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## **News Blast December 20, 2013**

### **Elimination of \$1.00 Transfer Fee is Announced by BSA National**

On July 19, 2013, the BSA National Council temporarily waived the \$1 registration transfer fee for adults and youth in the traditional units through December 31, 2013.

**Effective January 1, 2014, all registration transfer fees will be eliminated.** This means that adults and youth in traditional units, in Exploring, and our non-unit registrants, will no longer have to pay a transfer fee. BSA systems and forms will be revised to match this change in policy effective January 1, 2014.

If you have questions, you may contact [Laura Stanifer](#), Registrar at Sagamore Council.

### **Employment Opportunity**

Sagamore Council has a part-time Ranger position open at Camp Buffalo. This position is 29 hours per week, possibly longer hours during the Summer Camp season. There are no benefits or housing with this position. Applicants should have basic electric, plumbing, construction, and mechanical knowledge. Applicants need to be self-motivated and be able to work flexible hours. If interested, you may

apply by sending a resume and cover letter to: Sagamore Council BSA, PO Box 865, Kokomo IN 46903.

## **Council Trading Post Will Be Closed December 21st Through January 1st**

The Council Trading Post in Kokomo will be open during regular hours (9 AM - 5 PM) through Friday, December 20th. The shop will close at 5 PM on Friday, December 20th and will reopen at 9 AM on Thursday, January 2nd.

## **Council Office and Camps Will Be Closed on December 24th & 25th & January 1st**

## **Free Camping & Hiking Topographical Maps Available to Scout Troops from Tripleblaze**

Tripleblaze.com has announced that it will be giving away 1,000 2-year Tripleblaze memberships (\$49.98 value) to Boy Scout Troops in the US and Canada to help jump start camping and hiking trip planning for 2014.

These subscriptions provide free access to nearly 15,000 premium topo maps covering campgrounds and hiking trails in the US and Canada. Each topo map can be used online or printed and many include recommended routes and elevation profiles to make trip planning even easier. Covering federal, state, local, and private campgrounds and trails, Tripleblaze offers one of the most comprehensive sources of outdoor information via the web and smartphone apps (iOS and Android).

Troops may apply for a free membership using [this link](#) on a first come, first served basis. More info. is available at [www.tripleblaze.com/scouts](http://www.tripleblaze.com/scouts) or email [Jeff Barber](mailto:Jeff.Barber@tripleblaze.com).

## **Webelos Activity Badge Midway January 11, 2014 - at Rensselaer Central HS 8 AM - 3 PM Central Time / 9 AM to 4 PM Eastern Time**

[Detailed Flyer for Webelos Activity Badge Midway at Rensselaer](#)

(Flyer includes list of Activity Badges to be offered).

Early Bird Registration Fee is \$10 per Scout and \$5 per adult until Dec. 21, 2013. Beginning Dec. 22nd, registration rates will be \$20 per Scout and \$10 per adult. Registration CLOSES on Jan. 6th. No Walk-Ins will be accepted.

Each boy may take 3 Activity Badges. There is a limit of 20 boys per class for most classes, with a smaller limit in some sessions. Each participant should bring his own sack lunch or may purchase hot dog or hamburger, chips, and pop for lunch at the event. No activity pins are to be provided at this event. Packs are responsible for purchasing them. Completion of class does not guarantee that pin is earned. Leaders should quiz their Scouts at their next den meeting to make sure they were paying attention.

[Worksheets for activity badges](#)

Register online via [CampMaster](#).

## **Interstate Batteries Fundraiser**

Help your Scouts raise money for their 2014 camping experience!

Sagamore Council will be holding the Interstate Battery fundraiser again this spring! We are partnering with Interstate Batteries Fundraising to offer an opportunity for every Scout to attend camp next 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 January Roundtables and the battery sale will run from February 28th to March 28th. The unit order (spreadsheet provided) with full payment (one check) are due to the Council no later than noon on April 4th. No late orders or additions will be accepted. Each unit's 40% commission will be deposited in the appropriate unit account on or before April 17th.

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.

[Interstate Battery Sale Brochure](#)

[Unit Tally Form for Battery Sale](#)

If you have further questions, email [Sherry Brady](#)  
or call Sherry at 765-452-8253 or 765-480-4630

## **Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction & Trade-O-Ree Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 at Indiana State Fairgrounds**

Crossroads of America Council will hold their 22nd Annual Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction & Trade-O-Ree on Friday, Jan. 31st from 4 PM to 9:30 PM and Saturday, February 1st from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. General Admission Fee is \$2; however, Scout youth in uniform will be admitted free of charge.

[Event Details](#)

[Registration Form](#)

(To Reserve Table Space, Order Patches, or Purchase an Ad)

## **74th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage February 8 - 9, 2014 Honeywell Memorial Community Center Wabash, Indiana**

[Access Detailed 2014 Lincoln Pilgrimage Flyer](#)

We are looking for Troops that are interested in operating stations on Sunday at the Lincoln Pilgrimage as well as Chaplain Aides and Buglers from Troops/Patrols. If you or your Troop would like to help, contact Tom Chekouras at 260-563-7065 or Mike Hopkins at 574-753-5706.

Register online via [CampMaster](#) website.

## **Helpful Tip for Using CampMaster Website and Using My.Scouting.org Website**

If you have difficulty using these websites, the problem might be your browser. Internet Explorer 9 is the optimal browser to use for these sites. It has been reported that Internet Explorer 11 browser does not work well with them.

## **Registration Is Still Open for 2014 Programs at the New Summit High Adventure Base**

Programs begin June 8, 2014, and are open to registered Scouts and Venturers who are at least 13 years old by September 1 of the year they attend, and their registered leaders. The final arrival date for crews is August 16, 2014. Crew programs are 7 days/6 nights. Minimum group size is seven with the majority being youth members. The maximum group size is 12 (but the majority must still be youth members). Registration fee is \$560 per person.

[Access additional info. and registration Instructions](#)

[Access details and videos of the programs](#)

For general information on putting together high Adventure trips, [email David Hall](#), Sagamore Council High Adventure Coordinator, or call him at 765-427-2486.

## World Scout Jamboree 2015 Registration

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will take place in Japan from July 28, 2015 to August 8, 2015. Registration is expected to open in January 2014. Brochure is available that includes participant age requirement, registration fees, etc.

[2015 World Scout Jamboree Promotional Brochure](#)

Access more information soon via [World Scout Jamboree website](#).

## Philmont 2015 Unit Registration Information Now Available

[Click here](#) to access 2015 Unit Registration Packet for Philmont Expedition!

## How Are Religious Knots Earned?

### Youth Religious Knot

Each youth must work through the appropriate age level workbook. After completion, the form in the back of the workbook must be completed and sent to [www.pray.pub](http://www.pray.pub) to obtain the pocket certificate. This certificate may then be brought to the trading post to obtain the youth religious knot.

### Adult Religious Knot

Adults must be nominated for this award by someone at their church or by someone in the Boy Scouts. The nominated adult must have 5 years of service in the Boy Scouts and must have held a position of service at their church for 5 years. There is a form available through [www.pray.pub](http://www.pray.pub) that must be filled out and sent to this organization with a letter stating why the nominee should be given this award.

## "Trees of the Midwest" Now Offered in \$3.99 App from Purdue Extension

[Read News Release](#)

[How to Purchase this App](#)

## Updated MyScouting Tools Information

A second version of the new MyScouting Tools was recently released for our Key 3 unit and district volunteers on my.scouting.org. The My Dashboard Tool has also been enhanced, which is accessible to all members.

[Additional Information](#)

## Scouting Alumni Association Offers Two Levels of Participation for 2013 & Beyond

[Access Details here](#)

# COUNCIL CALENDAR

## January 2014

- 3-5 Order of the Arrow Leadership Development Weekend at Cary Camp
- 5 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet at Cary Camp
- 7 Property Committee
- 11 Webelos Activity Badge Midway Rensselaer HS
- 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- 13 Program Committee Meeting
- 14 Membership Committee Meeting
- 20 Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 20 Executive Committee
- 31 Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction & Trad-O-Ree - Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis

## February 2014

- 2 Scout Sunday

- 4 Property Committee
- 7-9 Woodbadge Staff Training Weekend
- 9 Lincoln Pilgrimage - Wabash, Indiana
- 10 Executive Board
- 17 Office closed in Observance of President's Day

## Training Information

### NYLT - White Stag

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

[Detailed, Printable 2014 NYLT Brochure & Registration Form](#)

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### Training Contacts:

- North Star District Training Chair - [Scott Grandstaff](#)
- Peshewa District Training Chair - [Randy Rusch](#)
- Wabash Valley District Training Chair - [Annette De La Croix](#)
- Council Training Staff Advisor - [Chas Triplett](#)

## North Star District Announcements

### January North Star District Roundtable

Wolcott - January 9th at 7:30 PM  
Wolcott Christian Church

Logansport - January Meeting Has Been Cancelled

All North Star District unit leaders are invited to attend the Roundtable in Wolcott in January!

### North Star District Eagle Scouts

- Noah Ahler Troop 152
- Jonah Miller Troop 158
- Derek Berkshire Troop 215
- Austin Fultz Troop 215
- Zachary Sedam Troop 221

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### North Star District Contacts:

- District Executive - Vacant  
(Interim Contact: [Charles Bossert](#), Assistant Scout Executive)
- District Commissioner - Tressa Bowman
- District Chairman - [Tony Schroeder](#)

North Star District serves Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski and White Counties.

### Peshewa District Announcements

January 2014:

- 8 Chaplain's Roundtable - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)
- 8 Volunteer Roundtable - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)
- 12 Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon - 11:00 AM - Don Lowry Lanes. Kokomo
- 17-19 Order of the Arrow Winter Klondike - Camp Buffalo (Monticello)
- 22 District Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)

### Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon



**Sunday, January 12, 2014  
11:00 AM, Don Lowry Lanes - Kokomo, IN**

Join the Sagamore Council for the inaugural Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon to help raise funds for the Arthur Anderson Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund helps send youth to attend Camp Buffalo Summer Camp, Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub and Webelos Resident Camp National Youth Leadership Training after all other sources of funding have been exhausted.

For only \$20 per bowler you will be able to bowl three games (includes shoe rental) and support Scouts wishing to enjoy a summer camp experience. For more information, please contact Jeremy Ramberger at (765) 868-3034.

[Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon Flyer / Registration Info.](#)

**Boy Scout OA Winter Klondike  
January 17-19 at Camp Buffalo**

Activities planned include rifle shooting, fire building competition, Two Man Saw, and a Sled Race. Registration on Friday will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. the cost is \$15 per person and registration is online at

[CampMaster](#) website. For more information contact Don Harper at: (765) 860-4474 or check the [CampMaster](#) website for more details.

**Don't Forget to Register Via [CampMaster](#)  
for the 2014 Lincoln Pilgrimage February 8-9**

[2014 Lincoln Pilgrimage Flyer](#)

**Peshewa District Eagle**

Matthew Bowman      Troop 530

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**Peshewa District Contacts:**

- District Director - [Matt Bender](#) - 765-532-7557
- District Executive - [Daniel Carbaugh](#) - 765-480-3716
- District Commissioner - Vacant
- District Chairman - [Nick Pate](#)

Peshewa District serves Blackford, Grant, Howard, Miami  
and Wabash Counties

## Wabash Valley District Announcements

### High Retention

We'd like to recognize our units who had a high retention rate this year. This is determined by units who had at least an 80% retention rate and have already turned in their recharter. Congratulations to these units on a job well done and offering an outstanding program for their youth!

Pack 1391 Lafayette First Ward  
Pack 3144 Flora Lions Club  
Pack 3338 Klondike Elementary PTO  
Pack 3384 Wyandotte PTO  
Pack 3393 Fountain Warren VFW  
Troop 303 St. Boniface  
Troop 322 Bethany Presbyterian  
Troop 335 St. Andrews  
Troop 344 West Lebanon Christian Church  
Troop 1391 Lafayette First Ward  
Troop 2391 Lafayette Second Ward  
Troop 3391 Lafayette Third Ward  
Team 2391 Lafayette Second Ward

Many other units were just a point or two away!

### Pinewood Derby

The rules for the Wabash Valley District pinewood derby are now available online at the following link:

[Pinewood Derby Rules Wabash Valley District 2014](#)

Remember that while your unit may decide to enforce a different set of rules, these are the ones that will be enforced for the district race in 2014. This year's Pinewood Derby will also feature an "outlaw race", which will be open to anyone who wishes to participate. The date of the Pinewood Derby this year is April 5th. Location is being finalized now. More information should be available by roundtable on January 9th. If you have any questions please email [Donovan Vaughn](#), Pinewood Derby Chair.

### 2014 Klondike

Don't forget to register for the Klondike at Cary Camp January 31st - February 2nd! The full guide to the event is available online via the link below.

[Polar Trek 2014 Cary Camp Klondike Details](#)

Registration can be done via [CampMaster](#). Don't forget that Webelos are allowed to participate as well this year, and we look forward to including them in the program this year!

## Roundtable Reminder

Don't forget that roundtable will be on January 9th at 7 PM at Trinity Methodist Church. This month will feature Cub Scout Day Camp and Adventure Camp promotional information to help get your unit ready for a summer of fun! We'll also have more information available about an upcoming event in the Lafayette area that Scouts can participate in to promote financial literacy while having a bit of fun! There will be snacks available for a free will donation to the cook, so feel free to bring your sweet tooth as well!

## Court of Honor & Blue and Gold Dates

We still have many units that need to submit their Blue and Gold and or Court of Honor date, time, and location to [mjsilver@gmail.com](mailto:mjsilver@gmail.com) or [colin.earl@scouting.org](mailto:colin.earl@scouting.org). We are proud to present a council shoulder strip for those who participate in supporting local Scouting this year. A pledge paid in full of \$147 or more will receive a special 2014 Friends of Scouting shoulder strip. a pledge paid in full of \$307 or more will receive a limited edition numbered patch in a frame for display in your office or work. Remember that Friends of Scouting helps support quality camps, activities, and program.

## District Committee Meetings

Beginning in February the District Committee meetings will be moved to Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Lafayette. The address is 404 N 6th St., Lafayette, IN 47901. There will not be a committee meeting in January due to the holiday season still wrapping up. Remember that all Scouters are invited to the committee meeting, and that all chartered organization representatives have a vote in district matters.

## Spring Tiger Roundup

Does your unit participate in a springtime recruitment? Spring recruitment is a great way to bring in a few boys to help you establish who den leaders will be in the upcoming year, what your numbers might look like in the fall to better budget, and immediately deliver the promise of Scouting with summertime outdoors programming. These youth who are brought in during the springtime will also be at an advantage when it comes time for the popcorn sale, because you have time to help the families understand why the sale matters for your unit. Any unit who is interested in doing a springtime recruitment should let [Ann Harding](#) know!

## Wabash Valley District Eagle Scouts

Skyler Catron

Troop 307

Nicholas Birkhimer Troop 335

Samuel Oates Troop 335

Johnathon Howell Troop 336

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**Wabash Valley District Contacts:**

District Executive - [Dylan Melling](#) 765-639-4398  
District Director - [Colin Earl](#) 920-540-8015  
District Commissioner - Vacant  
District Chairman - [Jerry Day](#)

*Wabash Valley serves Benton, Carroll, Tippecanoe,  
Warren & Northern Fountain Counties*

**Takachsin Lodge - Order of the Arrow**

**Order of the Arrow  
Leadership Development Training**  
January 3 - 4, 2014 - Cary Camp

**Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet**  
January 5, 2014 - Cary Camp

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**Takachsin Lodge Contacts:**

Lodge Chief - Lucas Bowman  
Lodge Advisor - [Steve Bowman](#)  
Staff Advisor - [Chas Triplett](#)

**Tributes / Memorial Contributions**

**In Memory of: John Folkers**

**From:**

Scouts & Families of Troop 335

**In Memory of: Robert Gray**

**From:**

Steven & Jill Gray

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