo and at roundtables. Access Unit Commitment Form for Scouting for Food and Event Summary / Patch Order Form via the Forms page at: www.sagamorebsa.org.

Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?

A new reality television show that pits Scouts against adults in feats of outdoor skills.”Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?” is set to debut March 4 on the National Geographic Channel. For more information go to http://toughscout.com/.
District Chairman...........Vacant.................................................................
District Commissioner.......Scott Shelhart..............................scott.shelhart@gmail.com
Sr. District Executive........Nick Losekamp...............nicholas.losekamp@scouting.org

North Star
Serving Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski and White Counties

Calendar

March 2013

6  Logansport Roundtable
14 Roundtable - Wolcott Christian Church
   7:30 PM Eastern & 6:30 PM Central
15-17 Webelos Woods (Cary Camp)
21 North Star Committee/Commissioner Meeting
   (Camp Buffalo 7:30 PM Eastern)
23 Merit Badge Can Do
   (Indiana University Kokomo)
31 Easter

April 2013

3  Logansport Roundtable (Ivy Tech Logansport)
11 Roundtable - Wolcott Christian Church
   7:30 Eastern 6:30 Central
13 North Star Pinewood Derby
   (TriCounty Intermediate School in Wolcott)
19-21 OA Section Conclave
25 North Star District Committee Meeting
   (Camp Buffalo 7:00 Eastern)

District Award of Merit

We will soon be accepting awards nominations for the District Award of Merit. This award will recognize someone who has given outstanding service to the district in a volunteer capacity. If you know of a worthy candidate, please fill out the District Award of Merit Nomination Form on the Sagamore Signals website under forms. Deadline for submissions is April 1st.

North Star District Pinewood Derby
April 13, 2013 at the TriCounty Intermediate School
(200 W North Street Wolcott, IN)

Maximum 4 Cars per Pack in the Champions Race
No limit to the cars allowed in the Open Race
Cost: $5.00 per Car

Once the race has started, no additional cars may be added. Check-In will start at 11:00 Eastern Standard Time and end at 12:30 EST. No cars may be added after 12:30. There will be two races, a champions race starting at 12:30 EST. Only 4 cars from each pack may enter the champions race. There will also be an open race, for parents, siblings, other scouts who didn’t race in the champions race. Anything goes in this race we are throwing the rules out the window for the open race.

The following are the rules for the champions race:

- Car Specifications as Shown in Pinewood Derby Box
- Width: 2” Length: 7” Weight: Not over 5 ounces
- Width Between Wheels: 1 ¾”
- Bottom Clearance Between Car and Track: 3/8”
- Wheels and Axles Must be those Provided in BSA Pinewood Kit, colored wheels from the council service center may also be used.
- Wheels may not be modified.
- Only Dry Lubricant Permitted, Graphite is not allowed
- Car May Only Be Propelled by Gravity
- Cars racing in the Champions race cannot compete in the open race.

That’s it – Those are the rules. We are looking forward to some very creative cars. Packs may use these rules for their own. The above rules will be those followed for the North Star District Race.

Schedule Camp Presentations this Month!

We also want to give you a preview of what Day Camp and Adventure camp will be offering this year. The camp presentation can be scheduled for another Pack Meeting if you prefer. Call Nicholas Losekamp at 452-8253, or send an email to Nicholas.Losekamp@scouting.org with the date of your Pack’s Blue & Gold banquet or your Troop’s Court of Honor.

North Star District Eagles

Braden Bonczek  Troop 133
James Lawrence  Troop 221

North Star District Outstanding Unit Leader Award 2013

At the District Dinner we would like to recognize leaders in your Pack or Troop. If you have a leader that has been active in your Pack or Troop for at least a couple of years and has been a positive influence, please nominate him or her for the Outstanding Unit Leader award. Several leaders will be recognized so don’t hesitate to send multiple names. Also, as a way for your unit to say thank you, why not pay their way to the district dinner. This award can only be received once. We will let you know if we find that a name submitted has earned the award in the past.

Info needed by April 1:

Pack or Troop number, Nominee’s name and position in Scouting, nominee’s address, nominee’s phone, impact nominee has had on your program, name, address, and phone of person submitting nominee. You can e-mail information to nicholas.losekamp@scouting.org. (If not e-mailing, please print and mail to Council Service Center.)
IN MEMORY OF ...

W. John Hingst
FROM...
Curtis Bankston
Don Bloodgood
Don Button
Mary Frushour
Denise Hamman-Yater
Dale Kingsseed
Frank Lachenmaier
Thomas Lugar
James Meck
Margaret Menges
Douglas North

JEFFERY ORTMAN
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KYLE RAYL
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JOHN THIEME
GILBERT & EILEEN THOMAS
UNITED BEVERAGE CO. INC.
ELDRED WIECHMANN
DANIEL WRIGHT

IN MEMORY OF ...
Debbie Ingersoll
FROM...
Key Electronics
Family of Debbie Ingersoll

IN MEMORY OF ...
Cal Cron
FROM...
Rees Morgan

The Takachsin Arrow

Join the Order of the Arrow in Helping our Cub Scouts

OA members on March 15th-17th the OA will be assisting the Webelos Woods Council event. As part of our National OA guidelines we will be assisting the Webelos in making the transition into Boy Scouts. We will need members who want to participate in the ceremony (drummers, torchbearers, and actors). We are also looking for Arrowmen who might be interested in helping with activities for the day. If you are in need of your Brotherhood, we are planning on having a Brotherhood Ceremony at this event. If you are interested in helping out please contact Nicholas Losekamp at: 765-452-8253.

As spring approaches, many exciting things are going on for Takachsin Lodge! A couple major events are coming soon for fellow Arrowmen! The first major event this spring is Section Conclave at Maumee Scout Reservation just south of Bloomington on April 19-21! The theme for this year’s Conclave is League of Extraordinary Arrowmen, and plenty of fun activities are in the works for the weekend of fun and fellowship! For more information and to register, please visit: http://www.hoosiertrailsbsa.org/event/order-of-the-arrow-section-c-6a-conclave. Early bird registration deadline is April 4th, so register now to reserve your space for only $35! If you are a Scoutmaster or other adult leader with Order of the Arrow members in your troop, please encourage them to consider attending the Conclave. If this is your Arrowmen’s first conclave, the Lodge may be able to help defray costs. Conclave is definitely an event every member should experience at least once in their time as a Scout! Another upcoming event is Spring Ordeal! It is hard to believe that summer is only four months away, but start planning now to attend Takachsin Lodge’s Spring Ordeal! This year’s Spring Ordeal will be June 7-9 at Cary Camp. Whether you have Scouts being inducted or Arrowmen in your troop, encourage both to attend to help out the council’s camp. The cost for Arrowmen is $20. For those being inducted the cost for the weekend is $50. Although more expensive, the induction cost covers the weekend plus your sash for when you go for Brotherhood.

A quick note to Scoutmasters: If an Order of the Arrow representative has not contacted you to visit your troop for elections or camp promotion, please contact the Takachsin Lodge Advisor, Daniel Carbaugh at chiefegale@tds.net. It is vital that the Order of the Arrow visit each one of our troops each year, so please help us help you! Thank you!

As part of our National OA guidelines we will be assisting the Webelos in making the transition into Boy Scouts. We will need members who want to participate in the ceremony (drummers, torchbearers, and actors). We are also looking for Arrowmen who might be interested in helping with activities for the day. If you are in need of your Brotherhood, we are planning on having a Brotherhood Ceremony at this event. If you are interested in helping out please contact Nicholas Losekamp at: 765-452-8253.

Section Conclave April 19 2013: League of Extraordinary Arrowmen

The OA Section Conclave will be held on the weekend of April 19th at the Maumee Scout Reservation. Their theme will be the League of Extraordinary Arrowmen. Conclave is a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow OA lodges and meet some really cool people. If you are interested please mark the April 19th on your calendar and we will give you more information as it becomes available.
Wabash Valley
Serving Benton, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Warren, & Northern Fountain Counties

Calendar

(All Times are Eastern Standard Time)

March 2013

2
BALOO Training

7
District Committee Meeting

9
Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Instructor Training

14
Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting

15-17
Webelos Woods Crossover

26
Eagle Board of Review

April 2013

4
District Committee Meeting

6
Pinewood Derby

11
Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting

20
Cub Scout Field Day

23
Eagle Board of Review

There Are Still Openings for Youth to Attend the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree!

It will be an adventure of a lifetime!

For details go to www.sagamoresignals.com

2013 SUMMER CAMP RESERVATIONS

March 2013

Week #1: March 22-28
Week #2: April 26-May 2
Week #3: May 17-23
Week #4: June 7-13
Week #5: June 21-27
Week #6: July 5-11
Week #7: July 19-25
Week #8: August 2-8
Week #9: August 16-22
Week #10: August 30-September 5

Please Note: Week #1 of Summer Camp has been closed.

Order Your 2013 National Jamboree
Commemorative Council Shoulder Patch Soon!

The Sagamore Council is excited to announce its 2013 National Jamboree Commemorative CSPs! Only 100 of each set will be made, and each set will be officially numbered. In thanks for your donation of $40, you will receive a “standard set” of patches, which includes all five designs in a standard color scheme (see the patches via a link in article on home page of www.sagamoresignals.com). A $60 donor will receive the deluxe version, where the patches are inlaid in a “native blanket” color palette (see these patches, as well, via a link in article on home page of www.sagamoresignals.com), with the “blanket” in the shape of the State of Indiana. Only 100 of each will be made, and no reprints will be ordered!

Your donation helps keep down the cost for the boys attending the Jamboree with our council contingent—without your donations, the Jamboree experience would cost them much more!

Individual patches of only the standard color Miami patch will be available soon. These will initially be sold only by Jamboree Scouts, to help them earn their own way to the Jamboree! For a full six weeks, you will only be able to purchase those patches from those 36 Jamboree Scouts! All patches—the standard sets, the deluxe sets, and the individual Miami patches—will be ordered as soon as enough pre-orders are received to fund their purchase. To access order forms, visit www.sagamorebsa.org Forms page or Service Center in Kokomo at 765-452-8253 or 800-844-0537.

ATV Program To Be Included in 2013 Boy Scout Summer Camp Program

Boy Scouts age 14 and up who attend Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo in 2013 will be able to participate in a new ATV program! Additional information will appear in an upcoming issue of Sagamore Signals newsletter.

Date Has Changed For Pinewood Derby

Due to scheduling conflicts with local Spring Breaks, the Pinewood Derby has been moved to April 6th. The event will begin at 10 am, and will be at the Tippecanoe Mall. Registration will be $5 per youth. To register or for more information, please contact Frank Cederquist at feedequst@tippecanoe.in.gov.

Cub Scout Field Day

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Cub Scout day on Saturday, April 20th. Look for a full list of advancement opportunities and registration information in an upcoming News Blast!

Day Camp Staff

Wabash Valley District is currently seeking volunteers for the District Day Camp, July 29th-August 2nd. We are very interested in boy scout aged youth, and any adults. Please contact Dylan Melling at dylan.melling@scouting.org for more information.

Wabash Valley District Eagles

Caleb Christian
Troop 307

Keith Maxson
Troop 348

Stephen O'Grady
Troop 338

Nathan Russell
Troop 373

Austin White
Troop 348

Summer Camp Positions Available

Great opportunities are available for youth who want to work at Camp Buffalo this summer. We are seeking highly motivated Scouts and Scouters for summer camp staff at Camp Buffalo. We are currently hiring in all program areas. All training will be provided by some of the best volunteers in the Sagamore Council.

Pay rates vary by position, experience and training. Paid positions start at age 15 and Counselors in Training positions (CIT one week non-paid training positions) begin at age 14 both with the proper paperwork from your school.

Applications are available for download at the Camp Buffalo website or contact Pat Harding at pechard@scouting.org.

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ATTENTION!

2013 Summer Camp reservations close April 12th!
Merit Badge University At Indiana University Kokomo
Saturday March 23, 2013

Our merit badge day will provide classes for merit badges and is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn badges which might be difficult, if not impossible, to complete on their own in their community. We appreciate the considerable time of the volunteer merit badge counselors who will be serving as instructors.

Merit Badges offered during the day will include: Art, Bird Study, Camping, Chemistry, Citizenship in the World, Computers, Engineering, Entrepreneur, Geology, Graphic Design, Public Health, and Radio.

The cost for the 2013 Merit Badge University is $10.00 for youth and $5.00 for adults. For more specific information, including registration, please visit https://sagamore.camp-master.com/

Schedule FOS this Month!

Please be sure to schedule your Friends of Scouting presentation this month. To continue receiving the level of service you do from the Council, we need to have a more successful FOS year than ever before.

Call Matt Bender at 765-452-8253, or send an email to: matt.bender@scouting.org with the date of your Pack’s Blue & Gold Banquet or your Troop’s Court of Honor.

CUB ADVENTURE CAMP 2013

2013 marks the beginning of a new style of Adventure Camping for both Cub and Webelos Scouts. To ensure that boys have new adventures from year to year we are forming what are essentially three programs that have been developed to help all Scouts have as much fun as possible while at the same time developing a love of Camp and the Outdoors. To help parents and leaders, Units can attend Adventure Camp together. Boys of all rank will camp together but will break off for programs. Webelos II Scouts may choose to attend a new program including a separate last night campout designed just for them.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Instructors Course
March 9, 2013 At Camp Buffalo Indoor Ranges
Course Fee: $5.00 Start Time: 10:00 AM Sharp

Age requirements (adults): BB Gun Instructors – must be 21 yrs or older

Register on CampMaster website or contact the Council Service Center to be registered. Certification is valid for two years. Training cards will be given for completion. Approximate time for each is 4 hours and 8 hours for both classes.

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Webleos Woods March 15 - 17, 2013 At Cary Camp

For the Sagamore Council Family our local council leadership has also set up a way for you to express your viewpoints. Send an e-mail to: feedback@sagamorescouts.com

Change in Terms of Trails End Scholarship Program
Effective January 2013

Interest Rate - Interest will accrue on a participating Scout’s accumulated Scholarship Credits. The annual interest rate will be equal to the 1-year LIBOR rate from the close of business on January 2nd of each year.

Substituting Previous Years Sales - Trails End will accept up to 1 year of previous sales/enrollment forms. Sales forms older than 1 year will not be accepted. To access more info. about Trail’s End Scholarship program, go to: www.trails-end.com/trailsend

For more specific information regarding the event contact Nicholas Losekamp 513-519-1571. To access detailed printable flyer for this event, use link on home page of sagamorebsa.org.